# Revelation & THE End Times

Unraveling the Prophetic Storyline in the Book of Revelation

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May the name of Yahweh be glorified. In Yeshua's name, amein.

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## Preface

Readers often ask me what version of Scripture I use. Normally I quote from the New King James Version (NKJV), basically because it is widely trusted and easy to read. However, I also correct the names and terms to the Hebraic forms, for reasons I will explain in this book. When I feel it is helpful to clarify something, or to give additional information, I will place my words in brackets.

Unless noted otherwise, all Hebrew and Aramaic quotes from the Tanach (Old Testament) are from the Hebrew Masoretic Text (MT). Unless noted otherwise, all quotes in Aramaic for the Renewed Covenant (New Testament) are from the Eastern Peshitta. For Greek I will normally quote from the Greek Textus Receptus. If I quote anything else, I will try to let you know.

For historical reasons that are too complex to explain here, the Protestant world has come to believe that the apostles first wrote their epistles in Greek. This is not accurate. As we explain in this book, the church fathers tell us the epistles were written in a Semitic tongue (Hebrew or Aramaic, or both). They were translated into Greek afterwards. However, the Hebrew and Aramaic originals are no longer with us, and there is evidence that some of the Greek texts are older than the existing Aramaic texts. For this reason, I normally use the Greek texts for textual analysis.

It is true that all of the texts we have today have been altered over time (including the so-called "original" Hebrew Masoretic Text). It is important to know this because anti-missionaries will oftentimes point to some of the discrepancies between the Hebrew Masoretic Text and the Renewed Covenant texts, and then suggest that the Renewed Covenant is wrong, because it does agree with the Masoretic text. Without getting into too much detail here, the Hebrew Masoretic Text dates back only to 900-1100 CE, and it is the result of an Orthodox Jewish attempt to "fix" (or standardize) the texts in keeping with Orthodox Jewish traditions (one of which is to reject the deity of Yeshua [Jesus]). This is not cause for despair. We simply have to realize that our Orthodox brethren made some small changes and alterations to the Text over the course of centuries, and then realize that Yahweh is faithful to give us what we need, when we need it—and that by careful scholarship we can deduce what has been changed and why.

I have chosen to use the Hebraic names and terms for reasons I hope will be clear by the time you finish reading this study. In many places, Yahweh (Jehovah) tells us that He is zealous for His name, and He promises to reward those who know His name.

Tehillim (Psalms) 91:14

14 "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name."

If it is clear that Yahweh says we should know and use His name, the exact pronunciation of His name is a subject of some discussion. I pronounce His name as Yahweh (or Yahuweh), and I will write *Yahweh* in this book. If you feel convicted of another pronunciation, (Yehovah, etc.), please substitute it as you read.

In Hebrew, the term for *God* is *Elohim*. I will use the Hebraic term in this book because the word *God* is actually the name of a Germanic sun deity, and we are told not to use the names of other deities (e.g., Exodus 23:13). Further, I will normally use the name *Yeshua* for

the name of our Messiah, as that is what His mother called him, and I feel it is more respectful to call Him by His actual name. (For a more complete discussion of the divine names, please see "<u>The Set apart Names</u>," in <u>Nazarene Scripture Studies, Volume One.</u>)

Because this book is a primer, and because many people will read individual chapters on the Internet, I ask for your patience as I give the English names the first time they are used in each chapter. I will then use the Hebraic names for the rest of the chapter.

I know that nothing done of man is perfect, but I hope that this book will help advance an understanding of the faith our Messiah originally taught His apostles to keep.

If you have questions or constructive suggestions, please write us: <u>contact@nazareneisrael.org</u>

Norman B. Willis In the Ephraimite Dispersion, Estimated 6020 (2020 CE).

## **Charts of the Revelation Story**

Most passages in Revelation belong to a chronological sequence of events, which we call the storyline. We show the storyline in white on the following charts.

In addition to the storyline, there are also parenthetical chapters which give us additional details about past or future events. These are set into the storyline.

If we can keep track of which chapters belong to the chronology of events, and which chapters are set into the storyline, it makes it much easier to follow the story that Revelation tells.

Assembly	Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamos	Thyatira
Seals	Seal 1	Seal 2	Seal 3	Seal 4
Seals play out over centuries	White horse (Papacy, UN/URI), Papal-style "Xtianity"	Red horse (Marxism, Socialism, Communism, Democracy)	Black horse (Central Banking, Bilderberg, Fed, IMF, etc.) (Judaism)	Green/Gray/ Dappled horse (Islam and Islamic terror)
Trumpets 7 years of destruction takes place by thirds (large minority) as the NWO builds up to the time of Jacob's Trouble Tribulation	Trumpet 1 Spiritual hail, fire, and blood; one- third of trees and all green grass burned up Tribulation	Trumpet 2 Mountain (empire) cast into sea; 1/3 sea becomes blood, 1/3 of ships ruined, 1/3 of all sea creatures die Tribulation	Trumpet 3 Wormwood star falls from heaven, 1/3 of the waters (doctrines) become bitter, men die (lose spiritual life) due to false doctrine Tribulation	Trumpet 4 1/3 sun struck (Xtianity), 1/3 moon struck (Judaism), 1/3 of stars struck (Islam), 1/3 of the day does not shine Tribulation
Inset Chapters Parenthetical, adds additional information. Does not pertain to the storyline	Chapter 12 (inset) Woman (Israel) flees 3.5 years (historic reference to 1 <sup>st</sup> century)	Chapter 13 (inset) Describes beasts from sea (same as 4/5 beasts of Daniel) (Rome/Islam)	Chapter 13 (inset) Describes the beast from the land (UN/URI)	Chapter 14 (inset) Lamb and 144,000 on Mount Tsion, and also before the throne. This suggests the 144,000 are in heaven (dead)
Cups/Bowl Judgment. Happens all at once (30 days), destruction is nearly total. "The Day of Yahweh"?	Cup 1 Sores on men who worship the beast	Cup 2 Sea becomes blood. All sea creatures die	Cup 3 Rivers and fountains of water (doctrine) become blood	Cup 4 Men burned with great heat from sun (Xtianity and its false doctrines)
Ch. 17, 18 Inset	Chapter 17 Ins	set, describes Ba	bylon (RCC and her	daughters)
Millennium Begins after Cup 7, lasts +/- 1,000 years	<b>19.11</b> Yeshua's return on a white horse. Gog 1 = Wedding feast = Armageddon	<b>19.17</b> Armageddon = Gog 1 = Wedding feast. Ephraim now married (Hosea 2:20)	<b>19.20</b> Beast (UN/Pope) and false prophet (Muhammad) are cast into lake of fire	20.1 Satan bound 1,000 years. Millennium begins, Tanach prophecies play out for 1,000 years
End of Millennium and the New Earth	Earth tarries awhile (as symbolized in 8 <sup>th</sup> day of Sukkot)	<b>20.11</b> Yeshua's final return, earth burned up, 2 Peter 3:10. Those who are still alive are changed in "twinkling of an eye." Earth and heaven flee away. White throne judgment		21 New earth. Renewed Jerusalem appears as a bride

Sardis	Philadelphia	Inset	Laodicea
Seal 5 More must die before the blood of the martyrs will be avenged (We are here, 2022 CE)	Seal 6 Heaven departs like scroll (nuclear war). Rise of NWO brings social earthquake. Possible early ingathering to the land of Israel	Sealing of 144,000 The 144,000 are protected from harm through trumpet 5	Seal 7 Silence in heaven ½ hour (20.67 years?) while NWO is eslelished and a generation is raised with a papal temple in Jerusalem
Trumpet 5 Figurative star (demon) falls to earth, opens pit. All but those sealed are plagued for 5 months WOE 1	Trumpet 6 200 million man army kills 1/3 men. Seven thunders take place, but are sealed up. Jacob's Trouble (3 1/2 years) WOE 2	2 Witnesses Outer court of anti- messiah's temple trodden underfoot 42 months. Two witnesses die and are resurrected. 144,000 may also die at this time.	Trumpet 7 Greatest earthquake ever, refers to fall of Babylonian system (Daniel 2:26-27). Kingdom of Yahweh set up (takes time to play out) WOE 3
		Tribulation. Abominati e world over, but it is w	
<b>14.7</b> (inset) Hour of judgment for Babylon. Links to Trumpet 7	<b>14.8</b> (inset) Babylon fallen (in heaven). Plays out in Chapter 18	14.13 (inset) Blessed are those who die in YHWH from now on (because they will not have to wait long to go be with Yahweh)	<b>14.14</b> (Inset) Son of Man on cloud, with sickle. Earth reaped (at the end of the age)
Cup 5 Poured on the beast's throne (The beast is Rome and Islam)	Cup 6 Euphrates dried up. 3 unclean spirits from mouths of the dragon (Satan), beast (Rome), and the false prophet (Mohammed)	<b>16.16</b> Men gather for Armageddon	Cup 7 Big (societal) quake. Rome divided. Islands (nations) flee, mountains (governments) not found. Total societal collapse
Chapter 18 Inset. harvest.	Babylon is fallen in one	hour (links to trumpet 7).	Grain harvest, wine
<b>20.4-6</b> First Resurrection (spiritual resurrection). Those chosen sit on thrones in the throne room (in heaven)	Millennium Tanach prophecies play out on earth	Millennium Tanach prophecies play out on earth	End of Millennium 20.7 Satan Released. Gog 2. Satan loses. Devil cast into lake of fire

Non-shaded areas belong to the storyline/chronology. Shaded areas are parenthetical inset chapters that give us more details. They are not chronological.

Assembly	Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamos	Thyatira		
Seals	The first four seals release forces.					
	White Horse =					
A CONTRACTOR	Red Horse = Marxism, Democracy (Populism, Passion)					
199999	Black Horse = Central banking (Rothschild's, Fed,					
	"Judaism") (Greed) Green = Islam and Islamic terror (envy of Ishmael)					
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Trumpets	The trumpets	represent the	tribulation (per	se)		
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	The first 4 trur	npets represe	ent generalized	destruction.		
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(mail)	7 thunders, be					
11-11-7	The 7 thunder	s take place	during the seco	nd half of the		
	tribulation peri	od, which is t	the time of Jaco	b's Trouble.		
Chapters 12 thru 14 ar	e inset into the	story line. Th	ey are parenthe	etical, and do		
not belong to the chron	nology. They bri	ng in addition	al details (and	additional		
themes) that help us to	o understand the	e story line be	etter. Revelation	12 (the		
woman and child) is a Cups/Bowls						
Cup3/DOWI3	Trumpet 7 opens/introduces the cups. The cups may take 30 days to play out.					
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1 Comment	consummation	or Daniel 9	.27.			
Chapters 17 and 18 ar	e inset into the	storyline. The	y describe the	harlot		
(Catholic Church) as w						
			on 19:11, and s			
	armies of Gog	and Magog.	This is the wed	ding feast.		
	Armageddon =	= Gog 1 (Eze	kiel 39) = Wedd	ling Feast.		
<b>M4</b> 11	Those who sle	ep in Yeshua	a go with Him (F	Rapture 2).		
Millennium			ry, compare at l are married (Ho			
1,000 years						
At some point the Ephraimites go to the "wilderness of the nations" (Ezekiel 20:35), where those who disobey						
	Torah will be purged. After this comes the Ingathering					
	and the Millen	nium.		-		
The earth continues for a little while after the 7,000 year mark (Gog 2) until						
Yeshua returns, and th	e earth is destro	oyed (2 Peter	3:10). This is v	when all those		
who are still alive are t	ransformed "in t	he twinkling o	of an eye." At th	is point we all		
go to the white throne		5	-	-		

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martyrs will		,	through trum	pet	NWO is set up.
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	are s	ealed up	months. Two		up. This takes time
	7 Th	unders	witnesses die	e,	to play out
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					ig the tribulation.
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		prophet (Mol			ers) flee, mountains
		and these lea			ernments) not found.
		world's armie		Total societal collapse.	
		Armageddon		Prep	are accordingly
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					time (Rapture 3).
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					inue on ("tarry").
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Shaded areas represent inset chapters that provide more information. Non-shaded areas represent the storyline.

	Assembly	1	2	3	4	5	6	Inset	7
CREATER PRESS	<u>7 Seals</u>	Rel	Releasing Horse Forces Dead 😤 144k				7		
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K	Inset c	hapters	5 12-14 (	Woman	& child,	beasts s	ea & lan	d, 2 harve	sts)
	<u>7 Cups</u> (Bowls)	1	2	3	4	5	6	Frog	7
	Inset chapters 17-18 (Describes Babylon/Rome and her fall)								
	Armageddon Gog 1Ingathering (Yeshúa returns) (Wedding feast)Millennium (1000 years) (Saints in heaven with MessiahGog 2 (Satan loosed)								
Earth continues a while White throne judgment New earth									

## The parable of the pregnant bride (Israel):

- The seals play out over hundreds of years (analogous to a child growing in Israel's womb).
- The trumpets play out over 7 years (analogous to her labor contractions).
- The time of Jacob's Trouble is the last 3.5 years of the tribulation (increasing contractions).
- The thunders play out during trumpet 6 (these correspond to her cries of pain).
- The cup (bowl) judgments play out over 30 days (birthing of redeemed Israel).
- Armageddon comes 45 days after the cup (bowl) judgments conclude. This is the wedding feast (Hosea 2), when Yeshua returns (Rev. 19:11). This is also the first war of Gog and Magog (Ezekiel 39). All those who are asleep in Yeshua at that time go back to heaven with Yeshua, while those who are still awake (alive) go through the Ingathering, and carry out the prophecies of the millennium.

# The Four Horses of Revelation

Revelation is often thought of as a complicated and hard-to-understand book, but once we understand what we are reading, while the storyline is complex, it is also fairly straightforward. The first key is to realize that each chapter in Revelation belongs either to the chronology of events (which we call the *storyline*), or it is inset into (or overlaid onto) the storyline, also called the timeline. While the timeline tells the basic story, *inset chapters* give us more details.

To make sense of Revelation, we need to know what the four horses represent, and how they interact with each other over time. While the defining lines are soft, and there is intermixture in the groups, the four horses represent Ephraim, Judah, Esau, and Ishmael.

Color	Spiritual Body	Manifestations
White	Ephraim (Protestants)	Purification as bride
Black	Judaism (kingship)	Rule of law, finance
Red	Esau-Roman Church	Torahless Xtianity
Green	Ishmael & Hagar	Islam, Sharia

In <u>Nazarene Israel</u> we saw how Ephraim was joined to Rome for 1,260 years, which is the time, times, and half a time of Daniel 7:25.

#### Daniel 7:25

25 He [pope] shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and Torah. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time. In <u>Torah Government</u> we saw how the house of Judah went into Babylon circa 576 BCE. Where they adopted the rabbinical order. Since the rabbinical order is from Babylon, the rabbis are spiritually joined to the head of gold of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream. This makes them the black horse.

## Daniel 2:37-38

37 "You, O king, are a king of kings. For the Elohim of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory;

38 and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all — you are this head of gold."

We will see more evidence of this later in this book, and in other works. However, Judah is the kingship tribe, and has a natural fondness for kingship, the rule of law, and gold. This is also how we can understand that the white horse Ephraimites followed the black horse kingship interest. The horses have gone out from their stations before Yahweh (verse 5).

Zechariah 6:1-5

1 Then I turned and raised my eyes and looked, and behold, four chariots were coming from between two mountains, and the mountains were mountains of bronze [symbolic of Greece, and later Islam].

2 With the first chariot were red horses [Esau Roman democracy], with the second chariot black horses [kingship interest, gold, finances],

3 with the third chariot white horses [Ephraim / bride], and with the fourth chariot dappled horses [Islam] — strong steeds.

4 Then I answered and said to the messenger who talked with me, "What are these, my adon?" 5 And the messenger answered and said to me, "These are four spirits of heaven, who go out from their station before the Adon of all the earth."

We revisit these horses later, but Yahweh has had the four horses marshalling men over generations. Verses 6-8 speak of this in symbolism.

Zechariah 6:6-8

6 "The one with the black horses [money interest, greed] is going to the north country, the white [Christianity] are going after them, and the dappled [Islam] are going toward the south country."

7 Then the strong steeds went out, eager to go, that they might walk to and fro throughout the earth. And He said, "Go, walk to and fro throughout the earth." So they walked to and fro throughout the earth.

8 And He called to me, and spoke to me, saying, "See, those who go toward the north country [black and white horses] have given rest to My Spirit in the north country."

The black horses lead, then the white horses follow. In ancient times, the Roman legions conquered Europe, seeking power and wealth. The white horse missionaries followed. Then in verse 6 the dappled horses (Islam) went toward the south country. This agrees with history. First Islam spread south into the Arabian Peninsula and Africa, and only later did it expand (and finally north into Europe).

Now let us note how the same horses appear again in Revelation. However, the horses are no longer plural,

but singular, and they show up in a different order. Let us look at each of these four horses, to understand how each of them impacts our world.

**Seal 1: White Horse.** Revelation 19:11 tells us that when Yeshua appears, He will be riding a white horse.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 19:11

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

If the white horse in Revelation 19:11 represents Yeshua, then in Zechariah it refers to Yeshua's people (who are filled with His Spirit).

Zechariah 6:1-3

1 And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass.

2 In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses;

3 And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses.



**Ephraim (the Bride) as the White Horse:** Mixed with Red Horse Rome 1,260 years. Must come out of Esau-Rome-Babylon.

**Seal 2: Red Horse.** The red horse of Revelation is Esau, who was also called Edom (red).

B'reisheet (Genesis) 25:25 25 And the first came out red. He was like a hairy garment all over; so they called his name Esau.

Esau is mad at Jacob, and wants to kill Jacob (meaning Judah and Ephraim). The color of madness is red.

B'reisheet (Genesis) 27:41

41 So Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, "The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

Western Roman-style democracy represents the will of the people, and not Yahweh, because Yahweh never commands a vote. Thus, Roman-style democracy is a spiritual empire that values what seems good and right in the eyes of the legislators rather than what Yahweh's word says to do (which is support the anointed leaders).

## Devarim (Deuteronomy) 12:8

8 "You shall not at all do as we are doing here today — every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes —

Esau is intermarried with Ishmael.

B'reisheet (Genesis) 28:9 9 So Esau went to Ishmael and took Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife in addition to the wives he had.

As we show in <u>The Genesis 35 Alliance</u>, because Esau and Ishmael are intermarried, democracy and red horse variations on Islam may be used to help Ishmael leave Islam. It is also not known what forms of government the Ephraimites nations in the dispersions will use, but the land of Israel will have a Nassi (dynastic prince) during the millennium. However, red horse Roman democracy and populism leads to death and destruction. This is why verse 4 tells us that the red horse takes peace from the earth.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 6:3-4

3 When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." 4 Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it, to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.



**RED HORSE ESAU PRETENDS TO STILL REPRESENT WHITE HORSE** 

Red is a symbol for Roman-style democracy all around the world. The pope still wears white as he wants the world to believe the Catholics are the bride. Most democratic governments have red in their flags.

**Seal 3: Black Horse.** The black horse has to do with money and central banking. Deuteronomy 23:19-20 forbids us to charge our brothers usury (interest).

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 23:19-20

19 "You shall not charge interest to your brother interest on money or food or anything that is lent out at interest.

20 To a foreigner you may charge interest, but to your brother you shall not charge interest, that Yahweh your Elohim may bless you in all to which you set your hand in the land which you are entering to possess."

