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A Very Important Message to the Church

Dear friend;

I write this book with great sadness and sorrow knowing that so many people are suffering and that many others will perish simply because they reject to hear and obey the word of God. The foretold that God would send the plagues of war, hunger, sickness and earthquakes against every nation that turned her back against the Lord. Even though throughout the centuries the word of God has always proven to be truth, most people continue to ignore the warnings of God failing to see the wrath that soon will come against all of the nations of the world. One thing is for sure, God's words will never return empty; everything that He spoke through His servants the prophets will surely take place. Jesus said, "He who has ears let him hear."

We are getting close to a time of trouble and a time of horror that will be like no other time since the time of the creation of the world. I saw in a vision a horrible beast roaming the earth. With its tail and wings the beast caused great trouble and tribulation to all the nations of the world. The beast had something like a cage of glass over its head that prevented the beast from swallowing its pray. The beast was about to be released and I knew that this beast would persecute both Christians and Jews alike. The beast did great harm to the governments and the religious institutions of the world. The Bible clearly says that the wrath of God is not for those who are in Christ, but the word of God clearly states that Christians and Messianic Jews will be persecuted, tried and even killed for His Name sake.

When we look at the condition of all of the nations of the world, we see that every nation including the United States and Israel, has gradually managed to place God and His Son Jesus the Messiah far behind their backs. Most of the nations of the world including the United States have gradually become like Sodom and Gomorrah. In most western nations people don't want God in their government, their educational institutions or in the affairs of everyday life.

Although many western nations including the United States take pride in democracy, the freedom of speech and justice, most of them have neglected and violated the rights of the poor, the widows and the strangers. Our nations are filled with violence, sex, drugs and hostility. Our cities are filled with homelessness. Our poor cannot afford a place where they may lay their necks to rest. Our elders are thrown inside facilities where death awaits them. Most people today don't want the names Jesus, Yeshua, YHWH or Jehovah to be mentioned in any public or private place.

Prisons are filled with poor people who committed minor crimes who cannot afford fair legal representation, while rich men and women who have committed far greater crimes walk away with the aid of expensive lawyers who know how to work the system. Legal abortions have taken the lives of millions while the institutional church hides behind four walls. Struggling families cannot feed their children, others are dying because they cannot afford health care, and those who can, don't have enough money to purchase necessary medications. How can we say that our nations are nations under God?

In various dreams the Lord showed me how America would one-day fall under attack. I saw foreign warplanes fly over the United States as bombs were falling on US soil destroying everything in their path. I saw thousands of paratroopers parachuting unto US land and I saw those who ran for cover trying to save their lives in the midst of much rubble.

Without repentance we will not receive forgiveness

The Lord also showed me the sad condition of most institutional churches in the Western world. I saw pastors and preachers selectively using the word of God in order to manipulate feelings and emotions. I saw that a

satanic spirit was moving in the institutional church. The effect of this spirit had most church members under a spell; they looked as if they were drunken or sedated by some type of narcotic drug. Most congregations had become like social places where people came to be entertained, but very little truth was taught in them.

I saw how the institutional church had forsaken the poor, the widows, the orphans and the strangers. I recognized that many people today did not congregate because many so called “pastors” were not reaching out to them and many of those who went out for them did not speak the truth.

I saw churchgoers who swore that they were saved by faith, who had never experienced true rebirth because they had not repented of their sins nor they had surrendered to the Lord. I saw how many churchgoers were still walking in darkness, heading straight into the lake of fire. I saw the persecution of Christians in America. I also saw a great multitude of people including many Christians and Jewish people who went after an impostor who stood at the Temple of Jerusalem claiming to be the Messiah.

In 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 Paul warned us by saying that the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering with Him would not happen until after a great apostasy or rebellion and until after the manifestation of the man of sin (the false Messiah) who will sit at the Temple of Jerusalem claiming that he is God. In other words, both the false messiah (the Antichrist) and the Battle of Gog and Magog will happen prior to the second return of Christ and prior to our gathering with Him. Don't take my word for it, please read 2 Thessalonians 1-4 in your own Bibles.

Although many end time Bible teachers claim that Christians will not be here at the time of the Battle of Gog and Magog stating that the rapture or the gathering of the saints will happen prior to this event; Revelation 20: 9 clearly states that once Satan is released from the Abyss, he will gather the army of Gog and Magog and surround the City of Jerusalem and the **camp of the saints**; showing that both Christians and Messianic Jewish believers will be on earth at the time of Gog and Magog. The word *saint* refers to men and women who by the grace of God came to the knowledge of Christ, and by faith in Him they surrendered to Jesus as their Lord, Savior and King according to the will of God the Father.

Jesus provided us with the order of events that will help us understand the order of events in Revelation, during which the Great Tribulation, the Wrath and the Gathering of the Saints will take place. He said that, “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. Then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then all the tribes of the earth shall mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other (Matthew 24:29-31).”

Paul explained in 1 Corinthian 15:15 that believers would be changed like the twinkling of an eye **at the last trumpet**. The last trumpet refers to the seventh trumpet that is mentioned in Revelation 11:15, where John said, “the seventh angel sounded his trumpet and the kingdom of this world became the kingdom of God and of His Christ. Unlike in the King James Version of the Bible that uses the word “kingdoms”, the original Greek, uses the word kingdom in singular form, which refers to the kingdom of God on earth that is made up of believers who serve God in spirit and in truth through Jesus, His Son.

The Book of Revelation states that once Satan has been released from his prison, he will go out to deceive all of the nations of the world and to gather the army of Gog and Magog whose number is as the sand of the sea. The army of Gog and Magog will come mainly from the Middle East, Africa and Asia, where the empires of Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Media, Persia, Greece and the Philistines once existed. This army will surround the beloved city of Jerusalem as well as the camp of the saints; then fire will come down from God in heaven and will devour Satan's army (Zechariah 14:1-3).

Satan will then be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. These will be tormented day and night forever in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:7-10). It is evident by the events that are happening in the Middle East today and the prophetic teachings in the Holy Scriptures show that an Islamic world empire is rising up as the next World Empire who will eventually attack not only Israel but also many other nations throughout the world.

Although the word of God clearly says that He will stand and fight against the nations of Gog and Magog, the word of God also shows that God will not intervene until the power of the Holy People has been broken (Daniel 12:1-2) and He would have rendered full judgment to those who lack faith and are disobedient to His words (both Jews and Gentiles). Through the Battle of Gog and Magog, God will remove all the leaven from Israel keeping only the remnant of those who serve Him in spirit and in truth. According to Zachariah 14:3-5, it will be after the Battle of Gog and Magog that the Lord will return to earth and all the saints will return with Him.

We know for certain that God will win the battle and will establish righteousness on earth once and for all; nevertheless, many people will be deceived simply because they rejected Christ Jesus as their Lord and Savior. I must say that most people would like for Jesus to become their savior, but when it comes to serving Him, most reject Him as their Lord. The Bible states that on the same day that Jesus returns from heaven, He comes in heavenly fire to bring judgment against those who don't know God and against those who don't obey His gospel (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). By this verse we know that raising our hands in front of an altar and saying, "I accept you Jesus as my Lord and Savior" is not sufficient. We must surrender our lives to Him, be obedient to His word, allow Him to become both our Lord and Savior and continue to walk in faith with Jesus until the end.

Why is it important that we know the things that are about to happen?

Imagine that you and I were given a map and asked to drive to a specific destination. We are also warned that somewhere along the way there would be a great ditch and told to pay close attention to the map so that we don't fall into the ditch. Although the instructions in the map are clear, we got side tracked while contemplating the scene along the way and we missed some of the signs that warned us about the ditch. We stopped along the way and asked how far we were from the ditch but were told not to worry about the ditch because soon we would find a detour that will prevent us from falling into the ditch. Nevertheless all of the signs ahead still show that we were getting very close to the ditch. Would you simply take their words for it ignoring every sign and continue to drive, or would you stop for a moment and look at the map to ensure that you don't fall into the ditch? Remember what Jesus said concerning those who follow a blind man. He said that the person who follows a blind man and the blind person would both fall into the ditch.

The Bible is the Map with I am referring to and the ditch is the destruction that lays ahead. Please, stop and look carefully at your map to see if the information that you receive along the way conforms to the word of God. Tough times are near! Please let's open our eyes!

May the Lord open our eyes to see the things that lay ahead, our ears to hear His words and our heart to receive His love and grace? May the peace and the blessings of God be upon us in the name of Jesus (Yeshua), our Savior.

What is Happening in the Middle East Today?

Although many skeptics in an attempt to deny the existence of God chose to ignore biblical prophecy, the terrorist attack on United States soil in September 11, the United States led invasion of Afghanistan and Iraq, the Israeli-Lebanese conflict and all of the events that have taken place in the Middle East since the beginning of the War on Terror are indicators that point out to the fulfillment of Bible end time prophecy.

These events have caused great turmoil and animosity between many Islamic nations and other democratic nations such as Israel, the United States and England; in which many radical Islamic leaders have convinced their followers that the United States, England and Israel have started a holy war (Jihad) against those who follow Islam. Other radical Islamic leaders have gone as far as to call out for the entire Islamic world to join forces in order to fight the United States, England and Israel.

The most alarming calls to a Jihad or a holy war, comes from the president of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad who while addressing the United Nations prayed asking Allah (God) for the reappearing of Al-Mahdi, their “Twelfth Imam” and successor to the Prophet Muhammad who disappeared in the 9th century AD. According to Shiite Moslems, this Islamic Messiah will launch a global Islamic holy war against every Christian and Jewish nation as well as those nations who reject Islam as their religion. In a speech in Tehran (Nov. 16, 2005) President Ahmadinejad declared himself to be the one who will open the path for the reappearance of Imam Al-Mahdi (the guided one).

According to the teachings of Shiite clerics, during the latter days, Allah (God) would bring back Imam Al Mahdi who will unite all the Muslim nations to lead them into a great holy war (Jihad) against Israel, Rome and every other nation in the world that does not submit to Allah and accept Islam as their religion. According to their teachings, Imam Al Mahdi will promote Islam to every nation in the world and destroy every social, political, religious and governmental system as well as those who do not convert to the religion of Islam. Those who refused to convert to Islam will either be killed or enslaved and their property will be confiscated. Eventually he will also take control of Rome. This is also the position of Iran’s President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

The events that are happening in the Islamic world today and the past history of many Islamic nations clearly demonstrates that the threat of Islamic world dominion by Jihad affects not only Christians or Jews, but also every nation, man or woman who enjoys a lifestyle that conflicts with the teachings, the government, the laws and the views of radical Islamic clerics, who teach that every man or woman who does not conduct themselves in a Muslim fashion shall be put to death.

Islam teaches that Jesus, whom they call Isa, was not crucified as the New Testament relates; instead, they claim that the Jews and the Roman Catholic Church corrupted the accounts of the Holy Scriptures (the Old Testament) and the Gospels. They teach that Isa (Jesus) was caught up to heaven, and during the end times he will descend to earth and unite himself to Imam Al Mahdi, so that both would fight the Dajjal, a false Jewish Messiah who will rise up in Jerusalem and deceive many Jews and Christians by claiming that he is God and the Messiah. At the time when the Dajjal appears in Jerusalem, both Imam Al Mahdi and Isa will attack the armies and the followers of Dajjal, killing many Jews and Christians and destroying their religious symbols in half which represent the destruction and annihilation of Judaism and Christianity.

Although most Moslem people throughout the world would rather enjoy peace, happiness and harmony among their neighbors, radical Islam especially among Shiite nations incites and spreads hatred and fear with the use of false propaganda in all types of media against the United States, Israel, England, Christianity and Judaism. Such false propaganda has now blinding the minds of many Moslem people throughout the world to the point that many peaceful Moslem people have now jumped in the bandwagon of hatred towards Christianity,

Judaism, the Western World and Israel. This hatred will continue to increase to the point that one day most Moslem nations throughout the world will unite their power as one great worldwide caliphate that will eventually come against every other nation in the world who does not surrender to Islam. History will once again repeat itself but in a grater scale.

To understand more about the threat of Radical Islam one may want to see “Obsession: Radical Islam’s War Against the West,” a documentary video that was released in 2006 and was watch by million on a special broadcast on Fox. To watch a 12 minute overview of this video online or to order a copy of this video please visit <http://www.obsessionthemovie.com/>. This video provides strong evidence showing the Radical Islam is a real threat to all of the nations of the world especially against the West.

We can not continue to ignore Bible prophecy

The books of Ezekiel and Revelation describe a horrible apocalyptic battle known as the Battle of Gog and Magog, in which a gigantic army made up of ten nations or tribes named in the Bible as Gog, Magog, Rosh, Meshech, Tubal, Persia, Ethiopia, Lybia, Gomer and Tarshish will attack Israel, covering the land like a cloud. The Book of Ezekiel specifically says that the Battle of Gog and Magog would happen after the time when God would had gathered the people of Israel from the sword and would have returned them to the land of Israel (Ezekiel 38:1-18).

I must point out that the prophecy concerning the return of Israel from the sword was fulfilled in 1948, after the armies of Hitler killed nearly 6 million innocent Jews. The Nation of Israel had been scattered throughout the world for nearly 1900 years since the time when the Romans had destroyed the Temple of Jerusalem. No other nation, tribe or group in the world has been in exile even half of the time that Israel has, and has managed to maintain their culture, language or religion. The return of the Nation of Israel back into their land is evidence that the word of God stands forever and everything that God said would happen will certainly happen.

Who are the nations of Gog and Magog today?

The lands that were formerly known as Gog, Magog, Rosh, Meshech, Tubal, Persia, Ethiopia, Lybia, Gomer and Tarshish are now known as the nations of Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Egypt, Libya, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan (Ezekiel 38: 1-13). The latter 5 were once part of the Soviet Union, but since its collapse they now seek to create a Muslim Union. All of these nations have the common denominator that Islam is their main religion.

Although the Bible says that the Battle of Gog and Magog will mainly happen in Israel, the scriptures also teach that the armies of Gog and Magog will attack many other nations as well (Revelation 20: 7-9). Even though many Bible scholars teach that Christians will not be on earth to see the Battle of Gog and Magog, the events that have taken place since the attack of September 11, 2001 as well as the things that will be further discussed in this article indicate that the Battle of Gog and Magog will likely happen during our time, and soon many Islamic nations will join forces to attack Israel, the United States, England and Rome.

The Image of the Seven-Headed Beast

The Book of Revelation foretold the appearance of two horrible great beasts. The first beast came out of the sea, and had seven heads and ten horns. This beast looked like a leopard, had feet like a bear and the mouth of a lion. One of her heads appeared to have been wounded, but now had been healed (Revelation 13:1-3). After this beast, the Apostle John saw a second beast that came out of the earth. This second beast had two horns like a lamb, but spoke like Satan the dragon (Revelation 13:1-11).

