

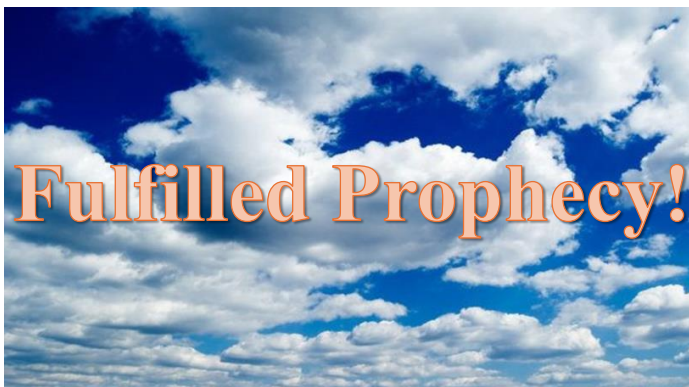
Pre-Tribulation Prophecies

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We live in very interesting times. I am sure most of you reading this would agree. In the decades leading up to the last few years, **there were not a lot** of so-called “biblical” events, prophesied occurrences, that have happened. But now? During these last few years and especially the last two or three – WOW! We are definitely and **amazingly “IN” the End Times!** In addition, prophecy is being fulfilled on a very rapid scale! What a privilege to be alive and actually see God’s Word for our future coming to pass in front of our very eyes!



Thankfully, God is in control! We gain tremendous insight from the Holy Spirit since He dwells within us, but the world outside of Christ-followers doesn't even know what is going on! Most think life is just chaotic, out of control, random, and purposeless. We, however, have God's Word and the wonderful and provable prophecies within to show us that, indeed, God **IS** in control!

We know God is in control because of fulfilled prophecy among many other ways. However, **one of the tremendous barriers for people anywhere in the world to overcome and be blessed by is the study of prophecy!** Why is that?

Many, in fact most, churches do not even attempt to teach prophecy either from the pulpit or in Sunday School. The reason is that most seminaries in the United States and around the world do not prepare preachers to cover prophecy, plus many people do not involve their Bible reading into prophecy because they have been told it's hard to understand, it all has been fulfilled in the past, it's doom and gloom not for today, or some other false leading into what is an amazing gift from God Almighty.

So, How many prophecies are in the Bible?
About 30% of the Bible Was and is Prophecy!
Around 2,000 of which three-fourths have been fulfilled with 100% accuracy!

The Old Testament is filled with dozens of specific messianic prophecies that were miraculously fulfilled by Jesus

PROPHECIES ABOUT HIS LIFE: born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18), born in the small town of Bethlehem (Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1), and a healer of the blind and needy (Isaiah 35:5-6; Matthew 11:5)

PROPHECIES ABOUT HIS SACRIFICIAL DEATH: beaten and spat upon (Isaiah 50:6; Mark 14:65), crucified with sinners (Isaiah 53:12; Matthew 27:38), and buried with the rich (Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:57-60)

PROPHECIES ABOUT HIS VICTORY OVER DEATH: His resurrection from the dead (Psalm 16:10; Mark 16:6), His ascension into heaven (Psalm 68:18; Mark 16:19), and His exaltation at God's right hand (Psalm 110:1; 1 Peter 3:22).

Fulfilled biblical prophecy is overwhelming proof that God is in control of human history. The Bible has **around 2,000 individual predictions on a multitude of topics, and prophecy is and was approximately 30% of the entire Bible** when written – most fulfilled, many left to be fulfilled. Over the last two thousand years, scholars and archaeologists have closely examined these prophecies and found **historical and archaeological evidence** that proves which of the prophecies have been fulfilled up to today. There are many fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus and His life, His sacrificial death, and His victory over death, many in the Old Testament! Each of Israel's three exiles were predicted, including the final return to her promised land which happened on May 14, 1948.

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Isaiah told us in 46:9-10 just why we need to pay attention to Israel and Bible Prophecy: “⁹ Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.”

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Why should we pay ultimate and special attention to prophecy from the Word of God? Here are two lists of reasons to pay very close attention to prophecy from God’s Word:

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Most churches stay away from preaching about both sin and prophecy because of the misunderstanding that covering such “touchy” subjects will cause people to either quit coming to church or leave. And perhaps that is what is needed because the two most prevalent doctrines in the Bible are sin and prophecy. When these doctrines are preached, the Holy Spirit convicts and educates leading to repentance and peace thus causing those uninterested or desiring a prosperity gospel to turn away thereby strengthening the Church of Jesus Christ!

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Do You NOT Know?

Could Be that :
You really do not understand
You do not understand because...
You are confused from false teaching
You don't see the relevance to today
You don't really care about the other side of the world
You are curious but do not know how to interpret
You are uninformed about prophecy
You are willfully ignorant about prophecy
You are obstinately willfully ignorant
Something Else?



Did You Not See the Blessing for Just Reading Revelation?

³ Blessed is he that readeth (study), and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand."



How About God's Urging Concerning Prophecy?

¹⁹ We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts

Reading God's Word regularly, encompassing ALL of Scripture (both Old and New Testaments) **results in understanding accompanied by the Holy Spirit's enlightenment!** As the police are fond of saying this truth, "Ignorance of the law is no excuse", so it is with Christianity and God's Word! Reading the Word on a regular basis just clears up many questions about sin and prophecy, and how both subjects are extremely relevant for today. **You even get God's Blessing for reading and studying God's Word!**



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Just remember that the Book of Revelation is a **challenge to grasp, not impossible by any means**. Why? Because you need to know the rest of the Bible before you read Revelation. That's probably why it's the last book in the Bible? Revelation is really NOT hard to understand. **It is really difficult to believe!** That's why we have to study it prayerfully, relying on the Holy Spirit's enlightenment to understand it.

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Many Bible Prophecy teachers, including me, believe that **the convergence of all the signs of the End Times is the number one indicator that we are closer than ever to the Rapture and the Second Coming!** The second most important sign is the **Fig Tree, which of course is Israel (Matthew 24:32).** **Trump's election also adds to the nearness of prophecy fulfillment because of his relationship with Israel and the lovers of Israel, and to Benjamin Netanyahu, as well as the promises that Trump is making to Israel.** All of these things are screaming that we are very, very close to the Rapture.

Let's look at current events to begin our Pre-Tribulation Prophecies study. In the latest election, and especially back in July when it was obvious that **God spared Trump from being assassinated, the Lord has shown mercy to our country.** We have just experienced a time when God's mercy was actually seen on a scale that involved the entire world! There is no way to look at the miraculous saving event of Trump just getting nicked by an assassin's bullet, not to mention the fact that this would-be assassin was allowed to gain access to a rooftop ideally suited to fire a killing shot at the former President!

With all the opposition utilizing accusation, innuendo, and lies, **Trump has faced unprecedented attacks through legal avenues that have never been used before.** Could it be that the Enemy did not want Trump to be elected? **Then there is Israel and October 7, 2024.** The rise of anti-Semitism on a global scale is strong evidence of the End Times.

So, as a result, the election went the favorable way, and **we have been given a temporary reprieve from the coming, more severe, fully deserved judgment from God!** **We may have avoided some of the world events that were sure to come if the election had gone in another direction.** **We have the opportunity to live in the light of the Lord, witness more freely, literally confront sinners while we have this mercy from God.** **These events and many others demonstrate that we are all actually in the End Times.**

The End Times and Israel

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Why? The Bar Kokhba rebellion against Rome

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How do we know that we are in the End Times? The End Times actually and formally began on May 14, 1948, with Israel becoming an independent nation once again in one day! Isaiah 66:8, “⁸ Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in **one day**? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.” Israel was gone, dispersed, no longer a nation dating back to 135 A.D. when **Hadrian, the Roman Emperor, destroyed Jerusalem because of the Bar Kokhba rebellion against Rome, plowed the city under, and sowed the land with salt, and renamed the land Palestina, today Palestine** – a total absence, disappearance of a Jewish nation until 1948 adding up to 1,813 years of non-existence! No other nation or people group has ever come back from extinction after such a long time, no nation even close! Truly an act of God! And truly fulfilled prophecy! **And, most significantly, Jesus NEVER walked in Palestine!!**