During the Crusader era, the papacy granted the Knights Templar an exception to policy on usury in exchange for part of the profits. When Knights Templar were later disbanded, our Jewish brothers picked up the role, as it was very profitable. This arrangement was to the liking of most Jews and Christians, as the Christians no longer had to borrow money at interest from other Christians, and the Jews had no qualms about charging Christians interest (as Orthodox Jews do not consider any type of Christian or Netzeri as brethren).

Before the Enlightenment, Europe's Christian kings found the Jewish loan and pawn brokers to be easy targets. When a European king wanted money (whether to fund a war, or for another reason) they would simply blackmail the Jews. If they did not hand over their wealth the kings would slander them to the public, expel them from the country, and take their wealth. (Some believe the Holocaust followed this pattern.)

After the Enlightenment, the tables began to turn. Now that Jews could become citizens in their countries, the European kings could no longer extort them in the same way. Now when the European kings needed money for war they had to borrow it at interest from the Jewish banking. This led to immense profits for the Jewish banking families-and since the Orthodox Jews had suffered so much at the hands of the Christians for many centuries (and because their theology is against Yeshua in any form to start with), they encouraged war between the European Christian nations, and would loan money at interest to any government who would guarantee the debt. This lead to even more wealth. Scripture tells us that the borrower is the servant of the lender, and this is how the ex-Christian red horse democratic nations came to be servants of the black horse Jewish banking elites.

Mishle (Proverbs) 22:7

7 The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower is servant to the lender.



The Illuminist banking families are not a reflection on all Jews any more than the papacy is a reflection on all Christians. However, the involvement of the leading Jewish central banking families (Rothschild, Warburg, Rockefeller, etc.) support Satanic and occult activities. For example, Anton LaVey's Church of Satan, has been funded by Phillip de Rothschild and Robert Mondavi. The Rothschild family also designed and funded the Israeli Knesset, which incorporates all manner of anti-Yeshua symbolism in its architecture.

Later and in <u>The Genesis 35 Alliance</u> we show how the Roman Church is the center of what are known as the Three Cities of Esau-Rome's Empire: Vatican City, the inner City of London, and Washington DC.

Lex Fori City of Empire:	Esau Function
Washington D.C.	Military arm
(Inner) City of London	Financial arm
Vatican City	Spiritual root

In 1913 the Illuminist Jewish banking families in the inner City of London managed to take control of the United States money supply through the establishment of the misleadingly-named US Federal Reserve (the Fed). The Fed is a private banking cartel owned by these Satanic Jewish banking families. They have no loyalty to the American people, and since they are connected to Rome as the Babylonian head of gold, they secretly aim to destroy Yeshua's faithful everywhere. We describe this as the black horse controlling the red horse.

The international version of the Federal Reserve is called the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The black horse seeks to bring the IMF to full power as a worldwide version of the Fed, thereby hoping to control the world's money supply through a new global currency.

We love our Jewish brothers, but everything has a price in the black horse's world. Because they do not yet have Yeshua's Spirit, profits are considered more important than people (and especially Christians in any form).

Hitgalut (Revelation) 6:5-6

5 When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

**Seal 4: Green Horse:** While Zechariah refers to "dappled" horses, the King James Version of Revelation refers to a "pale" horse. However, in Greek the word is *chloros* (χλωρός), which refers to the color green (in the same way as chlorophyll is green).

	Revelation 6:8 καὶ εἶδον, καὶ ἰδοὺ ἵππος χλωρός,
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	8a So I looked, and

NT:5515 chloros (khlo-ros'); from the same as NT:5514; greenish, i.e. verdant, dun-colored: KJV - green, pale.



Green is Islam's primary color (above). However, most Islamic flags contain not only green, but all four of the tribulation colors (symbolizing the four horses).



Islam occupies about one fourth of the earth's surface, and there is both death by the sword and hunger wherever Islam goes.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 6:7-8

7 When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."

8 So I looked, and behold, a green horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

As we will see later, Ishmael is a covenant people, and the survivors of Ishmael will be brought into the covenant through Yeshua after Armageddon. Also in <u>The Genesis</u> <u>35 Alliance</u> we will see Jews and Christians (black and white horses) teaming up to defend against a combined Roman Christian and Ishmaelite (red horse and green horse) foe. This will be the red and green horses (Esau and Ishmael) seeking to kill Jacob (Judah and Ephraim).

In addition, we will also see how Spirit of Babylon will lead rabbinic Jews, Hebraic Christians and secularist Muslims to join together in the end times, to create a united one world religion, which we will see later is the First Beast of Revelation 13. This will be coordinated at the governmental level through the red horse Masonic Lodge, which reports to the black horse Illuminati, and ultimately the papacy. Babylon's goal is to establish a modern-day Tower of Babylon that looks like a third temple, except that it neither glorifies Yeshua, nor obeys Him.

## The Great Shaking at Seal Six

When the fifth seal is opened, the souls of the martyrs under Elohim's throne are told to wait until the number of their fellow servants and brethren (who would be killed as they were) was completed.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 6:9-11

9 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of Elohim and for the testimony which they held.

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Yahweh, set-apart and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

11 Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

Some believe seal 5 is being fulfilled in the Arab Spring that is going on in the Middle East (2012 to present). Some disagree, in that Revelation concerns itself with those who have both the testimony of Yeshua *and* keep the commandments of Elohim. (This describes Nazarenes, not Christians).

#### Hitgalut (Revelation) 12:17

17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of Elohim and have the testimony of Yeshua Messiah. Those who believe the Arab Spring could fulfill seal 5 point out that seal 6 is marked by a nuclear war in the Middle East (which could happen any time).

Hitgalut (Revelation) 6:12-17

12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.

13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

The sky receding as a scroll is probably a mushroom cloud (i.e., nuclear war). A third world war is predicted in the occult literature of Albert Pike, who was a 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Freemason, and the leader of Freemasonry in North America. In 1871, he wrote a letter to a fellow Freemason named Mazzini, in which he outlined an occult vision he received concerning three world wars that would culminate in a satanic one world order. The following are excerpts of his letter to Mazzini, showing how the Masons and the Illuminati have had three world wars planned for many generations. The First World War must be brought about in order to permit the Illuminati [black horse] to overthrow the power of the Czars in Russia and of making that country a fortress of atheistic Communism [red horse]. The divergences caused by the "agentur" [agents] of the Illuminati between the British and Germanic Empires will be used to foment this war. At the end of the war, Communism will be built and used in order to destroy the other governments and in order to weaken the religions. (Commander William Guy Carr, Satan: Prince of This World)

World War 1 was fomented principally by alliances surrounding England on one side, and Germany on the other. The German leader, Otto von Bismarck, was a coconspirator of Albert Pike.

The Second World War must be fomented by taking advantage of the differences between the Fascists and the political Zionists [black horse]. This war must be brought about so that Nazism is destroyed and that the political Zionism [black horse] be strong enough to institute a sovereign state of Israel in Palestine. During the Second World War, International Communism [red horse] must become strong enough in order to balance Christendom [white horse], which would be then restrained and held in check until the time when we would need it for the final social cataclysm. (Commander William Guy Carr, *Satan: Prince of This World*)

As predicted, a sovereign Zionist State of Israel was created in Palestine after World War 2. (The Rothschild family refused to support the movement until then). As predicted, in the aftermath of WWII, the communist red horse forces balanced out the white horse Christian west. We should also note that the terms *Nazism* and *Zionism* were not known in 1871 when this letter was written, and that the Illuminati later invented both these movements.

The Third World War must be fomented by taking advantage of the differences caused by the "agentur" of the "Illuminati" between the political Zionists and the leaders of Islamic World. The war must be conducted in such a way that Islam [the Muslim World] and political Zionism [the State of Israel] mutually destroy each other. Meanwhile the other nations, once more divided on this issue will be constrained to fight to the point of complete spiritual physical, moral. and economical exhaustion....We shall unleash the Nihilists and the atheists, and we shall provoke a formidable social cataclysm which in all its horror will show clearly to the nations the effect of absolute atheism, origin of savagery and of the most bloody turmoil. Then everywhere, the citizens, obliged to defend themselves against the world minority of revolutionaries, will exterminate those destroyers of civilization, and the multitude, disillusioned with Christianity, whose deistic spirits will from that moment be without compass or direction, anxious for an ideal, but without knowing where to render its adoration, will receive the true light through the universal manifestation of the pure doctrine of Lucifer, brought finally out in the public view. This result manifestation will from the deneral reactionary movement which will follow the destruction of Christianity and atheism, both conquered and exterminated at the same time." (Commander William Guy Carr, Satan: Prince of This World)

The only reason we quote Albert Pike's letters is that they line up so well with Scripture. With Islamic nations developing nuclear weapons, a nuclear conflict in the Middle East seems very realistic. Thus, when Revelation 6:15 (above) refers to men hiding in caves and rocks, this could refer to fallout shelters. But what about the other symbols? Let's look at verse 12 again.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 6:12

12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.

When verse 12 speaks of the sun becoming black as sackcloth of hair, this might refer to a nuclear winter (i.e., fallout blocking the sun's light). It might also have a symbolic meaning. The sun is symbolic of Yeshua because Malachi 4:2 describes Yeshua as the Sun of Righteousness which arises with healing in His wings.

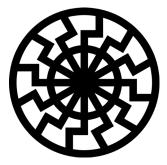
Malachi 4:2

2 But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stallfed calves.

Revelation 22:16 also describes Yeshua as the Bright and the Morning Star (i.e., the sun).

Hitgalut (Revelation) 22:16

16 "I, Yeshua, have sent My messenger to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."



The church system is supposed to represent Yeshua. Therefore, at one level, when Revelation 6:12 says that the sun will become black as sackcloth of hair, it could refer to church doctrine. The old Roman swastika is referred to as the Black Sun, and it is an ancient

symbol of Roman power. Or it might be referring to the doctrines of the Roman Church which become so black and powerful that they blot out the light of the true sun (i.e., Yeshua's doctrines).

When the moon becomes like blood, it could refer to astronomical blood moons. At a symbolic level, Jewish rabbinic literature compares the Jewish people to the moon [e.g., Zohar, Shemos Rabah 15:26]. If Orthodox doctrine becomes like blood, it might refer to a call for blood (i.e., violence). This would be consistent with the Talmud which says that heathens who study the Torah (i.e., Nazarenes) deserve death.

R. Johanan said: A heathen who studies the Torah deserves death, for it is written, Moses commanded us a law for an inheritance; it is our inheritance, not theirs.

Verse 13 speaks of stars that fall to the earth.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 6:13

13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

Stars represent Avraham's seed, which Yahweh said was to become as numerous as the stars.

B'reisheet (Genesis) 22:17

17 "Blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies."

Falling stars might also refer to nuclear missiles, seeing that the sky recedes like a scroll in the next verse.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 6:14-17

14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

Later we will see that the great day of Yahweh's wrath refers to the cup judgments (which come after the trumpets). However, most people will think the great day of His wrath has come. And because most Christians, Jews, and Muslims are not devout, they would prefer to adopt a new world order (and its one world religion), than die as a result of further nuclear war. The Illuminati (and their Masonic puppets) will then bring the Luciferian New World Order and its one world religion into the public view, sold to the people as a cure for nuclear war.

In the next chapter we will learn about the papal temple and the one world religion that will be established after seal 6. But first we need to mention the possibility that the borders of Israel will open up after the shaking at seal 6.

Revelation 6:12 speaks of a great earthquake at seal 6.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 6:12

12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.

While there may be a literal earthquake, there will be a great spiritual shaking when the New World Order is set up. That is, there will be great societal upheaval when nations are broken apart and merged to form a one world order. It seems likely that this may be the shaking that is prophesied in Ezekiel 37:7.

Ezekiel 37:7 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a shaking; and the bones came together, bone to bone	(7) וְנִבֵּאתִי כַּאֲשֶׁר צְוֵיתִי   וַיְהִי קוֹל כְּהַנְּבְאִי וְהַנֵּה רַעַש וַתִּקְרְבוּ עֲצָמוֹת עֶצֶם אֶל
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The word *shaking* is the Hebrew word *ra'ash* (רַעָשׁ). This is the same word used in modern Hebrew for an earthquake (seismic activity). *Strong's Concordance* describes it this way:

OT:7494 ra`ash (rah'-ash); from OT:7493; vibration, bounding, uproar: KJV - commotion, confused noise, earthquake, fierceness, quaking, rattling, rushing, shaking. The reference at OT:7493 also refers to an earthquake:

OT:7493 ra`ash (raw-ash); a primitive root; to undulate (as the earth, the sky, etc.; also a field of grain), particularly through fear; specifically, to spring (as a locust):

KJV - make afraid, (re-) move, quake, (make to) shake, (make to) tremble.

When the national borders in the Middle East are taken down, and a new world order is set up in the aftermath of a nuclear war, the social landscape will definitely be shaken up. This shaking might be what it takes for the stick of Ephraim to begin coming together worldwide.

We should also note that Illuminists such as Shimon Peres have long called for the State of Israel to open its borders to non-Jewish immigration. Ephraimites could apply to relocate, but the invitation would also be open to Muslims, Christians, Satanists, etc. All of these will be welcome in the land of Israel under the New World Order.

I am often asked if we should go to the land of Israel when the New World Order opens up the borders. I believe that you should pray, and do as Yahweh leads. But if you go, be ready to leave the land when the Abomination of Desolation is set up (midway through the tribulation).

# The Anti-Messiah's Temple

After the nuclear war in the Middle East at seal 6, the UN will probably come in and enforce peace. Jerusalem will be made into an international city. The Temple Mount will likely be given to the pope, with orders to establish an interfaith temple with the outer courtyard open to all religions. Israel's borders may also be open for immigration to all faiths at that time. If so, there may be an early ingathering (for those who choose to go to Israel at that time).

Mussolini created the Vatican in 1929, patterning it after the Old City of Jerusalem. Some see the Vatican as the pope's temple. Inside this temple, the pope sits on a throne. Catholic doctrine teaches that the pope is infallible when he sits on his throne.



From 1978 to 2006, Pope John Paul II put the papal throne away (along with the claim of papal infallibility), to improve relations with other religions. Pope Benedict

later reintroduced the papal throne (and the claim to papal infallibility).

Revelation makes it clear that we should only prostrate ourselves in worship to Elohim.

Hitgalut (Revelation) Revelation 22:8-9

8 Now I, Yochanan, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the messenger who showed me these things.

9 Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship Elohim."

However, Catholic priests prostrate themselves to the pope in reverence and worship.



If we should only prostrate ourselves to Elohim, then for men to prostrate themselves to the pope is to treat him as Elohim. Many believe all this serves as a minor fulfillment of 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, which tells us that there will be a man of sin (i.e., a man of lawlessness) who will sit in a temple of Elohim, as Elohim, while pretending to be Elohim. (And if the present pope moves his throne to Jerusalem, it would be a major fulfillment of this prophecy.)

Thessaloniqim Bet (2 Thessalonians) 2:3-4

3 Do not let anyone deceive you in any way, because that Day will not come unless first comes the falling away, and the Man of Sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

4 the one opposing and exalting himself over everything being called Elohim, or object of worship, so as for him to sit in the temple of Elohim as Elohim, showing himself that he is Elohim.

Scripture can remain silent for hundreds of years while the stage is prepared for action. Today (2022) the four horses have been loose for hundreds of years, getting the world ready for a nuclear crisis at seal 6. When seal 6 is opened and the nuclear war takes place, the UN can take control of the Middle East fairly easily.

In the pictures that follow, Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City is on the top left, and a model of the Dome of the Rock is bottom left. A drawing of the Temple of Jupiter Stator (i.e., Satan) is on the right. All three have a cupola (breast-like structure), with a nipple-like protrusion on top. The pope could occupy any one of these temples without modification, because they are all designed for and dedicated to Satan. [The picture on the right is a facsimile copy of I Quattro Libri dellArchitettura by Palladio, published in 1570.]



The pope met with Islamic leaders inside the Dome of the Rock in 2005. Could they have discussed where to place the pope's throne?



These are the remains of an altar to the sun god Zeus (which is another name for Satan). This throne used to sit in Pergamos (now in Turkey).



Notice how the rock inside the Dome of the Rock (below) has the same basic shape. It would not take long to build a similar throne there.



There are many interpretations of Daniel 9, and we will explore some of them as this study progresses, but many see it speaking of a seven year tribulation period. Daniel 9:25-27

25 "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.

26 "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come [Titus] Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood [cup judgments], And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 Then he [pope] shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation [wedding], which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

Yeshua fulfills verse 25. He also fulfills the first part of verse 26, in that He was cut off, but not for Himself. The prince to come probably refers to the Roman General Titus, who destroyed the city and the sanctuary in 70 CE. From here this passage turns into a future fulfillment, as there was no flood in the first century, either literal or spiritual. There will be a flood when the cups of wrath are poured out after trumpet 7. The consummation refers to the wedding feast which takes place at Armageddon, when Yeshua takes His bride.

Some tell us that Yeshua fulfilled verse 27, in that He established a covenant with many. However, the covenant Yeshua confirmed lasts longer than one week. Instead, this verse may refer to a 7 year tribulation period that will be confirmed by the anti-messiah. It is expected

that in the middle of the week the anti-messiah will bring an end to the sacrifice and offering, while one who makes Yahweh's worship desolate (perhaps the Islamic Mahdi) will be "on the wing of abominations" (referring to the abominable temple).

Anti-Semitic Catholics and Muslims are clearly coming together, to the detriment of the Jews. A joint group of sixty Catholic, Christian, and Muslim leaders who met in Geneva, Switzerland in November of 2010, to "call for the formation of a joint working group which can be mobilized whenever a crisis threatens to arise in which Christians and Muslims find themselves in conflict."

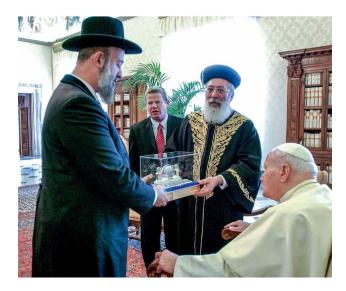
- 1. The land of Israel is occupied by Zionist Jews and needs to be liberated.
- 2. Both Roman Catholicism and Islam represent the children of Abraham, and are part of their God's [i.e., Satan's] plan of saving mankind.
- 3. All religions express some truths about God [sic], and need to be included to make an [sic] fulfilled picture of the creator.
- 4. Jesus is the son of Mary.
- 5. World peace will first flow out from Jerusalem when the three present main religions are able to live in peace and come together as one voice to offer God interfaith prayers.

Ironically, the second point says that Catholicism and Islam both represent the children of Avraham, yet the first point says that the land of Israel needs to be liberated from the Zionist Jews, who also represent the seed of Avraham.

Paragraph 841 of the Catholic Catechism also shows favoritism toward the Muslims, saying they are included in the plan of salvation, even though they reject Yeshua.

841 The Church's relationship with the Muslims. "The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place amongst whom are the Muslims; these profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us they adore the one, merciful God, mankind's judge on the last day."

Now let us step back a bit, and realize that at another level, Islam, Christianity and rabbinical Judaism all belong to Babylon, and are all collaborating to build a one world government, with a one world religion. Below, Orthodox Jewish Grand Rabbis Yona Metzger (Ashkenazi) and Shlomo Amar (Sephardic) proposed a United Nations of Religions to the pope in 2004.