The Book of Daniel reveals that a beast in prophecy represents an empire or kingdom that at one point or another had power and dominion over the Nation of Israel or the Southern Kingdom of Jerusalem (Judah). Just as in Revelation 13, the Book of Daniel mentions four beasts that came out of the sea. The first of these beasts looked like a lion; the second like a bear, the third like a leopard and the fourth had seven heads and ten horns. The fourth of these beasts was more dreadful and terrible than the other three beasts. It devoured much flesh and trampled their remains with her feet (Daniel 7: 1-8). History shows that the four beasts in Daniel 7 represent the empires of Babylon (the lion), Medo-Persia (the bear), Greece (the leopard) and Rome who had power and dominion over Israel at the time of the vision of John (Revelation 13:1-11). This four beast combined represented the seven-headed beast that appears in Revelation 13, hence the appearance of a leopard, the feet of a bear the mouth of a lion and the seven heads and the ten horns.

The mystery of the first beast in Revelation 13 and Daniel 7 is also found in the second chapter of the Book of Daniel, where Daniel described his interpretation of the dream of King Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon. King Nebuchadnezzar dreamt of a great image that was made of gold, silver, bronze, iron and clay (Daniel 2: 28-35). A rock that was not made by the hands of men, struck the image's feet crushing the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold together like the chaff from the grain, and the wind carried its residue away so that no trace of them was found again. The rock that crushed the image later became a great mountain that covered the entire earth

Daniel told the king that the golden head of the image represented the Empire of Babylon, the chest of silver represented the empire that would come after Babylon, the thighs of bronze represented a third empire and the feet of clay represented a fourth empire. History shows that the three empires that succeeded the empire of Babylon are Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome, which was represented by the feet of iron and clay (Daniel 2:38-45).

Here we see how the first beast of Revelation 13 was wounded. The rock that was not made by hands that struck the image on its feet represents a king who did not receive his power, authority or kingship from man, but from God. Jesus is this king; He is also the corner stone of the Kingdom of God, which the ministers and the priests of Jerusalem rejected as the rock of their salvation. He was the rightful heir of the kingdom of David and the Messiah who came to restore the kingdom of Israel.

Although many believers still await for the establishment of the kingdom of God on earth the word of God clearly shows that the kingdom of God was established at the time when Jesus the Son of God ascended to heaven and God His Father gave Him the name that is higher than any other name (meaning the Name of the Father) as well as dominion and power and a kingdom that shall never pass away (Ephesians 1:20-23, Philippians 2:9-11). This is clearly taught throughout the Bible. In Luke 11:20 Jesus said that if with the finger of God He cast out devils, there is no doubt that the kingdom of God has come upon us; in Colossians 1:12-13 the word says that God has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son. Finally in Revelation 1:5-6 the word of God says that Jesus has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father.

The Prophet Daniel saw this take place in a vision and said, "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man who came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him

near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed (Daniel 7:13-14).

Jesus the only begotten Son of God was the rock that struck the image's feet crushing the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold together like the chaff from the grain, and the wind carried its residue away so that no trace of them was found again. Jesus being the rock of our God's salvation has made Christian and Messianic Jewish believers the Great Mountain or kingdom of God that was established by Christ and now covers the whole earth.

Biblical and historical evidence shows that six of the seven heads of the seven-headed beast that appears in Revelation 13 were the former empires of Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome. Each of these kingdoms at one time or another had power and dominion over the Nation of Israel or the Southern Kingdom of Jerusalem (Judah). This was also the explanation that an Angel provided to John in Revelation 17 who said, "there are seven kings: five are fallen, one is, and the other is to come; and when he comes, he must continue for a short time. And the beast that was, and is not, he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goes into perdition (Revelation 17:10-11)."

Satan the king that was and is not would rise out of the abyss

The five kings or their kingdoms that had fallen or ceased to exist at the time when John saw the vision of the seven-headed beast were the former empires of Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece. The king that "is" or existed having power and dominion over the people of Israel at the time of John was the Empire of Rome.

Revelation 17 says that a seventh king or kingdom would rise and remain for a short time and this king or empire would have been the seventh head of the seven-headed beast. Has there been another kingdom since the fall of the Roman Empire who has had power and dominion over the people of Israel? Yes, this empire was the kingdom of Hitler, who managed to kill nearly 6 million innocent Jews. These are the seven heads of the seven-headed beast: 1. Egypt, 2. Assyria, 3. Babylon, 4. Medo-Persia, 5. Greece, 6. Rome and 7. Nazi Germany.

Nevertheless, Revelation 17 says that after the seventh king or empire (Nazi Germany) an eighth king who was from the seven Empires would rise out of the abyss and would go into perdition (Revelation 17:8-11).

There is only one figure that could possibly meet the criteria of the king that ruled of all of the seven former empires and would now rise out of the abyss. This ruler is none other than Satan who may have been bound and released between the reigns of the Empire of Rome and the Nazi Empire. Satan was the driving force that caused the Egyptians, the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Medo-Persians, the Greeks, the Romans and Nazi Germany to persecute, oppress and hold captive the Nation of Israel and Jerusalem. According to Bible prophecy he is now gathering an army that will soon come against Israel and all of the nations of the world.

Satan was the head of all the empires that have ever persecuted the children of God. This makes him the main head of the seven-headed beast, which also makes Satan the eighth head of the beast. Satan was wounded and bound after Jesus ascended to heaven, from where He is reigning until all his enemies are made footstools to His feet.

This was clearly demonstrated in the vision of Daniel chapter 2. Jesus the rock of our salvation struck the image's feet, which represented the Empire of Rome. The fact that the residues of gold (Babylon), silver (Medo-Persia), bronze (Greece), iron and clay (the Roman Empire) were crushed together and were scattered by the winds throughout the earth and no trace of them were found again does not necessarily mean that these

could not rise again, but that they would not rise again as their former empires. As a matter of fact, the Book of Revelation says that many would marvel when they see the beast that is not and yet it is (Revelation 17:8).

Revelation 13 states that a second beast or empire that will soon rise out of the earth making an image or replica of the former Seven-Headed beast. This beast will have two horns like a lamb but will speak like Satan, the dragon that will rise out of the abyss. The scriptures provide ample evidence showing that the next world empire that will persecute both Christians and the Nation of Israel will come from many Islamic nations that now occupy the territory that was once occupied by the empires of Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and most of the former Empire of Rome. Soon Islam will become the New Babylon, which will be like an image or replica of the Seven-headed Beast that for many years brought persecution and captivity to the Nation of Israel.

The word of God says that once Satan is released from his prison, he will go throughout the earth to gather an army from all the nations of the world to battle against the great City of Jerusalem and against the camp of the saints (Revelation 20: 7). The saints or holy people that the scriptures refer to in Revelation 20:7 are Christian and Jewish believers who were cleansed by the blood of Jesus the Lamb of God. According to Revelation 20:7, Christian and Messianic Jewish saints will be on earth at the time when Satan gathers the army of Gog and Magog and attack the Nation of Israel and the City of Jerusalem.

Satan was already bound nearly 2000 years ago; since then he has been released and is now gathering an army to come against the Church and Israel.

Genesis 3:14-15, foretold the fall of Satan the Dragon and how Jesus our Savior would bruise Satan on his head. Satan was wounded for a time at the time when Jesus ascended to heaven, where He received a kingdom, dominion and power. It was during the time of Jesus ascension, that Satan was restrained.

Jesus acknowledged that Satan the ruler of this world would be cast out from his kingdom at the time of Jesus' crucifixion (John 12: 28-32). Prior to His crucifixion Jesus said "Now is the judgment of this world, now the ruler of this world is cast out, and if I am lifted up, I will draw everyone to myself (John 12:31-32)." The Apostle Paul wrote to the Thessalonians declaring that Satan, the Man of Sin was already restrained. In the Second Letter to the Corinthians, Paul explained that the one, who during that the time restrained Satan would continue to restrain him until the time when he would be taken out of the way; then Satan, the Man of Sin would be revealed, and Jesus the Lord would consume him with fire at the time of His return (2 Thessalonians 2:6-8).

Jesus while addressing those religious leaders, who accused Him of casting out demons by the power of Satan, explained that Satan was not foolish enough as to cast out one of his kind. Jesus said, "When an armed strong man keeps his palace, his goods remain in peace: but when a stronger than him comes upon him, and overcomes him, he takes all his armor away wherein he placed his trust, and divides his spoils (Luke 11:20-22)." Jesus continued by saying, "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he walks through dry places, seeking rest; and finds none, he says, I will return unto my house from where I came. And when he comes, he finds it swept and clean. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits who are more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first (Luke 11:21-26)".

In the above parable, the house that Jesus referred to was the world; the strong man who ruled the house was Satan, whom Jesus called the ruler of the world (John 12:32). The spoils or possessions of Satan were men and women who as results of our sins were once kept in bondage until the time when Jesus the Lamb of God paid the penalty for our sins, by dying at the cross. It was in this way that Jesus delivered us from the power of Satan.

The above scriptures foretold that Satan would be bound in order for the gospel of the kingdom to be preached throughout all of the nations of the world as well as the time when God would allow Satan to rise out of the abyss and gather seven terrible spirits to make an image or replica of the Seven-headed beast (Revelation, 13, 17, 20). Satan the former ruler of this world had to be bound so that the spoils of his house (the world) could be taken away from him.

According to Revelation 13: 3-4, Satan, the Dragon gave his power, his seat, and great authority to the seven-headed beast who had a deadly wound on one of its head and the wound had been healed. The Bible clearly shows that Satan was the prince and the ruler who spearheaded the seven-headed beast formed by the Empires of Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome and most recently Nazi Germany. Satan suffered a mortal wound on his head at the time when Jesus defeated him at the cross. Immediately after Jesus ascended to heaven, the Archangel Michael and his angels fought Satan. After the defeat of Satan, him and his angels were cast out of the presence of God and were bound into the abyss.

In Ephesians 4:8-9, Paul said that at the time when Jesus ascended to heaven, He led captivity captive, referring to Satan, the one who once held us in captivity. Satan was bound or restrained immediately after the crucifixion of Jesus in order for the gospel of the kingdom of God to be preached throughout the nations; otherwise, Satan would have persecuted and killed every messenger of Christ just like he tried to kill Jesus and the early Church. At the time when Satan was bound, his power his dominion and his sit were relinquished to the Empire of Rome, who continued persecuting Messianic Jews and Christian men and woman until the year 323 AD, when Constantine the Great became the first Christian Emperor of Rome.

The way that Satan was bound along with his angels is clearly described in Revelation 12: 1-9. John said that in a vision, he saw a woman who was clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and on her head a garland of 12 stars who was ready to give birth to a child who would rule all nations with a rod of iron. John also saw Satan (the Dragon), who was ready to devour the child as soon as the child was born.

Genesis 37: 9-11, shows that the woman who was clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a garland of 12 stars on her head, referred to the 12 tribes of Israel (the Nation of Israel). The child that was born to Israel is none other than Jesus, who ascended to heaven and sat at the right hand of God His Father, until all His enemies are made footstools to His feet (Hebrews 1:13)

Revelation 12:7-9 continues by saying that after the child was born, He was caught up to heaven and to His throne; then war broke out in heaven where the Archangel Michael and His angels fought Satan and his angels. Satan and his angels lost and were cast out from heaven unto the earth. An explanation of what happened at the time when Satan was cast out unto the earth is given in Revelation 20:1-6, where John tells his vision of an angel coming from heaven, which took a hold of Satan and cast him into the Abyss for a period of time.

The Apostle John saw in a vision that an angel came from heaven, bound Satan and cast him into the abyss. He saw that after a period of time, Satan was released and went to the ends of the earth and the areas of Gog and Magog to gather an army as large as the sand of the sea. With this army, Satan surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city of Jerusalem. God send fire from heaven and devoured the army of Gog and Magog then cast Satan in the lake of fire to be tormented forever and ever (Revelation 20:4-10).”

Jesus said prior to his crucifixion, “now is the judgment of the world, now, the ruler of the world is cast out (John 12: 31).” Of course we know that the ruler that Jesus referred to was none other than Satan who as a result of the sin of Adam had taken dominion of the world and until the time of Jesus had influenced the empires of Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Med Persia and Greece to take captivity of the Nation of Israel and Jerusalem. This is how Satan fit the description of the king that “was and is not.” Satan had been the ruler and prince of the world, but at the time when Jesus ascended to heaven and sat at the right hand of God His Father,

Satan was cast down and removed from power on earth. He was then bound for a period of time to allow for the Gospel of the Kingdom of God to be preached throughout the nations.

Although many Bible end time teachers teach that the events mentioned above will not take place until after the return of Christ and His gathering of the saints, the Bible gives plenty of evidence showing that Satan was already bound and cast into the abyss more than 1930 years ago. The Holocaust in Europe and the events that are happening in the Islamic world demonstrate that Satan has been released from the Abyss already and is now gathering an army that will soon come against Israel and against every other nation in the world.

I must explain that the word “bottomless pit” which appears in Revelation 20:3 is the Greek word “abussos,” meaning the abyss or “habitation of demons.” According to Revelation 12: 7-8, Satan was cast out from heaven unto the earth, where the Abyss or habitation of demons is. The abyss or habitation of demons is not a hole in the center of the earth, but a spiritual dimension here on earth. This was confirmed by Paul, who said that our current battle is not against flesh and blood (men or women) but against principalities, powers, rulers of darkness and spiritual wickedness in the heavenly (spiritual) places (Ephesians 6:12). This is why the Apostle Paul said that in order for us to be able to fight against the weapons of Satan, we must first put on the armor of God, which is made of truth, righteousness, faith along with the salvation and the Spirit of God and our preparation in the Gospel of Christ and continuous prayer (Ephesians 6:13-18).

Gog and Magog, the Two Horns of the Second Beast of Revelation

And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke like a dragon. And he exercised all the power of the first beast before him, and caused the earth and them who are in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed (Revelation 13:11)

Revelation 13 mentions a second beast or empire that in the latter days would rise out of the earth having two horns in the appearance of a lamb, but spoke words very much like Satan, the dragon. The two-horned empire causes men and woman to create an image of the beast that was wounded but now is healed, causing those who would not worship or bow down before the image of the beast to be killed (Revelation 13: 14-17).

The two horns of the beast represent two rulers, two religious figures or two political or religious groups that will make an image or a replica of the former seven-headed beast by having power and ruling over the territories that once belonged to the empires of Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome and the later addition to the seven-headed beats which was Nazi Germany. In other words the Second Beast will once again cover the lands From Europe to Pakistan as Rome did during the time of Christ. The Second Beast will cause those who dwell on those lands to bow down before Satan the dragon by forcing the people of these nations to worship a false religion.

The two-horned empire causes everyone to receive a mark in their right hand or in their foreheads so that those who do not have the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name would not be able to buy or sell. Revelation 13:18 says that the number of the beast is the number of man, which is six hundred sixty six.