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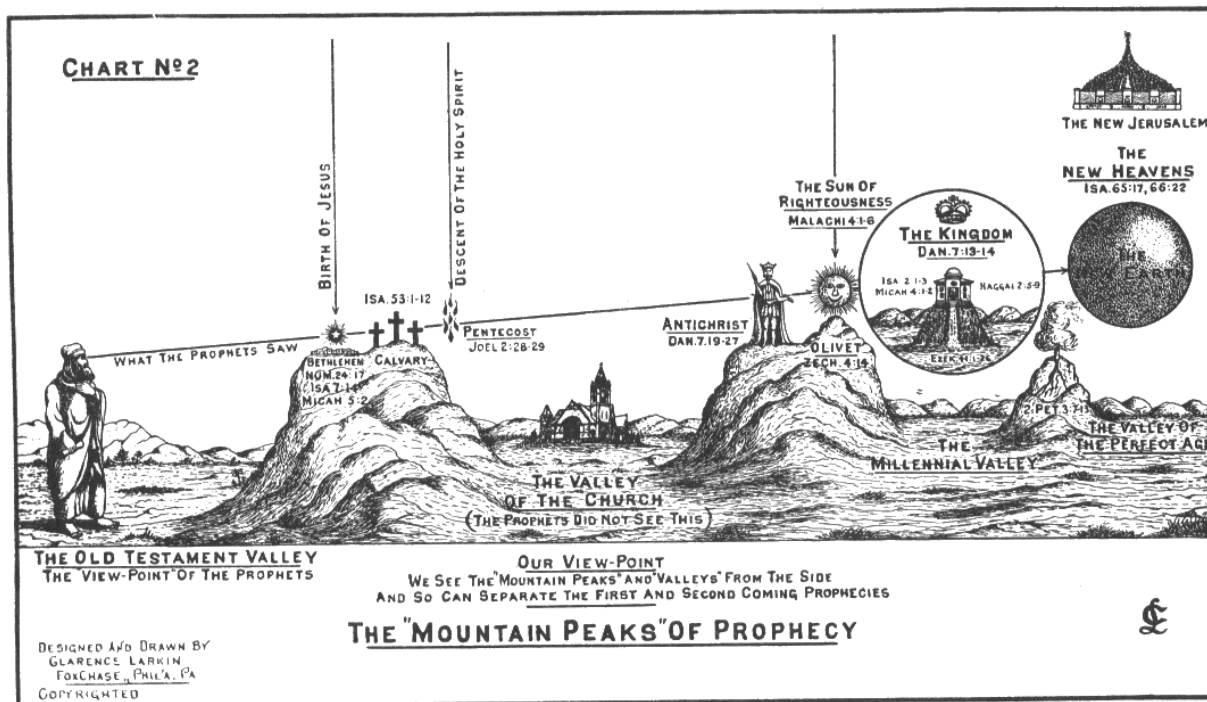
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Israel’s Past and Today’s Prophecies



Prophecy in the Old Testament is very intriguing because many of those prophecies can have more than one fulfillment. That phenomenon is sometimes referred to as a “**dual-mountain**” prophecy since it has a **near fulfillment (close to when it was prophesied) and a far fulfillment (many years, even centuries later!** A fantastic pictorial example is Clarence Larkin’s chart (1850-1924), “The Mountain Peaks of Prophecy,” where a larger-than-life, bearded figure stands on a plain at the left, looking towards the right. **The scene is a timeline**, which represents the progress of time. The bearded person clearly sees the **birth of Jesus, Calvary, the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost**, which are represented by symbols upon the top of a mountain ridge representing the coming of Christ in the first century. Behind the

first range of mountains is a **valley that is hidden from the view of the bearded prophet**. In the middle of the valley, called the Valley of the Church, there is a church building, that is obviously meant to represent **the Christian church**. A note states that the prophets did not see this.

Beyond the Valley of the Church, there is **another range of mountains**, representing **events at the end of the age, and the return of Christ**. **Antichrist stands near the summit**. **Beyond him, over the mount of Olives**, is an image of the sun, and farther beyond it another valley, called the Millennial Valley. A circle floating above the valley contains the kingdom of God, which is visible to the prophet. At the far right, suspended in the air, **are the New Jerusalem and the new earth**. What do mountains represent in this graphic? The two prominent mountain ranges represent the two advents: one in the first century, and the other just before the Millennium.

The Old Testament is full of prophecies concerning the nations surrounding Israel, Israel's troubles with those nations back in OT times, and God's message of how He was going to deal with Israel's enemies. Now that we see that **OT Prophecies can have multiple fulfillments**, we can **look at what is happening to Israel today in light of what happened to Israel's enemies in the past**. Amazingly, **incredible similarities exist with the now and the past**. Also, **many times God will tell us that in the end times or in the "latter days" another fulfillment of an OT prophecy will take place. That is what we are covering here.**





Israel's Modern History

Because Israel is the focal point geographically of the Bible and from Israel came the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we must always be **concentrating on** what is happening to Israel over the years and especially today. **The prophetic restoration of Israel was a dramatic and historical event which re-focused the world's attention, after over 1800 years, back to the country from which Jesus came thus setting up the End Times specifically setting the stage for Christ's return.** That was good news to Christians all over the world and to Jewish people everywhere because their homeland had been restored. But the restoration was not universally accepted. In fact, the majority of nations in the Middle East, actually, **virtually all the nations in the middle East, objected to the United Nations allowing Israel to become, once again, an independent nation** – something that simply “had not been” going back to the time of the kings of Israel, the divided nation of Israel and Judah, and then the exile to Babylon. In the interim years from Babylon exile (606 B.C. to 536 B.C.) to 135 A.D., almost 700 years, Israel was subject to domination by world powers and could not call itself independent. **Israel ceased to exist in 135 A.D., the land re-named Palestine by the Roman Emperor Hadrian, and Jerusalem plowed under and sowed with salt! But, in 1948, all that changed!**

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²“I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. ³On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves.”

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Over the years **since 1948**, there have been **many wars** that Israel has been involved in because of the almost **universal displeasure of Israel existing as a nation once again**, wars in which were started by Israel's neighboring enemies who boldly then as well as today expressed their desire to destroy Israel, wipe them off the map (Psalm 83). Zechariah 12:2-3 gives a prophecy about Israel that we see happening at this very moment: ² *"I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem."* ³ *On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves."* We see the prophecy of Zechariah 12:6 coming to pass in today's headlines: ⁶ *"In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem."* We see up to seven nations "injuring themselves" and being "devoured" today because of Israel's unmatched strength militarily and with their super-capable intelligence capabilities!



Fourteen wars since May 14, 1948, have been fought by Israel against various Arab states and Palestinian (read Philistine – same word)) groups, were all won by Israel in defense of their very existence and have had significant impacts on the region and the world. In fact, a seven-front war is happening today!

Here is a presentation of the fourteen wars Israel has had to fight existentially since 1948 and the antagonists that started the wars. All of these prove that **we as people of God need to pay attention to what is happening to**

God's Chosen People since prophecy is being fulfilled right in front of us:

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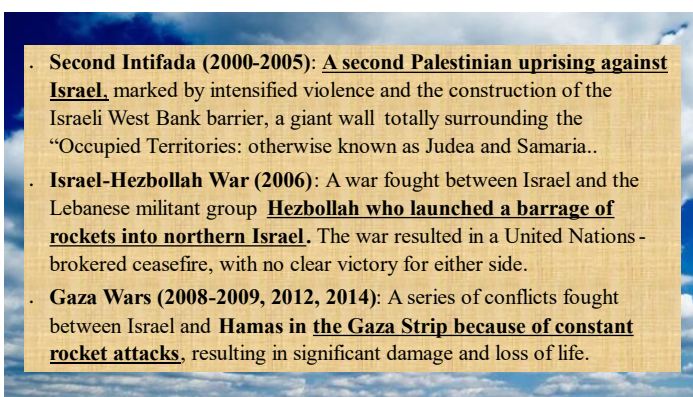
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- **Lebanon War (1982):** A war fought between Israel and the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) in Lebanon who had built up strongholds against Israel from Lebanon. The war resulted in the expulsion of the PLO from Lebanon and the creation of an Israeli Security Zone in southern Lebanon.
- **First Intifada (1987-1993):** A Palestinian uprising against Israel in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The intifada resulted in the signing of the Oslo Accords and the establishment of the Palestinian Authority.



- **Second Intifada (2000-2005):** A second Palestinian uprising against Israel, marked by intensified violence and the construction of the Israeli West Bank barrier, a giant wall totally surrounding the “Occupied Territories: otherwise known as Judea and Samaria..

- **Israel-Hezbollah War (2006):** A war fought between Israel and the Lebanese militant group **Hezbollah who launched a barrage of rockets into northern Israel.** The war resulted in a United Nations-brokered ceasefire, with no clear victory for either side.
- **Gaza Wars (2008-2009, 2012, 2014):** A series of conflicts fought between Israel and **Hamas in the Gaza Strip because of constant rocket attacks,** resulting in significant damage and loss of life.

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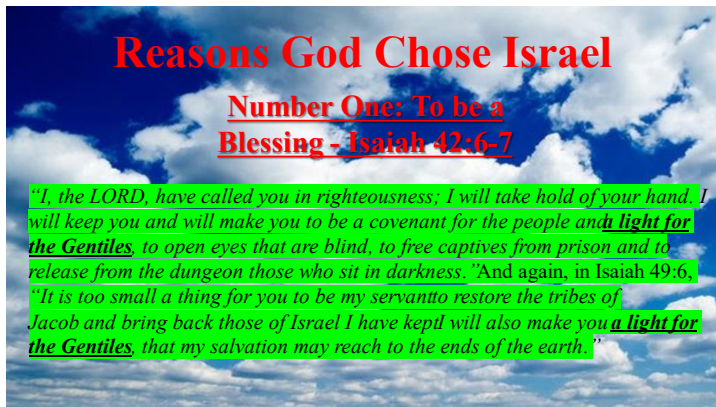
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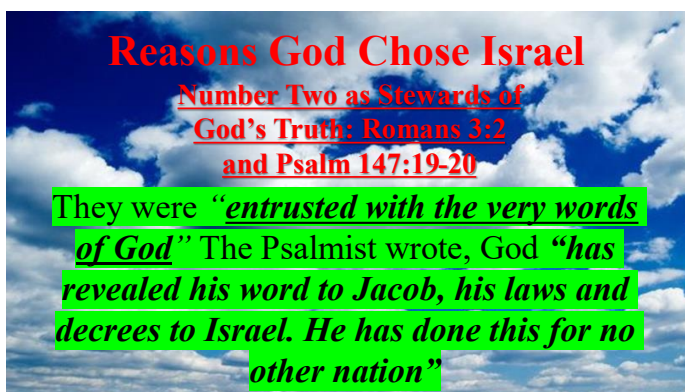
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Second, as stewards of God’s Truth. As part of His blessing, God gave Israel a gift. They were “entrusted with the very words of God” (Romans 3:2). The Psalmist wrote, God “*has revealed his word to Jacob, his laws and decrees to Israel. He has done this for no other nation*” (Psalm 147:19-20).