What is a "United Nations of Religion" but a one world religion? And if Christianity and Islam are the two legs of Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian statue, then it should not be difficult to see how the rabbinical order (which got its start in Babylon) also fits into the plan. When there is a nuclear exchange in the Middle East, most Jews, Christians, and Muslims will compromise on their faiths to avoid any further nuclear war. The UN will endorse a one world religion led by the pope, saying that it will bring peace, and the pope will go on to establish an interfaith temple with the outer courtyard open to the gentiles.



It may be that the nuclear crisis at seal 6 will be limited, or it may be a full-blown nuclear war (as predicted in Albert Pike's letters). Either way, it should serve to propel the people toward a one world government which will also set the stage for the tribulation.

## The 144,000 and the Great Multitude

After the nuclear conflict at seal 6, there are 144,000 believers sealed (i.e., protected from harm) from all the tribes of Israel.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 7:1-8

1 After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.

2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living Elohim. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,

3 saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our Elohim on their foreheads."

4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:

5 of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed;

6 of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were sealed;

7 of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand were sealed;

8 of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand

were sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed.

Revelation 9:4 tells us that the 144,000 are protected from harm through trumpet 5 (halfway through the tribulation).

Hitgalut (Revelation) 9:1-5

1 Then the fifth messenger sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit.

2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.

3 Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of Elohim on their foreheads.

5 And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man.

The 144,000 are before the throne in heaven by trumpet 7, having been "redeemed from the earth" (i.e., they are dead). They probably died during trumpet 6 (as they were sealed from harm through trumpet 5).

Hitgalut (Revelation) 14:1-5

1 Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Tsion, and with Him one hundred and fortyfour thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. 2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

3 They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to Elohim and to the Lamb.

5 And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of Elohim.

Some like to argue that Mount Tsion in verse 1 is the earthly Mount Tsion, but this makes no sense because in verse 3 they sing before Yahweh's throne and the four living creatures (which are only in heaven). Verse 4 also says they are "redeemed from among men" and "firstfruits to Elohim," which means they are martyrs.

Later we will see that when Yeshua returns to earth at the Battle of Armageddon, the 144,000 probably come with Him. They are likely the "armies in heaven" who follow Him on white horses (verse 14).

Hitgalut (Revelation) 19:11-16

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

12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of Elohim.

14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

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

16 And He has on His robe and on His banner a name written: KING OF KINGS AND MASTER OF MASTERS.

When the 144,000 are first numbered in Revelation 7 (above), both Manasseh and Joseph are named, while Dan and Ephraim are not named. Since Joseph is comprised of both Manasseh and Ephraim, Ephraim is listed, while Manasseh is effectively listed twice. To understand the symbolism here, let us recall that when the ten northern tribes of Ephraim broke away from the southern kingdom of Judah, their new king, Jeroboam, set up golden calves in Dan and Beth El (in the borders of Dan and Ephraim, respectively).

Melachim Aleph (1 Kings) 12:28-31

28 Therefore the king asked advice, made two calves of gold, and said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your elohim, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!"

29 And he set up one in Bethel [in the territory of Ephraim], and the other he put in Dan [in the tribal territory of Dan].

30 Now this thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the one as far as Dan.

31 He made shrines on the high places, and made priests from every class of people, who were not of the sons of Levi.

If we remember that idolatry is spiritual adultery, then Revelation is saying that anyone who practices idolatry (and particularly the idolatry of Jeroboam) is not a spiritual virgin (Revelation 14:5) and will therefore not be included in the 144,000.

What is the idolatry of Jeroboam? In Nazarene Israel we show how Jeroboam pushed back the feast days of the Seventh month by one month, and established idol worship in places other than Jerusalem. He also established a priesthood that was not of the sons of Levi. This was a prophetic foreshadowing of the Christian church, in which the feast days of the seventh month are Tabernacles to moved back (from Christmas). Jerusalem is replaced by Rome, and a false Roman priesthood replaces both the Levitical and Melchizedekian orders

Revelation 7 also speaks of a great multitude dressed in white who are before the throne (verse 9). Verse 14 says they "come out of the great tribulation," meaning they die in the tribulation, and go to be with Elohim.

#### Hitgalut (Revelation) 7:9-17

9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our Elohim who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped Elohim,

12 saying: "Amein! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our Elohim forever and ever. Amein." 13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

14 And I said to him, "Adon, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore they are before the throne of Elohim, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.

16 They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat;

17 for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And Elohim will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

As we proceed further into the end times, we need to look at life and death from Yahweh's perspective. This world is not our home. Therefore, if we come under persecution, we should not fear it.

Luqa (Luke) 12:4-5

4 "And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

5 But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!" Of course, we want to avoid persecution (and we will address that later in this study), but if we come into persecution, we must ask Yahweh to help us be faithful to Him, so that we may receive the crown of eternal life.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 2:10

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

# The First Four Trumpets

Earlier we showed why there will likely be an engineered nuclear war at seal 6. The purpose of this war is to convince people to support a one world order (and a one world religion), in order to avert further nuclear war.

Revelation 8:1 tells us that when seal 7 is opened, there will be silence in heaven for about half an hour.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 8:1

1 When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

How long is a prophetic half hour? There are three possibilities. One is that it will be a literal half hour. This is highly unlikely because the nuclear fallout will not even have settled in that amount of time. Another possibility is to apply the principle Yahweh used with Ezekiel, that a prophetic day represents a year.

Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 4:6

6 "And when you have completed them, lie again on your right side; then you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days. I have laid on you a day for each year."

Since there are 24 hours in a day, there are 48 half hours. If we divide 365 days by 48, we find that this scenario works out to only 7.6 days. That is not enough time for the fallout to settle, let alone time to set up a global government with a consolidated hold on power.

It seems wiser to apply the principle that Kepha (Peter) spoke of, that a prophetic day can equal 1,000 years.

Kepha Bet (2 Peter) 3:8

8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with Yahweh one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

According to this principle, when we divide 1,000 years by 48 half hours, we get 21.667 years. Given 21 years, it is reasonable to believe that a one world government could set up, consolidate its hold on power, and also indoctrinate a new generation of children to believe that there cannot help but be more nuclear war without a new world order and a one world religion to enforce peace. Thus anyone who is not an atheist, or who believes something other than the one world religion, would be considered a threat to world peace. If a new generation of children is raised with this belief, it would make it much easier for a new world order to persecute the believers during the time of Jacob's Trouble (the second half of the tribulation).

During the half hour of silence, seven messengers will be given seven trumpets. Then another messenger will throw a censer to the earth, and there will be noise, thundering, lightning, and an earthquake (another societal shake-up).

#### Hitgalut (Revelation) 8:2-6

2 And I saw the seven messengers who stand before Elohim, and to them were given seven trumpets.

3 Then another messenger, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before Elohim from the messenger's hand.

5 Then the messenger took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.

6 So the seven messengers who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

At trumpet 1, there is hail and fire mingled with blood. A third of all trees are burned up, and a third of all green grass is burned up.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 8:7

7 The first messenger sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

The Peshitta reads "hail and fire mingled with water." Some believe this refers to a comet hitting the earth, as most comets are made of ice and rocks. However, this remains to be seen. Because Revelation is a vision, a spiritual fulfillment seems more likely.

We should also realize that the frame of reference in Scripture is not typically the whole world, but the Middle East. Thus, when Scripture says that a third of the trees were burned up, this may refer to all the trees on planet earth, or it may be an event that affects only the Middle East (and particularly the land of Israel).

At trumpet 2, something like a great mountain burning with fire is thrown into the sea.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 8:8-9

8 Then the second messenger sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.

9 And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

Since the frame of reference is the Middle East, some believe this will be fulfilled by a comet (or meteorite) landing in the Mediterranean. While this is possible, Revelation is better understood at the symbolic level. Therefore, let us look at Psalms 46:2 and 46:6, which liken mountains to kingdoms (i.e., governments).

Tehillim (Psalms) 46:2, 6

2 Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea...

6 The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted.

Revelation 17:15 also tells us that water can represent peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 17:15

15 Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues."

Revelation speaks of a time of tremendous societal upheaval. If mountains represent governments, and water represents people, then when something like a great mountain is cast into the sea, it might mean that a great government will collapse (and perhaps a third of the people will be hurt). At trumpet 3, a great star from heaven, burning like a torch, falls on a third of the rivers and springs. The name of this star is called "Wormwood." It makes the waters bitter, so that many men die from the water.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 8:10-11

10 Then the third messenger sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.

11 The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.

This could refer to a literal star that falls from heaven, and makes a third of the literal waters bitter. However, because Revelation is a vision, what makes more sense is that the rivers and springs of water refer to the Christian church doctrines, and the spirits that flow in those assemblies. When these waters become bitter, a third of the men lose their faith (spiritual death).

Remembering Yeshua was sacrificed on a tree, let us look at Exodus 15 where a tree was cast into bitter waters. Water can represent many things, but here they represent bitter spirits. (The symbolism may be that Yeshua's sacrifice makes the spirit sweeter).

Shemote (Exodus) 15:22-25

22 So Moshe brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water.

23 Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah. 24 And the people complained against Moshe, saying, "What shall we drink?"

25 So he cried out to Yahweh, and Yahweh showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them....

If believing on Yeshua can make the waters of our spirits sweeter, then the reverse should also be true: turning away from Yeshua should make the waters of our spirits bitter again, leading to spiritual death. This would occur under a one world religion (and as we saw earlier, the pope and the Muslims have already agreed that it is not necessary to believe on Yeshua in order to be saved). When Revelation 8:11 says that men will die after trumpet 3, it may mean they will die spiritually (when they turn away from Yeshua, and embrace the one world religion).

At trumpet 4, a third of the sun, moon, and stars are all struck.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 8:12-13

12 Then the fourth messenger sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.

13 And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three messengers who are about to sound!" The sun probably refers to Yeshua (and Christianity). The moon probably refers to the Torah and Judaism. In this context the stars may refer to the Muslims, who are also the seed of Abraham. Yahweh told Avraham that his seed would be as the stars of the sky and the sand of the seashore.

B'reisheet (Genesis) 22:17

17 "...blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies."

When a third of the stars are darkened, it may refer to a time when a third of the seed of Avraham (Christians, Jews, and Muslims) lose faith in their Creator (whatever they call Him) because things have gone differently than they expected.

Yahweh is a loving Father. He is attempting to get His fallen children to turn back to Him, starting out softly, and then increasing the disciplines. Most men, of course, have hard hearts, and will not repent.

## Trumpets Five and Six

Men do not repent during the first four trumpets. Therefore, Yahweh has to turn up the heat. This is why the last three trumpets (5, 6, and 7) are all described as *woes*.

At trumpet 5, a "star" falls to earth, and is given the key to the bottomless pit. This cannot be a physical star; it is most likely a demon. "Locusts" are released, and for five months they torment all but the 144,000 (who are sealed from harm through trumpet 5).

Hitgalut (Revelation) 9:1-6

1 Then the fifth messenger sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit.

2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.

3 Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of Elohim on their foreheads.

5 And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man.

6 In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them. Later we will see that gold symbolizes the Babylonian empire, while iron symbolizes the Roman Empire (which is an outgrowth of the Babylonian system). The locusts have crowns of gold (Babylon), and breastplates of iron (Rome). This means they serve the Babylonian-Roman Empire system. They are shaped like horses prepared for battle. This may mean they are some form of government troop vehicle used to oppress people. Their power is to hurt men for five months. This is probably a literal five months because the tribulation only lasts for seven years.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 9:7-12

7 The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold [symbolic of Babylon], and their faces were like the faces of men.

8 They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth.

9 And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron [symbolic of Rome], and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle.

10 They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months.

11 And they had as king over them the messenger of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon [destroyer], but in Greek he has the name Apollyon [destroyer].

12 One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

Some suggest this prophecy was fulfilled by the Islamic Saracens who terrorized Christians in the Middle Ages. This is incorrect because this is still a future prophecy. However, later we will see that the Muslims are related both to Babylon and to Rome; therefore, the locusts could represent an Islamic foe of some kind. Their king is called "destroyer" in verse 11, and Islam does seem to focus on destroying things they find blasphemous.

At trumpet 6, four messengers are released to kill a third of mankind. The earthly agent of this destruction is a two hundred million man army.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 9:13-21

13 Then the sixth messenger sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before Elohim,

14 saying to the sixth messenger who had the trumpet, "Release the four messengers who are bound at the great river Euphrates."

15 So the four messengers, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.

16 Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.

17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions [symbolic of Babylon]; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone.

18 By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed — by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.

19 For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.

20 But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and

idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.

21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

Some say this passage refers to China's army, which is literally 200 million men strong (with reserves). Others say this refers to the combined Muslim armies of the world. The latter seems more likely, as Scripture's focus is primarily on the Middle East, and the four messengers are bound at the River Euphrates (Phrat) in modern day Iraq, Syria, and eastern Turkey. This 200 million man army also shows that while the UN will likely gain control of the Middle East after trumpet 6, they will not establish a lasting world government (or there would be no war).

Then in Revelation 10, another messenger (who may be Yeshua) cries out. When He cries out, 7 thunders utter their voices; however, what they say is not recorded for us.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 10:1-4

1 I saw still another mighty messenger coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.

2 He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land,

3 and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.

4 Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."

Scripture is a record of how the bride (Israel) gives birth to a man child (redeemed Israel). If the believers are the bride, the seals represent the time the bride's belly swells with her pregnancy (over hundreds of years). The trumpets (tribulation) represent her birth pangs (which last seven years). The seven thunders represent her cries of pain. Because the seven thunders are sealed, we do not have a description of what to expect. We can be sure, however, that it will be an intense time of travail. (This may be when the 144,000 die and are taken to heaven.)

Next, the Messenger (Yeshua) swears that the mystery of Elohim will be finished when trumpet 7 sounds.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 10:5-7

5 The messenger whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven 6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer,

7 but in the days of the sounding of the seventh messenger, when he is about to sound, the mystery of Elohim would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

We won't read about trumpet 7 until Revelation 11:15; however, when we get there we will see that the mystery of Elohim ends when the Babylonian system falls, and Elohim's kingdom is established on earth.

The Messenger tells John to eat the little book (which is probably Scripture). He also tells John he must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings. This probably means that at trumpet 7, Elohim will again give His people a kingship.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 10:8-11

8 Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the messenger who stands on the sea and on the earth."

9 So I went to the messenger and said to him, "Give me the little book." And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."

10 Then I took the little book out of the messenger's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter.

11 And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."

Why do there need to be any further prophecies about kings? Later we will see that when we return to the land of Israel, we will once more be ruled by a prince. Contrary to popular belief, this prince will not be Yeshua, because the prince will offer sin sacrifices for himself (as well as for all of the people of the land).

### Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 45:22

22 And on that day the prince shall prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bull for a sin offering.

We discuss the renewed kingship in *Torah Government*.

## The Two Witnesses

Before we read about the third woe (trumpet 7) and the cup judgments it introduces, we will meet Yahweh's two witnesses. They minister during all three woes (trumpets 5, 6, and 7). This is also called the time of Jacob's Trouble.

Earlier we saw how the Illuminati is working to engineer a nuclear war in the Middle East at seal 6, which has the purpose of generating widespread public support for a one world government. This will lead to the pope setting up a temple on the Temple Mount, in which Christians, Jews, and Muslims will all worship side by side. During this time we can also expect the outer courtyard to be open to all of the gentile religions of the world for 42 months (3 1/2 years). During these 42 months, the two witnesses will have the authority to withhold rain, and to smite whomever they please with plagues. At the end of that time, the beast (Satan) will kill them; yet after 3 1/2 literal days the two witnesses will be resurrected and called up to heaven. Let's read the passage before we study it.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 11:1-14

1 Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the messenger stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of Elohim, the altar, and those who worship there.

2 But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the set-apart city underfoot for forty-two months [3 1/2 years].

3 And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and

sixty days [42 months or 3 1/2 years], clothed in sackcloth."

4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the Elohim of the earth.

5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner.

6 These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

7 When they finish their testimony, the beast [Satan] that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Adon was crucified [i.e., Jerusalem].

9 Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-anda-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.

10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

11 Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from Elohim entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.

12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they

ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

13 In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the Elohim of heaven. 14 The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

People often wonder whether the two witnesses here the two houses, Judah and Ephraim are. It is easy to think this, as Yahweh calls Judah and Ephraim "My witnesses" in Isaiah 43.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 43:10

10 "You are My witnesses," says Yahweh, "And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no Elohim formed, Nor shall there be after Me."

While the two houses definitely are witnesses, they cannot be the two witnesses of Revelation 11, because these two witnesses die and are taken up to heaven. If the two houses die and go up to heaven, that would be the end of Scripture (because we would all be in heaven). There would be no more story to tell. This cannot be the case because other passages tell us the two houses will be here during the cups, Armageddon, the Ingathering, and the millennium. By default, these two witnesses must be two individuals.

In Daniel we learn that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem, there would be 7 weeks plus 62 weeks until Messiah the Prince.

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Daniel 9:25

25 "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times."

That is, there would be 69 "weeks" of years. The Hebrew word here is *shevua*, which refers simply to a set of seven.

OT:7620 shabuwa` (shaw-boo'-ah); or shabua` (shaw-boo'-ah); also (feminine) shebu`ah (sheboo-aw'); properly, passive participle of OT:7650 as a denominative of OT:7651; literal, sevened, i.e. a week (specifically, of years):

King Artaxerxes gave this command in 457 BCE. From that date, there would be  $69 \times 7 = 483$  years until Messiah, who began His ministry circa 26 CE. Verse 26 tells us that Yeshua would be cut off, but not for Himself (i.e., not for His own sins).

The narrative clearly speaks of Yeshua up to this point. However, some believe verse 26 speaks of the antimessiah (the papacy).

Daniel 9:26

26 "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come [The Roman general Titus] Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood [future event], And till the end of the war desolations are determined." The Roman general Titus destroyed the city and the sanctuary, but there was no flood in the first century (either literal or spiritual). Therefore, this must still be a future event.

Verse 27 may also speak of the coming anti-messiah.

### Daniel 9:27

27 "Then he [anti-messiah] shall confirm a covenant with many for one week [seven]; But in the middle of the week [seven] he [anti-messiah] shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate [Mahdi?], Even until the consummation [wedding feast/Armageddon], which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

Some people believe that verse 27 refers to Yeshua, but Yeshua confirmed a covenant for all time (and not just for one week). Therefore, verse 27 also seems to refer to the anti-messiah, who will confirm a covenant with many for one "seven" (i.e., a seven year period). This may be accompanied by sacrifices and offerings; however, in the middle of the seven (i.e., at the 3 1/2 year mark), the anti-messiah will bring an end to these sacrifices and offerings. The two witnesses will also begin their ministry about this time (for 3 1/2 years), which will take us to the end of the 7 years of tribulation.

Verse 27 also refers to "one who makes desolate." This may be a reference to the Islamic Mahdi (the so-called Islamic messiah), who has a close working relationship with the pope.

The consummation refers to the wedding feast, which we will show in future chapters refers to Armageddon.

When the wedding cup is poured out, it is poured out on the desolate (i.e., those being killed).

Revelation tells us that the two witnesses are raised from the dead after 3 1/2 days.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 11:11

11 Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from Elohim entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.

This is a literal 3 1/2 days (and not 3 1/2 years), because their ministry has lasted 3 1/2 years already. Later we will also show that there are only 75 days between trumpet 7 (just after the two witnesses die and are resurrected) and Armageddon—further proof of a literal 3 1/2 days.