Many Bible scholars have used various types of gematria (ancient numerology) to calculate the meaning of the number six hundred sixty six and have compared the beast to various religious and political figures. Although many of their answers are quite interesting, at the present time I am unable to endorse or agree with any of their answers as their conclusions lack biblical and historical evidence to support their findings.

The Apostle Paul wrote to those in Thessalonica instructing them that the Lord's return and the gathering of the saints would not happen until the revelation of the man of sin, who will exalts himself above everything that is divine and would sit in the Temple of Jerusalem claiming that he is God (In 2 Thessalonians 2:1- 4). As one may clearly see, the return of Jesus, our gathering with Him and the revelation of the man of sin will not occur until this impostor sits at the Temple of Jerusalem claiming that he is God. It will be at that time, that Christian and Messianic Jewish believers will know for sure the identity of the man of sin.

Although at the present time it may be very hard to pinpoint the exact number of the two-horned beast, the Bible pointed out five ways by which we will be able to identify empire of the Second Beast.

1. The second beast will have two horns like a lamb, but will speak like a dragon.
2. The beast will exercised the power of the first beast
3. The beast will cause the earth and them who are in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed
4. The beast will cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be killed

5. The beast will cause everyone to receive a mark in their right hand or in their foreheads so that those who did not have the mark, the name or the number of the beast's name would not be able to buy or sell.

At the present time there is one beast that rising out of the earth that meets the all of the above criteria. The name of this beast is Islam. Let's see if Islam meets all of the above.

The beast has two horns like a lamb, but will speak like a dragon.

Most Muslims today believe that in the latter days, Allah (God) would bring back Imam Al Mahdi (the guided one) and Isa his prophet. These two Islamic figures will unite all the Muslims Nations and will lead them into a great holy war (Jihad) against Israel, Rome and every other nation in the world that does not submit to Allah and accept Islam as their religion. Through this global Islamic holy war Muslims will destroy every social, political, religious and governmental system in the world as well as those who do not convert to the religion of Islam. Those who refused to convert to Islam will either be killed or enslaved and their property will be confiscated.

In Ezekiel 38, the Prophet spoke of two figures or nations who would rise in the latter days as Gog and Magog. Gog and Magog could very well represent two radical Islamic groups such as the Shiite or the Sunni or even two radical Islamic figures like Imam Al-Mahdi and Isa who may likely respond to the call of many radical Islamic people who at the present time are praying to Allah for the arrival of their twelfth Imam. Whether Gog and Magog are two nations or two men claiming to be Al-Mahdi and Isa, these two figures will manage to form an alliance between many Islamic nations, creating an Islamic Empire that will bring a holy war or Jihad against many nations establishing Islam as the next world religion. Both Al Mahdi and Isa or Gog and Magog will pretend to be humble servants of Allah (God) as Jesus the Son of God humbly served His Father; nevertheless, out of the mouth of Imam Al Mahdi and Isa will proceed words like that of Satan the Dragon. We see this today in many radical Islamic leaders, who although they claim to be the righteous followers of Islam, they speak words of hatred, death and destruction towards everyone who does not follow their belief.

The beast causes those who would not worship the image of the beast to be killed and causes everyone to receive a mark in their right hand or in their foreheads so that those who do not have the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of the beast would not be able to buy or sell

Islam teaches that all who refuse to convert to Islam and bow down in submission to Allah should be slaughtered, imprisoned or enslaved. Today in most Islamic nations, Christians, Jews, people of other religions as well as those who convert from Islam into Christianity are heavily persecuted, tortured or killed. Under Islamic Sharia Law, conversion from Islam to any other faith is punishable by death. Those who convert to Christianity face harassment from the government, their neighbors and even their own family. In many Muslim nations rape, mutilation and torture are used as means to force Christians to conversion. In many cases women and girls as young as 9 years old have been raped in front of their fathers or husbands for refusing to reject Christianity as their religion.

People of other religions who live in many Muslim nations are considered as second-class citizens. In places like Sudan, Libya and Egypt Christians are sold as slaves. In many other Muslim nations there is discrimination against employing and promoting Christians and many of them cannot purchase food in Muslim stores and markets. Christians are driven out of their homes, tortured, imprisoned and killed for their faith.

Since 1985 the Muslim Government of Sudan (GoS) has killed more than 1.5 million Christians from the south. They have destroyed hundreds of churches and have crucified hundreds of Christians. Thousands of

men, women and children have been kidnapped and sold as slaves and closed to 200,000 have been placed in labor concentration camps, were they work forced labor and begin a process of Islamization and Arabization. Those who refuse to convert to Islam are tortured and refused water, food, and medical care. Those who have tried to run away have been shot, beheaded or one their arms and opposite legs have been cut off to prevent them from running away again.

In these concentration camps women and girls as young as 9 years old have been raped with the excuse that Mohammad married Aisha when she was only 9 years old. Many boys have been sodomized and women and girls have been sexually exploited and forced to perform sexual favors.

The beast caused the earth and them who are in it to worship the first beast, who's deadly wound was healed

At the present time many radical Islamic leaders throughout the world are seeking to revive the former Islamic Caliphate. Islam is presently rising up out of the earth as the next world empire.

Contrary to the teachings of many theologians who teach that the Empire of Rome was divided into ten European nations, the Empire of Rome at one time or another occupied lands that formerly belonged to the Assyrians, the Philistines, the Babylonians, the Medes, the Persians, the Greeks, parts of the Empire of Egypt and part of India. The first beast of Revelation 13 represented not only the Empire of Rome but also represented the empires of Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Greece, Med-Persia, and Europe (Nazi Germany), which also represented one of the heads of the seven-headed beast (Revelation 13: 1-10, Daniel 7:1-8).

Islam now occupies most of the territory that was once was occupied by these former empires. As the secularization of many of the European nations continues to grow, Islam has become the fastest growing religion in Europe. Soon Islam will occupy all of the lands that formerly belonged to the former Empire of Rome; thereby making the new Islamic empire an image or representation of the former seven-headed beast that was spoken in Revelation 13:1-10. By authority of the Koran and the Hadith most of the Islamic nations currently exercise the power to persecute, kill and force those who lived in their territory to change their faith and their religion. Imagine the power and the authority that the all of these nations will have once they have merged into one World Empire with no national boundaries among its territories.

Does the United Nations, the European Union and the Unites States government know how Christians are being persecuted, tortured and killed in Islamic territory?

The United Nations, the European Union and the government of the United States are well aware that since the war on terror began, more than 150,000 Christians who live in Muslim territory have been killed every year for their belief. They also know that this number has continued to increase as more events continue to happen in the Middle East.

In 2002, The Department of State developed and submitted to Congress the International Religious Freedom Report in compliance with Section 102 (b) of the International Religious Freedom Act. This report gives a list of the countries that have committed barbarous acts without regards for human rights, life or family. This report provides brief summaries describing how many men, women and children are being persecuted for their beliefs in many Islamic nations and other nations as well. You may print a copy of this report from the Internet at <http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rsl/irf/202/13608.htm>.

The United Nations, the European Union, the United States government and the American press are well aware of how Christians and Jews throughout the world, especially in Muslim nations today are being persecuted, tortured and killed for their faith. When reporting about incidents in which churches are being destroyed and Christian and Jewish men and women are tortured and killed in Muslim territory the American

press says that these events are the result of “sectarian violence” which may seem to indicate that religious sects or groups are killing one another, when in reality large number of Militant Islamic groups have persecuted, tortured, raped and killed millions of defenseless Christians, Jews as well as people of other religious beliefs simply because these men and women refuse to depart their faith and will not accept Islam as their religion.

The United Nations today is represented by 192 countries, of which more than 50 of these countries are Muslim. In fact 52 of the 56 Islamic countries of the Organization of the Islamic Conference are members of the United Nations. As a result of this members of the United Nations, the European Union, the United States government and even our press in America who although they are well aware of how Christians and Jews are being terribly persecuted in Muslim nations refuse to tell it like it is not wanting to offend Muslim countries for fear of criticism or even being accused of racism. Nevertheless many of these agencies including the American press rejoice in slandering the Christian faith, knowing that Christianity today, especially in America and in the Western world stands divided.

Jesus said that a house or a nation that stood divided would fall; the same goes for Europe, the United States and the institutional church. The threat that we face today is real, please stop backstabbing one another and stand united in truth and righteousness.

In Revelation 6:9-11 the Apostle John spoke of a prophetic event known as **the Fifth Seal** which revealed the souls of believers who were killed for the word and testimony of God who were crying to the Lord for judgment and for vengeance. To them, it was instructed to rest a little while and wait until the number of those who will be killed in the manner that they were killed was completed. There is no doubt in my mind that the Fifth Seal of Revelation is being fulfilled today, and I am certain that the time of the Great Tribulation has already begun. The Fifth seal represents the persecution of Christian and Messianic believers throughout the world, especially in Muslim nations.

Although it was instructed to those who had been killed for the testimony of Christ to rest and wait until the number of those who will be killed in the same manner, Christians and Messianic Jews today are instructed to protect, to defend and to stand up for the rights of the fatherless, the widows and the strangers.

Today more than ever, Christians and Messianic Jews need to stand up for the fatherless, the widows, the strangers, the meek and those who are persecuted. We cannot compromise the word of God for the sake of a title, a position or our secular lives. We need to show our faith by standing in righteousness and in truth, making every effort to do that, which is right.

People of God, WAKE UP! Our battle is real.

Fight the good fight, not with a sword or a spear as the people of the world would, but by faith in Christ with the truth of the word God which is like a double edge sword that is able to pierce through the hard of men and bring them to repentance. Let's set aside the teachings and commandments of men that get in the way and let's walk according to the truth in righteousness and truth.

Ten Radical Islamic Kings Will Surrender Their Power to the Beast

The book of Revelation mentions ten kings who in the latter days would form an alliance to attack the people of God. These ten kings will have one mind or one belief and will surrender their power to Satan, the Beast who would come out of the Abyss. The ten kings will make war against the followers of Jesus, but Jesus the Lamb of God will overcome them (Revelation 17:12-14).

Some eschatologists believe that these ten kings will come from a revived Roman Empire; nevertheless, they fail to realize that Daniel prophesied saying that the Empire of Rome would not adhere (unite) together just as clay and Iron does not adhere together (Daniel 2:35, 40-44). Hitler was the last person who tried to revive the Empire of Rome. Although he managed to kill nearly 6 million Jews, Hitler was not successful in reviving the Roman Empire, just as the word of God said that the Roman Empire would never adhere again (Daniel 2:35, 40-44).

Revelation 17:16-17 specifically said that these ten kings would all have one mind or one belief. Is this the case in Europe today? Definitely not! The minds of European leaders today differ not only in religions, but also in politics, culture, language and many other areas of life. By this we can conclude that the ten kings who will surrender their kingdom to the next beast or empire will not come from Europe, but perhaps from another group of people with the same religion, culture and traditions such as those who practice Islam.

Although there are sectarian divisions between Shiite and Sunni Moslems today, all Moslem people practice the same religion and most of them have the very same faith and zeal for what they believe. Islam brings them together as one people with similar customs, culture and religion.

According to Ezekiel 38, the ten nations that in the latter days will form an alliance to attack the Nation of Israel are:

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| 1. Gog | 2. Magog | 3. Rosh | 4. Meshech | 5. Tubal |
| 6. Persia | 7. Ethiopia | 8. Lybia | 9. Gomer | 10. Tarshish |

Bible history shows that the people of the above ten nations, once lived in the areas now known as Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Egypt, Libya, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan. It is no coincidence that more than 98 percent of the people who now live in the above nations have Islam as their religion. Not only do most of these nations have similar beliefs as they all practice the same religion, but many of them would like to see one Islamic world order under Islamic law.

The judgment of the harlot

In Revelation chapter 17, the Apostle John described the latter judgment of a nation that God called “the Great Harlot” and ten rulers or kings who will hate her. The ten rulers will surrender their power to Satan (the beast) that will rise out of the Abyss (Revelation 17:16-17) and together will attack and burn the harlot, leaving her desolate, naked and bared (Revelation 17:12-17).

The harlot city appeared dressed like a queen, wearing a purple and red colored garment as well as gold and precious stones. She had in her hand a golden cup that was full of abominations and filthiness that was caused by her fornication. She sat on a large red beast that had seven heads and ten horns. The words “Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and the Abominations of the Earth” were written on the harlot’s forehead (Revelation 17:1-5).

The vision of the woman represents the judgment of an idolatrous city or nation that had contaminated her self with the pagan worship and the idolatry of her surrounding nations. The woman had become drunk with the

blood of the children of God and with the martyrs of Jesus. For these reasons, God called this nation the Great Harlot (Revelation 17:3-6).

Who was the Great Harlot that sat on the scarlet beast?

Many theologians teach that the Great Harlot of Revelation 17 represents the Catholic Church, as the Vatican City is located within seven hills in Rome. No one will be able to hide or deny the fact that the Roman Catholic Church has adopted a large number of traditions from Roman paganism along with many unbiblical traditions such as the veneration of saints, the worshipping of Mary the Mother of Jesus as well as many other doctrines and traditions which do not appear in neither the Old Testament or the New Testament such as purgatory and praying to Mary or any other religious figure in biblical history. The Catholic Church went as far as to ban the use of Bibles. The Catholic Church persecuted, tortured and killed thousands of innocent people including Christians and Jews during the inquisition. During the 1400's in Spain alone the Catholic Church imprisoned, tortured and killed thousands of people and in 1492 caused the deportation of nearly 300,000 Jews from Spain. In England and Italy the Catholic Church burned thousands at the stake.

Although it is clearly evident that the Catholic Church has acted very much like the Great Harlot mentioned in Revelation 17, the Bible specifically names Jerusalem (the Southern Kingdom of Israel) as the city who became the worse of all harlots. The Bible specifically states that Jerusalem is the nation that God Himself covered in royal garments with fine linens and precious stones and placed a crown over her head making her a queen over all other nations, but she became worse than any other woman (nation) in harlotry as she contaminating herself with the idolatry of her surrounding nations and even sacrificed her own children to the pagan god Moloch by causing them to be thrown into the fire. For this reason, God Himself promised to her that in the later days He would place a deep and wide cup of indignation and wrath in the hands of Jerusalem and she would be attacked by the nations whom she committed fornication with, such as the Babylonians the Chaldeans and the Egyptians and the Philistines. These nations will burn her with fire and leave her naked and bare.

Let's review some of these verses together:

The harlot who was dressed in purple and fine linen killed the prophets and the saints

Ezekiel 16 said that God had crowned the Nation of Jerusalem as a queen by placing a jewel on her forehead and a beautiful crown on her head. God had dressed Jerusalem with a garment of fine linen, silk and gold, but the Nation of Jerusalem became the worse of all other women or nations who were engaged in harlotry (Ezekiel 16:10-16, 45-51).