3 Reasons God Chose Israel

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Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:22-23; Galatians 4:4; John 4:42

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And third, as the ultimate mark of His blessing, God chose Israel to be the human line of the Messiah. Through the Old Testament, we read detailed prophecy, down to the Messiah's birthplace and gender, which confirms Jesus as the promised Savior. Beginning with Abraham, Jesus' genealogy can be traced through the Jewish nation, the tribe of Judah, and narrowed to the family of David. Through the miracle of the virgin birth, God fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy (Isaiah 7:14):

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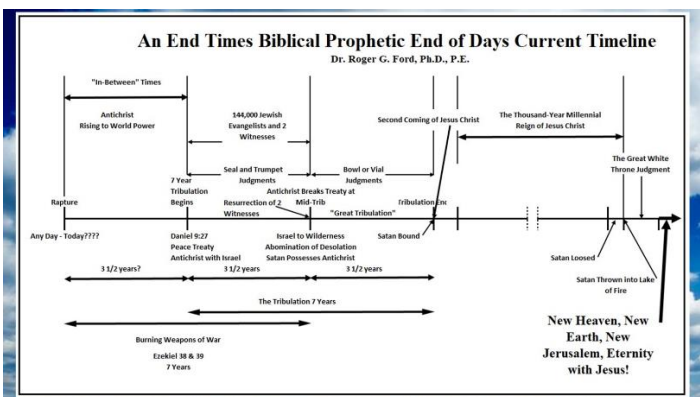
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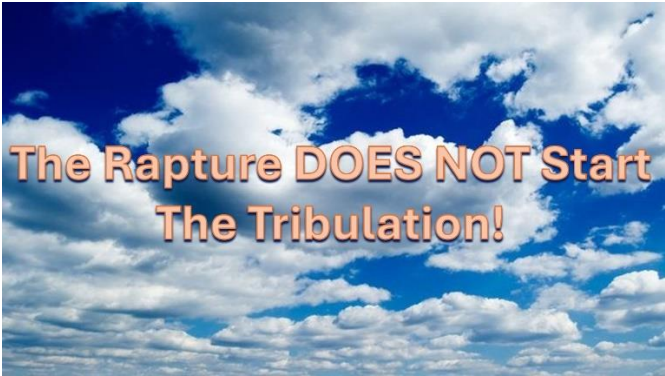
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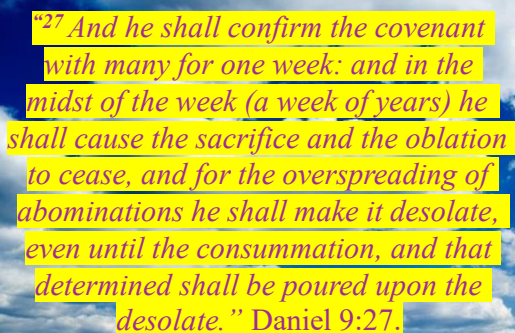
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The Rapture DOES NOT Start
The Tribulation!



This Daniel Prophecy STARTS
The Tribulation
Which Lasts for Seven Years

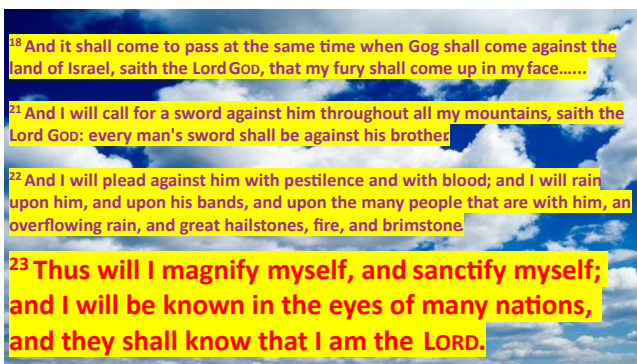
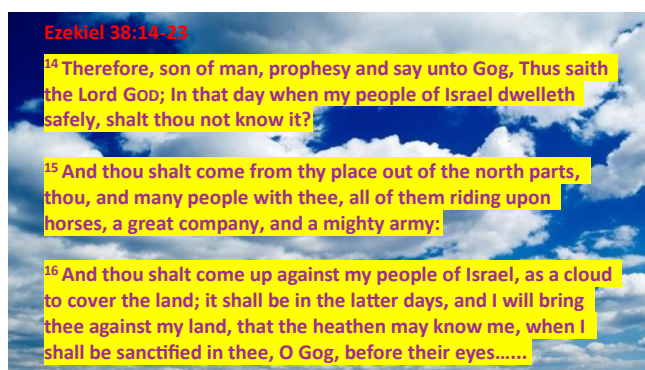
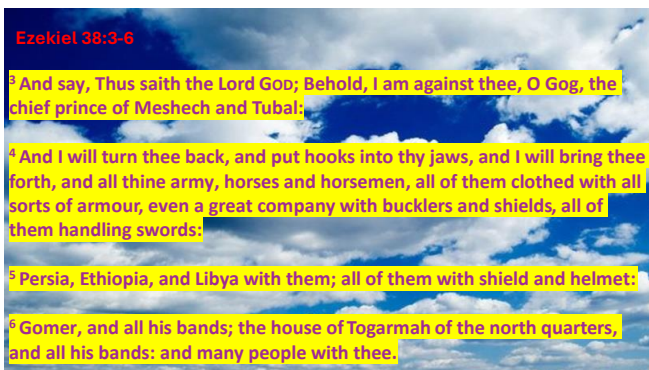


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The Rapture does NOT Trigger the Tribulation. Daniel 9:27 tells us that the Tribulation, or the start of Jacob’s Trouble, starts with a seven-year treaty that the Antichrist signs with Israel. This treaty is mysterious because we are given no details about what is “IN” the treaty. What we do know comes from the Daniel reference. The Daniel reference dates back to his exile in Babylon from

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What this is telling us is that **the Antichrist will make a firm covenant or binding agreement or treaty for seven years with Israel which starts the Tribulation.** He makes or signs this treaty with “many” referring to the Jews, the unbelieving in Christ Jews since the Rapture has removed those Jews who had accepted Christ as their Messiah earlier.



Just why would this world leader want a signed treaty with the Jews of all people? Well, considering all that the Pre-Tribulation Prophecies tell us and the miraculous manner in which the Jews are protected, it becomes obvious to anyone paying attention that is still present on the planet after the Rapture, that all will know that **God, the Only One True God – the God of the Jews and the Bible, has intervened in world politics** by completely destroying Russian, Turkish, and Iranian troops on the mountains of Israel (**Ezekiel 38 and 39**).

It is possible that the motivation for the **Antichrist to seek a covenant with Israel is to implore the Jews to seek out their God and beseech Him to stop intervening in world affairs on behalf of the Jews.** The Antichrist then will have

assurance, at least, from God's People that God will stay out of worldly affairs and allow the Antichrist to rule without outside interference. Of course, God does what He wants to do, but the perception of the world will be that the Antichrist will be the very one to create peace in the entire world. The Jews acceptance of this treaty tells us that the Jews likely look at the Antichrist as the fulfilment of their long-awaited deliverer, their Messiah, because he is seeking peace and allowing the Jews to remain in their country without objection.

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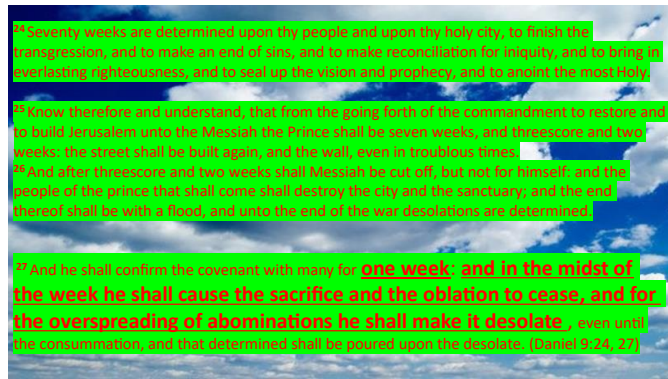
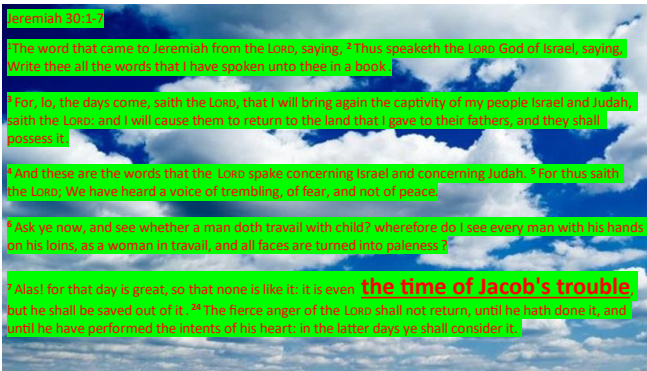