We are not told who the two witnesses are, but many believe it may be two people who come in the spirit of Eliyahu (Elijah) and Moshe (Moses). This would not be anything new, as Yochanan HaMatbil (John the Baptist) came in the spirit of Eliyahu.

Matityahu (Matthew) 11:14 14 "And if you are willing to receive it, he is Eliyahu who is to come."

It makes sense that an Ephraimite might come in the spirit of Eliyahu, as Eliyahu was an Ephraimite. It also makes sense that a Jewish brother would come in the spirit of Moshe, as Moshe was a Levite (from the house of Judah)

The earthquake mentioned in Revelation 11:13 probably symbolizes societal upheaval.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 11:13

13 In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the Elohim of heaven.

When the two witnesses are resurrected, there is sure to be societal upheaval. Some will give glory to Elohim, but apparently things won't have changed enough to convince Yahweh to turn back the third woe, which begins at trumpet 7.

# Trumpet 7: The Turning Point

Sadly, many of us will die before we reach trumpet 7. Yet if we make it that far, trumpet 7 is the turning point. That is when Babylon falls, and Yahweh's government is set up. Although the cup judgments and Armageddon still lie ahead, from this point forward, Yahweh's kingdom on earth will grow.

In the last chapter, we saw how Yahweh's two witnesses tried to get men to repent during the second half of the tribulation (the time of Jacob's Trouble). Yet instead of repenting, the people on earth killed Yahweh's two witnesses, and threw a big party.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 11:10

10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

Yahweh doesn't want anyone to perish (2 Peter 3:9), but when men kill His two witnesses, Yahweh's patience and longsuffering will come to an end. When the seventh messenger sounds, Babylon and her kingdom will fall, and Yahweh's kingdom will be declared.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 11:15-19

15 Then the seventh messenger sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of Yahweh and of His Messiah, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

16 And the twenty-four elders who sat before Elohim on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped Elohim, 17 saying: "We give You thanks, O Yahweh Elohim Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

18 The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth."

19 Then the temple of Elohim was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

Yahweh's kingdom is in two parts. One aspect is spiritual, while the other is literal. When we accept Yeshua, and receive His Spirit, we join His spiritual kingdom. This is what Yochanan HaMatbil (John the Baptist) referred to when he said that the kingdom of Elohim was at hand (i.e., offered).

Marqaus (Mark) 1:14-15

14 Now after Yochanan was put in prison, Yeshua came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of Elohim,

15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of Elohim is at hand. Repent, and believe in the good news."

Yeshua tells us that this spiritual aspect of His kingdom does not come with observation (i.e., it is not seen with the eyes); but rather, His spiritual kingdom lies within us.

Luqa (Luke) 17:20-21

20 Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of Elohim would come, He

answered them and said, "The kingdom of Elohim does not come with observation;

21 nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of Elohim is within you."

Yet there will also come a time when those who belong to Yeshua's spiritual kingdom will again form a literal kingdom (as in the days of Kings David and Hezekiah). Yeshua tells us to pray for this.

Matityahu (Matthew) 6:10 10 "Your kingdom come, Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven."

In <u>Nazarene Israel</u> we saw that there are two subkingdoms within Israel. The southern kingdom is called Judah, and the northern kingdom is called Ephraim (Israel). The Assyrians conquered the northern kingdom of Ephraim circa 722 BCE, and it ceased to be a kingdom at that time. The Romans dominated the southern kingdom of Judah. The prophets tell us the two houses will again be re-established as a literal kingdom, and that they will rule and reign. This is why the apostles asked Yeshua if He planned to restore the kingdom to Israel (i.e., Judah and Ephraim) at that time.

Ma'asei (Acts) 1:6-8

6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Adon, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

8 But you shall receive power when the Set-apart Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Yeshua told His apostles not to worry about the timing of the restoration of the physical kingdom, but simply to witness of Him. That is good advice for us as well, and Revelation declares that Yeshua's kingdom will be set up at trumpet 7.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 11:15

15 Then the seventh messenger sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of Yahweh and of His Messiah, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

There will be massive social upheaval during this time, as all Babylonian institutions and governments fall and are replaced by Yahweh's institutions. This is the earthquake referred to in Revelation 11:19.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 11:19

19 Then the temple of Elohim was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

This is also when the heavenly court of Daniel 7:26 will be seated, taking away Satan's dominion, and giving it to the saints of the Most High.

Daniel 7:24-27

24 "The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings.

25 He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law.

Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.

26 But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever.

27 Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him."

This is also when Daniel 2:44-45 will be fulfilled.

#### Daniel 2:44-45

44 "And in the days of these kings the Elohim of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

45 Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold — the great Elohim has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure."

This is also when Yeshua's saints begin to rule and reign over the earth with the same rod of iron that Yeshua received from His Father (in Psalm 2).

### Hitgalut (Revelation) 2:26-27

26 "And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations — 27 He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels — as I also have received from My Father...."

Just as seal 7 introduced the trumpets, trumpet 7 leads to the cup judgments (punishments) on Babylon. These will be poured out in quick succession (and perhaps in as little as 30 days). The destruction in the land of Israel during this time is nearly total. Although men will think they are saving themselves from Yahweh's wrath by killing His two witnesses, they will be bringing sudden destruction on themselves—and they will not escape.

Thessaloniqim Aleph (1 Thessalonians) 5:1-3

1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.

2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of Yahweh so comes as a thief in the night.

3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

# **Revelation 12: Israel in the Wilderness**

Chapters 12 through 15 are inset chapters that will give us more information about detailed topic areas. When we rejoin the storyline in chapter 16, we will be able to make better sense of the story.

In the opening pages of this book, we give the parable of the pregnant woman (i.e., the bride, Israel). When a woman is pregnant, she bears a growing burden over a long time period. This corresponds to the seals, which play out over hundreds of years. As her time of delivery is near, she is gripped by increasing labor pains. These correspond to the trumpets (i.e., the tribulation). Her cries of pain correspond to the seven thunders. Her water breaking represents the cups being poured out. Finally, she is gripped by excruciating, even blinding pain as she gives birth to her child. This is redeemed Israel—those who are led by His Spirit to do everything He commands.

If the woman is Israel, Revelation 12 shows us a great drama that takes place between the woman, her Child (Yeshua, but also redeemed Israel), and a dragon (which verse 9 tells us is Satan). As we will see, the sun represents Yeshua's Spirit, the moon represents the Torah, and the garland of 12 stars on the woman's head represents the 12 tribes.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 12:1

1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman [Israel/Miriam] clothed with the sun [Yeshua's Spirit], with the moon [Torah] under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars [12 tribes].

Malachi calls Yeshua the "Sun of Righteousness."

Malachi 4:2a "2a But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings..."

Yeshua's Spirit lights our path like the light of the sun, and the written word of Torah illuminates our path like the light of the moon. (The moon is not as bright as the sun, but there is still enough light to walk by.)

Mishle (Proverbs) 6:23 23 For the commandment is a lamp, And the Torah a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life

Psalm 119 says that Yahweh's word is a lamp for our feet, and a light for our path, like the moon.

Tehillim (Psalms) 119:105 105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

The symbolism may be that true Israel is like a bride who is clothed with Yeshua's Spirit, and she walks the path of Torah. Her 12 children (the 12 tribes) are a garland to her head.

Verses 2-4 speak of how Miriam gave birth to Yeshua, who was then persecuted by the dragon (Satan) and caught up to heaven.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 12:2-6

2 Then being with child, she [Israel/Miriam] cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. 4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child [Yeshua] as soon as it was born. 5 She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to Elohim and His throne.

6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by Elohim, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

The red dragon of verse 3 is symbolic of Satan, who is manifested on earth through the Roman Empire (whom we will see is a manifestation of the Babylonian Empire).

In <u>Nazarene Israel</u> we saw how Daniel 7 speaks of 1,260 days in which the saints were given into the little horn's (pope's) hand. This corresponds to the 1,260 days in verse 6 (above).

Daniel 7:25

25 He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and Torah. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time [1,260 days].

In <u>Nazarene Israel</u> we show how these 1,260 days correspond to the approximate 1,260 years between the formation of the Roman Catholic Church dogma at the Council of Nicea (circa 325-330 CE) and the time when Protestant England came out from under fear of Roman military dominion (with the sinking of the Catholic Spanish Armada, in 1,588 CE). (Because we are referring to moves of the Spirit, the dates do not need to be exact.)

Later we will see that Babylon, Assyria, Greece, Rome, and even Islam are all manifestations of the Babylonian empire system. However, here let us notice that Rome used a red or purple dragon (or draco) on their banners. The military units also typically placed eagles on their flags or flagstaffs.



The occult has many meaningful symbols. The eagle represents Nisroc, the Assyrian demon symbolized by an eagle. (*Nisroc* has the same etymological root as the Hebrew word *nesher* נשר, meaning *eagle*.) The eagle has been used by Roman-style republics throughout history, including Rome, Russia, Nazi Germany, and America. This symbol is not used by chance.

Now let us remember that the white horse is papal Christianity that it goes forth to conquer.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 6:2 2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

One can speculate about whether or not they coordinate behind the scenes, but the Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox Christian nations all manifest the white horse spirit of Roman Christianity. Each of them has gone forth to conquer.

Historically there has been some safety in being at a distance from the white horse's centers of power and worship. For example, in the Middle Ages the Vaudois and the Waldenses were able to follow their own interpretation of Scripture (rather than Roman doctrine) because they were at a physical distance from Rome. And the Protestant Reformation succeeded because it was harder for Rome to crush the rebellion in the outer reaches of its empire. This is also why Revelation 12:6 (above) tells us the woman Israel fled into the wilderness for 1,260 days/years to a place where she could be spiritually nourished by Yahweh's word.

Next we read about a war in heaven in which the dragon, identified as Satan, is cast to earth.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 12:7-12

7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his messengers fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his messengers fought,

8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. 9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his messengers were cast out with him.

10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our Elohim, and the power of His Messiah have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our Elohim day and night, has been cast down.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

Satan's downfall corresponds to Luke 10:18, where Yeshua saw Satan fall from heaven like lighting.

Luqa (Luke) 10:18 18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."

The woman Israel had to flee false doctrines so she could return to the original Nazarene Israelite faith.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 12:13-17

13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.

14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. 15 So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.

16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of Elohim and have the testimony of Yeshua Messiah.

Water is symbolic of Yahweh's Spirit (and hence, clean doctrine). However, in this case, the flood of unclean waters spewing forth from the dragon's mouth represent unclean spirits (and false doctrines). The bride consists of those believers who have fled from these unclean doctrines.

The earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the flood of evil doctrines. This again shows how the bride has historically been safer at a distance from the Babylonian centers of power and worship.

The point of the following chart is to illustrate that the dragon is always pursuing us. If the bride ever stops seeking to come back to Yeshua and the original faith, it is as if she has been "swept away" by the flood of unclean doctrines.

Pe	Don't be deceived! Keep focusing on Yeshua, and seeking Him!						
Paga Wice		Catholics/ United Body Of Messiah	Protestant/ Multiple Bodies of Messiah	Independent/ Separate Churches	House Church/ Messianic		
No Organ	-	United worldwide org.	Multiples worldwide orgs.	Separate Organizations	Not organized		
Not Patriarch		Single Patriarch	Multiple Patriarchs	Separate Patriarchs	No Patriarch		
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In <u>Nazarene Israel</u> we explain that while Nazarene Israel is the original faith, the Catholic faith spread much faster, because outside the land of Israel, the gentiles did not understand the need to keep Torah. Catholicism is a good first step toward Yeshua. However, if we stop in Catholicism, then we have effectively been swept away by the dragon's flood. Protestantism was another step toward the truth—but if we stop in mainline Protestant dogma, it is also as if we have been swept away by the dragon's flood. Therefore, it is necessary to come all the way back to the original faith.

Nazarene Israel 1. Voluntarily organized single body 2. Apostolic leadership 3. Torah 4. Studying is encouraged	Outside the Land of Israel Christianity spreads faster outside the land, because the people do not understand Torah. Israelite identity is also lost	2325 Catholic Church 1. Enforced organized single body 2. False apostolic leadership 3. No Torah 4. Studying is discouraged	Protestant Churches 1. Organized plural bodies 2. Apostolic foundations 3. No Torah 4. Study is encouraged (within limits)	Top row reads left to right. Bottom row reads from right to left
Nazarene Israel 1. Voluntarily organized single body 2. Apostolic leadership 3. Torah 4. Studying is encouraged	<ul> <li>Messianic</li> <li>Israel</li> <li>Disorganized (no real body)</li> <li>No fivefold structure at all 3. Torah</li> <li>Disorganization and study are encouraged</li> </ul>	House Churches 1. Disorganized (no real body) 2. No fivefold structure at all 3. No Torah 4. Disorganization and study are encouraged	Independent Churches 1. Disorganized 2. No apostolic foundations (at all) 3. No Torah 4. Study is encouraged (within limits)	The Bride's Journey to home

In the next chapter we will take our analysis to the next level. We will lay the scriptural understanding of why the dragon manifests not just as Rome, but also as Islam and all of the world's political powers which pay homage to either of them.

# The Five Beasts of Daniel

As we will see, a beast is a Babylonian empire system. Revelation 13 will introduce us to several beasts which also show up in the book of Daniel. Since it is essential that we know who and what these beasts are, let us take a look at them first in Daniel, and then in the next chapter we will see how they play out in Revelation.

In Daniel 2, Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar dreamed of a statue that was set up on the earth. The head was made of fine gold, the chest and arms were of silver, the belly and thighs were of bronze, and the two legs were of iron. The two feet were made of iron mixed with clay. A stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and struck the image on the feet. The statue crumbled under its weight, shattering into pieces like chaff, which the wind (Spirit) swept away. Then the stone grew to become a great mountain that filled the whole earth. This is a generational prophecy that speaks of our ancient archenemy, Babylon, and how Yahweh will use Yeshua's body (Israel) to destroy her.

#### Daniel 2:31-35

31 "You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome.

32 This image's head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, 33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

34 You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth."

Daniel told King Nebuchadnezzar that his dream represents a series of five empires, with his empire being the golden head. The other four empires would all be patterned after his. The next empire would be Medea-Persia, symbolized by the chest and arms of silver. After that, Alexander the Great's Macedonian (Greek) empire would rise, symbolized by the belly and thighs of bronze. Next would come the Roman Empire, symbolized by the two legs of iron. These would all be powerful military empires. Yet there would be a fifth and final empire, symbolized by two feet of iron mixed with clay. It would be a spiritual empire made of both Christianity (iron) and Islam (clay).

Daniel 2:37-45

37 "You, O king, are a king of kings. For the Elohim of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory;

38 and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all — you are this head of gold.

39 But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours [Medea-Persia]; then another, a third kingdom of bronze [Greece], which shall rule over all the earth [land].

40 And the fourth kingdom [Rome] shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others.

41 Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron [Rome] mixed with ceramic clay [Islam].

42 And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.

43 As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron [Rome] does not mix with clay [Islam].

44 And in the days of these kings the Elohim of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

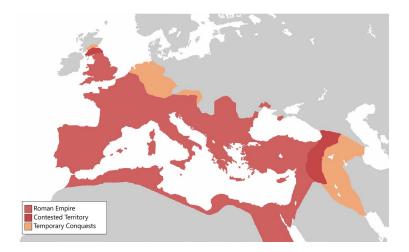
45 Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold — the great Elohim has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure."

Before we elaborate on this, let us clarify verse 39. Most mainstream translations tell us that Alexander's empire would rule over "all the earth." However, the word *earth* is the Aramaic *ara-a* (אַרְעָא) which corresponds to the Hebrew word *aretz* (אַרְעָא). While the word aretz can refer to the whole globe, usually it refers either to the land of Israel or the known world from an ancient Middle Eastern perspective. This last interpretation is correct because Alexander's empire did not span the whole globe. Rather, his empire spanned the Middle East, which was basically the known world at that time.



Over centuries, most of Alexander's former empire has become Islamic (i.e., pertaining to the green horse). To track how this has come about, let us look at the fourth beast, which is the Roman Empire.

The Roman Empire encircled the Mediterranean and extended into Europe and the Middle East. While the western part of the empire remains either Catholic or Protestant Christian, the eastern part of the empire has become predominantly Islamic.



Eventually the Roman Empire became so large that it was considered ungovernable. In 284 CE, Constantine's brother Diocletian decided to split the administration of the empire in half, in an attempt to restore order. Thus two legs of the Roman Empire (east and west) were established, corresponding to the two legs of iron in King Nebuchadnezzar's dream (Daniel 2:33, 40-41, above). From Greece eastward was the eastern leg.



However, splitting the administration did not heal the root cause of division in the empire. By the early 300s the Roman Empire was split between Mithraism (official Roman sun worship) and torahless Christianity. The Roman emperors favored Mithraism because the sun god (Ra) was thought to personally attend to the Roman emperors, making them demigods in the eyes of the Roman citizens. Whenever a Roman citizen accepted Yeshua (or in this case, Jesus or lesu), he stopped thinking of the emperor as a demigod, thus weakening the emperor's power. For this reason the Roman emperors hated the Christian and Nazarene faiths, and persecuted them relentlessly. However, the more the Roman emperors persecuted the Christians, the more the Roman citizens accepted the Messiah, further dividing the empire and weakening imperial rule.

The Roman emperors could only unify their empire by unifying the religion. Perhaps this is why the Roman Emperor Constantine claimed he had a vision in which Christ appeared to him, telling him to write the first two letters of his name (XP) upon his troops' shields. The next day Constantine claimed to have seen an image of a cross superimposed over the sun, at which time he was given the message, "In hoc signo vinces," which means, "In this sign you will be victorious."

The year after Constantine's conversion, he and his then co-emperor Licinius co-issued the Edict of Milan, which technically ended the persecution of Christians within the empire. Constantine then went on to consolidate his hold on power militarily, and by 324 he reigned supreme. The next year (325) he convened the Council of Nicea (or Nice), in which Mithraism and Christianity were officially merged to form the Catholic (Universal) faith. Some scholars suggest that Constantine's conversion was a political put-on, specifically intended to garner the support of the Christian half of his empire. They cite the blending of Christian and sun worship motifs. Emperor Constantine claimed to have had his vision in the grove of the sun god Apollo (Lucifer) in ancient France. And he was supposedly told to conquer in the sign of the cross, an ancient symbol for the sun god Tammuz. There was sun worship symbolism everywhere, and yet it was all done in honor of Christ, appealing to both the sun worshippers and the torahless Christians.

In 325 CE, Emperor Constantine convened the infamous Council of Nicea, where Torah observance was banned, and Roman Catholic doctrine began to be formalized. Five years later (in 330 CE) he moved the capital of his empire to Byzantium, renaming it Constantinople.



To see the link between Christianity and Islam, let us look with spiritual eyes. In the fifth century, the Western leg of the Roman Empire had disintegrated and fallen, but the Eastern leg survived, renaming itself the Byzantine Empire. The Byzantines prevailed for another 1,000 years, but in 1453, Muslim armies under Osman the Great conquered Constantinople and established it as the seat of what would later be called the Ottoman Islamic Empire.

Today almost all of the former Byzantine Empire has become Islamic. Thus, when we see the Christian and the Muslim worlds fighting each other, let us remember that what might seem like two rival religions locked in a mortal clash of civilizations is actually the two legs of the fourth beast trampling the world down, breaking it in pieces, and tearing it apart (Daniel 2:40, above).