"I decked you also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon your hands, and a chain on your neck. And I put a jewel on your forehead, and earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown upon your head. Thus were you decked with gold and silver; and your raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and brodered work; you ate fine flour, and honey, and oil: and you were exceeding beautiful, and you prospered into a kingdom. And your renown went forth among the heathen for your beauty: for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon you, said the Lord God. But you trusted in your own beauty, and played the harlot because of your renown, and poured out your fornications on every one that passed by; his it was (Ezekiel 16:11-13)."

The city that God called the worst of all harlots

In Ezekiel, chapter 16, God called Jerusalem a whore or a harlot a total of 15 times. Here are some of the scriptures that the Prophet Ezekiel used in chapter 16 foretelling the future judgment of the Nation of Jerusalem:

“You have also committed **fornication** with the Egyptians your neighbors, great of flesh; and have increased your **whoredom**, to provoke me to anger. Behold, therefore I have stretched out my hand over you, and have diminished your ordinary food, and delivered you unto the will of them that hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, which are ashamed of your lewd way. You have played the **whore** also with the Assyrians, because you were insatiable; yea, you have played the **harlot** with them, and yet you could not be satisfied. You have moreover multiplied your **fornication** in the land of Canaan unto Chaldea; and yet you were not satisfied herewith. How weak is your heart, says the Lord God, seeing that you do all these things, the work of an imperious whorish woman (Ezekiel 16:26-30).”

“She looked upon the Assyrians her neighbors, captains and rulers clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men. Then I saw that she was defiled, that they took both one way, And that she increased her **whoredom**: for when she saw men portrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans portrayed with vermilion, Girded with girdles upon their loins, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look to, after the manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their nativity: And as soon as she saw them with her eyes, she doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea. And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their **whoredom**, and she was polluted with them, and her mind was alienated from them. So she discovered her **whoredom**, and discovered her nakedness: then my mind was alienated from her, like as my mind was alienated from her sister (Israel) Yet she multiplied her **whoredom**, in calling to remembrance the days of her youth, wherein she had played the **harlot** in the land of Egypt (Ezekiel 23:12-19).”

“Wherefore, O **harlot**, hear the word of the Lord: Thus says the Lord God; Because your filthiness was poured out, and your nakedness discovered through your **whoredom** with your lovers, and with all the idols of your abominations, and by the **blood of your children**, which you gave unto them; Behold, therefore I will gather all your lovers, with whom you have taken pleasure, and all them that you have loved, with all them that you have hated; I will even gather them around about against you, and will discover your nakedness to them, that they may see all your nakedness. And I will judge you, as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will give you blood in fury and jealousy. And I will also give you into their hand, and they shall throw down your eminent place, and shall break down your high places: **they shall strip you also of your clothes, and shall take your fair jewels, and leave you naked and bare** (Ezekiel 16:35-39).”

“They shall also bring up a company against you, and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust you through with their swords. And **they shall burn your houses with fire, and execute judgments upon you in the sight of many women**: and I will cause you to cease from playing the **harlot**, and you also shall give no hire any more. So will I make my fury toward you to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from you, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry (Ezekiel 16:40-42).”

“Therefore, O Aholibah (Jerusalem), thus says the Lord God; Behold, I will raise up your lovers against you, from whom your mind is alienated, and I will bring them against you on every side; **The Babylonians, and all the Chaldeans, Pekod, and Shoa, and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them**: all of them desirable young men, captains and rulers, great lords and renowned, all of them riding upon horses. And they shall come against you with chariots, wagons, and wheels, and with an assembly of people, which shall set against you buckler and shield and helmet round about: and I will set judgment before them, and they shall judge you according to their judgments. And I will set my jealousy against you, and they shall deal furiously with you: **they shall take away your nose and your ears; and your remnant shall fall by the sword: they shall take your sons and your daughters; and your residue shall be devoured by the fire. They shall also strip thee out of thy clothes, and take away your fair jewels. Thus will I make your lewdness to cease from you, and your whoredom brought from the land of Egypt: so that you shall not lift up your eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more. For thus says the Lord God; Behold, I will deliver you into the hand of them whom you hates, into the hand of them from whom your mind is alienated: And they shall deal with you hatefully, and shall take away all your labor, and shall leave you naked and bare: and the nakedness of your whoredom**

*shall be discovered, both your lewdness and your **whoredom**. I will do these things unto you, because you have gone **whoring** after the heathen, and because you are polluted with their idols (Ezekiel 23:22-30)."*

The city that killed the prophets and God's children

Ezekiel 16 said that Jerusalem became the worse of all harlots because of the acts of idolatry that the people of Jerusalem committed with the people of their surrounding nations, and by having sacrificed many of their children to the pagan god, Moloch (Ezekiel 16:20-23, 45-51).

*"Moreover you have taken your sons and your daughters, whom you have borne unto me, and these you have sacrificed unto them to be devoured. Is this of your whoredom a small matter, **That you have slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through the fire for them** (Ezekiel 16:20-21?"*

The city with the cup of drunkenness

Ezekiel 23 said that because of the acts of harlotry (idolatry) committed by the people of Jerusalem, in the latter days God would place the deep and wide cup of the indignation of Samaria (the Northern Kingdom of Israel) in the hands of the Nation of Jerusalem and she would be filled with drunkenness and sorrow (Ezekiel 23:30-34).

"You have walked in the way of your sister (Samaria/Israel); therefore will I give her cup into your hand. Thus says the Lord God; You shall drink of your sister's cup deep and large: you shall be laughed to scorn and had in derision; it contains much. You shall be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of your sister Samaria. You shall even drink it and suck it out, and you shall break the sherds thereof, and pluck off your own breasts: for I have spoken it, says the Lord God. Therefore thus says the Lord God; Because you have forgotten me, and cast me behind your back, therefore bear your lewdness and your whoredom. (Ezekiel 23:31-35)."

The city that sat on seven hills and the ten kings who will judge her and burn her with fire

In Revelation 17:7-9 the angel of God explained the mystery and the identity of the Great Harlot. He said that the seven heads of the beast that carried the harlot were seven mountains on which the woman sat, and the waters where the woman sat were peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues. The harlot was the great city, who reigns over the kings of the earth (Revelation 17:15-18) and the beast with the seven heads and the ten horns that carried the harlot would ascend out of the abyss and would go into perdition.

*"And here is the mind, which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sits. And there are seven kings: five have fallen, and one is, and the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must continue a short time. And **the beast that was, and is not, is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goes into perdition.** And **the ten horns that you saw are ten kings, who have received no kingdom as of yet; but receive power as kings for one hour with the beast** (Revelation 17:9-12)."*

In order to understand the identity of harlot city one must review the prophecy that describes the seven kings or kingdoms that represent the seven-headed beast that carried the harlot city. First of all it is important that we understand that the Book of Revelation aims at unveiling the latter end of both the church and the nation of Israel. According to prophecy in the Book of Daniel a beast refers to an empire that at one point or another had power and dominion over the nation of Israel (Daniel 7-8). A mountain is also another prophetic symbol that symbolizes an empire (Daniel 2:35).

According to biblical history, the first five empires who had dominion and power over the nation of Israel were Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece; these were the first five heads of the beast and also

the first five mountains or kings that had fallen or were no longer in existence at the time of Apostle John. The mountain, king or empire that had power and dominion over Israel at the time of John's vision was the Empire of Rome. The seventh mountain, head or empire that had not come by the time of John but would come and would only last a short time is none other than the Nazi Empire of Hitler, which lasted for a short time but managed to kill nearly 6 million Jewish people.

The eighth king who was from the seven and would come out of the earth to go into perdition is Satan himself, whom Jesus called the prince or ruler of the world. Satan has been in control of every nation or kingdom that has ever come against the nation of Israel. As the ruler of the Seven-headed beast, Satan is also one of the heads of the beast. As a matter of fact he was the head that was wounded and would later heal.

Satan was wounded at the time when Jesus took his rightful place as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. This is the reason, why Jesus said prior to his crucifixion, "now the ruler of this world is cast out, and if I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself (John 12: 31-32)". Satan is also the strongman who had to be bound in order for his goods to be taken (John 1:31-33, Luke 11:20-26).

Satan, the former ruler of this world had to be bound so that the gospel of the Kingdom of Jesus could be preached throughout all the nations. This is why Jesus said that the gospel of the kingdom would be preached throughout the world and then the end would come (Matthew 24:14). Notice how Jesus said that the end would come after the gospel had been preached throughout the nations. Notice also that nowhere in this scripture or in any other scripture in the entire Bible Jesus said that He would establish a future millennial kingdom on earth after the gospel had been preached throughout the world. He simply taught that the end would come; meaning that the end of this earthly age would come and He would gather us to the place that He went away to prepare for us.

Satan had to be restrained for a time in order for the gospel of the kingdom of Jesus to be preached throughout the gentile nations otherwise Satan would have persecuted and killed every messenger of the gospel just as he tried to kill Jesus Himself. This is why Jesus prayed to the Father saying, "I don't pray that you to take them out of this world, but that you keep them from evil (John 17:15)".

Revelation 20:1-10 says that Satan would be bound or restrained for a period of time. After that period of time, Satan would be released from the Abyss and would go to the end of the earth to gather the army of Gog and Magog to attack the Holy City of Jerusalem, as well as the camp of the saints.

The word of God foretold that the people of Israel would be scattered throughout the nations (Ezekiel 11:15-17); then God Himself would bring them back to the mountains of Israel, where He would judge them using the very same nations that committed idolatry with the Southern Kingdom of Israel known as Judah or Jerusalem (Ezekiel 38). The ten kings that in the latter days will form an alliance to attack the Nation of Israel are the nations of Gog, Magog, Rosh, Meshech, Tubal, Persia, Ethiopia, Lybia, Gomer and Tarshish, which today represent most of the Islamic nations of the world.

The nations that God will use to judge Jerusalem

In the 16th and 23rd chapters of Ezekiel, the Prophet said that the People of Jerusalem had committed harlotry (idolatry) with the Egyptians, the Philistines, the Assyrians, the Chaldean's and the Babylonians. The prophecy of Ezekiel said that in the latter days God would use these same nations to attack Jerusalem and judge her as a woman who had committed harlotry and as a woman who broke wedlock.

According biblical and secular history, the nations that now occupy the location of the ten nations of Gog and Magog are Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Egypt, Libya, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan,

Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan. These same nations also occupy the location where the Egyptians, the Babylonians, the Chaldeans, the Philistines and the Assyrians once lived.

According to the prophecy of Ezekiel 16, 23 and 38, in the latter days, God will use these nations to judge the Nation of Jerusalem who in her idolatry became as a great harlot who committed great fornication by worshiping the pagan idols of her surrounding nations and even sacrificed their children by casting them to the fire as they worshipped the pagan god Moloch. For this reason, God promised that in the latter days He would use these nations to bring blood against Jerusalem and the City of Jerusalem would be burned with fire and left naked and bare (Ezekiel 16: 26-43, 23: 22-39).

The Great Harlot was the city that killed the saints and the prophets of Jesus

Jesus said to Jerusalem, “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets, and stoned those who are sent to you, how often I would have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and you would not allow it! Behold, your house is left to you desolate. For I say unto you, you shall not see me from now on, until you say, blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord (Matthew 23:37-39).”

Jesus further clarified the mystery of the woman who killed the prophets and her children when He said that the word of God foretold that a prophet could not die outside of Jerusalem (Luke 13:33). He also prophesied concerning the latter judgment of Jerusalem by saying “And when you shall see Jerusalem surrounded with armies, then know that the desolation of it is near. Then let them who are in Judea flee to the mountains; and let them who are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the country enter there into. For these **will be the days of vengeance**, that all things that are written may be fulfilled (Luke 21:20-22).”

Jesus added by saying: “And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles is fulfilled (Luke 21:23-24),”

Where are we in the times of Revelation?

The Book of Revelation shows specific evidence that soon the Nation of Israel particularly the City of Jerusalem will be attacked, burned and destroyed by the ten Islamic kings who will surrender their power to Satan the beast. Some of these examples are given in Revelation 9:13-18 (the Sixth Trumpet), Revelation 16:12-16 (the Sixth Plague) and Revelation 16:17-21 (the Seventh Plague).

Let’s look at these in detail and see what they reveal.

During the Sixth Trumpet, an angel of God will release **four angels that had been bound in the great river Euphrates**. These four angels prepared themselves to slay the third part humanity with an army of 200,000 horsemen (Revelation 9:13-18). The Euphrates River is located to the east of Israel, and it runs across Syria from Turkey to Iraq.

During the Sixth Plague the great river Euphrates will be dried up. **Three unclean spirits** working miracles will come out of the mouths of Satan (the Dragon), the beast and the false prophet and will lead the kings of the east (of Euphrates) so that these will gather themselves at the Valley of Megiddo, which is also known as Armageddon (Revelation 16:12-16). The valley of Megiddo is located to the west of Jerusalem; therefore, in order for these kings to make it from the east of the Euphrates River they would have to sweep across Iraq, Jordan and Jerusalem. By the way, the kings of the east refer to the rulers of Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, Syria, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Indonesia. Notice that each of these nations is an Islamic nation today.

I must point out that an angel is also a spirit. Notice that during the time of the Sixth Trumpet and the Sixth Plague four angels that are bound at the Euphrates River and three spirits that will come out of the mouth of Satan, the Beast and the false prophet will go out to the Kings of the East, which refer to the leaders of the nations that are located east of the Euphrates River, which contradict the teaching of many end time teachers who said that Armageddon will come from Europe which is on the west. These seven spirits will lead the seven-heads of the Beast under the rule of Satan who is the eighth king that will rise out of the abyss.

The Bible says that during the Seventh Plague there will be noises, thundering, lightning and a great earthquake. The great City of Jerusalem will be divided into three parts, and all the cities of the world will fall. At this time God will remember the Great Babylon to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. Then great hail the weight of a talent will fall upon men and men will blaspheme God (Revelation 16:17-21). The Great Babylon refers to the Islamic Caliphate that would soon rise up from the former nations of Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia and the Philistines.

Zechariah 14:1-3 says that God would gather all of the nations of the world to come against the Nation of Israel. Then the Lord will go and fight against those nations, as when He once fought in the day of battle. Concerning this day, the prophet Zechariah also prophesied saying that the City of Jerusalem would be invaded, that the houses in Jerusalem would be broken into and that half of the population of the Nation of Jerusalem would return into captivity. Zechariah also prophesied saying that during that time many people who live in Jerusalem would be killed, many women would be raped, and only a small remnant of the people would be allowed to remain in the Land of Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:1-2).

On that day the Lord's feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, and the Mount of Olives will cave in the middle, toward the east and toward the west creating a great valley as half of the mountain will move toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

Zechariah 12:9-11, shows that it will be after the Seventh Plague that the eyes of the remnant of the People of Israel will recognize that Jesus (Yeshua) whom they had pierced was their Messiah and they would turn to Him and accept Him as their Lord and Messiah. In that day God will seek to destroy all the nations that came against Jerusalem. He will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they will look upon Jesus whom they have pierced, and will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son. In that day there will be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddo (Zechariah 12:9-11).