Where is the Church when all of this is taking place? We have been

“Raptured”! (Revelation 3:10) *“¹⁰ Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”* (1 Thessalonians 5:9) *“⁹ For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ”* (Romans 8:1) *“⁸ There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”*

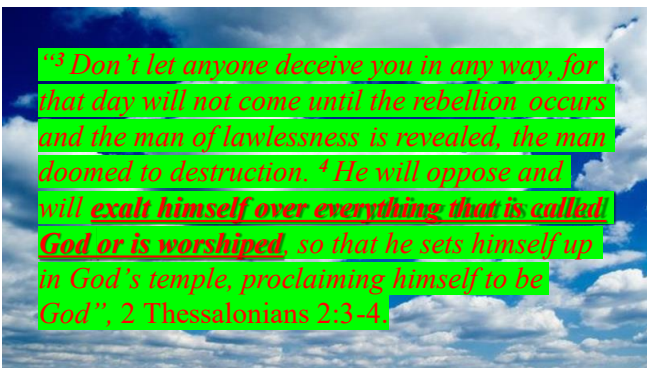
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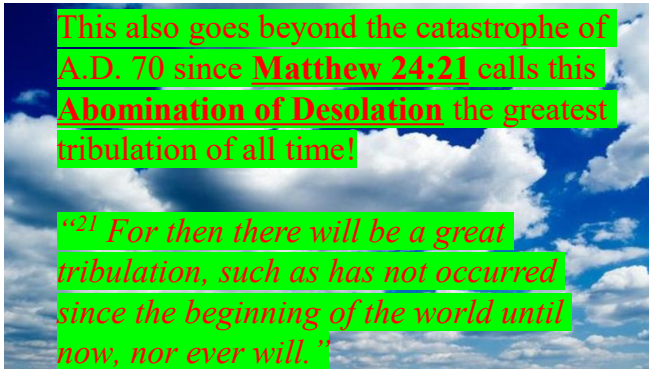
Since the Rapture occurs before the Tribulation and Christ Followers are promised to be “kept out” and “from” God’s Wrath which IS the Tribulation! (Revelation 3:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:9; Romans 8:1), **what happens to the Jews?** The Tribulation is also known as the **Time of Jacob’s Trouble** (Jeremiah 30) and it will last for 7 years, the 70th week of Daniel’s 70 week prophecy. Daniel goes on to tell us that the Antichrist will violate the treaty half-way through the Tribulation causing Temple sacrifices to stop or three and one-half years after the treaty was signed. Since, according to Daniel 9:27, there is sacrificing going on which will be stopped half-way through the Tribulation, then the Tribulation Temple will be allowed to be built sometime prior to the start of the Tribulation period or immediately afterward by agreement from the new world leader, the Antichrist!

The part of Daniel’s verse that points to a **“desolation”** was previewed in history by the Greek ruler **Antiochus Epiphanes** who desecrated the Temple in Jerusalem by slaughtering a pig on the altar and forcing the priests to eat pork resulting in the Jewish Maccabean revolt (168-165 B.C.) which was but a preview of what the Antichrist will do. The last part of Daniel’s verse refers to the **Abomination of Desolation** which is much worse than Antiochus Epiphanes. Antiochus offered a pig on the sacred altar of the Temple, but the Antichrist will offer himself!

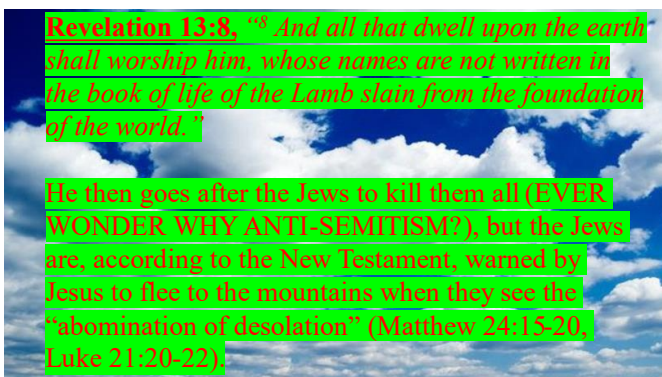


“3 Don’t let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. 4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called

God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God", 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4.



This cancels any thought of limitation of Daniel's prophecy to just the days of Antiochus (165 B.C.) since Jesus and Paul, in their day, were still waiting for future fulfillment. This also goes beyond the catastrophe of A.D. 70 since **Matthew 24:21** calls this **Abomination of Desolation** the greatest tribulation of all time. *"²¹ For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will."*



This Abomination of Desolation in the second half of the Tribulation (referred to as The Great Tribulation) will be when the Antichrist is possessed by the devil himself and demands worship from everyone. **Revelation 13:8**, *"⁸ And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."* **He then goes after the Jews to kill them all (as he has always attempted to do – even today – ever wonder why Anti-Semitism?), but the Jews are, according to the New Testament, warned by Jesus to flee to the mountains when they see the “abomination of desolation” (Matthew 24:15-20, Luke 21:20-22).**

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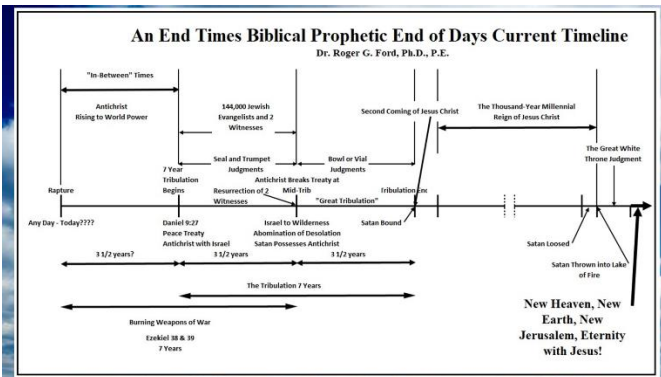
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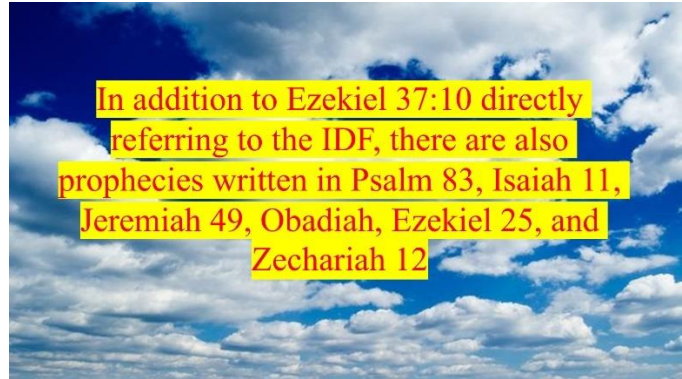
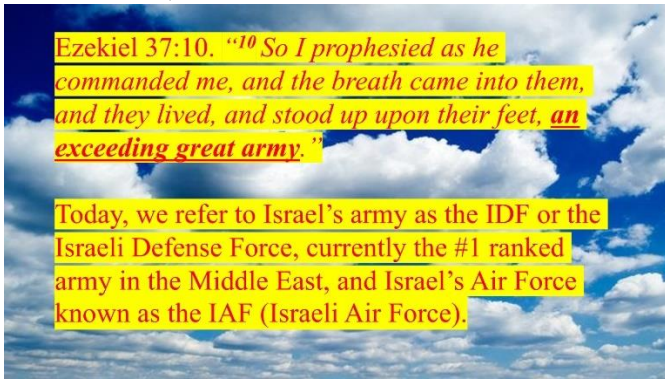
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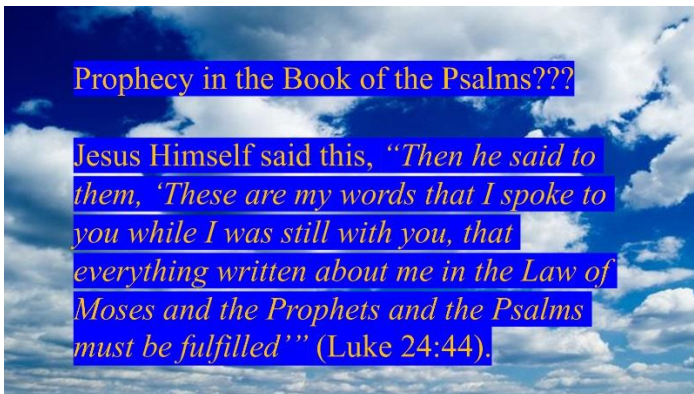
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Perhaps just immediately before, during, or immediately after the Rapture, the Pre-Tribulation Prophecies take place before the Tribulation can begin, setting up circumstances that will allow the Antichrist rise to power internationally. The on-going and very current Arab-Israeli conflicts with Iran, Hamas, Hezbollah,

Houthis, Syria, Iraq, and others has revealed that Israel has a superior military and great army in the Middle East, an “exceeding great army” as prophesied in Ezekiel 37:10. *“¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, **an exceeding great army.**”* Today, we refer to Israel’s army as the IDF or the Israeli Defense Force, currently the #1 ranked army in the Middle East, and Israel’s Air Force known as the IAF (Israeli Air Force).