This Babylonian "beast" empire system shows up again and again throughout Scripture. Sometimes a prophecy only mentions four beasts because there were only four main military empires (Babylon, Medea-Persia, Greece, and Rome). Other times prophecy mentions five beasts. This is also correct, in that the fourth beast (Rome) gave rise to a spiritual beast (Christianity and Islam), which continues to subjugate the world through spiritual conquest. Indeed, if we consider how much of the world pays homage to either Rome or Mecca, this fifth beast seems to be the most powerful yet.

Later we will see the prophetic origins of our emerging one world government, which is forcing Christian nations to give favor to Islam and its teachings. This is the manifestation of the toes of Nebuchadnezzar's image, in which the toes are made up partly of iron (Christianity), and partly of clay (Islam). There will be a strong concerted effort to force Christianity and Islam together, but they will not adhere to each other, as prophesied in Daniel 2:43 (above).

These same five empires show up again in Daniel 7, but described as four beasts (in that Christianity and Islam are considered extensions of the fourth beast, Rome).

Notice that the fourth beast has iron (Roman) teeth, and it tramples the residue of the third empire (Alexander's Macedonian empire, which is now Islamic) with its feet.

Daniel 7:2-8

2 Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea.

3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.

4 The first [Babylonian Empire] was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

5 "And suddenly another beast [Medo-Persian Empire], a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!'

6 "After this I looked, and there was another [Alexander the Great's Empire], like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads [the four generals who succeeded Alexander], and dominion was given to it.

7 "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast [the Roman Empire, including Christianity and Islam as spiritual extensions], dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron [Roman] teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it [in that it was a spiritual empire], and it had ten horns.

8 I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them,

before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.

In verse 19, Daniel wishes to know the truth of the fourth beast. It is described as having teeth of iron (symbolic of Rome), and nails of bronze (symbolic of Alexander's Macedonian empire, which is now mainly Islamic). In verse 23 he is told that it will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, different from all other kingdoms (in that it will be a spiritual empire). In *Nazarene Israel* we show that while the fourth beast includes Islam, the primary manifestation is the papacy. This is easily identified, for it was the papacy into whose hand the saints were historically given for a time, times, and half a time (1,260 years).

Daniel 7:15-25

15 "I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

16 I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things:

17 'Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth [Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome].

18 But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.'

19 Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast [Rome], which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron [Rome] and its nails of bronze [Islam], which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet;

20 and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.

21 I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them,

22 until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

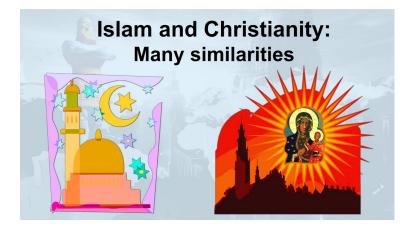
23 Thus he said: 'The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces.

24 The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom, and another shall rise after them. He shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings.

25 He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change the appointed times [Sabbath and feasts] and the Torah. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time."

If Christianity and Islam are two manifestations of the same beast, then we might expect there to be many similarities between them—and there are. While the Christians confess Yeshua as the Messiah, in practice the Catholics believe the pope has the authority to supersede Messiah's words. Pauline Christians also believe it is perfectly acceptable to use the words of Paul (as they call him) to supersede the words of Yeshua (seeing as they hold Paul to be the more recent messenger). Similarly, the Muslims accept Yeshua as a prophet, but they hold that His words have been superseded by the words of their more recent prophet, Muhammad.

Christianity and Islam both established the capitals of their faith in places other than Jerusalem. Both use spires and cupolas in their houses of worship, and both use the sun, moon, and stars in their symbolism. When I searched for images of Islam and Christianity, these are the first two images that came up. Note the corresponding cupolas, spires, and celestial images.



While it cannot be confirmed, there is testimony that the Catholic Church had a role to play in establishing Islam. Former Jesuit priest Alberto Rivera said he was told in a secret briefing that the Catholic Church created Islam as a means of destabilizing both Jews and non-Catholic Christians in areas outside of Roman control.

Rivera said he was told that Muhammad's first wife, Khadija, was a devout Catholic. According to some reports, the Catholic Church instructed her to marry Muhammad so she would be able to influence him (and hence, Islam) to Rome's advantage, and also pass information back to Rome. According to these same sources, Khadija had a Catholic cousin named Waraquah, who helped Muhammad write down and interpret his visions. These interpretations later became the Quran (Koran). Thus, while Islam appears to be its own separate religion, it may be secretly connected to Rome at the highest levels.

Alberto Rivera died of food poisoning under mysterious circumstances. While we cannot prove his allegations to be true, they do seem to fit perfectly with what Daniel tells us about Catholicism and Islam.

To understand how Catholicism and Islam work together, we will look at the mark and the number of the beast.

# The Beasts of Revelation 13

In the last chapter we saw how King Nebuchadnezzar dreamed of a statue which represented a series of five empires (Babylon, Medea-Persia, Greece, and Rome), with the final empire being a spiritual one (Christianity and Islam together).

Body part	Earthly empire
1. Head of gold	Babylonian (Iraq)
2. Chest and arms of silver	Medea-Persia (Iran)
3. Belly and thighs of bronze	Alexander (Greece)
4. Two legs of iron	Roman Empire
5. Two feet of iron and clay	Christianity and Islam

We also saw how Daniel 7 likens the first three of these empires unto certain animals.

Empire	Animal
Babylon (Iraq)	Lion
Medea-Persia (Iran)	Bear
Macedonian (Greece)	Leopard

We also saw how the fourth beast (Rome, including both Christianity and Islam) would trample the residue of the empires that had gone before it (especially Greece).

### Daniel 7:7

7 "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns."

These same beast empires reappear in Revelation 13, except that they are depicted as a composite beast which comes up out of the sea. Later we will see that water represents people, so this is a Babylonian political and spiritual beast (in which the mass of people believe).

The first beast is like a leopard (Alexander's Grecian empire), except that its feet are like a bear's feet (Medea-Persia) while its mouth is like a lion's mouth (Babylon). It tramples the residue of all empires which have gone before it. It has seven heads (which we will see refer to the seven hills of Rome, and the seven mountains of Mecca). This combined Roman-Islamic beast is so powerful that most men worship it. This is the Roman-Islamic beast which comprises both the Christian church system and Islam.

### Hitgalut (Revelation) 13:1-10

1 Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast [Rome/Islam] rising up out of the sea, having seven heads [seven hills of Rome and seven mountains of Mecca] and ten horns [kingdoms], and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard [Greece], his feet were like the feet of a bear [Medea-Persia], and his mouth like the mouth of a lion [Babylon]. The dragon [Satan] gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded [Protestant rebellion, Ottoman Empire], and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. 4 So they worshiped the dragon [Satan] who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast [Rome/Islam], saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against Elohim, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

10 He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

While prophecies occasionally have more than one fulfillment, dreams and visions often have more than one fulfillment, because dreams and visions speak of the manifestation of spirits in the world (and spirits can manifest in different ways). When verse 3 speaks of the beast receiving a mortal wound to his head, there is more than one fulfillment. In this case there is both a Catholic and an Islamic fulfillment (and there may be others).

The Roman Catholic Empire received a mortal wound in 1517, when the Protestant Christians broke away from the Catholics. This wound became worse in 1588, when the (Protestant) English navy sank the Spanish Armada,

ending Catholic military supremacy in Europe. This mortal wound, however, is slowly being healed through the Ecumenical Movement, which is drawing the Protestant Christians back in under the pope.

The Islamic head received its first mortal wound in 732 CE, when Charles Martel, King of France, defeated the Muslim armies at the Battle of Tours. The Islamic head received a second mortal wound on September 11. 1683, when the Islamic Ottoman Empire lost to the Christian armies at the walls of Vienna. This marked the beginning of the decline of the Ottoman Empire, which finally disbanded in 1922 CE. However, today it also appears that the Muslim world's mortal wounds are being healed. For example, the Islamic attacks on the World Trade Center (9/11/2001) were timed to the anniversary of the Islamic defeat at the walls of Vienna, as if to say that Islam is being restored to the world political scene after 318 years. We can also view the Arab Spring of 2002 as a continuation of this revival. Further, the present Islamic State (ISIS/ISIL) is another manifestation of this same restoration. Whether this early Islamic State succeeds or not, we will see later that a restored Islamic State will likely be based in Istanbul, Turkey. This is where Emperor Constantine first put the eastern leg of the Roman Empire, and it was also where the Byzantine Empire placed its seat. Finally, it was the seat of the Ottoman Islamic Empire, whose mortal wound is to be healed

Since Catholicism and Islam are two manifestations of the same spiritual beast (from the sea), eventually we can expect them to manifest as one combined beast. Verse 5 tells us this beast will speak great blasphemies against Elohim (by contradicting His word), and that this will continue 42 months (3 1/2 years). This is probably the last half of the tribulation, which is the same 42 months as the ministry of the two witnesses (the time of Jacob's Trouble).

In verse 7 (above) we are told that the beast will be given the authority to make war with the saints, and to overcome them. This has happened both under Catholic and Islamic rule; however, it will likely happen with greater force during the time of Jacob's Trouble. While Yahweh will give us victory over the beast after trumpet 7, it is imperative that we show patience and faith (verse 10, above), not taking up arms against the beast before that time, as it will only lead to our captivity or death.

In verse 11 (below) a second beast comes up out of the earth. It has two horns like a lamb (mimicking Yeshua), yet it speaks like a dragon (Satan). Since the earth represents government, this will be a state-sponsored government religion for the New World Order, probably based on Catholicism combined with Islam. It exercises all of the authority of the first beast (the combined Roman-Islamic world) in the Roman-Islamic world's presence. This religion causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast (world government).

Hitgalut (Revelation) 13:11-18

11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb [UN and URI] and spoke like a dragon [Satan].

12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast [Rome/Islam] in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast [Rome/Islam], whose deadly wound was healed.

13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. 14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast [URI] who was wounded by the sword and lived [Catholic and Ottoman empires].

15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast [possibly URI], that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,

17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666 [chi xi stigma].

Verse 14 tells us that the land beast (UN) will tell the people to make an image (URI) to the sea beast (Christianity and Islam). Verse 15 says that this image will be given breath (spirit), which means that it will come to life. It will also speak (create doctrine). The land beast (UN) will then attempt to exterminate everyone who does not worship (obey) the URI. This fits our earlier scenario which tells us there will be an engineered nuclear war at seal 6. The globalists will say that the war was the result of extremist (fundamentalist) religious belief—and that anyone who believes "extremist" Christianity, Judaism, or Islam is a threat to public safety, and must therefore be eliminated. It is important to understand the URI mindset, which is somewhat different than our own. To understand it, let us take a step back, and look at the history of the Babylonian religion.

When the Babylonians conquered a foreign people, they scattered them inside their own borders. This kept them from rising up militarily. Further, if the captives joined the culture and assimilated, they were treated just like any other Babylonian citizen, regardless of race or ethnicity.

Since Catholicism and Islam are also Babylonian faiths, they follow the same general principles. Catholicism and Islam are not racist (unlike Protestantism, which often is). So long as people obey the religion, they are judged by their spirit, rather than the color of their skin.

The URI, however, takes an interesting twist. Rather than attempting to add one conquered people to the Babylonian religion at a time, the URI is an attempt to merge all religions and faiths at one time. The way this is done is to pretend that each and every racial or ethnic group has its own way of connecting with "God," and that all of these means are equally valid.



The globalists allege Christianity is the way Caucasians know God, Judaism is the way Jewish people know God, and Islam is the way Asians and African peoples know God. This is why the globalists often accuse Christians of racism when they reject other faiths (such as Islam). In the last chapter we saw a beast (representing Islam and Christianity) coming up from the sea. We also saw a governmental beast (representing the UN) coming up from the land. The UN will tell all those who dwell on the earth (or perhaps all who dwell in the land of Israel) to make an image to the religious beast. This image will be the URI (United Religions Initiative). It will be given breath to speak, meaning human representatives (such as the pope and the Islamic Mahdi) will speak for it. Let us review this passage here before we analyze it in detail.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 13:11-18

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13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast [URI] who was wounded by the sword and lived [Catholic and Ottoman empires].

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There are a few keys to understanding this passage. One key is to realize that all this takes place before trumpet 7. Another key is to remember that when our translations say "land," the Hebrew word is *aretz* ( $\varkappa$ r). This word can mean either *earth* or *land* (as in the land of Israel), depending on the context.

Another key is to remember that Scripture sometimes speaks in generalities, rather than absolutes. In verse 16 we are told that "all" will receive the mark of the beast. However, in context, this does not necessarily mean that 100 percent of all human beings everywhere will receive the mark of the beast. It may mean "the vast majority of all those who are living in the land." We know that something less than 100 percent of all people worldwide will receive the mark of the beast, because we are told that some groups (such as the elect) make it all the way through the tribulation without receiving the mark. The text of Revelation 14:9-12 also reinforces this.

### Hitgalut (Revelation) 14:9-12

9 Then a third messenger followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of Elohim, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the set-apart messengers and in the presence of the Lamb.

11 And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

12 Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of Elohim and the faith of Yeshua.

Verse 9 implies that we will have a choice whether or not to receive the mark. Verse 12 seems to suggest that the saints can escape the mark through patience and faith.

We learned earlier that there will be war between the nations during the trumpets. This means the UN will not have supreme global power. Although they may be able to enforce allegiance to the beast in the land of Israel (and in many areas of the world), they will not be able to enforce acceptance of the mark of the beast worldwide, or else there would not be war between the nations.

Another key is to recognize the difference between *signs* of the beast, and the *mark* of the beast. Signs and marks are not the same. Since there is so much confusion on this point, let us take some time to break this down.

Physical circumcision is a *sign* (אות) of the covenant between Yahweh and the children of Avraham in all generations.

B'reisheet (Genesis) 17:11

11 "and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign (אות) of the covenant between Me and you."

Circumcision is not the covenant itself: it is, rather, an outward sign of the spiritual covenant between Yahweh and us. It is one of the signs that we love Him, and want to keep His commandments.

Another sign of our inward allegiance to Yahweh is that we teach His commandments diligently to our children, and that we talk of them when we sit in our houses, when we walk by the way, when we lie down, and when we rise up.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 6:4-8

4 "Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our Elohim, Yahweh is one!

5 You shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes."

The symbolism of verse 8 reveals that we should do all that Yahweh says to do, and we should have a scriptural worldview. That is, we are to do everything by faith. Our faith and obedience serve as an outward sign (אות) of an inward allegiance to Elohim. This inward allegiance is the *mark* of Yahweh.

In a vision, Yahweh told a man with a writer's inkhorn to go through Jerusalem and put a spiritual mark ( $\pi$ ) on the foreheads of all the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done in Jerusalem. This mark of Yahweh protected them from harm.

Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 9:3-6

3 Now the glory of the Elohim of Israel had gone up from the cherub, where it had been, to the threshold of the temple. And He called to the man clothed with linen, who had the writer's inkhorn at his side;

4 and Yahweh said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark  $[\pi r]$  on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it."

5 To the others He said in my hearing, "Go after him through the city and kill; do not let your eye spare, nor have any pity.

6 Utterly slay old and young men, maidens and little children and women; but do not come near anyone on whom is the mark  $[\pi r]$ ; and begin at My sanctuary." So they began with the elders who were before the temple.

Because this is a vision, we do not expect to see a literal mark (תו) written on anyone's forehead. Rather, those who are inwardly loyal to Yahweh will perform outward signs (אותות) of the covenant. They will circumcise their children, teach them to keep the Sabbath, and obey His commandments. They will also sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within Jerusalem.



If an inward mark of allegiance to Yahweh is evidenced by outward signs of obedience to Him, then the same should be true of those with allegiance to the Babylonian beast. Those who love Babylon will be happy when the UN comes to power, and the URI is established. They will gladly kill the servants of Yahweh (as those loyal to Catholicism and Islam have long been pleased to do).

Now let us consider some illustrations which show us the difference between the mark and the signs of the beast. Some people don't want to use the US dollar bill because it has satanic imagery on the back. For example, there is an unfinished tower of Babylon, and below the tower is written, "Annuit coeptis novus ordo seculorum." This is Latin (i.e., Roman) for "Announcing the birth of the secular New World Order." That the US dollar bill has Babylonian imagery on the back is a clear sign that the US Federal Reserve (which issues the dollar bill) is part of the Babylonian system. However, even though the US dollar bill carries all of these outward signs, that does not mean we profess inward allegiance to the beast if we use US dollars to buy groceries. Yeshua used Roman coinage.

Matityahu (Matthew) 17:27 122 27 "Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you."

Yeshua and His disciples were not defiled by using Roman currency, because they did not have allegiance to Rome. They simply used the currency of the day.

Some fear the government placing a microchip in our hands. However, Yeshua said that it is not what enters a man from outside that defiles him. Rather, it is what is in his heart (i.e, his allegiance) that either purifies or defiles him.

Marqaus (Mark) 7:14-23

14 When He had called all the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear Me, everyone, and understand:

15 There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man. 16 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!"

17 When He had entered a house away from the crowd, His disciples asked Him concerning the parable.

18 So He said to them, "Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him,

19 because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?"

20 And He said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man.

21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

22 thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye [greed], blasphemy, pride, foolishness.

23 All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

Biometric scanning promises soon to make microchips obsolete. Yet even if someone takes a biometric scan of our body, it does not affect our salvation, because it says nothing about the allegiance of our hearts.

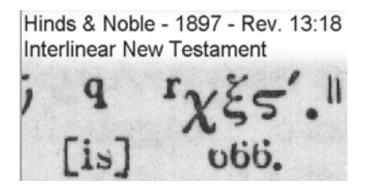
Now that we understand the difference between signs and marks, let us consider the number of the beast. Verse 18 tells us that the number of the beast is 666. We will see both a primary fulfillment in the papacy, and a secondary fulfillment in Islam.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 13:18

18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666 (chi xi stigma).

In <u>Nazarene Israel</u> we show how an anti-messiah is not someone who fights against the Messiah, but is someone who pretends to be the Messiah. This is a perfect description of the papacy. In fact, one of the pope's many titles is *Vicarius Philii Dei*, which means, "Instead of the Son of the Deity" or "In the place of the Son of the Deity." This title originally comes from a forged imperial document called the Donation of Constantine, which allegedly transferred authority of the western leg of the empire to the papacy. Although the Donation of Constantine was later proved to be a forgery, it was widely believed for centuries, and many Catholics still call the pope the *Vicar of Christ* (i.e., "he who stands in for the Messiah"). This title is very significant, because Latin (like many other languages) assigns numerical values to its letters. When one adds the numerical values of Vicarius Philii Dei, one gets a numerical value of 666.

Because Christianity and Islam are the two legs of the Babylonian statue, there is also an Islamic fulfillment of the 666. Although we believe Revelation was originally written in either Hebrew or Aramaic, the evidence shows up in the most ancient Greek texts. To see this, first let us look at the number 666 in a typewritten Greek text of Revelation 13:18.



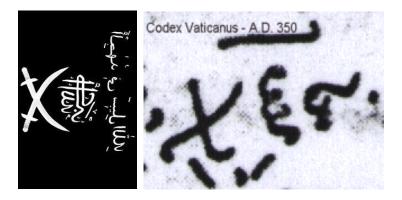
From left to right, the first Greek letter,  $\chi$  (pronounced *chi*), has a numerical value of 600. The letter  $\xi$ , pronounced *xi*, has a numerical value of 60. The letter  $\varsigma$  is pronounced *stigma*. Its numerical value has changed since the first century, but in the first century it had a numerical value of 6. Putting these three letters together we get *Chi Xi Stigma* ( $\chi\xi\varsigma$ ), which has a numerical value of 600 + 60 + 6 = 666.