God will allow the armies of the beast to come against Jerusalem in order to fulfill the words that He spoke through His servants the prophets. Although the word of God clearly states that God will stand and fight against those nations that will come against Jerusalem, the word of God clearly shows that God will not intervene until the power of the Holy People has been broken (Daniel 12:7), when He has rendered full judgment to those in Israel who were disobedient to His word. Spiritually speaking concerning the Nation of Israel, God will remove all the leaven from Israel and leave only the remnant of those who serve Him in spirit and in truth (Zechariah 14:1-3).

Concerning the remnant of Israel, the Prophet Zechariah said that God would refine Israel as gold and silver are refined through the fire, for two thirds of all the people in the Land of Israel would be cut off and die and only one third will remain. After His remnant has been refined, they will call on His name, and He will hear them and they will say Jehovah (YHWH) is my God (Zechariah 13:8-9).

Just as in the time of Moses, when God removed from Israel those who gave themselves into idol worshipping and were disobedience to God, once again He will remove those ones who offend Him from the land of Israel. This will be a time of trouble as the world has never seen, nor will it ever see it again after this.

The Identity of the Antichrist

Although I have spent a great deal of time in this article explaining that there is the great likelihood that the two horned beast known as Gog and Magog would rise from a radical Islamic movement that will unite all of the Islamic nations into the next world empire, I must also clarify that the Man of Iniquity whom many call the Anti-Christ could very well come from any religion, nation, race or people.

Jesus warned us not to be deceived by anyone who told us that the Messiah had appeared anywhere on earth, whether in the desert or in the inner rooms of the Temple of Jerusalem (Matthew 24:26-28).

Matthew 24:26-27

*Therefore **if they shall say to you, look, he is in the desert; do not go there: or look he is in the secret chambers (in the Temple); believe it not. For as the lightning come out of the east, and shines even unto the west; so shall also be the coming of the Son of man.***

Jesus also said that many would come in His name professing to be the Christ and would deceive many (Matthew 24: 5). The word Christ is the Greek translation of the word Messiah or anointed. Have we not seen a large number of people in the last days that claim to be anointed, but yet their deeds clearly demonstrate that they are not children of God. In essence these men and women who claim to be anointed ones are making themselves as messiahs. They may preach the word of God; they may show great signs and wonders, but their deeds reflect that they are not children of God. Jesus said that we would know them by their fruits.

Jesus said concerning His return that He would not appear in the dessert or in the inner rooms of the Temple, but He would appear in heaven and would be seen in the same manner that lightning flashes in the heavens and can be seen in the West and in the East. He meant this literally; John in the Book of Revelation said that every eye shall see Him return, even those who crucified Him (Revelation 1:7). By this we know that the return of Christ will not be a secret event but an event that everyone will witness throughout the world. And if those who crucified Him, who are now dead, are to see Him as well, then it is clear that Jesus will return at the time of the resurrection of the dead.

This warning was given to us so that we would not be deceived by any man; woman, pastor, preacher, teacher, rabbi, priest or false prophet who told us that Jesus or the Messiah had appeared on earth, at the dessert or even at the Temple of Jerusalem. The scriptures specifically say that Jesus will return in the clouds of heaven and every eye will see Him. Don't be deceived!

Now concerning the Man of Sin (the Antichrist), Paul specifically said that he would appear at the Temple of Jerusalem, claiming that he is God or the Messiah. This impostor will deceive many by the great signs and wonders that he will do in the presence of God's elect. Meaning that Christians and Messianic Jews will be on earth to witness the manifestation of the Man of Sin (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12).

I must also emphasize that Christians, Muslims and Jews are not the only ones who are waiting for the arrival of a Messiah. People of many religions such as India, are also looking for the arrival of a Messiah. With this said, I must also emphasize that there is also the likelihood that the false messiah or Antichrist could come from any religion, nation, race or people.

Nevertheless, my greater concern lies in the fact that most people in Israel today believe that Jesus was an impostor in His claims that He was the Messiah. As a result of this many people in Israel are still waiting for the arrival of a Messiah or savior who according to many Rabbis will set them free from oppression, re-establish the kingdom of King David and help them in reconstruct of the Temple of Jerusalem. As a result of this many ultra-orthodox and orthodox Jews are currently searching for the next Messiah. The latter chapter of this book provides ample biblical and historical evidence showing that Jesus is the true Messiah of Israel.

Why should the fact that many people in Israel are waiting for a Messiah concerns us?

The Book of Zachariah prophesied saying that in the later days God would raise up in the Land of Jerusalem a foolish shepherd who would not go after the sheep that has been cut off or for those that are wounded but instead of feeding the sheep he will eat their flesh and tear their claws in pieces (Zechariah 11:15-17).

Contrary to the teaching of Jesus, His apostles and the Christian faith, most Jewish people today believe that God did not abolish animal sacrifices or the offerings that were commanded according to the Law of Moses. The reason why animal sacrifices and offerings are not offered currently in Israel has to do with the fact that the Law specifically commanded for these to be offered at the Temple, and the Temple has not been rebuilt as of yet. According to the teachings of many Rabbis the expected Jewish Messiah could come as a prophet, a rabbi, or even as a High Priest who will offer sacrifices and offerings at the re-inauguration of the Temple of Jerusalem. According to some Jewish Orthodox Rabbis, the Messiah could very well be the next king of Israel, since his main purpose is to re-establish the former kingdom of King David.

Currently in Jerusalem there are major efforts in progress for the reconstruction of the Temple of the Mount. The Temple Institute (<http://www.templeinstitute.org>) has been soliciting online donations for the rebuilding of the Temple and the preparations of the instruments and the vestments that the priests will use at the Temple. There are presently various schools in Jerusalem that train and recruit descendants from the priests and Levites for the rituals that will take place at the Temple. The Temple Institute has been creating some of the musical and religious instruments as well as the priestly vestments for worship and service at the Temple.

In the 66 chapter of Isaiah God spoke concerning the rebuilding of the Temple and the sacrifices that were offered in it, saying, “Thus says the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that you will build me, and where is the place of my rest? For all these things my hands have made, and all those things exist, says the Lord: but to this man will I look, to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, who trembles at my word. **He that kills an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrifices a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offers a sacrifice, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burns incense, as if he blessed an idol.** Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations. **I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, no one answered;** when I spoke, they did not hear: but they did evil before my eyes, and chose that in which I do not delight (Isaiah 66:1-4).”

In the above scriptures God specifically said that He does not want another Temple in Jerusalem, let alone sacrifices and offerings at the Temple. Imagine how God the Father will react if His people were to choose the wrong man as their Messiah, High Priest or King of Israel after Jesus the Son of God gave his life as the ultimate sacrifice for the sins of Israel, something that was foretold in the Holy Scriptures (Isaiah 53). What do you think God will do to any person who was to come before the next Temple of Jerusalem presenting animal offerings for sin?

Concerning this Paul wrote saying, “He that despised Moses' law dies without mercy by the word of two or three witnesses, of how much worse punishment, do you suppose will be worthy of one who has trodden under foot the Son of God, and has counted the blood of the covenant with which He was sanctified by, an unholy thing, and has done this despite the Spirit of grace (Hebrews 10:28-29)?”

In Matthew 24:15-21, Jesus spoke to His disciples saying that in the latter days a man whom Jesus called the “abomination of desolation” would stand in the Temple of Jerusalem claiming that he is God. He will bring great persecution and tribulation for the sake of the name of Jesus. Those that bear the name of Jesus are Christians or Messianic Jews who believe in Yeshua as their Messiah and have been given the privilege of bearing His Name. He expanded by saying that then there shall be a great tribulation like no other before this

time. In the very words of Jesus is evident that Christians and Messianic Jews will be on earth at the time of the manifestation of the Man of Sin and the Great Tribulation that is brought by him.

Paul clearly warned us not to be deceived by word, by letter, by a spirit or by those who said that the return of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering with Him would take place prior to the "falling away" and the revelation of the Man of Sin who is the Son of Perdition or the Antichrist (2 Thessalonians 2:1-3).

During the tribulation period God will allow Satan to place a foolish shepherd at the Temple of Jerusalem who will claim that he is God. He will do great miracles and will deceive many Jews and even many so called "Christians" who were never founded in the teachings of Christ. They will go as far as to worship him and to accept his teachings as truth and reject the teachings of Christ. For this reason, God Himself will give them great delusions so that they would believe the lie, perish and be condemned (2 Thessalonians 1-12).

I cannot say for certain that the false messiah will be Muslim, Jewish or Roman but I am certain that the people of Israel will not accept a non-Jewish man to become their High Priest or Messiah. By saying this I must warn everyone that there is a great likelihood that the man of sin or Antichrist could be a Jewish man or pretend to be one. Perhaps he would even appear as the next High Priest who will reestablish sacrifices and offerings at the Temple of Jerusalem.

The Apostle Paul confirmed that Jesus in addition to being the true Messiah, He is also the Anointed High Priest and the rightful King of Israel. Jesus made it all the way to heaven, where He created a better Tabernacle and now sits at the right hand of His Father until all His enemies are made footstools to His feet. The scriptures also confirm that Jesus fulfilled the Law of Moses taking all of the decrees that kept us bound to sin out of the way in order for us to worship God in spirit and in truth and not according to the rituals of the Law or the traditions of men. Paul said that anyone who tries to become justified by the Law of Moses has fallen from grace (Hebrews, 9:11-15, Colossians 2, Galatians 5:1-4).

There is a great likelihood that the false messiah would try to reestablish sacrifices and offerings and by doing this he will gain the acceptance of most orthodox and Ultra-orthodox Jewish people who would like very much to see the Temple of Jerusalem rebuilt and the Law of Moses reestablished once again. I must warn every person that reads this article. Bringing sacrifices again to the Temple of God is like spitting against the face of Jesus and saying that the sacrifice of God in which He gave His very own Son to pay the penalty for the sins of humanity, was not sufficient.

Whether the false messiah would be Jewish or gentile, or whether he will re-establish those things that Jesus gave His life to do away with is yet to be seen, but the word of God in both the New Testament and the Holy Scriptures teach that the Man of Sin will bring great persecution against both Christians and Jewish believers. Bringing sacrifices and offerings to the Temple of Jerusalem, choosing the wrong Messiah and declaring him to be the King of Israel could very well be the event that may bring forth the Wrath of God and the Battle of Gog and Magog, since in order for the Temple of Jerusalem to be cleansed; the people of Israel would have to first remove the Dome of the Rock which is also one of the most revered Islamic sites.

It is not a coincidence that the prophecies or teachings of Christians, Jews and Muslims fit together like the pieces of a puzzle. The prophet Ezekiel prophesied saying that God Himself would place hooks in the jaws of Gog and Magog and bring them to battle against the People of Israel. It is not Satan the one who is shaking and moving things here; God is the One who is in control and not a single word that came out of His mouth will return void. Everything that was spoken in the scriptures concerning the end times will happen as God said it would happen.

Paul specifically said that the false Messiah or Antichrist would deceive many by the great signs and wonders that he will do in the presence of God's elect (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12). Please remember that Satan continues to be an angel, even though he was cast out from heaven.

Will God forsake the Nation of Israel or Jerusalem? *Certainly Not!*

The Prophet Ezekiel said that once the armies of Gog and Magog had invaded the Nation of Israel, God's fury would turn against the armies of Gog and Magog; there would be an earthquake in the land of Israel of such magnitude that will cause every thing on the earth to fall to the ground (Ezekiel 38:18-20). God will then call a sword against Gog and Magog so that their armies will turn against themselves and kill one another in judgment causing great pestilence and bloodshed. God will then pour flooding rain; great hailstones, fire and brimstone against the armies of Gog and Magog.

The Prophet Zechariah said that at the time when God has led the nations of the world to come against the Nation of Israel, the Lord will go out and fight against those nations, as He once fought in the day of battle. On that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives. Half of the mountain will move towards the north and half towards the south creating a great valley that will run east to west so that the remnant of Israel would flee through the middle of the mountain (Zechariah 14:1-3).

Although it is certain that God will fight for Israel, the prophet Zechariah said that God would allow the armies of Gog and Magog to capture the City of Jerusalem and take half of its people back into captivity. Zechariah expanded by saying that many houses will be broken into and many women will be raped. The only ones who will not be taken from the City of Jerusalem will be the remnant of the people of God (Zechariah 14:1-3).

The Holy Scriptures say that in the day that God seeks to destroy all the nations that came against Jerusalem, He will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications; and they shall look upon Him whom their ancestors have pierced, and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for his only son. In that day there will be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the Valley of Megiddo (Zachariah 12:9-11). It will be at this time that the people left in Israel will recognize that Jesus whom their ancestors had pierced is the true Messiah and will surrender to Him as their Lord and Savior.

At that time God will offer the people of Gog and Magog as a sacrifice to the birds of prey and to the beast of the field to be devoured. Then God would allow the people of Israel to bury those who died in the valley of those who pass by East of the sea and this place will be called the Valley of Hamon Gog (Ezekiel 39:1-11).

The Great Deception that Now Blinds Many Christians

Most people in church today are blinded by the erroneous teachings of many Bible End Time teachers who teach that during the great tribulation Christians will not be on earth while unbelievers along with the people of Israel will be left behind. They teach that after the Great Tribulation Satan will be bound for 1000 years and the Lord Jesus Christ will physically return to Jerusalem along with His saints to dwell at the third Temple of Jerusalem for a period of 1000 years. This is simply not biblical and it is a great deception that will cause many so called “Christians” to run to Jerusalem at the time that the antichrist stands at the Temple of Jerusalem claiming that he is God and the Messiah. Jesus warned us concerning this saying “do not go there.”

Jesus specifically said that “**Immediately after the tribulation** of those days the sun will be darkened, the moon not give her light, the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken: **And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven:** and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, **and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven** with power and great glory. **And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other (Matthew 24:29-31).” Notice above that the gathering of the saints will not happen until after the Great Tribulation of the church or prior to the Seventh Trumpet.

All of the signs show that we are closer than we think to the end times. The Bible gives ample evidence proving that the earthly Kingdom of Jesus was already established on earth nearly 2000 years ago and Satan was already bound to allow for the gospel of the kingdom of Jesus to be preached throughout the nations. The events that have happened since Hitler began to persecute the Nation of Israel show that Satan was recently released from prison and he will soon gather an army from all of the nations of the world to persecute both the Church and Israel. The word of God clearly shows that Christians will be on earth during the Great Tribulation and will not be gathered until the last of the trumpets, which is the Seventh Trumpet (Revelation 11:15, 1 Corinthians 15:50-52). This is why it is imperative that we know the times and the days that are coming ahead so that we may not be deceived by Satan, for just as in the time of the Garden of Eden when Satan stood in the middle of the garden and corrupted the very word of God that was spoken to Adam, he is now standing in the midst of many congregations corrupting the words of salvation.