In addition to Ezekiel 37:10 directly referring to the IDF, there are also prophecies written in Psalm 83, Isaiah 11, Jeremiah 49, Obadiah, Ezekiel 25, and Zechariah 12. We will look at what all of these predict and see that we are already seeing many of these taking place or being set-up to take place in the immediate future, truly Pre-Tribulation Prophecies!

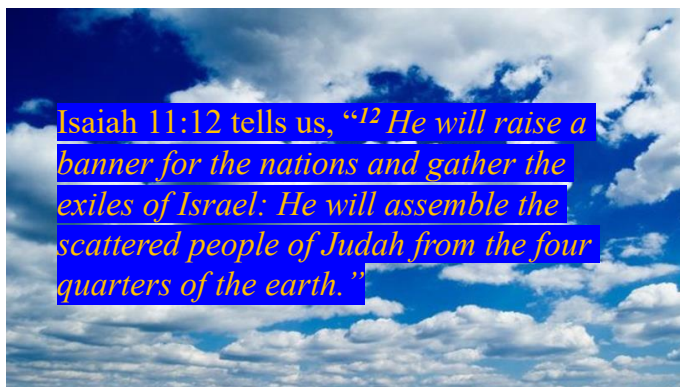


Psalm 83 is perhaps the most overlooked Pre-Tribulation Prophecy because many do not think there are prophecies in the Book of Psalms. But Jesus Himself said this, *“Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled’”* (Luke 24:44). Also, many believe that Psalm 83 was fulfilled in 1948 when Israel became a nation. We must remember that when God gives us a prophecy, that prophecy could have multiple times for fulfillment, the so-called “dual mountain” type of prophecy where we can see a

fulfillment but there is a hidden mountain behind the close-in mountain indicating a further fulfillment later on, perhaps many years hence. That is the case with Psalm 83 where its prophecies seem to have been completely fulfilled in 1948.

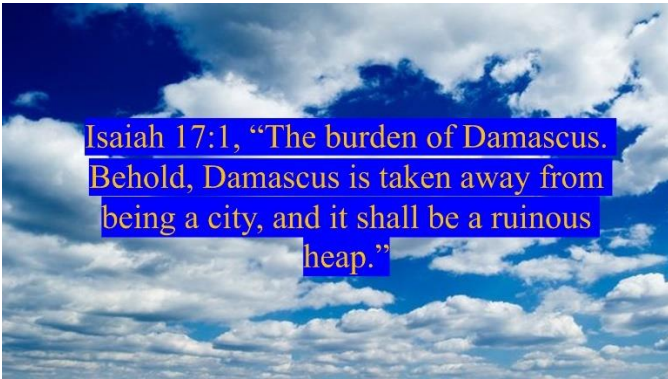


But, perhaps we are seeing another fulfillment of Psalm 83 today. How do we know this? Just look at the players in Psalm 83:4-8: *"4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. 5 For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: 6 The tabernacles of Edom (Southern Israel and Southern Jordan), and the Ishmaelites (Ishmael's mother was Egyptian); of Moab (Lot's descendants and Israel's enemy), and the Hagarenes (Hagar was Ishmael's mother); 7 Gebal (Lebanon), and Ammon (Northern Jordan and Syria), and Amalek (Southern Gaza and Egypt); the Philistines (Gaza and Hamas) with the inhabitants of Tyre (Lebanon and Hezbollah); 8 Assur (Syria) also is joined with them: they have helped the children of Lot (Central and Northern Jordan). Selah."* **Note the modern-day equivalent names of the countries involved and draw your own conclusions.**

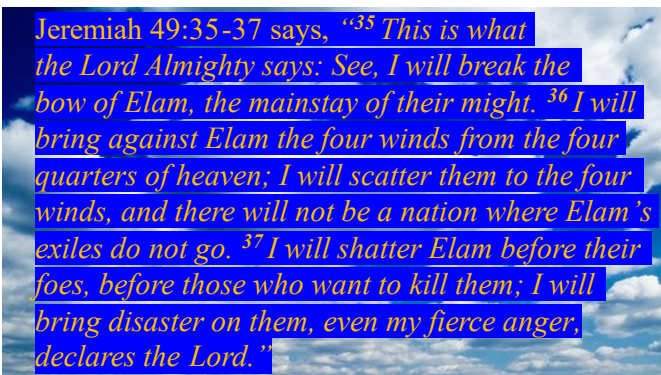


Isaiah 11:12 tells us, *"12 He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel: He will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth."* **We see this happening right now.** The Israel Sanhedrin and Knesset have set aside millions of dollars to assist Jews from around the world to come

“home” to Israel, even though they have never been there, thus fulfilling this prophecy. Many will come still until the Tribulation starts. **At present, there are thousands of Jews from around the world, due to rising anti-semitism, immigrating to Israel each and every month.** Israel just announced that their total population just exceeded 10 million, 7 million of which are Jewish. More and more Jews in Israel are finding out about Jesus, their Messiah, and placing their faith in Him.

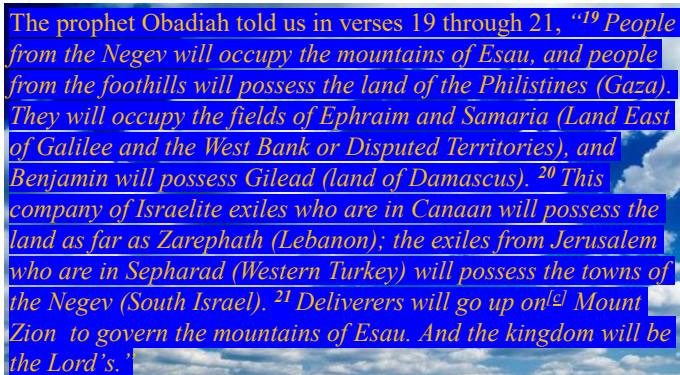


Isaiah 17:1 dramatically states the following: *“The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.”* **This occurs against a city that has existed apparently from after the time of Noah’s Flood some 4,400 years ago and has never been totally destroyed.** With the events in the areas surrounding Damascus in the recent past accompanied with the unsure conditions at present, this prophecy certainly seems to be very possible in the very near future. We need to keep our eyes tuned to Israel and the surrounding countries, especially the capital city of Syria lying only about 100 miles from Jerusalem!



Jeremiah 49:35-37 says, *“³⁵ This is what the Lord Almighty says: See, I will break the bow of Elam, the mainstay of their might. ³⁶ I will bring against Elam the four winds from the four quarters of heaven; I will scatter them to the four winds, and there will not be a nation where Elam’s exiles do not go. ³⁷ I will shatter Elam before their foes, before those who want to kill them; I will bring disaster on them,*

even my fierce anger, declares the Lord.” **This prophecy concerns a region (Elam) located at the Persian Gulf in the South of Iran where many of the nuclear capabilities of Iran are located.** In today’s news, the Iranians are desperately trying to develop nuclear weapons in order to wipe out Israel and, perhaps, Sunni Muslim enemies of their Shite Muslim beliefs. This prophecy is especially significant since Israel has stated publicly that they will not allow Iran to develop nuclear weapons. We need to be on constant watch because Israel, in my opinion, will attack Iran and Elam in the very near future and render their nuclear capabilities moot.



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Israel has never occupied the land the Lord originally granted the Jews. New events seem to be fulfilling prophecy allowing the Jews to obtain land God promised to give to them – prophecy coming true in our lifetimes! The prophet Obadiah told us in verses 19 through 21, “¹⁹ People from the Negev will occupy the mountains of Esau, and people from the foothills will possess the land of the Philistines (Gaza). They will occupy the fields of Ephraim and Samaria (Land East of Galilee and the West Bank or Disputed Territories), and Benjamin will possess Gilead (land of Damascus). ²⁰ This company of Israelite exiles who are in Canaan will possess the land as far as Zarephath (Lebanon); the exiles from Jerusalem who are in Sepharad (Western Turkey) will possess the towns of the Negev (South Israel). ²¹ Deliverers will go up on^[c] Mount Zion to govern the mountains of Esau. And the kingdom will be the Lord’s.” The Jews are obtaining land captured as a result of the Hamas/Hezbollah conflicts, land that was always theirs, but was taken over by Israel’s enemies.

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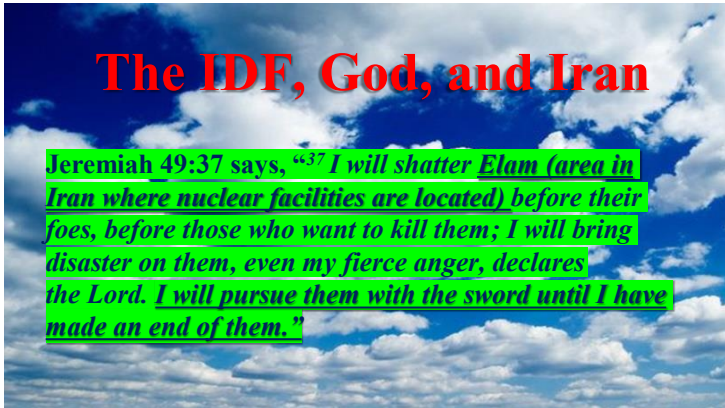
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The Israeli Defense Force (IDF) and God Almighty



The IDF is involved in accomplishing many of the Pre-Tribulation Prophecies taking place today. For example, the IDF is involved AT PRESENT with the following which all lead up to removing obstacles that would prevent the Antichrist from assuming power.