These Greek letters look very much like the *Bismillah*, which is Arabic for "the name of Allah." If we flip the Bismillah around, we can see a striking similarity to the Codex Vaticanus, which is widely believed to be the oldest extant Greek manuscript, dated circa 350 CE. The line above *xi* (under "A.D. 350" below) is not an underline, but is actually part of the handwritten text.



Looking closely, one can see these same letters ( $\chi\xi\varsigma$ ) next to crossed swords (denoting conquest) in the (Islamic) Chechin revolutionary flag, here flipped diagonally.



The Greek version of Revelation 13:18 tells us that the mark of the beast will be worn on the forehead or on the right hand. In Hebrew, the word *hand* is *yahd* ( $\tau$ ), which means both *hand* and *arm*. This fits Islam perfectly, as Islamic jihadists wear the Bismillah on their foreheads, and on their right arms.



Below is a picture of a Hamas headband. Similar bands are typically worn on the right arm. If one looks closely and is willing to turn these images on their sides, one can see images resembling the xi, the chi, and the stigma ( $\chi\xi\varsigma$ ).



To be complete, there are some nagging issues. As we explain in <u>Nazarene Israel</u>, the apostles spoke Hebrew or Aramaic, so it is not logical that Yochanan (John) would write Revelation in Greek. Further, the language of verse 18 does not support the idea that he was trying to portray the Bismillah in Greek letters. Rather, Yochanan is clearly expressing a number (666).

Hitgalut (Revelation) 13:18

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# The 144,000 and the Grapes of Wrath

Revelation 14 describes three harvests. First comes the harvest of the 144,000 (the firstfruits). Then comes the grain harvest. Finally comes the grape harvest. These latter two harvests may also be the harvest of the great multitude dressed in white (Revelation 19:14).

The timing of the harvest of the 144,000 and the great multitude is subject to discussion. We first met them in Revelation 7, where they were sealed (protected) from harm. This occurs after seal 6, but before the trumpets.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 7:1-8

1 After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.

2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living Elohim. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,

3 saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our Elohim on their foreheads."

4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:

5 of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed;

6 of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were sealed; 7 of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand were sealed;

8 of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed.

Revelation does not speak of a random mass of 144,000 disorganized believers. Rather, it speaks of twelve tribes of Israel. In Torah, the tribes are organized according to families, with heads of households also being organized by tens, fifties, hundreds, and thousands (e.g., Exodus 18:25). Each tribe also has a tribal leader. Later we will see that while the tribal affiliations have been lost, Yahweh does expect His people to organize (at this time according to geographical areas). To fail to organize is to reject Torah principles.

Revelation 9 shows us that the 144,000 will be protected from harm through trumpet 5. This is probably the midway point of the tribulation (when the 7 thunders utter their voices, and the time of Jacob's Trouble begins).

### Hitgalut (Revelation) 9:3-5

3 Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of Elohim on their foreheads.

5 And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. We know that the 144,000 are protected through trumpet 5, however, they are harvested as firstfruits (i.e., killed) during Jacob's Trouble. The great multitude dressed in white probably dies after they do (either during Jacob's Trouble, or during the cup judgments).

Hitgalut (Revelation) 7:9-10

9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our Elohim who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

To review, we know the 144,000 are harvested as first fruits because the language in chapter 14 indicates they are no longer on earth, but in heaven. This makes sense if we remember that the events of chapter 14 probably parallel the events of chapter 15, which speaks about the cup (bowl) judgments.

Although the 144,000 are protected through trumpet 5, in verse 1 we are told that the Lamb (Yeshua) is standing on "Mount Tsion" with the 144,000. One can argue whether this is the earthly Mount Tsion or a heavenly one, but verse 2 clearly takes place in heaven, because now the 144,000 are "before the throne" (which is in heaven). Further, verse 4 tells us that they have been "redeemed from among men," and that they are "firstfruits to Elohim and to the Lamb." All of these things tell us that the 144,000 have been harvested.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 14:1-5

1 Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Tsion, and with Him one hundred and fortyfour thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

2 And [i.e., Then] I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

3 They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to Elohim and to the Lamb.

5 And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of Elohim.

The 144,000 are harvested in between trumpets 5 and 7, because the 144,000 are protected through trumpet 5, but by trumpet 7 they have already been harvested. Elohim's judgment is announced in verse 7, followed by the announcement of Babylon's fall, and both of these things take place at or around trumpet 7.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 14:6-8

6 Then I saw another messenger flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Good News to preach to those who dwell on the earth — to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people — 7 saying with a loud voice, "Fear Elohim and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

8 And another messenger followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

The 144,000 firstfruits are probably taken to heaven at or near the beginning of the time of Jacob's Trouble because the next thing we get is a warning not to take the mark of the beast (which will be needed to buy or sell during Jacob's Trouble).

Hitgalut (Revelation) 14:9-12

9 Then a third messenger followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand,

10 he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of Elohim, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the set-apart angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

11 And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

12 Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of Elohim and the faith of Yeshua.

Those who die while believing in Yeshua from trumpet 7 onward will be blessed, because as we will see later, the wedding feast (Armageddon) takes place not long after trumpet 7 (and so it is not long before they get to go be with Yeshua). Hitgalut (Revelation) 14:13

13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in Yahweh from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

Next we read about the two harvests of humankind. The first one is the grain harvest, which is conducted by one looking "like the Son of Man" (Yeshua).

Hitgalut (Revelation) 14:14-16

14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.

15 And another messenger came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe."

16 So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

This symbolism is consistent with Yeshua's agricultural parables, in which the believers are likened unto wheat (or other grains) and are harvested.

Marqaus (Mark) 4:26-29

26 And He said, "The kingdom of Elohim is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground,

27 and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how.

28 For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head.

29 But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

Yeshua also says the tares are taken out before the true wheat harvest. This may mean that many replacement theology Christians will be harvested first.

Matityahu (Matthew) 13:24-30

24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field;

25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.

26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.

27 So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'

28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?'

29 But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Next we read about the grape harvest, which takes place around the city (Jerusalem, verse 20).

Hitgalut (Revelation) 14:17-20

17 Then another messenger came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

18 And another messenger came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe."

19 So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of Elohim.

20 And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

Sixteen hundred furlongs is roughly 321 kilometers or 190 miles. If we begin at Jerusalem, a radius of 190 miles encompasses the modern day State of Israel (see picture below).

The blood of grapes can symbolize human blood, so it is likely that the blood of the grapes in the verses above symbolize the blood of believers who are killed. This may also be what fills the cups of Yahweh's wrath, which is poured out on those belonging to Babylon. (We will read about this in the next chapter.)



Unless Yahweh tells us to be in Israel during the time of Jacob's Trouble (during the last half of the tribulation), it would be safer to live outside the land.

Now let us rejoin the storyline in chapter 15, where we will read about the cups of Yahweh's wrath being poured out on the harlot, Babylon.

### The Cup Judgments

While the seals play out over hundreds of years, and the tribulation takes approximately seven years, the bowls are poured out in about 30 days. We might visualize a fireworks display which starts slowly, builds, and finally peaks in a grand finale at the end. We can also apply the parable of the pregnant bride (Israel), who bears a growing burden for many months. As her time to give birth draws near, she begins to suffer labor pains (contractions). Near the end she cries out in pain (seven thunders). Then her water breaks (cups). In the end her pain becomes all-consuming (even blinding) right before she gives birth to her man child (redeemed Israel), and Elohim's kingdom is restored.

In Revelation 15 we return to the storyline, where the events of inset chapter 14 will unfold. First we meet 7 messengers who will pour out the final 7 plagues upon the earth to complete the wrath of Elohim. We are also reminded that it is right for Yahweh to pour out these cups of judgment and destruction on Babylon.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 15:1-4

1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven messengers having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of Elohim is complete.

2 And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of Elohim.

3 They sing the song of Moshe, the servant of Elohim, and the song of the Lamb, saying:

"Great and marvelous are Your works, Yahweh Elohim Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!

4 Who shall not fear You, O Yahweh, and glorify Your name? For You alone are set-apart. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested."

Armageddon occurs 45 days after the cups are poured out. In later chapters we will show that Armageddon is the wedding feast, when Ephraim recalls that she is the bride. The bride will then want to come back home to Yahweh's land, and set up His kingdom. This will lead to the Ingathering, and then the millennium. It is during the millennium that verse 4 is fulfilled, and all nations come to worship before Yahweh. This ties to Zechariah 14, where we are told that all the nations which came against Jerusalem (i.e., the Islamic nations) will have to come up to Jerusalem to worship Yahweh and keep the feast of Tabernacles, or they will have no rain. (Note: in verse 17 the word *earth* is the Hebrew word *aretz* ( $\chi$ r $\chi$ ). While this word can mean *land*, in this context it refers to the land of the Middle East.)

### Zecharyah (Zechariah) 14:16-17

16 And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, Yahweh of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

17 And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth [ארץ] do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, Yahweh of hosts, on them there will be no rain.

Next, the 7 messengers receive the 7 cups, and no one may enter the heavenly temple until after these cups of judgment (and wrath) have been poured out.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 15:5-8

5 After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened.

6 And out of the temple came the seven messengers having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands.

7 Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven messengers seven golden bowls full of the wrath of Elohim who lives forever and ever.

8 The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of Elohim and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven messengers were completed.

While the commands to open seals and sound trumpets were given one at a time, here the 7 messengers are told to pour out the cups in quick succession or all at once.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 16:1-3

1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven messengers, "Go and pour out the cups of the wrath of Elohim on the earth."

2 So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

3 Then the second messenger poured out his cup on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died. During the trumpets, the destruction took place by thirds (i.e., on a large minority). However, here the devastation is near total. For example, when cup 1 is poured out, all those who have taken the mark of the beast and who worship his image receive foul and loathsome sores. When cup 2 is poured out, the sea (Mediterranean) turns to blood, and every living creature in the sea dies.

When cup 3 is poured out, the rivers and springs of water turn to blood. This is probably a symbolic reference to a spiritual event. Since water represents the Spirit (and hence, doctrine), it may be that those loyal to Babylon drink spiritual blood, just as Babylon drank from a cup filled with the blood of the saints (Revelation 17:6). In other words, because they refuse to turn back, they continue to become more like their mistress, Babylon.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 16:4-7

4 Then the third messenger poured out his cup on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.

5 And I heard the messenger of the waters saying: "You are righteous, O Yahweh, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things.

6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due."

7 And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, Yahweh Elohim Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."

Then cup 4 is poured out on the sun, and the messenger is given the power to scorch men with fire. However, those who love Babylon still refuse to repent or give glory to Elohim. Hitgalut (Revelation) 16:8-9

8 Then the fourth messenger poured out his cup on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.

9 And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of Elohim who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

This may correspond to Isaiah 30:26, where the light of the sun (Yeshua's Spirit) will become sevenfold, and the light of the moon (Torah) will be as the light of the former sun. This will be a blessing for those loyal to Elohim, as His kingdom is re-established. However, it will be painful (and even deadly) for those remaining loyal to Babylon.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 30:26

26 Moreover the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, And the light of the sun will be sevenfold, As the light of seven days, In the day that Yahweh binds up the bruise of His people And heals the stroke of their wound.

When cup 5 is poured out, the beast's kingdom (i.e., the one world system and the one world religion) become full of darkness, and men gnaw their tongues because of the pain.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 16:10-11

10 Then the fifth messenger poured out his cup on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.

11 They blasphemed the Elohim of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds. When cup 6 is poured out, three unclean spirits like frogs come from the mouths of the dragon (Satan), the beast (Babylon/Rome), and the false prophet (Muhammad). For an unclean spirit to come out of the mouth of Satan means that even he is possessed. These demons then begin gathering the whole world (or perhaps the Islamic world) to battle at Armageddon, which will take place some 45 days later.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 16:12-16

12 Then the sixth messenger poured out his cup on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of Elohim Almighty.

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

16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Har Megiddo [Armageddon].

When cup 7 is poured out, there is an earthquake greater than any before. This represents the complete collapse of the Babylonian social order, which has ruled the world since the days of Nimrod (Genesis 10:8-10). When the Babylonian tyranny comes crashing down, every island (national boundary) will disappear, and no mountain (government) will be found.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 16:17-21

17 Then the seventh messenger poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

18 And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.

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

20 Then every island [national boundary] fled away, and the mountains [governments] were not found.

21 And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed Elohim because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

This is also when the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream comes crashing down, and the kingdom of Elohim is set back up in its place.

#### Daniel 2:44-45

44 "And in the days of these kings the Elohim of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

45 Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold — the great Elohim has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure."

The great city in verse 19 is probably Rome. This may be why the cities of the nations (i.e., the capitals which are built upon a Babylonian foundation) also fall at that time. This will be a time of great upheaval. There will be no police, military, or government. While we should do what we can to prepare for this day in the natural, it is far more important to prepare spiritually, by hearing and obeying Yahweh's voice. That will determine who the redeemed Israelites are, and those are the people Yahweh wants to bring back home to His land. Yahweh has no incentive to protect or bring back those who do not obey.

# The Harlot's Judgment

We can better understand how end time events play out, if we realize that the material world is a reflection of the spiritual world. Things first take place in the spiritual, and then over time they reflect in the natural. To give an analogy, if a war plane is shot in the engine, one can say that the war plane has been shot down, although it can still take some time for it to come down out of the sky. This is similar to the fall of Babylon.

Earlier we saw how Babylon falls in the spiritual realm at trumpet 7, and then her sentence of judgment is carried out in the natural during the cups. At cup 7 the great city (Rome) is divided into three parts, and the capital cities of all existing Babylonian-Roman-Islamic nations fall. All Luciferian, Babylonian governments (including the State of Israel) will fall at that time, and every existing national border will dissolve.

Revelation 17 and 18 go into some detail about the fall and judgment of the harlot, Babylon. In verse 5 she is called Mystery Babylon, perhaps because while both Christians and Muslims think they are worshipping Elohim, in truth they are following Babylonian religions which have nothing to do with Yahweh's Torah.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 17:1-6

1 Then one of the seven messengers who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,

2 with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication." 3 So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

4 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. 5 And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY: BABYLON GREAT. THE THF OF HARLOTS AND MOTHER OF THF ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6 I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Yeshua. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

In visions, women represent spiritual bodies. Verse 6 speaks of a woman who is drunk with the blood of the saints and the martyrs of Yeshua. This is primarily Rome, but secondarily Islam. Both Rome and Islam have oppressed and murdered Yahweh's saints (set-apart ones), and will continue to do so at least until cup 7 (but probably until after Armageddon).

#### Hitgalut (Revelation) 17:7-8

7 But the messenger said to me, "Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.

8 The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. The Babylonian Empire had already risen to power and been defeated before Revelation was written, yet John wrote that the Babylonian spirit would ascend from the bottomless pit and go to perdition after Armageddon.

### Hitgalut (Revelation) 19:20

20 Then the beast [Rome] was captured, and with him the false prophet [Muhammad] who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image [united religion]. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Verse 9 tells us that the seven heads of the beast are symbolic of seven mountains on which the woman sits. There are different interpretations, but we believe the primary fulfillment is the Seven Hills of Rome, while the secondary fulfillment is the seven mountains of Mecca.

## Hitgalut (Revelation) 17:9

9 "Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits."

Verses 10 and 11 tell of the seven kings and the beast.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 17:10-11

10 "There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time.

11 The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition."

Again, there are different interpretations, but considering that Scripture concerns itself primarily with the land of

Israel and the Middle East, the following interpretation makes sense:

- 1. Egypt (Ezekiel 29:1-30:26)
- 2. Assyria and Nineveh (Nahum 3:1-19)
- 3. Babylon (Revelation 18:2, Jeremiah 50-51)
- 4. Medea-Persia (Daniel 8:20-22, 10:13, 11:2)
- 5. Greece (Daniel 11:4)
- 6. Rome (existed when Revelation was written)
- 7. Ottoman Islamic Caliphate (1299-1922)
- 8. A one world order in the Middle East (with a united religion), or a renewed Islamic Caliphate

When Revelation was written, Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Iran (Medea-Persia), and Alexander's Grecian empire had all fallen. As in verse 10 (above), Rome was, but the Ottoman Islamic Caliphate was not yet; and when it came it had to continue a short time (1299-1922). It received a *deadly wound* at the Battle of Vienna in 1683. from which it never recovered (Revelation 13:3). Today (2015) we see efforts to revive an Islamic caliphate (Revelation 13:12). It remains to be seen whether the Islamic Caliphate is restored to its original capital in Istanbul, Turkey (the former Constantinople, which was the seat of the eastern leg of the Roman Empire), or whether it will be restored in some other location (such as Assyria, reference Micah 5). What we do know is that at some point there will be a successful effort to unify Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in a one world religion centered on the Temple Mount (which will be the eighth, verse 11 above).

Verse 12 speaks of ten future kings who will receive power with the beast for one hour.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 17:12-14

12 "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.

13 These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.

14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Master of Masters and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."

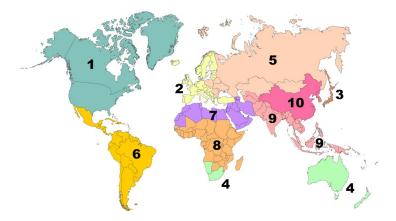
These cannot be ten kings from past history, because there is no way to apply the principle of 2 Peter 3:8 (that a day with Yahweh is as a thousand years).

Kepha Bet (2 Peter) 3:8

8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with Yahweh one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

If a day in prophecy is equal to 1,000 earth years, then an hour is 41 2/3 earth years (and a half hour would be half that, or 20 1/3 years). That is a very short amount of time for a historical kingship, and the context here is the harlot's fall (around the time of the tribulation, the cups, and Armageddon).

Those who study the New World Order tell us that when the NWO rises to full power, they intend to redraw all existing national boundaries into ten supernations. The goal is to break up any existing national, ethnic, and religious ties, and to form new national groups that are easier to govern. Variations of this tactic have been employed by Babylonian-style governments throughout history. For example, when the Assyrians took the Ephraimites out of Israel, they resettled them in different lands, causing them to assimilate. To redraw the national boundaries would simply be a different variation on the same theme.



Even if these ten kingships are formed immediately after seal 6, it will still take some time for the new national boundaries to be drawn.

This is only a theory, but in <u>The Torah Calendar</u> we show how the feasts of the first and seventh month are mirror images of each other. For example, the feast of Passover is a one day event which lasts for an afternoon, followed by seven full days of unleavened bread. As a mirror image, the feast of Sukkot (Tabernacles) is a seven day feast followed by a gathering in the morning (Shemini Atzeret, or the Eighth Day Assembly). There are many other examples of this, but the thought is that this same pattern might extend to the second exodus as well.

Early/ 1 <sup>th</sup> Month	Late/ 7 <sup>th</sup> Month
1 (Passover) + 7 (ULB)	7 (Sukkot) + 1 (Shemini)
Exodus 1, then 40 years	40 years, then Exodus 2

The first exodus was marked by ten plagues, a sudden exodus, and then 40 years in the wilderness. Conversely, the second exodus may be marked by 40 years of refinement (with plagues during the trumpets and cup judgments), followed by a sudden exodus (after the Battle of Armageddon). If true, then while the first exodus may have taken a prophetic hour overall (a year of plagues followed by 40 years in the wilderness), the second exodus may also last a prophetic hour (i.e., +/-41 years). This would hint at a +/- 13 year timeframe for the redistricting of national boundaries after seal 6 (13 being an occult number). (This is only a theory.)