Don't take my word for it; let's review the scriptures and examine the evidence together to see if their doctrines concerning the end times can hold their weight when compared with the word of God.

Where do these eschatological blunders come from?

Most theologians teach that Revelation 20:1-7 refer to a rapture of the church prior to the manifestation of the Man of Sin (the antichrist) who will sit at the Temple of Jerusalem for a period of seven years bringing great tribulation to those who are left behind including the Nation of Israel. After seven years Satan will be bound for a period of 1000 years. During that time the Lord Jesus Christ will return with His saints to the earth and will reign at the Temple of Jerusalem for a period of 1000 years. However when we carefully examine these verses we will clearly see that their teachings are erroneous.

Revelation 20:1-6 says that an angel came down from heaven, laid hold on Satan, cast him to the bottomless pit (the Abyss) and bound him so that he would not deceive the nations for a thousand years. John then saw those who received authority to judge sitting on thrones and the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, who had not worshipped the beast, or his image, and had not received his mark upon their foreheads, or on their hands. These lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years, but the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Verse 6 says “blessed and holy is he that had part in the first resurrection: on such the second death had no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Revelation 20:7-10 continued by saying that when the thousand years had ended, Satan was released and went out to deceive all of the nations of the earth, and gathered the armies of Gog and Magog. The armies of Gog and Magog surrounded Jerusalem (the Holy City) and the camp of the saints (believers) and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured the armies of Gog and Magog; then Satan was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet were and all of them were tormented day and night forever.

Let's take a glance at some of these verses and other verses of the Bible to see if their end time teachings are in accordance to the word of God:

Does the Millennium refer to a Literal 1000 years or to an indefinite period of time?

We will begin our examination by examining the word Millennium. First of all the Book of Revelation doesn't use the word Millennium which comes from the Latin word *mille* meaning "thousand," and *annus*, meaning "year" referring to the word "thousand years." Instead of the word thousand or "mille," Revelation 20 verses 1, 3 and 5 use the Greek word "chilioi" (χιλιοι) which in the original Greek can not be interpreted as a literal 1000 years but to "a time of uncertain affinity" as it is written in the Strong Concordance reference number 5507. A literal interpretation would have required for the writer of Revelation to use the Greek word "χιλιας" transliterated as "chilias" (reference # 5505), which could be understood as exactly 1000 years. The word "one thousand" as it is used in the above scriptures refers to a long period of time, which is indefinite or imprecise to mankind, meaning that Satan would be bound for an indefinite period of time and not for exactly 1000 years as many theologians commonly teach it. The same applies to the time that the souls of those who were beheaded went to be with the Lord. These went to be with the Lord for an indefinite time and not necessarily for 1000 years exactly.

*"1. And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a **thousand years**. 3. And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the **thousand years** should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. 4. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a **thousand years**. 5. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the **thousand years** were finished. This is the first resurrection (Revelation 20:1-5)."*

Those who went to be with the Lord were beheaded or killed for the testimony of Christ

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

Many end time teachers say that the above verse refers to the rapture of the church and the establishment of a millennial kingdom on earth. However, the above verse specifically says that the souls of those who were **beheaded** lived and reigned with Christ. Just by the fact that these men and women were beheaded or killed for the testimony of Christ we know for certain that they were not gathered with the Lord by the rapture as many End Time Prophecy teachers erroneously teach. The word "souls" in the original Greek text is the word "psyche" (Strong's Ref. # 5590) which refers to our spirit and not a glorified body like the one that Jesus had after the resurrection. Look at the following verses which show Jesus resurrected in a celestial body and not as a spirit.

*“But they were terrified and afraid, **and supposed that they had seen a spirit.** And he (Jesus) said unto them, Why are you troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; **for a spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you see that I have** (Like 24:37-39).”*

The souls of those who were beheaded went to be with the Lord after enduring persecution and tribulation. These are not the ones who will die during the Great Tribulation of the last days but those who died during the persecution of the early church. Revelation 6:9-11, shows their souls under the altar of God crying to the Lord to avenge their death. These were told to wait a little while until the number of the last of their brethren who will be killed in the manner that they were killed is completed. This verse clearly shows that Christians and Messianic Jews will be on earth during the Great Tribulation and many of them will be killed as a result of the tribulation.

*And when he had opened the fifth seal, **I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:** And they cried with a loud voice, saying, **How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?** And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, **that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled** (Revelation 6:9-11).”*

Many Christians are quick to say that they are the ones who will go with the Lord as those in Revelation 20:4 who were beheaded for the testimony of Christ; however, the sad truth is that in the current condition of our institutional church, many of the men and women who called themselves born again Christians do not have the guts to even stand out and witness about Jesus, let alone, give their lives for the testimony of Christ? If Revelation 20:4 were to refer to a future rapture of the church I am afraid that many people who today called themselves born again Christians today will be left behind at the time of Jesus return.

Those who went to be with the Lord were the First Resurrection

Revelation 20: 6 says that those who went to be with the Lord were the first resurrection:

*“Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the **first resurrection:** on such the second death hath no power, but **they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years** (Revelation 20:6).”*

However, concerning the first resurrection, the scriptures said that while Jesus was crucified there was a great earthquake at the time when Jesus let go of His spirit, the rocks and the earth split. Then the spirit of those who were asleep resurrected after the resurrection of Jesus and appeared to many in Jerusalem. This was the first resurrection after the resurrection of Jesus.

*“Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up His spirit. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were rent; **And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which were asleep roused, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many** (Matthew 27:50-53).”*

Those who went to be with the Lord received authority to judge

Revelation 20:4 says that there were some who sat on thrones who received authority to judge. What does the word of God say concerning those who were to receive authority to judge?

Jesus told Peter and the rest of His disciples that in the regeneration (after the ascension) when the Son of Man (Jesus) sat on the throne of His Glory they would sit on twelve thrones (not 144,000) to judge the twelve tribes of Israel. It is not a coincidence that most of His disciples were killed for the testimony of Christ including John the Baptist who was beheaded as well.

Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel (Matthew 19:29)."

The regeneration refers to the time that Jesus ascended to heaven and to His throne and not a future event. Those who were beheaded for the testimony of Christ who sat on thrones and received authority to judge were His apostles, and those who died of martyrdom while witnessing for Christ.

Those who went to be with the Lord did not worship the Beast

Revelation 20:4 say that those who went to be with the Lord for a thousand years had not worshiped the beast or its image.

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

The Books of Revelation and Daniel show that the Beast who they did not worship was Satan the Dragon, and the image of Satan the Beast was the Empire of Rome who during the time of John was persecuting the Church. This is the reason why the Apostle John was in exiled at the Island of Patmos. In Revelation 12:1-5 John saw the vision of Israel, as a pregnant woman who was about to give birth to a male child (Jesus) who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. John also saw that a great red dragon, that had seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads was ready to devour Jesus as soon as He was born. The woman gave birth and Jesus, the Son of Israel was caught up unto God, and to his throne (Revelation 12:1-5).

"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne (Revelation 12:1-5)."

Notice that the above verses do not refer to a future event but to a period of time in of the past. Satan was the beast who caused the fall of many angels and he is the beast who tried to kill Jesus as soon as He was born. Revelation 12:5 specifically said that the Child (Jesus) was caught up to God and to His own throne in heaven where Jesus now reigns over all nations with a rod of iron. This scriptures above clearly show that the power and dominion and the kingdom was given to Jesus the Son of Man at the time when He ascended to heaven which also happened during the reign of the Empire of Rome. This is just another verse that proves that the kingdom of Jesus was established on earth nearly 2000 years ago. From heaven, Jesus has power and dominion not only over Israel and over the church but also over all of the kings of the earth, for His kingdom was not just established on earth but also in the heavens.

Concerning the image of the beast, the Book of Daniel and Revelation mention various beasts or empires that during one period of time or another had or will have power and dominion over the Nation of Israel. Daniel specifically prophesied concerning four beasts or empires that were to rule over Israel. Daniel also foretold that the Jesus the Son of Man would establish His kingdom on earth during the time when Rome was ruling on earth.

Daniel 7: 2-7, mentions four terrible beast empires that were to rule over Israel and over the rest of the world. The first beast that he saw looked like a lion. This beast represented the Empire of Babylon and was ruling at the time of Daniel. The next one was a bear, which represented the union of Medo-Persia; the third was a leopard and represented the Empire of Greece and finally a great and terrible beast that represented the Empire of Rome. As Daniel was watching the last beast and the rulers that would come from this beast he saw a vision of Jesus, the Son of man who ascended to heaven with the clouds and appeared before God His Father who is also known as the Ancient of Days. Daniel 7:13-14 specifically says that God the Father gave the Son of Man (Jesus) dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed (Daniel 7:13-14). This verse clearly shows that Jesus would rule over the earth from heaven at the right hand of God His Father and not from earth as many theologians commonly teach it. Notice above, that His kingdom is forever and not for just a thousand years.

*I saw in the night visions, and, behold, **one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed** (Daniel 7:13-14).”*

The beast spoken in Revelation 20:4 which those who were beheaded for the testimony of Christ refused to worship was Satan and the image of Satan the Beast has been every empire from the time of Egypt until the Empire of Rome that has brought oppression and persecution to the people of God. The image of the beast who the apostles and the martyrs of the early church refused to worship or to receive its mark or number in their in their foreheads or on their right hands it was none other than the Empire of Rome. Those who went to be with the Lord did not allow their foreheads or their minds to be marked or numbered as sinners like those who corrupted them selves with the pagan religions and the corrupted teachings and traditions of Rome. These men an women did not raise their hands to be marked or counted as those who accepted the pagan religions and the corrupted teachings and traditions of Rome. For these reasons and for standing faithful to Christ, many of them were crucified, many were beheaded and many were burned alive.

The first man in the history of the Church who was beheaded for the testimony of Christ was John the Baptist, who was decapitated by Herod. The next Christians who died for the testimony of Christ were Stephen, the apostles of Christ, and thousand of Christian men and woman who were persecuted and killed during the first century of the Church by Nero Caesar.

It is not a coincidence that the name of Nero Caesar added to the number 666.

In the first century AD, the people of Israel wrote Nero’s name as נרונ קסר (Nrvn Qsr), except that it was written from right to left as “rsq norm.” Using Hebrew numerology (Gematria) one would have counted Nero’s number as follows:

$$r = 200, s = 60, q = 100, n = 50, o = 6, r = 200, n = 50$$
$$\text{thus, rsq norm} = 666$$

I am not implying by this that a future Man of Sin or Antichrist will not rise in Jerusalem whose name will amount to the number six hundred sixty six, but simply pointing out that beast that the early Christians refused

to worship and to receive its mark on their foreheads or on their hands at the time of John was the Empire of Rome, who at the time had power and dominion over the nations of Israel and most of the lands formerly occupied by Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece. The next Man of Sin will create an Image or replica of the Seven-Headed Beast, but he will not necessarily have to be a Roman man.

History also shows that there were ten Roman emperors who greatly persecuted the early church; these were, Nero in 64, Domitian in 95, Trajan in 107, Hadrian in 125, Marcus Aurelius in 165, Septimus Severus in 202, Maximimus in 235, Decius in 249, Valerianus in 257 and Diocletian in 303 these ten kings were the ten horns of the seven-headed beast.

The Roman Empire was the beast whose pagan religion and traditions the apostles and the martyrs of Jesus refused to receive in their foreheads (minds) and would not accept on their right hands by raising their hands in acceptance thereof. According to Revelation 13:1, the beast had seven heads, ten horns and ten crowns. It is no coincidence, that ten Roman emperors also cause great persecution to the early church. These were; Nero in 64, Domitian in 95, Trajan in 107, Hadrian in 125, Marcus Aurelius in 165, Septimus Severus in 202, Maximimus in 235, Decius in 249, Valerianus in 257 and Diocletian in 303.

The Seven-Headed Beast was defeated by Christ

History shows that the fall of the Roman Empire did not come as a result of human defeat, but as a result of divine intervention just as Daniel foretold it would happen. Daniel 2:31-35 tells the story when the Lord used Daniel to reveal the dream of King Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylon, who dreamt of an image (the image of the beast) who's head was made of gold, arms and chest of silver, belly and thighs of brass and its feet of clay and iron. The prophecy foretold that a stone that was cut off without hand would strike the image on its feet and the rock would become a great mountain that would cover the earth (Daniel 2:31-35).

*“You, O king, saw, and beheld a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before you; and its form was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. You saw that **a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and broke them to pieces.** Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: **and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth** (Daniel 2:31-35).”*

We know by the scriptures that Jesus is the stone (the corner stone) that Daniel foretold would strike the image on its feet and would restore the Kingdom of David. The word of God says that God the Father Himself crowned Jesus as King of Kings and Lord of lord over everything in heaven, on earth and under the earth. Daniel 2: 31-35 says that Jesus (the Rock) would become a great mountain that will cover the earth. This mountain refer to the body of believers that is formed of both Jews and gentiles showing again that the earthly kingdom of Jesus was established nearly 2000 years ago during the Empire of Rome. This scripture also shows that the Empire of Rome was not defeated by human hands or by weapons of war but by Jesus Himself who is reigning at the right hand of power in heaven.

In the parable of the Grain of Mustard Seed, Jesus told us that His kingdom was like a seed of mustard that a man planted in his field, and grew to become a great tree so that the birds of the air would come and nested in its branches. Notice that just like in this parable, where Jesus compared His earthly kingdom with a seed that became a great tree, in Daniel 2:31-35, from one single stone and this stone being Jesus, the kingdom of God on earth became like a great mountain that now covers the earth. We are the kingdom of God on earth; those who have allowed Jesus to become their Lord and Master.

*“Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, **The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree,** so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof (Matthew 13:31-32).”*

The men and women who went to be with the Lord as declared in Revelation 20:4 were those of the early church who as a result of Jewish and Roman persecution were killed for the testimony of Christ. These Messianic Jews and Christian men and women went to reign with the Lord until the time of Jesus return.

The word of God says “**Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his saints,** to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him (Jude 1:14-15).” Notice above that at the time when the Lord returns to the earth with His saints, He will not be establishing an early millennial kingdom, instead He will be bringing judgment to the world.

The same was stated in 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10, where Paul said “when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, He is coming “in flaming fire to take vengeance on them who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These will be punished with a perpetual destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; at the time when Jesus comes to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired by all those who believed.”