Also please note the many times that God Himself is intervening in protecting Israel from loss of life and damage:



The IDF, God, and Iran – Iran’s proxies (Hamas, Hezbollah, Houthis, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq) are all at present changed from just months ago due to the overpowering army of Israel and Almighty God’s intervention. **How could literally tens of thousands of rockets, drones, ballistic missiles, and other weapons have done very little damage or loss of life in Israel itself over many months while Israel itself obtains impressive and amazing results with every area mentioned? Where Israel has attacked in Iran, they completely eliminated all defense capabilities so that they could eventually remove Iran’s nuclear threat.** Obviously, what has been occurring in Israel is of God’s doing and fitting into God’s Plan for the End Times leading to the Tribulation. Jeremiah 49:37 says, “³⁷ I will shatter Elam (area in Iran where nuclear facilities are located) before their foes, before those who want to kill them; I will bring disaster on them, even my fierce anger, declares the Lord. I will pursue them with the sword until I have made an end of them.” We have to assume here that Israel is at least among those who will carry out this attack on Elam and Iran in the very near future to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

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Obadiah 1:18,19 tells us, “¹⁸ And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of **Esau (Palestinians)** for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the Lord hath spoken it. ¹⁹ And they of the south shall possess the **mount of Esau; and they of the plain the Philistines...**”

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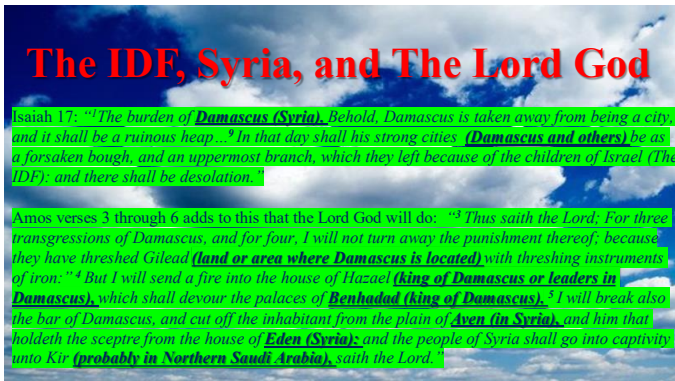
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The IDF and Syria and the Lord God – Isaiah 17: ¹“The burden of **Damascus (Syria)**. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap...⁹ In that day shall his strong cities (**Damascus and others**) be as a forsaken bough, and an uppermost branch, which they left because of the children of Israel (The IDF): and there shall be desolation.” Because of Israel’s defeat of Hamas and Hezbollah, rebel forces caused Turkey, the Russians, and the Syrian Army along with the Assad regime to just abandon Syria, thus at least partially fulfilling this ancient prophecy. Completion of it, the total destruction of Damascus, is still yet to happen. **Amos verses 3 through 6 adds to this that the Lord God will do:** ³ Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have threshed Gilead (**land or area where Damascus is located**) with threshing instruments of iron:” ⁴ But I will send a fire into the house of **Hazael (king of Damascus or leaders in Damascus)**, which shall devour the palaces of **Benhadad (king of Damascus)**. ⁵ I will break also the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of **Aven (in Syria)**, and him that holdeth the sceptre from the house of **Eden (Syria)**: and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto **Kir (probably in Northern Saudi Arabia)**, saith the Lord.” Recent developments in Syria have changed the Assad regime to the leader of the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) named

Ahmed al-Sharaa, a former longtime leader of Al-Qaida! Probably will not be long until Damascus is leveled according to prophecy!

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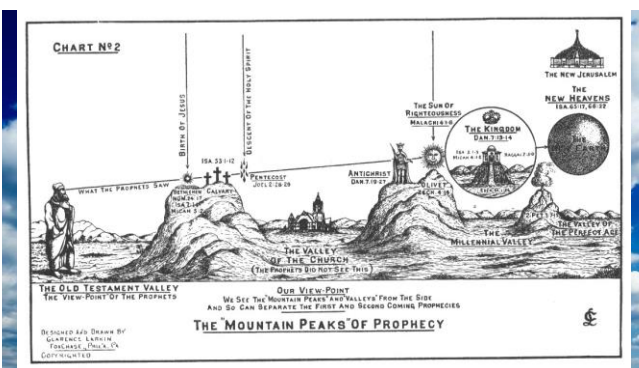
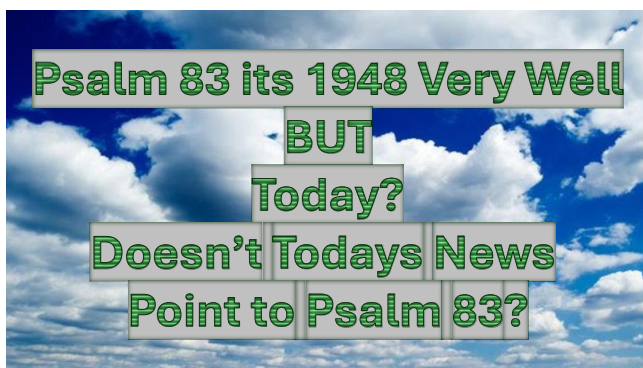
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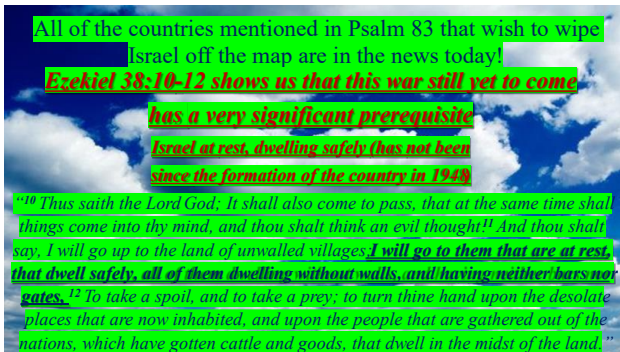
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Doesn't All of This Point to Psalm 83?



We need to examine just what has been happening since October 7, 2023, in relation to Psalm 83, another Pre-Tribulation prophecy. Sure, the 1948 war just after Israel became a nation fits the Psalm 83 scenario very well. But that

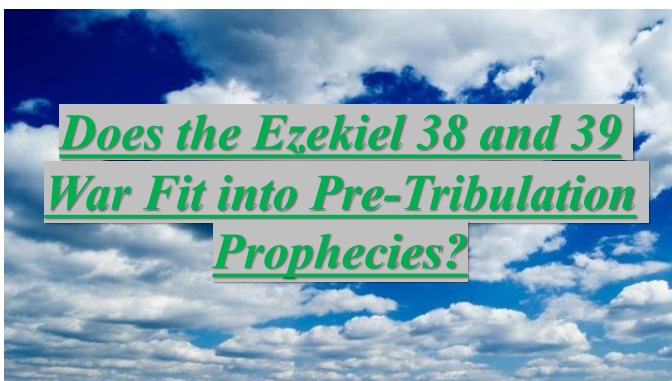
does not mean Psalm 83 has no relevance to today, that the Psalm 83 prophecy is over and done with! Many of God's prophecies have two, maybe more, realizations at different times, sometimes with decades, even millennia between their fulfilments.



First and foremost, of all is that all of the countries mentioned in Psalm 83 that wish to wipe Israel off of the map are in the news today!

It looks as if Psalm 83 fits the requirements of the Ezekiel 38 and 39 war that sets up the Antichrist's ability to gain control over the entire planet. Ezekiel

38:10-12 shows us that **this war still yet to come has a very significant prerequisite – that of Israel being at rest, dwelling safely** (something that has not been ever since the formation of the country in 1948). *“¹⁰ Thus saith the Lord God; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: ¹¹ And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates. ¹² To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.”*



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Does the Ezekiel 38 and 39 War Fit into Pre-Tribulation Prophecies?

Notice, too, that God as well as the IDF have a hand in the current situations with Israel’s enemies – Hamas, Hezbollah, Houthis, Iran, etc. **The IDF will have nothing to do with the Ezekiel war – God will do that one all on His Own!** The Ezekiel war is **NOT** one of the Pre-Tribulation Prophecies to be fulfilled that we can attribute just to Israel. It totally belongs to God alone! Ezekiel 38:18-22: *“¹⁸ And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face. ¹⁹ For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; ²⁰ So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. ²¹ And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord God: every man’s sword shall be against his brother. ²² And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.” Plus, and the most wonderful aspect of this war that will occur before the Tribulation, God intervenes so that He gets all the glory for protecting Israel and setting up the circumstances for the Antichrist, the Tribulation, and the waking-up of His People Israel to their Jewish Messiah! Ezekiel 38:23: *“²³ Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord.”**

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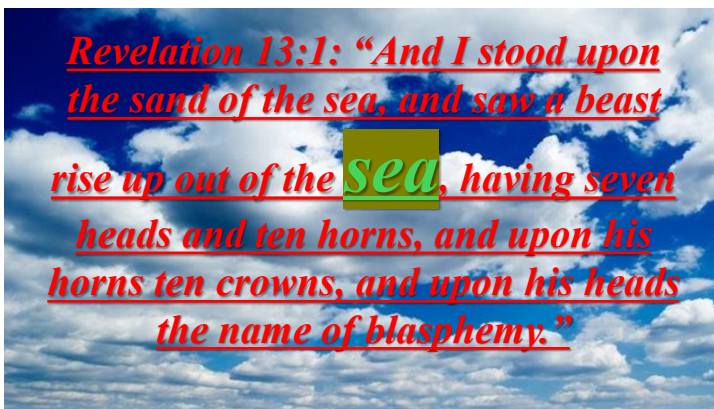
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So why is all this necessary to understand in relation to the End Times?