The Kingdom of God was already established on Earth; He went to heaven to prepare a place for us and will return again to gather us there

Jesus specifically told His disciples that He would go away to prepare a place for them, and He would return again to gather them to Himself, so that they would be in the place that He went away to prepare for them (John 14:2-4). When we do an honest and sincere review of the scriptures setting aside the traditions and doctrines that we learned from men, we will clearly discover that nowhere in the scriptures it is written that Jesus would establish a future Millennial kingdom on earth. However, the Bible gives ample evidence proving that kingdom of Jesus was already established on earth nearly 2000 years ago. Let’s review some of this evidence together:

- John the Baptist preached to the people of Judea saying “Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand (Matthew 3:1-2).” When we look at each and every one of the oldest Greek texts of the New Testament that date back to the 3rd and 4th century AD, we will clearly discover that the three words “is at hand” which appear in our English translations replaced the Greek word “*ei*” which is translated as “*is or be*” (Strong’s ref. # 1488). In other words the proper translation of the statement made by John is “the kingdom of God is here,” or “the kingdom of God is present.”
- Jesus taught His followers that the kingdom of God did not come with observation for at the time of the establishment of the kingdom no one would say Lo (look) here or Lo (look) there for “behold the kingdom of God is within you (Luke 17:20-21).” The word “observation” refers to the Greek word “*parateresis*” (Strong’s Ref. # 3907) which specifically mean “visual observation.” By this Jesus meant that the kingdom of God on earth would not be visible to men for it would be a spiritual kingdom.
- In Luke 11:20 Jesus told the Jews that if He cast out demons with the finger of God, the kingdom of God had come upon them. The words “has come” are the translation of the Greek word “*phthano*” (Strong’s Ref. # 5348) which is best translated as the words “has arrived.”

- Jesus told Pontius Pilate “My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then my servants would fight so that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from here (John 18:36).” Prior to this Jesus had instructed His disciples that in His Father’s house (heaven) were many mansions and He would go unto His Father’s house to prepare a place for them (John 14:2-4).
- The Apostle Paul specifically taught that those who were redeemed by Christ have been translated from the power of darkness into the kingdom of Jesus the Son of God (Colossians 1:12-13). Even though Jesus is in heaven, we His kingdom are reigning on earth.
- In Revelation 1:5-6 the Apostle John said that Jesus has made us kings and priests unto God and His Father. Jesus is reigning from heaven, but we are His kings and priests on earth.
- Philippians 2:9-11 specifically say that God has highly exalted Jesus and gave Him the name which is above every name so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, things in earth, and things under the earth; and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Notice that these verses do not refer to an even in the future but to something that took place at the time when Jesus ascended to heaven. From that time Jesus has exercised all authority over every spiritual and natural thing in heaven, on earth and even under the earth. Jesus is reigning over heaven and earth already.
- Ephesians 1: 20-23 specifically said that when Jesus was raised from the dead, God set him at his own right hand in the heaven, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in the one that is to come. During that time God placed all things under Jesus’ feet, and made Him the head over all things including the church, which is His body and the fullness of Him. Notice that Jesus was given dominion not only over the earth but also over heaven as well.
- Hebrews 1:1-13 specifically teaches that Jesus would sit at the right hand of God until all His enemies are made His footstool. The Greek word that appears instead of “*foot stool*” is “*hupopodion*” (Strong’s Ref. # 5286) which refer to the soil under one’s feet. Notices that the words “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies thy footstool (Hebrews 1:13)” specifically convey that Jesus will not leave His Father’s side until all His enemies are destroyed, which contradict the teachings of those who teach that Jesus will appear to gather the church and will leave sinners behind.

As one who has spiritual eyes may clearly see, in contrast to the teachings of many theologians who teach that the kingdom of God will be established on earth sometime in the future, the Bible clearly proves that the kingdom that God promised to David (2 Samuel 7: 12-26) was established on earth by Jesus nearly 2000 years ago. That is why; at the time when Jesus ascended to heaven He received the name that is greater than any other name along with the title of King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Immediately after His ascension to heaven Satan was cast down from being ruler of the earth and was restrained to allow for the gospel of the Kingdom of Jesus to be preached to all nations of the world.

For this reason, Jesus said “And **this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world** for a witness unto all nations; **and then shall the end come** (Mathew 24:14). The end that He referred to is the end of His earthy reign through us His church. This was clearly taught in the parable of the wheat and the tares, where Jesus instructed that He planted the children of His kingdom in this world, but while it was dark, Satan the enemy planted his children as well. This parable specifically said that at the time of the end of this world, He will first send His angels first to gather those who offend Him and these will be cast into the furnace of fire, then His angels will gather His children out of His kingdom on earth unto the kingdom of His Father in heaven (Matthew 13:37-43). Don’t take my word for it, read it below:

“He answered and said unto them, He that planted the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that planted them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear (Matthew 13:37-43).”

The message of the kingdom that Jesus planted on earth nearly 2000 years ago has now reached most of the nations of the world; the gospel has gone forth to the gentiles and once again it will return to the remnant of Israel.

The Apostle Paul said that even though God has given the people of Israel a spirit of slumber, He would not allowed them to stumble to the point that they would completely fall. Paul continued by saying that salvation came to the Gentiles, to provoke the people of Israel to jealousy and their casting away allowed for the reconciliation of the world, nevertheless Israel would be reconciled once again. As a matter of fact, Paul said that at the time when the remnant of Israel is reconciled again, **life will rise from the dead**, for blindness has happened in part to Israel, until the last of the gentiles that is predestined for salvation has come in at which time all of Israel shall be saved (Romans 11:8-27).

*“For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but **life from the dead** (Romans 11:15).”*

The Bible clearly says that heaven is the throne of God and the earth the footstool to His feet (Isaiah 66: 1). Jesus the Son of the Living God became flesh when He first manifested to men on earth. However after His resurrection He returned to heaven in a glorified body. Why would God demote Jesus by bringing Him again to live in a man made Tabernacle? Our hope is not to bring Jesus down to earth, but that one-day we would be with Him in heaven forever. Nevertheless Jesus warned not to be deceived by the one who will soon sit at the Temple of God in Jerusalem claiming that he is Christ the King of Israel.

The Great Tribulation has already begun

While most pastors in the Western World spend most of their time dealing with the financial affairs of their congregations, very little is taught in church concerning the millions of Christians who have been persecuted, tortured and killed for their Christian faith during the last 50 years, especially in the Islamic world. The events that are happening today around Israel and the Middle East clearly show that Satan was already released from prison and is now gathering an army to bring great persecution and tribulation against Israel and the Church.

It will be during this time of great trouble and tribulation that Satan will manifest himself at the Temple of God claiming that he is God and the Messiah. According to the Bible those who do not know the word of God and those who rejected the truth of the gospel of Christ will be deceive when they see the man of Sin doing great miracles and signs.

“Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12).”

Jesus warned us concerning the Man of Sin (the Antichrist) and others who will come claiming to be anointed ones (messiahs). Jesus specifically commanded us not to listen to anyone who said that the Messiah was in the desert or in the inner rooms of the Temple, but told us that His return would be as visible as lightning that could be seen from the east all the way to the west. Jesus never said anything about a secret rapture; on the contrary, He said that we would see Him return in the clouds of heaven in the glory of God His Father. John in Revelation said that every eye would see Him even those who crucified Him, meaning that at the time of Jesus' return, the dead would rise from the grave.

“Then if any man shall say unto you, look, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shined even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be (Matthew 24:23-27).”

“Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen (Revelation 1:7).”

As one who has spiritual eyes may clearly see, the Earthly Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of David were already established on earth nearly 2000 years ago. Those who have believed in His Name and are obedient to Jesus' words have become His kingdom on earth (first of the Jews and then of the gentiles). The next time that Jesus returns to earth He will bring judgment to those who have rejected him as King. It will be during this time that the servants of His kingdom will be gathered with Him and taken to the place in His Father's kingdom that He went away to prepare for us. This was clearly taught by the Apostle Paul who said that at the time when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, He is coming “in flaming fire to take vengeance on them who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These will be punished with a perpetual destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power; at the time when Jesus comes to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired by all those who believed (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10).”

A Message to Jewish and Muslim People Throughout the World

If everything that I have written in this book is a hoax, then we have nothing to worry about and we should continue living our lives as we have always done in the past. However, if the words of this book are true, then humanity will soon experience a rude awakening.

From the beginning of creation, Satan (our adversary) has tried to hide the truth from us and has even managed to manipulate the very words of God to cause the fall of humanity. In the very same way that Satan has manipulated the words of God to cause the fall of man, Satan has used religious men of all denominations (Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Baha'i, etc.) to hide the way in which God foretold we would be reconciled with Him.

The Tanak or Hebrew Scriptures which by hundreds of years predates the writings of the Talmud, the Midrash, the Mishna, the Qur'an, the Hadith and the Gospels (Injeel), specifically foretold the way in which God would send a Messiah or Anointed Savior who would punish Satan, and would restore humanity into the relationship that God had always wanted to have with us from the beginning. For God our Father is a God of love, patience, righteousness and truth and not a hateful father who wants to destroy us, but to give us eternal life through Jesus.

Understanding that many people don't have a copy of the Hebrew Scriptures, I have enclosed some of the specific verses in the Holy Scriptures that foretold how God would send a Messiah in order to redeem us and restore us unto Himself. Since our lives and souls may depend on it, I specifically ask you to make an honest and serious effort to set aside traditions and even religion in order to rationalize the truth of God. Remember that Satan as the king of all lies has used tradition and religion to separate us from God.

Let's look at some of verses in the Holy Scriptures that foretold the way in which God would one day restore us:

God would redeem humanity and defeat Satan through the son of a virgin mother

*“And the Lord God said unto the serpent (Satan), Because you have done this, you are cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life: And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed (offspring) and her seed (offspring); **he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel** (Genesis 3:14-15).”*

By a miracle of God a virgin would conceive and give birth to a Son who would be Called Immanuel (God with us)

*“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, **a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel** (Isaiah 7:14).”*

The Messiah would be a King who would come from the tribe of Judah. He would ride on a Donkey and the people would be gathered unto Him for salvation.

*“**The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt (donkey) unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: His eyes shall be red like wine, and his teeth white like milk** (Genesis 49:10-12).”*

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, your King comes unto you: he is just, and has salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass (donkey), and upon a colt the foal of an ass (Zechariah 9:9).”

The Messiah would be a prophet like Moses (Musa). He would speak God’s words in the Name of God. Whoever rejects His words would one day answer to God Himself.

“And the Lord said unto me, they have well spoken that which they have spoken. I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like you (Moses), and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak to them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words, which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him (Deuteronomy 18:17-19).”

The Messiah would come from the lineage of Jesse (David’s Father), and the Spirit of God would remain on Him. He would be righteous, wise, knowledgeable and fearful of God. He would teach the wise to fear God and He would not judge like men but with righteousness He would bring equity to the poor and to the meek of the world. With the words of His mouth He would slay the wicked.

“And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins (Isaiah 11:1-5).”

The gentiles will see the righteousness of the Messiah, and the Messiah would be called by a new name that God would name.

For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burned. And the Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory: and you shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name (Isaiah 62:1-2).”

The Messiah would be a King descendant of David who would execute judgment all over the world, and His name would be called THE LORD (YHWH) OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

“Behold, the days come, says the Lord, that I will raise to David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, YHWH (Jehovah) OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS (Jeremiah 23:5-6).”

The Messiah would be called the Holy One, the Salvation (Yeshua) of God. He would reign over the kings of the earth and the prince of the earth should worship Him. The Messiah will restore all the tribes of Jacob and preserve Israel. He would also be given as a light to the gentiles (those who are not Jewish).

And he said, It is a light thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give you for a light to the Gentiles, that you may be my Yeshua (salvation) unto the end of the earth. Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despised, to him whom the nation abhorred, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise,

princes also shall worship, because of the Lord that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose you (Isaiah 49:6-7).

The Messiah would become a light for all the people of the world even the gentiles (those who were not Jewish) will come to Him.

*“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon you, and his glory shall be seen upon you. **And the Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising** (Isaiah 60:1-3).”*

The Messiah would restore David’s Kingdom. He would build a house (a people) for the Name of God and God Himself would establish the Messiah’s throne forever unlike that of Solomon who caused the division of Israel. The Messiah would be called the Son of God.

*“And when your days are fulfilled, and you shall sleep with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you (David), which shall proceed out of your bowels, and **I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son.** If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established for ever before you: your throne shall be established for ever (2 Samuel 7:12-16).”*

David acknowledged that the Messiah was His Lord (Adonay) and a priest of God in the order of Melchizedek, whom even Abraham brought tithes to. After the sacrificial death of the Messiah, God would raise Him to heaven where He would sit at the right hand of God until all of the Messiah’s enemies are made footstools to His feet.

*“**The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.** The Lord shall send the rod of your strength out of Zion: rule in the midst of your enemies. Your people shall be willing in the day of your power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: you have the dew of your youth. The Lord has sworn, and will not repent, **You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.** The Lord at your right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath. He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries. He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head (Psalms 110:1-7).”*

The Messiah would be born at Bethlehem and would become the King of Israel. He would feed His people in the Name and the Strength of God.

*“**But you, Bethlehem Ephratah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall he come forth unto me he that will be ruler in Israel;** whose going forth comes from the old, from everlasting. Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she who travailed has brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. **And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth** (Micah 5:2-5).”*

The Messiah would be fully anointed with the Spirit of God and would preach good news to the poor and the meek. He would bind up the brokenhearted; proclaim liberty to the captives, and open of the prison to those who are bound. He would proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of God. He would comfort all that mourn and would give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified (Isaiah 61:1-3).

The Messiah would be prudent and would be highly exalted by God. He would not be of great appearance, but He would cleanse many nations and the kings of the earth would be speechless at His words.

“Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. As many were astonished at thee; his appearance was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men: So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told to them they shall see; and that which they had not heard they shall consider (Isaiah 52:13-15).

A prophet who would announce His way would precede the Messiah. Through the Messiah everyone would be able to see the manifestation of the glory of God.

“The voice of him that cries in the wilderness, Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it (Isaiah 40:3-5).

God would send a prophet to announce the way of the Messiah. When the Messiah came He would enter the Temple, where He would be both the Lord and the Messenger of the covenant with Israel. There He would be like a refiner’s fire and like soap that would cleanse the corruption of the Levites who ministered at the Temple.

“Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, says the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeared? For he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness (Malachi 3:1-4).

The Messiah would be sold for thirty pieces of silver, which would later be thrown to the potter at the Temple. God would allow His Messiah to be cut off (Sacrificed) and by doing this He would do away with the former covenant of the Law of Moses.

“And I took my staff, even Beauty, and cut it in half, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people. And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited for me knew that it was the word of the Lord. And I said to them, if you think is good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was priced by them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord. Then I cut in half my other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel (Zechariah 11:10-14).

Through the Messiah, God would establish a better covenant with Israel and Judah. This new covenant would be different than the covenant that God made as He took the forefathers of Israel out of Egypt

which required sacrifice and offerings. With the new covenant that would be established by the Messiah, God would place His laws inside our hearts and in our minds. Through the Messiah all would know God, as He would forgive our sins and iniquities forever.

“Behold, the days come, says the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they broke, although I was like a husband to them, says the Lord: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, says the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, says the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more (Jeremiah 31:31-34).”

The Messiah would be given as a covenant for the people. God would put His own Spirit in the Messiah and would bring judgment to the gentiles (those who are not Jews) and would bring His law to the earth. He would be a light to the gentiles; He would open the eyes of the blind and set free those who are bound.

“Behold my servant, whom I uphold; my elect, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, until he has set judgment in the earth: and the islands shall wait for his law. Thus says God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which comes out of it; he that gives breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: I the Lord have called you in righteousness, and will hold your hand, and will keep you, and give you as a covenant for the people, as a light of the Gentiles; To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house (Isaiah 42:1-7).”

The Messiah would be called the Arm of the Lord. At the time when He came to Israel, many would not recognize Him and believe that He was the Messiah. Instead He would be despised, rejected, grieved and suffer sorrow. Nevertheless, for their transgressions, their iniquities and their peace, He would be bruised, wounded and chastised. By the stripes of His wounds we would be healed. God would give Him as a living sacrifice and would lie on him all of our iniquity. He would be oppressed and afflicted. As a lamb that is sacrificed, He would be brought to the slaughter but He would not open his mouth to complain about it. He would be taken from prison and from judgment and would be stricken and sacrificed for the transgression of Israel even though he had done neither violence, nor deceit. But God was pleased to bruise him, to put Him to grief and to make Him an offering for sin. By His knowledge the Messiah will justify many and would bear their iniquities.

“Who has believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he has no form or comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and by his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and

who shall declare his generation? For **he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people** he was stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked and with the rich at his death; because **he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.** Yet **it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he has put him to grief: when you shall make his soul an offering for sin,** he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: **by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.** Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he has poured out his soul unto death: and **he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors** (Isaiah 53:1-12).”

The following verses described the death and the agony of the Messiah in which His hands would be pierced though crucifixion and His garments would be divided as those who crucified Him cast lots for His clothing.

*“I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaved to my jaws; and you have brought me into the dust of death. For dogs have surrounded me: the assembly of the wicked has enclosed me: **they pierced my hands and my feet. I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture** (Psalms 22:14-18).”*

The Messiah would be the companion of God and would also be called the Shepherd of Israel. After His sacrificial death, the people of Israel would be scattered and a third of the people of Israel would be cut off from the land. However, God would take the remaining third part of Israel and would refine them in the manner in which gold is refined by fire. This remnant would call on the Name of God and God would answer them.

*“**Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my companion, says the Lord of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered:** and I will turn my hand upon the little ones. And it shall come to pass, that **in all the land (Israel), says the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God** (Zechariah 13:7-9).”*

The Messiah would be called the Son of Man. He would ascend to God in the clouds of heaven where God would have given Him dominion, power, glory and a kingdom that would last forever. All people will serve him.

*“I saw in the night visions, and, behold, **one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days,** and they brought him near before him. **And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion,** which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed (Daniel 7:13-14).”*

The Messiah would ascend onto Heaven, and from there He would bound and defeat Satan

*“You **have ascended on high, you have led captivity captive:** thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them. Blessed be the Lord, who daily loaded us with benefits, even the God of our salvation (Psalms 68:18-19).”*

The Messiah would be called the Corner stone. He would defeat the Empire of Rome and would scatter the descendants of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome throughout the world. The kingdom of the Messiah would be like a mountain that would cover the whole earth.

“You saw until that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and broke them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth (Daniel 2:34-35).”

Through the knowledge of the Messiah His followers would become a mountain that will cover the earth. He will stand as a sign for the people and even the gentiles (those who are not Jews) would seek Him. Then the Lord will send the Messiah a second time to recover the remnant of Israel, which has been spread through Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath and from the islands of the sea and He shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. Then God will destroy the adversary of Judah and Israel.

“They shall not hurt nor destroy at all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them. And the Lord shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod. And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt (Isaiah 11:9-13).”

The following verses refer to the Battle of Gog and Magog that will soon take place at the Valley of Megiddo, which is located to the north and east of Jerusalem. During this battle that the spiritual eyes of the people of Israel would be opened and they will recognize the Messiah whom their ancestors had pierced. It would be a time of great mourning in Jerusalem

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddo (Zechariah 12:10-11).”

The kings of the earth would one day gather themselves to fight against God, against His People and against the Messiah whom God has begotten, called Him His Son and set as King over the Nation of Israel. During that time God will send His wrath against the kingdoms of the earth; therefore, God instructs them to be wise and to serve God with fear and to kiss the Son (Messiah), so that He would not become angry and cause them to perish from the way at the time of His wrath.

“The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sits in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord has said unto me, You art my son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give you the

*heathen for your inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; you shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. **Be wise now therefore, O you kings: be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the son, lest he becomes angry, and you perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him** (Psalms 2:2-12)."*

By now it should be quite clear that there has been only one man in history that has fulfilled all of the prophecies above except those that pertain to the end. This man is Jesus (Yeshua) the Messiah of Israel.

The scriptures foretold that:

- He would be born at Bethlehem
- He would be a descendant from David
- He would be a prophet like Moses
- He would be called the YHWH our Righteousness
- He would be called the Son of God
- He would come during the time of Rome
- He would be given as a sacrifice for the sins and transgressions of His people
- The gentiles would receive Him
- He would be called the Son of God
- He would defeat Satan
- He would ascend to heaven in the clouds and would sit at the right hand of God His Father until all His enemies are made footstool to His feet
- Finally, the scriptures foretold that He would return to Israel a second time to judge all of the kings of the earth and to destroy everyone who has rejected Him.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED JESUS INTO YOUR HEARTS OR HAVE YOU REJECTED HIM?

The most amazing of all the prophecies concerning the time when the Messiah was to arrive at Jerusalem was described in the Book of Daniel Chapter 9 verses 24- 27. This prophecy clearly shows that Jesus (Yeshua) is the righteous King and Messiah of Israel. Let's review the following verses:

"Seventy weeks are determined upon your people and upon your holy city, to end their transgression, and to end their sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy (the Messiah). Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after sixty-two weeks the Messiah shall be cut off, but not by himself: and the people of the prince (Nero) that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be like a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he (the Messiah) shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate (Jerusalem)(Daniel 9:24-27)"

To understand the above prophecy, one must understand that a day in Bible prophecy often refers to 1 whole Hebrew calendar year. In the above scriptures where the Angel of God said to Daniel that 70 weeks were given to the people of Israel to put an end to sin, to stop transgressing against God, to be reconciled with God and become righteous before God, the seventy weeks refer to 490 years (70 x 7 = 490). The above scriptures also indicate at the end of 490 years God would seal up vision and prophecy, referring to the time when God would remove both prophecy and prophets from Israel.

The Angel told Daniel that from the time when the commandment would go out to restore and rebuild the city, the street and the wall of Jerusalem until the time when Christ, the Prince would appear, there would be seven weeks ($7 \times 7 = 49$) and sixty-two weeks ($62 \times 7 = 434$). According to this, the Messiah would have come to Jerusalem 483 Hebrew Calendar years ($434 + 49 = 483$) after the issuing of the decree that would cause the City, the street and the wall of Jerusalem to be rebuilt.

According to the Chapter 2 of the Book of Nehemiah, King Artaxerxes issued out letters to Nehemiah authorizing him to repair the Temple and all of the City of Jerusalem. According to many historians, this decree was signed sometime near 457 B.C and some scholars believe that it took precisely 49 years for Nehemiah and his people to rebuild the Temple and the City of Jerusalem.

If we count 483 years from 457 B.C we would find out that according to this prophecy, the Messiah would have come to Jerusalem somewhere around 26 A.D., which certainly coincides with the Gospel according to Luke who states that when Jesus (Yeshua) was baptized, the spirit of God descended from heaven upon Jesus as in a dove demonstrating that Jesus was the Messiah that the Angel told Daniel would come to Jerusalem 483 years after the decree of King Artaxerxes was issued authorizing Nehemiah to repair the Temple and the City of Jerusalem.

The above scripture said that the Messiah would be cut off, but not by himself for there was no judgment in him. This simple meant that he would be killed or sacrificed being an innocent man. The Angel told Daniel that in one week (7 years) Christ the Messiah would establish a covenant with many, but in the middle of the week He would take away sacrifice and offerings. The accounts of the four gospels (Mathew, Mark, Luke and John) each indicate that Jesus preached the gospel to the Jewish people for nearly $3 \frac{1}{2}$ years, and then He was crucified. The disciples continued preaching in Israel; however, because of the persecution brought forth by many religious leaders in Israel the gospel was sent to the gentiles about $3 \frac{1}{2}$ years after the ascension of Jesus, which goes in accordance with the prophecy of Daniel 9.

Furthermore, the above scriptures indicate that after the Messiah was cut of (killed) a prince would come and destroy the city of Jerusalem and the sanctuary (the Temple), then the City of Jerusalem would become desolate and the people of Jerusalem would be cut off with a flood until end of the war, which would be rapidly completed. The prophecy concerning the destruction of the Temple was fulfilled in the year 70 A.D. when Titus destroyed both the city and the Temple killing thousands of Jewish men, women and children. In 135 A.D. after killing thousands of Jewish people, the Romans forced the remaining people of Jerusalem to leave their city.

Just as the Angel foretold Daniel, it took nearly 49 years for the city and the Temple of Jerusalem to be rebuilt. About 434 years later Jesus (Yeshua) the Christ and Messiah of Israel was baptized at the Jordan, and about $3 \frac{1}{2}$ years later, Jesus was killed by crucifixion. About $3 \frac{1}{2}$ later as a result of the stubbornness of many religious leaders of Israel, the gospel went to the gentiles. Let's do the math: $49 + 464 + 3.5 + 3.5 = 490$ years just as the Angel said.

The Gospels and the letters of the Apostles of Jesus give compelling evidence that Jesus resurrected from the grave and ascended to the Most Holy place in Heaven, where He was crowned as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. In Heaven, God His Father gave Him all authority in heaven, on earth and under the earth. Jesus said to those who rejected Him, "He who is not with me scatters abroad." Do you think that is coincidence that about 40 years after the ascension of Jesus, the Romans destroyed the Temple and the City of Jerusalem and killed thousands of Jewish men, women and children, just as the Angel of God told Daniel in Chapter 9?

Since the time that Jesus (Yeshua) first stood on this earth, the secular and religious governments and institutions of this world have tried to deny and make believe the people of God that Jesus (Yeshua) was not the Messiah that was promised to Israel. Many religious men including members of the Sanhedrin and

Muhammad himself have gone to a great extent to hide the truth of Jesus the Savior sent by God who came and died for the sins of humanity, so that everyone who believe in Him and walk according to His teachings may not perish but would have everlasting life with God in Heaven.

In addition to biblical history, there is also historical evidence that proves that Jesus is the true Messiah and Savior of the world. Let's review some of this evidence together:

- 1.) Around 66 A.D., Josephus a Jewish historian wrote the following passage confirming that Jesus was in fact crucified:

“Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man; for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles. He was the Christ. And when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him; for he appeared to them alive again the third day; as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him. And the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day.”

Josephus, Jewish Antiquities, 18, 3, 3

- 2.) During the first century A.D. another writer named Origen also confirmed that Jesus was crucified:

For in the 18th book of his Antiquities of the Jews, Josephus bears witness to John as having been a Baptist, and as promising purification to those who underwent the rite. Now this writer, although not believing in Jesus as the Christ, in seeking after the cause of the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the temple, whereas he ought to have said that the conspiracy against Jesus was the cause of these calamities befalling the people, since they put to death Christ, who was a prophet, says nevertheless-being, although against his will, not far from the truth - that these disasters happened to the Jews as a punishment for the death of James the Just, who was a brother of Jesus (called Christ) - the Jews having put him to death, although he was a man most distinguished for his justice.

Origen, - Against Celsus I, XLVII

- 3.) During the first century A.D., Tacitus in the also confirmed the crucifixion:

Nero fastened the guilt . . . on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. Christ, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of . . . Pontius Pilatus, and a most mischievous superstition, thus checked for the moment, again broke out not only in Judaea, the first source of the evil, but even in Rome. . . .

Tacitus, Annals 15.44, cited in Strobel, *The Case for Christ*, 82.

- 4.) Around 112 A.D., Pliny the Younger, the Roman governor of Bithynia in Asia Minor wrote to Emperor Trajan about Christianity.

They were in the habit of meeting on a certain fixed day before it was light, when they sang in alternate verses a hymn to Christ, as to a god, and bound themselves by a solemn oath, not to any wicked deeds, but never to commit any fraud, theft or adultery, never to falsify their word, nor deny a trust when they should be called upon to deliver it up; after which it was their

custom to separate, and then reassemble to partake of food--but food of an ordinary and innocent kind.

- 5.) Even the Babylonian Talmud although in a slandering way, makes references to Jesus. The collections of rabbinical writings of the Talmud were compiled between A.D. 70-500.

“On the eve of the Passover Yeshu was hanged. For forty days before the execution took place, a herald . . . cried, "He is going forth to be stoned because he has practiced sorcery and enticed Israel to apostasy."

The Babylonian Talmud

The evidence that Jesus is the Messiah and that He was crucified for the sins of humanity cannot be ignored even for the sake of religion or tradition. Unfortunately there are many who despite all of the evidence will continue to deny that Jesus is the Messiah. Nevertheless the scriptures say that one day the everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth will bow down at the Name of Jesus and every tongue will confess that Jesus the Messiah is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:10-11).”

Let’s continue to pray that our eyes be opened to the truth, as soon one will rise in Jerusalem who through the power of Satan will deceive those who continue to reject the truth. Whosoever will believe in this impostor will suffer the wrath of God; however, whosoever believes in Jesus (Yeshua) the Son of the Living God will have eternal life in heaven. God has set before us blessings and curses as well as life and death. The choice is ours.

LET’S CHOSE LIFE!

What will be the end of the war on terror?

A new world order has already taken over most of Indonesia, the Middle East and Africa and is now spreading throughout the world like a plague, contaminating everything within its path with fury and hatred towards Christianity, Judaism and democracy. This new world order is Islam, which is the fastest growing religion in Europe and is now spreading through out every city in the United States.

While many Muslims throughout the world would rather enjoy peace and harmony in their land, Radical Islam aims to create a worldwide Islamic Caliphate that will eventually come against the Nations of Israel, United States, England and the Western World. Radical Islam aims to place every living soul in subjection to its radical beliefs. Radical Islam teaches that everyone who rejects Allah and Islam are worthy of death.

The million of Christians and Jews who have been tortured, imprisoned and killed during the last 50 years for refusing to submit under Islam are evidence that the threat of Islamic world dominion by Jihad is real today. However, because our nations, our governments and our religious institutions have allowed the philosophies and empty deceptions of the world to blind them, most people today cannot see nor comprehend the threat that Radical Islam poses to them.

The Bible foretold that the nations that now follow Islam would one day rise as one world power that would eventually cover the Nation of Israel like a cloud and cause grater devastation than Hitler's Holocaust. God doesn't want us to be ignorant as He commanded us to watch and pray and to keep an eye on what is happening around Israel.

Wake Up! The Day of the Lord is near!