When trying to visualize what God is telling us about the circumstances surrounding the Tribulation, it becomes necessary to **think outside of the box**, so to speak, and **rationalize whether something God has told us will happen is easily grasped or we need to seek additional information from the Scriptures to understand better.**

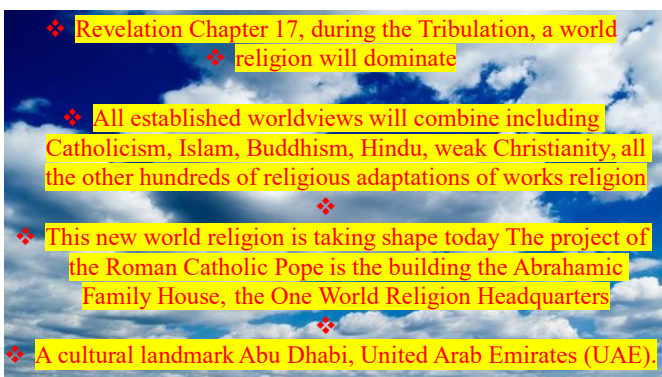


Case in point is why would the world which includes the Jews accept a man from the Gentiles (from the “sea” of nations) – Revelation 13:1: “And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.”) as their new world leader, the “hoped-for” Messiah for the Jews, the answer to world peace and safety?

If such a man tried to take over the leadership of the world today, he would face extreme opposition from many sources and be totally rejected.



The **United States would not accept him** since he is to come from the Revived Roman Empire (probably a coalition of countries that are at present in the European Union). Can you envision the people of the United States today accepting a leader from another country? Of course not (except when we elected a President from another country)! The **Arab world that trusts in the Koran, whether radical Shiite or relatively calm Sunni, would be suspicious of this man**, this Antichrist or new world leader. Is he their "Mahdi", the expected leader to emerge and set up a worldly Caliphate? And if he isn't this Mahdi, then he would have to be killed because this Antichrist is not a Muslim. **What about the Chinese, or the Russians, or any of the other countries of the world.** A man from Europe suddenly emerging as an accepted world leader? Very unlikely under the conditions of the world today. China is fiercely independent from any other country. They are at present trying to absorb Taiwan! **Something major must occur for this man to rise to power. And Ezekiel 38 and 39 might just be that something!**



The world's religions would not want to turn their eyes away from their core beliefs! If such a man arose today calling for unity in religion as the Antichrist will do, it and **he would be soundly rejected!** However, **the Pope is calling for unified worship of God by all religions together because, as the**

Pope has stated publicly, that ALL religions worship the same God, so why not join together?

The Book of Revelation tells us in Chapter 17, during the Tribulation, a world religion will dominate and combine all established worldviews including Catholicism, Islam, Buddhism, Hindu, weak Christianity, and all the other hundreds of religious adaptations of works religion. This new world religion is taking shape today as the project of the **Roman Catholic Pope building the Abrahamic Family House, also referred to as the One World Religion Headquarters, a cultural landmark in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE)**. It is a complex of three houses of worship: a mosque, a church, and a synagogue, designed to promote understanding and tolerance among the faiths. The project was launched by **the Document on Human Fraternity, signed by Pope Francis on behalf of the Catholic Church and Ahmed El-Tayeb on behalf of the al-Azhar Mosque on February 4, 2019**. It has been completed.

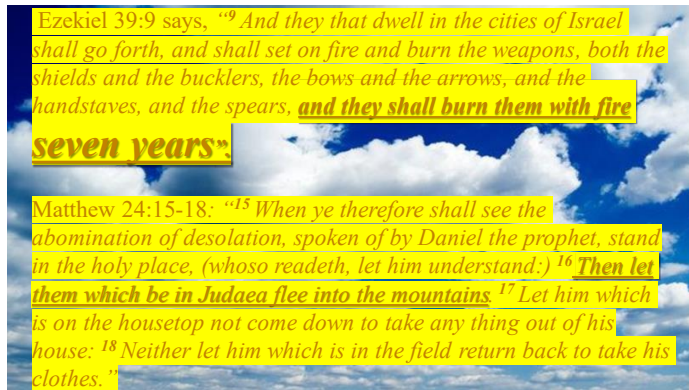
This new approach to religion coming from the Pope who has said, “They are like different languages in order to arrive at God, but God is God for all. Since God is God for all, then we are all children of God... There’s only one God, and each of us has a language to arrive at God. Some are Sheik, Muslim, Hindu, Christian, and they are different paths [to God].” This is heretical and evidence of apostasy, and the two billion true Christians and believing Catholics in the world today would reject such apostasy as well as the leader of this false religion.

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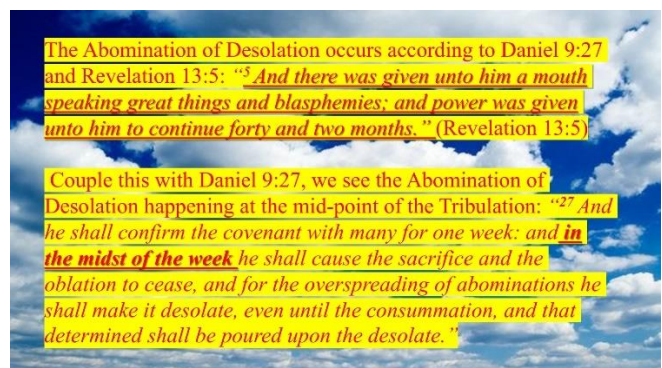
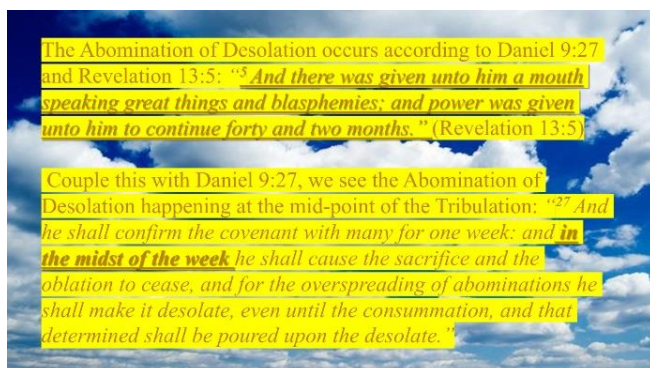
5. Add the appearance of this new religion
6. Many will accept this new universal religion
7. There are many who profess to know Christ but have never surrendered to Him
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After the Rapture and the disappearance of a huge block of people that would reject this new world leader, add the Ezekiel 39 and 39 war removing all Muslim opposition to this new leader, consider the overwhelming effect of God’s intervention in world affairs involving Israel, then add the appearance of this new religion, all this could lead many to accept this new universal religion. Since

there are many who profess to know Christ but have never surrendered to Him, this new religion headed up by this new, very charismatic world leader who promotes this new world religion, many would join quickly. **He would be the world religious leader and political leader as well.**



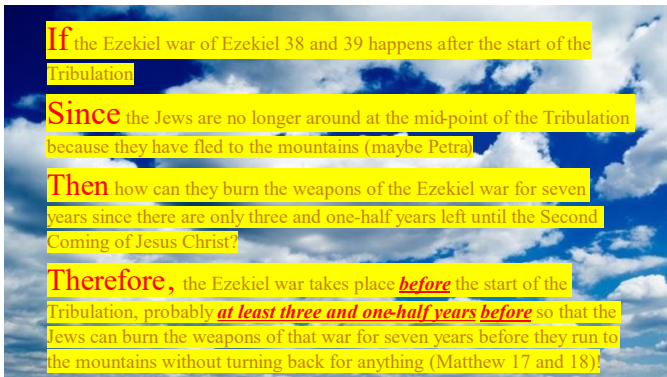
As an additional reason to suspect that the Ezekiel war will be Pre-Tribulation, Ezekiel 39:9 says, “⁹ And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and **they shall burn them with fire seven years**”. In addition to that we know from **Matthew 24:15-18**: “¹⁵ When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) ¹⁶ **Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains.** ¹⁷ Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: ¹⁸ Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.”



The Abomination of Desolation occurs according to Daniel 9:27 and Revelation 13:5: “⁵ **And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and**

blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.”

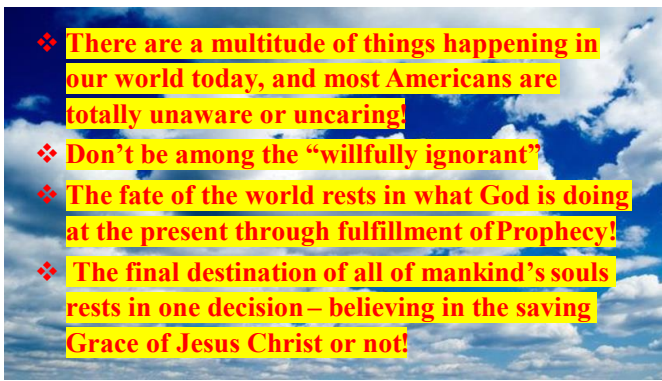
(Revelation 13:5). Couple this with Daniel 9:27, we see the Abomination of Desolation happening at the mid-point of the Tribulation: “²⁷ *And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*”



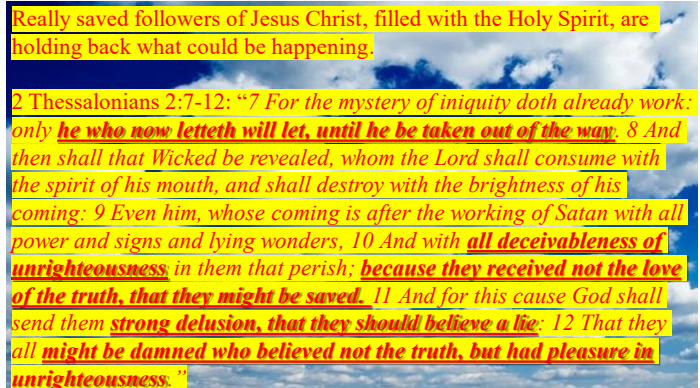
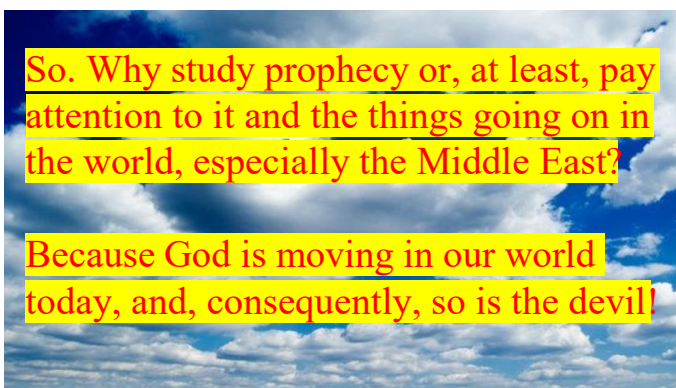
Now, if the Ezekiel war of Ezekiel 38 and 39 happens after the start of the Tribulation and the Jews are no longer around at the mid-point of the Tribulation because they have fled to the mountains (maybe Petra), **how can they burn the weapons of the Ezekiel war for seven years since there are only three and one-half years left until the Second Coming of Jesus Christ?** Therefore, the Ezekiel war takes place **before** the start of the Tribulation, probably **at least three and one-half years before** so that the Jews can burn the weapons of that war for seven years before they run to the mountains without turning back for anything (Matthew 17 and 18)!



Summation and Conclusion



There are a multitude of things happening in our world today, and most Americans are totally unaware or uncaring! This is tragic because the fate of the world rests in what God is doing at the present through fulfillment of Scripture Prophecy! The final destination of all of mankind's souls rests in one decision – believing in the saving Grace of Jesus Christ **or not!**



So. Why study prophecy or, at least, pay attention to it and the things going on in the world, especially the Middle East?

Because God is moving in our world today, and, consequently, so is the devil!

At the First Coming of Christ, the devil was right there tempting Jesus as well as ramping up massive demonic possessions that Jesus was constantly driving out of people.

The devil never changes his tactics, so he is doing the same today with really disturbing things happening indicating possessions as well as blatant defiance of God. Los Angeles, New Orleans, Las Vegas, San Francisco, New York, Chicago, and other locations currently show us that the world is anti-God, pro-defiance, and overtly evil. Really saved followers of Jesus Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit, are holding back what could be happening.

2 Thessalonians 2:7-12 says, "7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that

Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: ⁹ Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, ¹⁰ And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: ¹² That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

The “taken out of the way” is the Rapture, the removal of the true believers who have the Holy Spirit Who is “holding back” the total amount of evil that could be happening. We do not what to be here after the Rapture because we have no real concept of the corruption, evil, fraud, killing, death, and destruction that awaits those who reject, oppose, or are disbelieving what the Bible says is coming from Prophecy.

Consider these Prophetic Warnings



We have seen how God's Prophecies from the Old and the New Testaments come true as stated when they are supposed to.

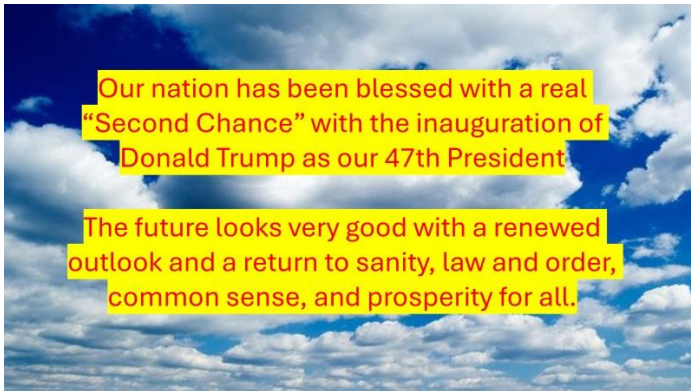
This means that many have happened, but there are still many to come to pass in our future.

We have also see how some of the prophecies can have dual fulfillments not seen by the prophets themselves but happening in their far future.

It is remarkable that Old Testament Prophets foretold dozens of prophecies concerning the First Coming of Jesus as Savior – and they all happened,

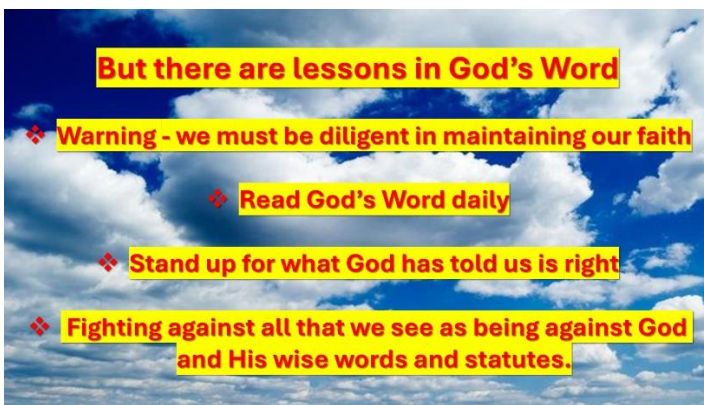
although those who should have accepted Him upon His appearance on Earth did not.

But just as Jesus' prophecies tell of His Second Coming as King of kings and Lord of lords, many of the Old Testament prophecies will have a second fulfillment, many of which are happening today in the Middle East!



Our nation has been blessed with a real "Second Chance" with the inauguration of Donald Trump as our 47th President.

The future looks very good with a renewed outlook and a return to sanity, law and order, common sense, and prosperity for all.



But there are **lessons in God's Word** warning that we must be diligent in **maintaining our faith**, **reading God's Word daily**, **standing up for what God has told us is right**, and **fighting against all that we see as being against God and His wise words and statutes**.

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Is there a lesson to be learned from this as applied to our nation? I think there is. If we do not sustain the moves away from liberalism, socialism, wokeism, and deceit, then we are destined to follow Nineveh in God's judgment.

To add to this possibility, God's Word shows us that even God's Chosen People were prophesied to suffer God's judgment when they turned away from God in Isaiah Chapter 3. This prophecy is aimed directly at Judah and Jerusalem but we know that God's opinion of all of mankind is the same as with His Chosen People when it comes to sin and turning away from Him. Here is Isaiah Chapter 3:

¹ For, behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water.

² The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient,

³ The captain of fifty, and the honorable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator.

⁴ And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them.

⁵ And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbor: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honorable.

⁶ When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, saying, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and let this ruin be under thy hand:

⁷ In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be an healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people.

⁸ For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the Lord, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

⁹ The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.

¹⁰ Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

¹¹ Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

¹² As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

¹³ The Lord standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people.

¹⁴ The Lord will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses.

¹⁵ What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord God of hosts.

¹⁶ Moreover the Lord saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:

¹⁷ Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the Lord will discover their secret parts.

¹⁸ In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon,

- ¹⁹ The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers,
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²¹ The rings, and nose jewels,
²² The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins,
²³ The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the veils.
²⁴ And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty.
²⁵ Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war.
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13-15 God will plead, warn, and judge older, established leaders and people who will not listen, food will be wasted, the poor taken advantage of, and the godly oppressed

16-24 Many towns and the elite in them will wallow in luxury, become haughty, selfish, vain, seductive, repulsive, and materialistic. God will

judge them severely and openly making them the opposite of what they want to be because they know the Truth but choose to ignore it

25-26 War and death will destroy the nation, and cities will become desolate

America was heading down this same path, and in some cities is still heading down this path. Perhaps we have been blessed in our nation as a whole with a time-out for a season, but we all can picture exactly what God is referring to, what happened in the past to Judah and Jerusalem, and could very well happen to us if we turn away from God as we were definitely doing in the past four years.

Final Word



(2 Peter 3:2-7), “² That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of **the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Savior**:³ Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days **scoffers, walking after their own lusts,**⁴ And saying, **Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.**⁵ For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: ⁶ Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: ⁷ But **the heavens and the earth,** which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of **ungodly men.**”

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Notice Peter refers to the Old Testament prophets, to himself and the other apostles and their books, and to scoffers who ridicule and laugh at what God says is coming soon.

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