Redrawing national borders after seal 6	+/- 13 years
Half hour of silence (peace) at seal 7	21.6 years
Tribulation (wars, plagues)	7 years
Cups and Armageddon	Partial year
Total elapsed time = 1 prophetic hour	+/- 41 years

Next, we are told what the waters represent.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 17:15

15 Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues."

The harlot is able to "sit" on so many people because they have not received the love of truth. This opens a door for Satan to enter with his "unrighteous deception" and teach them a substitute Babylonian religion.

Thessaloniqim Bet (2 Thessalonians) 2:9-12 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason Elohim will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Of course, Satan would prefer that we worship and serve him directly. Yet we are created in Yahweh's image, so Satan must first convince us that we can ignore Yahweh's words with impunity (as he convinced Havvah [Eve] in the Garden of Eden). Then he must convince us that Yahweh does not truly exist. If we believe that lie, then Satan can convince us that it is better to worship him, than to worship nothing at all. This is even mentioned in Albert Pike's prophecy, which we saw in earlier chapters. (It is reprinted here, for convenience.)

"The Third World War must be fomented by taking advantage of the differences caused by the "agentur" of the "Illuminati" between the political Zionists and the leaders of Islamic World. The war must be conducted in such a way that Islam [the Muslim World] and political Zionism [the State of Israel] mutually destroy each other. Meanwhile the other nations, once more divided on this issue will be constrained to fight to the point of complete moral. spiritual and economical physical. exhaustion... We shall unleash the Nihilists and the atheists, and we shall provoke a formidable social cataclysm which in all its horror will show clearly to the nations the effect of absolute atheism, origin of savagery and of the most bloody turmoil. Then everywhere, the citizens, obliged to defend themselves against the world minority of revolutionaries, will exterminate those destroyers of civilization, and the multitude, disillusioned with Christianity, whose deistic spirits will from that moment be without compass or direction, anxious for an ideal, but without knowing where to render its adoration, will receive the true light through the universal manifestation of the pure doctrine of Lucifer, brought finally out in the public view. This manifestation will result from the general reactionary movement which will follow the destruction of Christianity and atheism, both conquered and exterminated at the same time." [Commander William Guy Carr, Satan: Prince of This World

Satan plans to bring all this about by an elaborate series of deceptions-within-deceptions in which Babylonian religious and government institutions pretend to stand for truth (but are later exposed as frauds). This will destroy the average man's confidence in what he wrongly takes to be Yahweh's institutions, hence weakening his faith in Yahweh. The creation of these elaborate systems of deceptions-within-deceptions is Babylon's job.

Chapter 13 introduced us to two Babylonian beasts. The first beast is the church (the harlot), who teaches us that we can ignore Yahweh's laws (the truth), and still become Yahweh's bride. The second beast is a political system that seeks to conquer the world by establishing a secular world government (the UN). It is important to understand how these two spiritual beasts interact.

The first beast seeks to establish as many different variations of the faith as she can. First, she established Catholicism (which was used to replace the Nazarene Israelite faith). Then she used the Catholics to establish Islam. Then there was fragmentation within Islam with the establishment of both Sunni and Shia sects (which are often at war with each other). Then she caused the Protestants to break from the Catholics. All of these factions are at odds (and often at war) with each other and because most people have not received the love of the truth, they want government to step in and enforce a peace (so they can get on with their lives). This opens a door for the second beast (secular government) to come in and "bring order out of chaos," as the Freemasons like to say (when in truth their goal is to bring their form of order out of the chaos that they themselves created).

As the world economy continues to become more global, and the West seeks Middle Eastern (Islamic) oil, Islam and Christianity are brought ever closer together. This creates an increased opportunity for the second beast to control the world in the name of peace (that is no peace).

After the coming engineered nuclear war at seal 6, the united world religion will be brought to full power, and will be billed as an alternative for fundamentalist religious belief (which will be blamed as the cause of the war). Since the average man has not received the love of the truth, he will agree that the one world religion is better. Eventually, all faiths, except those which join forces with the URI, will be outlawed and persecuted unto death.

The second beast does not care about the first beast; the second beast only uses the first beast as a tool to lure religious people into its grasp. After the one world government has consolidated its power, it plans to dispense with the first beast (URI), whom it will view as having outlived its usefulness. Hitgalut (Revelation) 17:16-18

16 "And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire.

17 For Elohim has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of Elohim are fulfilled.

18 And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth."

# Come Out of Her, My People

Revelation 18:2 tells us that Babylon the great is fallen. As we have learned, this takes place in the heavens at trumpet 7. However, it takes time for this to play out on earth. Babylonian government will slowly fall as the cups are poured out—and then what remains will fall after the Battle of Armageddon. Then the reign of Elohim will be established here on earth.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 18:1-3

1 After these things I saw another messenger coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory.

2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!

3 For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury."

Verse 3 says all nations have drunk the wine of the wrath of her fornication. Verse 4 commands us to come out of Babylon, lest we share in her sins, and receive of her plagues. Let us study this command, and see why it means we are to leave the Babylonian *spirit* behind.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 18:4-5

4 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. 5 For her sins have reached to heaven, and Elohim has remembered her iniquities."

The term Elohim (אלהים) normally refers to Yahweh. However, the term technically means *rulers*—and on occasion it also refers to judges, or to mighty men (i.e., earthly rulers).

OT:430 'elohiym (el-o-heem'); plural of OT:433; gods in the ordinary sense; but specifically used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the supreme God; occasionally applied by way of deference to magistrates; and sometimes as a superlative:

KJV - angels, exceeding, God (gods)- dess, -ly), (very) great, judges, mighty [men].

One place the term *elohim* likely refers to earthly rulers is in Genesis 6:1-4. Remember that Yahweh originally created us to hear and obey His voice, which includes waiting on Him to bring us the bride of His choice. However, by Genesis 6 the rulers of men had corrupted themselves. They began using power and position to take wives *for themselves* of all whom *they* chose. This means that instead of waiting on Yahweh to bring them the bride of His choice, they began marrying whoever they wanted (just as the rich and powerful do today). Their spirit was essentially Babylonian.

B'reisheet (Genesis) 6:1-4

1 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,

2 that the sons of the rulers [elohim] saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. 3 And Yahweh said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."4 There were giants on the earth in those days,

and also afterward, when the sons of the rulers [elohim] came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

[Some people think this passage speaks of spirit beings mating with human women, who had 40 pound babies that grew to be over 20 feet tall. However, these theories do not make sense. No human woman would survive the gestation of such a 40 pound baby (let alone giving birth to it). Further, that which is of the Spirit is spirit, and that which is of the flesh is flesh—and the two do not mix. Additionally, verse 4 clearly specifies these elohim as being mighty *men* of old, *men* of renown—not spirits.]

Before the Flood there were local rulers. After the Flood there began to be Babylonian-style empires, which were led by emperors. They hunted and killed other emperors. Then Genesis 10:8-9 tells us that Nimrod began to be a mighty hunter before Yahweh. This means he was a mighty emperor that hunted ever-more power and control. (He probably chose his own wives, instead of waiting for Yahweh to bring him a wife.) He was the father of Babylon, establishing the pattern of self-serving misuse of power, which all Babylonian-style kings and empires have followed ever since.

B'reisheet (Genesis) 10:8-12

8 Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth.

9 He was a mighty hunter before Yahweh; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before Yahweh." 10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. 11 From that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah,

12 and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (that is the principal city).

The Babylonian Empire has taken many forms. First we saw Babylon, then Medea-Persia, then Greece, then Rome—and now the combined Christian and Islamic worlds strive together to establish control over the world.

## Daniel 7:7

7 "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron [Roman] teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it [in that it was a spiritual beast], and it had ten horns."

The reason the Christians and Muslims strive together to take over the whole world is that they descend from Ya'akov (Jacob) and Esau, who strove together in the womb of their mother Rivkah (Rebekah).

## B'reisheet (Genesis) 25:22-23

22 But the children struggled together within her;and she [Rebekah] said, "If all is well, why am I like this?" So she went to inquire of Yahweh.23 And Yahweh said to her: "Two nations are in your womb, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; One people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger."

If we approach this with spiritual understanding, let us consider that it is the sons of Ya'akov (the man of flesh)

who are striving again the sons of Israel (the upright of Elohim), including the Nazarenes. Thus the Babylonian harlot and her daughters (the Protestant churches) seek to destroy the bride.

Earlier we saw that the mark of the Babylonian beast is loyalty to Babylon, while the mark of Yahweh is loyalty to Yahweh. Coming out of Babylon, then, is not so much fleeing from a physical place, as it is submitting to Elohim, and giving our loyalty wholly and completely to Him.

Papal Christianity, Islam, and Zionist (political) Judaism are Babylonian spiritual bodies. They are also the white, green, and red horses. We must not be loyal to any of these Babylonian horses—or to Babylonian democracy (which is the red horse).

In Hebrew, the word for Babylon is *bavel* (בבל), spelled *beit, beit, lamed.* The letter *beit* is a picture of a house, while *lamed* is a picture of a staff (symbolic of authority). The word picture is that of authority being shared by more than one house. This is a picture of democracy, where power is shared between houses. However, democracies devolve over time, because the majority usually only agrees on those measures which will increase power and money. Therefore they elect governments that effectively increase their wealth through economic and military imperialism. (This is a perfect picture of America and all other Greco-Roman-Babylonian empires throughout history.)

Yeshua tells us that any kingdom or house which is divided against itself cannot stand; this is why democracies (and democratic republics) always fall.

Marqaus (Mark) 3:24-25 24 "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand."

The point is that sometimes people say that in order to flee Babylon, we must emigrate from this or that nation. That is not correct. Rather, Babylon is a spirit, and spirits typically manifest themselves in more than one place (and in more than one way) at once. If we flee America, and go to Israel, but we still idealize democracy, then we are still in Babylon, because we still idealize Babylonian institutions.

Revelation 18, however, does speak of a physical city called Babylon. Where is this city?

Hitgalut (Revelation) 18:6-19

6 "Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her.

7 In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.'

8 Therefore her plagues will come in one day death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is Yahweh Elohim who judges her.

9 The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning,

10 standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that

mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'

11 And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore:

12 merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble;

13 and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men.

14 The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all.

15 The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

16 and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls!

17 For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.' Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance

18 and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like this great city?'

19 They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.'" This is probably Rome, as we already saw that Rome will be divided into three parts at cup 7.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 16:19-20

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

20 Then every island [national boundary] fled away, and the mountains [governments] were not found.

However, since Babylon is a spirit which can manifest in many ways and many places all at the same time, the great city that burns with fire might also be New York (which is the headquarters of Wall Street). Verse 13 tells us that Babylon trades the bodies and souls of men. Many authors have documented how human lives are essentially bought and sold on the New York Stock Exchange, how governments of various countries are literally classified as corporations for the purposes of stock trading, and how all of it is owned by the Crown of London (which is not the royal family of England, but rather a private banking cartel owned by the Rothschild and Warburg families, among others). Their trafficking in human lives has been responsible for the deaths of untold millions of human beings.

[Those wishing to know more about how human beings are bought and sold on the New York Stock Exchange may read various works such as: *The Empire of the City*, *Creature from Jekyll Island*, *A Second Look at the Federal Reserve*, *Wall Street and the Rise of Hitler*, and *They Own It All (Including You!) by Means of Toxic Currency*. These and other books show how Wall Street is owned by the black horse banking families of London.] Americans and other Babylonian citizens are often loyal to *the system*, in that it provides an abundance of material wealth (which is basically the spoils of economic war). As long as the citizens continue to feel enfranchised, most will continue to be loyal. But, ultimately, the black horse elites plan to suck all of the wealth up and out of the system, and depopulate the earth (so as to leave more of earth's resources for them and their children). Eventually the average man will no longer be able to be loyal to the system, and Babylon will fall. This will take place between trumpet 7 and cup 7. When this happens, those in charge of the system will be punished—and Yahweh's set-apart apostles and prophets are commanded to rejoice.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 18:20

20 "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you set-apart apostles and prophets, for Elohim has avenged you on her!"

Since this is a future event, the fivefold ministry gifts of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers are clearly still for today. We explain these in more detail in <u>Nazarene Israel</u>.

#### Hitgalut (Revelation) 18:21-24

21 Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore.

22 The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore.

23 The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride

shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived. 24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth."

Once Babylon and her associated demon governments come crashing down, there will be one final battle— Armageddon—as Satan makes one last-ditch effort to stop Yeshua's people from establishing the millennial reign. In the next chapter we show how Satan's effort will fail—and then it will be time to go home.

# Armageddon: The Wedding Feast

Earlier we saw that Babylon is judged at trumpet 7, and then her punishments are poured out during the cups. At cup 6, three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouths of the dragon (Satan), the beast (papacy), and the false prophet (Muhammad/Islam). They gather the Babylonian kings of the earth together to the battle of Armageddon.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 16:13-16

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon [Satan], out of the mouth of the beast [papacy], and out of the mouth of the false prophet [Muhammad].

14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of Elohim El Shaddai.

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

16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Har Megiddo [Armageddon].

The opening verses of Revelation 19 remind us that we should rejoice over the harlot's destruction, since it means the bride (Israel) will finally be married. In verse 7, the bride has made herself ready—and while it may at first seem counterintuitive, Armageddon is, in fact, the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 19:1-9

1 After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Halleluyah!

Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to Yahweh our Elohim!

2 For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her."

3 Again they said, "Halleluyah! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!"

4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped Elohim who sat on the throne, saying, "Amein! Halleluyah!"

5 Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our Elohim, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!"

6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Halleluyah! For Yahweh Elohim El Shaddai reigns!

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

8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the set-apart ones.

9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of Elohim."

In verse 10, Yochanan (John) worships the messenger (angel). The messenger, however, says not to do that, because he also is nothing more than a servant.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 19:10

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your

fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Yeshua. Worship Elohim! For the testimony of Yeshua is the spirit of prophecy."

In verse 11, Yeshua returns on a white horse. This is not the anti-messiah's white horse of seal 1 (Revelation 6:2), but a different white horse. Yeshua is accompanied by an army of His set-apart ones (saints). [As we will see in the next chapter on the rapture, this army of saints may include those who were raised from the grave in the first century, as well as the 144,000 who were called up to heaven in Revelation 11:2.]

Hitgalut (Revelation) 19:11-14

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

12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of Elohim.

14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

Verse 15 tells us that Yeshua will smite the nations with a sword that comes out of His mouth, and rule over them with a rod of iron.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 19:15

15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty Elohim. This is undoubtedly the same rod mentioned in Psalm 2, with which Yeshua will rule over the nations.

Tehillim (Psalms) 2:7-9

7 "I will declare the decree: Yahweh has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."

However, Revelation 2:26-27 tells us that Yeshua plans to rule over the nations by giving this rod to His set-apart ones (i.e., His body)—and that it is they who will rule over the nations during the millennium (as He will be in the throne room in heaven during that time).

Hitgalut (Revelation) 2:26-27

26 "And he who overcomes [Israel], and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations —

27 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels' as I also have received from My Father;"

This also agrees with Daniel 7:26-27, which tells us that after Babylon falls, the kingdom and dominion will be given to the saints of the Most High. This is the same thing as giving it to Yeshua, because His set-apart ones are His body.

Daniel 7:26-27

26 "But the court shall be seated, And they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy it forever.

27 Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the set-apart ones of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him."

Most Greek-based versions of verse 16 have Yeshua arriving at the battle with His name written on His thigh.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 19:16 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND MASTER OF MASTERS.

However, this creates a conflict, as the Torah generally prohibits tattoos or marks made in our flesh.

Vayiqra (Leviticus) 19:28 28 "You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor tattoo any marks on you: I am Yahweh."

The solution is that in Hebrew, the word for a banner is *dagel* (דגל), while the word for a thigh/leg is *ragel* (דגל). Since the first letters of each word look like each other, a scribe who was unfamiliar with the Torah may have mistaken the word  $\tau$  (banner) for  $\tau$  (thigh). It makes more sense that Yeshua will have His name displayed on His military banner than on His thigh, as He rides at the head of His army of saints.

Once the enemies of Israel are destroyed, He will call the birds of the heavens to come for the supper of the great Elohim, so that they might eat the flesh of kings and mighty men. Hitgalut (Revelation) 19:17-21

17 Then I saw a messenger standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great Elohim, 18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."

19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

20 Then the beast [papacy] was captured, and with him the false prophet [Muhammad] who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

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

If we compare the language in this passage with the description of the wedding feast in Hosea 2, we find that the language of birds feasting at the end of a great battle is a perfect parallel.

#### Hoshea (Hosea) 2:14-23

14 "Therefore, behold, I will allure her, Will bring her into the wilderness, And speak comfort to her. 15 I will give her her vineyards from there, And the Valley of Achor [Distress] as a door of hope; She shall sing there, As in the days of her youth, As in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt. 16 And it shall be, in that day," Says Yahweh, "That you will call Me 'My Husband' [Ishi], And no longer call Me 'My Lord' [Ba'ali],

17 For I will take from her mouth the names of the Baals [the Lords], And they shall be remembered by their name no more.

18 In that day I will make a covenant for them With the beasts of the field, With the birds of the air, And with the creeping things of the ground. Bow and sword of battle I will shatter from the earth, To make them lie down safely.

19 I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me In righteousness and justice, In loving-kindness and mercy;

20 I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, And you shall know Yahweh.

21 It shall come to pass in that day That I will answer," says Yahweh; "I will answer the heavens, And they shall answer the earth.

22 The earth shall answer With grain, With new wine, And with oil; They shall answer Jezre'el.

23 Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth, And I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; Then I will say to those who were not My people, 'You are My people!' And they shall say, 'You are my Elohim!'"

After Armageddon, Ephraim realizes who she is, and stops calling Yahweh by Baal's name (Lord). Also, we should note that in verse 23, Yeshua does not take His bride up to heaven, but she is sewn in the earth. This is yet one more witness that the bride will continue to live here on earth during the millennium.

The wedding story also shows up in Ezekiel 39, which describes the first war of Gog and Magog. Here we see the same great battle—and after Ephraim emerges

victorious, he realizes who he truly is—and who Yahweh is. The Ephraimites also realize that they should not be calling Him by the name of Ba'al (Lord), and that if they are intimate with Him, they should call Him by His true name (Yahweh).

Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 39:1-8

1 "And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, 'Thus says Yahweh Elohim: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal;

2 and I will turn you around and lead you on, bringing you up from the far north, and bring you against the mountains of Israel.

3 Then I will knock the bow out of your left hand, and cause the arrows to fall out of your right hand.

4 You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you to birds of prey of every sort and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.

5 You shall fall on the open field; for I have spoken," says Yahweh Elohim.

6 "And I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in security in the coastlands. Then they shall know that I am Yahweh.

7 So I will make My set-apart name known in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not let them profane My set-apart name anymore. Then the nations shall know that I am Yahweh, the Set-apart One in Israel.

8 Surely it is coming, and it shall be done," says Yahweh Elohim. "This is the day of which I have spoken."

Dropping down to verse 17, we see the birds of the air and the beasts of the field coming to partake of a great sacrificial meal (i.e., the wedding feast). Then in verse 22, the house of Israel (Ephraim) realizes that His name is Yahweh, and that they went into captivity for their iniquity (i.e., not obeying the Torah). Then, in verse 25, Yahweh turns back Ephraim's captivity, and brings them all back home to dwell in His land during the millennium.

Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 39:17-29

17 "And as for you, son of man, thus says Yahweh Elohim, 'Speak to every sort of bird and to every beast of the field: "Assemble yourselves and come; Gather together from all sides to My sacrificial meal Which I am sacrificing for you, A great sacrificial meal on the mountains of Israel, That you may eat flesh and drink blood.

18 You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, Drink the blood of the princes of the earth, Of rams and lambs, Of goats and bulls, All of them fatlings of Bashan.

19 You shall eat fat till you are full, And drink blood till you are drunk, At My sacrificial meal Which I am sacrificing for you.

20 You shall be filled at My table With horses and riders, With mighty men And with all the men of war," says Yahweh Elohim.

21 "I will set My glory among the nations; all the nations shall see My judgment which I have executed, and My hand which I have laid on them. 22 So the house of Israel shall know that I am Yahweh their Elohim from that day forward.

23 The Gentiles shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; because they were unfaithful to Me, therefore I hid My face from them. I gave them into the hand of their enemies, and they all fell by the sword.

24 According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions I have dealt with them, and hidden My face from them."

25 Therefore thus says Yahweh Elohim: 'Now I will bring back the captives of Jacob [Ephraim], and have mercy on the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for My set-apart name —

26 after they have borne their shame, and all their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, when they dwelt safely in their own land and no one made them afraid.

27 When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and I am hallowed in them in the sight of many nations,

28 then they shall know that I am Yahweh their Elohim, who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also brought them back to their land, and left none of them captive any longer.

29 And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,' says Yahweh Elohim."

While a few of us are being called into more truth now, most Ephraimites will not know who Yahweh is (or that His name is not *Lord*) until after the tribulation sequence is over.

But what about the rapture? Scripture tells us there will be a rapture of the saints when Yeshua returns—but we are also told that the bride (which consists of saints) will continue to dwell here on earth during the millennium. How can this logical paradox be resolved? We answer this question in the next chapter.

# About the Rapture

Scripture does teach the concept of a rapture, but what Scripture teaches is very different from what the popular culture teaches. To know what the rapture truly is (and isn't), let us study this term, both in Hebrew and in Greek.

The popular term is taken from the Greek word *harpazo*  $(\dot{\alpha}\rho\pi\dot{\alpha}\zeta\omega)$ , which refers to seizing, plucking, or taking away by force.

NT:726 ( $\dot{\alpha}\rho\pi\dot{\alpha}\zeta\omega$ ) harpazo (har-pad'-zo); from a derivative of NT:138; to seize (in various applications): KJV – catch (away, up), pluck, pull, take (by force).

This corresponds to the Hebrew word *l'qakh* (לָקַת), which means "to take."

OT:3947 laqach (law-kakh'); a primitive root; to take (in the widest variety of applications):

The word *l'qakh* appears in Genesis 5:24, where we are told that Elohim "took" (לָקַת) Hanok (Enoch)—and that he then walked with Elohim.

Genesis 5:24 24 And Hanok walked with Elohim; and he was not, for Elohim took him.	וַיִּתְהַלֵּדְ חֲנוֹדְ אֶת הָאֱלהִים   וְאֵינֶנּוּ כִּי לָקַח אֹתוֹ אֱלהִים
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But what does it mean when it says that Elohim "took" Hanok? Hebrews 11:5 tells us that Hanok did not see death.

Ivrim (Hebrews) 11:5

5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because Elohim had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased Elohim.

However, we also know that he did not go to the throne room in heaven, because Yeshua said no one had ascended to heaven at that point, except Him who came down from heaven (i.e., Yeshua).

Yochanan (John) 3:13

13 "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven."

It may be that Yeshua emphasized His authority by pointing out that no man had gone to heaven and *returned*. It might also be that the writer of Hebrews meant Hanok was chosen to avoid the second death (i.e., the lake of fire). While a complete analysis of this topic is outside the scope of this study, let us also consider the example of Eliyahu (Elijah), who went up into heaven in a whirlwind.

Melachim Bet (2 Kings) 2:11

11 Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Eliyahu went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

Some say this means Eliyahu was taken to the throne room in heaven, because six verses later we read that his body was searched for, but not found.

Melachim Bet (2 Kings) 2:17

17 But when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, "Send them!" Therefore they sent fifty men, and they searched for three days but did not find him.

However, we will show that Eliyahu could not have gone to the throne room in heaven. Notice Yehoram (Jehoram) became king of Judah nine verses later, in 2 Kings 3:1.

Melachim Bet (2 Kings) 3:1

1 Now Jehoram the son of Ahab became king over Israel at Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

Yehoram's coronation ties to 2 Chronicles 21:1.

Divre HaYamim Bet (2 Chronicles) 21:1 1 And Jehoshaphat rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David. Then Jehoram [Yehoram] his son reigned in his place.

Twelve verses later, in 2 Chronicles 21:12-15, seven years after Eliyahu was allegedly caught up to heaven, King Yehoram received a letter from Eliyahu.

Divre HaYamim Bet (2 Chronicles) 21:12 12 And a letter came to him from Eliyahu the prophet, saying, "Thus says Yahweh Elohim of your father David: Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, or in the ways of Asa king of Judah,"

If we are willing to receive it, this is similar to the example of Phillip, who was caught away by Yahweh's Spirit, yet was later found on earth (in Azotus).

Ma'asei (Acts) 8:39-40

39 Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of Yahweh caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

40 But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.

Philip was caught up in the spirit. His physical body remained here on earth, while his spirit was caught up to heaven. We know his physical body was not caught up to heaven, because Philip himself was later found in Azotus. This is likely also what Shaul describes in 2 Corinthians 12:1-4, where he says he was caught up (in the Spirit) to the third heaven (i.e., to the throne room in heaven).

Qorintim Bet (2 Corinthians) 12:1-4

1 It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of Yahweh:

2 I know a man in Messiah who fourteen years ago — whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, Elohim knows — such a one was caught up to the third heaven.

3 And I know such a man — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, Elohim knows —

4 how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

When Shaul said he did not know if his experience was in his body or out of his body, it merely meant that his experience was all-engrossing—for if his body had been physically caught up to the throne room in heaven, then his body would not have survived. Therefore, he could only have been caught up in the Spirit. This was an invisible event that took place in the spiritual realm (not in the physical realm).

If Shaul's catching away was spiritual and invisible, then is it possible that Matthew 27 speaks of both a physical and a spiritual catching away as well? Could it also lay the groundwork for the first rapture in the Renewed Covenant?

Matityahu (Matthew) 27:50-53

50 And Yeshua cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,

52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the set-apart city and appeared to many.

What became of these saints? Is it possible that they were taken to heaven when Yeshua ascended to heaven in Acts 1?

Ma'asei (Acts) 1:9 9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

And if they went to be with Yeshua, could they also be the saints who return with Him?

Hitgalut (Revelation) 19:14 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

Could it be that whenever Yeshua comes to earth, He gathers to Him all those who died while believing on Him, since His last visit? And that they stay with Him forever? Is this what Shaul spoke of in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17?

Thessaloniqim Aleph (1 Thess.) 4:13-17

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Yeshua died and rose again, even so Elohim [Yeshua] will bring with Him those who sleep in Yeshua.

15 For this we say to you by the word of Yahweh, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of Yahweh will by no means precede those who are asleep.

16 For Yahweh Himself [Yeshua] will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of Elohim. And the dead in Messiah will rise first.

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

Could this also be the same event spoken of in Daniel 12:1-2, which speaks of an awakening that takes place

just after "a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation" (i.e., at Armageddon)?

Daniel 12:1-2

1 "At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Everyone who is found written in the book.

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

When some arise to everlasting life (while others arise to shame and everlasting contempt), it means that some of us will go be with Yeshua (while others will go to the lake of fire). In other words, when Yeshua returns, all those who fell asleep while believing in Him will awaken, and will be with Him forever.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 20:4-6

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Yeshua and for the word of Elohim, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Messiah for a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and set-apart is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of Elohim and of Messiah, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

It seems likely that while Yeshua will gather those who fell asleep believing on Him, those who are still alive and believe on Him will be left here on earth, so they can fulfill the prophecies over Israel during the millennium.

Then, when the thousand years is finished, Satan will be released from his prison, and will again marshal the armies of the world against Israel, in the second war of Gog and Magog (Ezekiel 38).

Hitgalut (Revelation) 20:7-9

7 Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison

8 and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

9 They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from Elohim out of heaven and devoured them.

Later we will show that it is Yeshua who brings down the fire from heaven. We will also see that those who fell asleep during the millennium will return to heaven with Him at that time (in the third mass rapture), while life on earth continues for a little while longer. Then Yeshua will return one final time, and the earth will be burned up.

Kepha Bet (2 Peter) 3:10

10 But the day of Yahweh will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

When the earth is burned up, those who are still alive will be transformed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. This will be the fourth and final mass rapture.

Qorintim Aleph (1 Corinthians) 15:52-53 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

This also agrees with what Shaul writes in 1 Corinthians where he tells us that when we are raised, we will not receive physical bodies—but that we will receive incorruptible spiritual bodies. Such incorruptible spiritual bodies will be necessary for survival in heaven (because there is no oxygen in heaven).

Qorintim Aleph (1 Corinthians) 15:35-55

35 But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?" 36 Foolish one, what you sow [natural body] is not made alive unless it dies.

37 And what you sow [natural body], you do not sow that body that shall be [spiritual body], but mere grain — perhaps wheat or some other grain. 38 But Elohim gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body.

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

40 There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

41 There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory.

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.

43 It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.

44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.

47 The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is Yahweh from heaven.

48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohim; nor does corruption [natural body] inherit incorruption [eternal life].

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed —

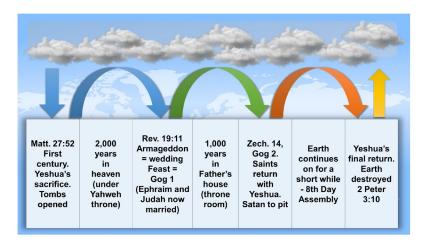
52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

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

Thus, apart from the raptures of Hanok, Eliyahu, Philip, et al., Scripture speaks of at least four mass raptures. The first occurred in the first century, the second takes place at Armageddon (right before the millennium), the third takes place at the end of the millennium (at the end of the second war of Gog and Magog), and the last and final mass rapture takes place when the earth is burned up.



In the parable of the wheat and the tares, Yeshua tells us that the tares will be taken into bundles first, and then burned. Matityahu (Matthew) 13:24-30

24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field;

25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.

26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.

27 So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'

28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?'

29 But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.""

The wheat that will be gathered into Yeshua's barn (i.e., the land of Israel) represents His true followers who die daily to their flesh in order to walk in faith and love, fulfilling as much of the Torah as they can. In contrast, the tares may represent the Christians, who not only reject the Torah, but also reject the Hebraic version of Yeshua (in favor of a torahless Jesus). (They probably perish during the tribulation and the cup judgments.)

## The Ingathering and the Millennium

In Revelation 19, we saw how Yeshua arrives with His army of saints at Armageddon, and then smites the armies of Gog and Magog. Now, in Revelation 20, a messenger (angel) comes down from heaven, binds Satan, and throws him into a bottomless pit for 1,000 years.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 20:1-3

1 Then I saw a messenger [Yeshua] coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

The messenger in verse 1 can only be Yeshua, because only Elohim has the power to bind Satan. This means Revelation 20 is an inset chapter paralleling chapter 19.

We already learned that Yeshua will return to heaven after Armageddon, taking with Him all those who fell asleep while believing in Him. Those who were martyred for Him will rule and reign with Him for 1,000 years, sitting on thrones (in the throne room in heaven).

Hitgalut (Revelation) 20:4-6

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their

witness to Yeshua and for the word of Elohim, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Messiah for a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and set-apart is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of Elohim and of Messiah, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

But if Yeshua and those He takes to heaven stay in heaven for 1,000 years, then what happens with the Ephraimites who realize their Israelite identities after Armageddon? How do they get back home to the land? And what do they do during the 1,000 years?

Jeremiah 3:18 tells us that the Ephraimites and Jews will "walk" back home to the land of Israel.

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 3:18

18 "In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given as an inheritance to your fathers."

Similarly, Isaiah 66 tells us that the Ephraimites will come back on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 66:20-21

20 "Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to Yahweh out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on

camels, to My set-apart mountain Jerusalem," says Yahweh, "as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the House of Yahweh.

21 And I will also take some of them for priests and Levites," says Yahweh.

While it seems reasonable that this may refer to today's trains, planes, automobiles, and buses, the point is that the Ephraimites will come home by natural means. Further, when they first arrive home, they will continue to follow the principles of Babylonian democracy, in that they will "appoint" one head for themselves. This speaks of an elected leader.

Hoshea (Hosea) 1:11

11 "Then the children of Judah and the children of Israel Shall be gathered together, And appoint for themselves one head; And they shall come up out of the land, For great will be the day of Jezre'el!"

Babylonian democracy, however, is not Yahweh's way. Therefore, at some point Yahweh will raise up a man referred to as "David their king" (see verse 9).

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 30:6-10

6 "'Ask now, and see, Whether a man is ever in labor with child? So why do I see every man with his hands on his loins Like a woman in labor, And all faces turned pale?

7 Alas! For that day is great, So that none is like it; And it is the time of Jacob's trouble, But he shall be saved out of it.

8 For it shall come to pass in that day,' Says Yahweh of hosts, 'That I will break his yoke from your neck, And will burst your bonds; Foreigners shall no more enslave them. 9 But they shall serve Yahweh their Elohim, And David their king, Whom I will raise up for them. 10 Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,' says Yahweh, 'Nor be dismayed, O Israel; For behold, I will save you from afar, And your seed from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, And no one shall make him afraid.'"

Continuing to verse 21, we learn that Israel's nobles will be from among them, and their governor will be from their midst. Different translations render this passage in different ways, but what we need to see here is that these leaders are not Yeshua, because Yeshua will not be elected, and He will not share power with anyone.

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 30:18-21

18 "Thus says Yahweh: 'Behold, I will bring back the captivity of Jacob's tents, And have mercy on his dwelling places; The city shall be built upon its own mound, And the palace shall remain according to its own plan.

19 Then out of them shall proceed thanksgiving And the voice of those who make merry; I will multiply them, and they shall not diminish; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

20 Their children also shall be as before, And their congregation shall be established before Me; And I will punish all who oppress them.

21 Their nobles shall be from among them, And their governor shall come from their midst; Then I will cause him to draw near, And he shall approach Me; For who is this who pledged his heart to approach Me?' says Yahweh."

We also know that during the Millennium, there will be a temple in which a *prince* (nasiy) will serve.

Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 45:22

22 "And on that day the prince shall prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bull for a sin offering."

This prince cannot be Yeshua, because Yeshua was sinless. In contrast, this prince offers a sin sacrifice for *himself*, as well as all the people. Further, Ezekiel 46:16 tells us that he will take an earthly wife, and have earthly sons.

#### Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 46:16

16 "Thus says Yahweh Elohim: 'If the prince gives a gift of some of his inheritance to any of his sons, it shall belong to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance.'"

This earthly prince cannot be Yeshua. Further, the King of kings cannot be here on earth at the same time the nasiy is leading the nation, for at least at one level, Yeshua is Yahweh, and Yahweh says He will not share His glory with another.

#### Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 42:8

8 "I am Yahweh, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images."

Also note that this prince is barred from using the same gate Yeshua used in the first century. Therefore this prince cannot be Yeshua, because it makes no sense that Yeshua would be blocked from using a gate that He used before (just because He used it).

Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 44:2-3

2 And Yahweh said to me, "This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no man shall

enter by it, because Yahweh Elohim of Israel [Yeshua] has entered by it; therefore it shall be shut.

3 As for the prince, because he is the prince, he may sit in it to eat bread before Yahweh; he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gateway, and go out the same way."

There will be other human leaders during the millennium as well. Genesis 49 speaks of a great national leader who will arise from the tribe of *Joseph*. This is a difficult passage, so let us look at it in the Hebrew.

Genesis 49:22-24 22 "Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a well: his branches run over the wall. 23 The archers have bitterly grieved him, shot at him and hated him. 24 But his bow remained in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob. From there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel,"	נִצָּטְ בֵּן פּּרָת יוֹסֵף בֵּן פּּרָת עַלֵּי עַיִן ו בָּנוֹת צְעֲדָה עֲלֵי שׁוּר : נַצְעֲדָה עֲלֵי שׁוּר : נַצְעְדָה עַלֵי שׁוּר נַיַשְׂטְמֵהוּ בַּעֲלֵי הוּצִים : הוּצִים : קַשְׁתּו וַיָּפּזּוּ זְרֹעֵי נְעָקֹב מִשָּׁם רֹעֶה אֶבֶן יִשְׁרָאֵל
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Verse 24 says a man who is called "the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel" will arise from the tribe of Joseph (either Manasseh or Ephraim).

24b From there (Joseph)
is the Shepherd, the
Stone of Israel.

This cannot be Yeshua, because Yeshua arose from the tribe of Judah.

Ivrim (Hebrews) 7:14 14 For it is evident that our Master arose from [the tribe of] Judah....

Further, the titles "Shepherd" and "Stone of Israel" imply glory. Therefore, if a human being who is named Stone of Israel and Shepherd is ruling and reigning, then logically Yeshua (who is our Good Shepherd, our Rock, and our King) cannot be physically present at the same time.

Human leadership of the nation during Yeshua's 1,000 year absence is perfectly consistent with Daniel 7:27 and other passages, which tell us that the kingdom and dominion will be given to the saints (who are His body).

Daniel 7:27

27 "Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him."

# The Second War of Gog and Magog

In Revelation 16, Babylon fell, and three unclean spirits like frogs came from the mouths of the dragon (Satan), the beast (the papacy), and the false prophet (Islam). These three spirits then went to marshal all of the armies of the world against Israel at Armageddon. By this we know that the forces which will come against Israel at Armageddon will be comprised of Babylonian Christians, Muslims, and secular nations (from all over the world).

Hitgalut (Revelation) 16:13-16

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon [Satan], out of the mouth of the beast [Papacy], and out of the mouth of the false prophet [Muhammad].

14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of Elohim El Shaddai.

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

16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Har Megiddo [Armageddon].

We also saw that Armageddon is the first war of Gog and Magog. Ezekiel 39 tells us that Gog will be brought against Israel "from the far north."

Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 39:1-2

1 "And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, 'Thus says Yahweh Elohim: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal; 2 and I will turn you around and lead you on, bringing you up from the far north, and bring you against the mountains of Israel."

But if the armies of Gog and Magog come from all over the world, then how can Gog come from the far north? To understand this, let us understand the difference between physical and prophetic directions.

In prophecy, the north refers to the north side of a hill, which is shaded from the sun (and therefore, what takes place there is concealed from view). In <u>Nazarene Israel</u> we explain how the house of Israel (Ephraim) was taken into captivity in Assyria, which lies to the north of Israel (both physically and prophetically). The ten tribes of Israel then lost their identities and became lost to history (because they were shaded from view). This explains how Ephraim and Judah will come back to the land of Israel after Armageddon—they will come back from the prophetic north, where they (and their identities) have been hidden for so long.

### Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 3:18

18 "In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given as an inheritance to your fathers."

In contrast, Yeshua tells us that many will come from the physical east and the physical west, and sit down with Avraham, Yitzhak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob) in the kingdom of heaven.

### Mattityahu (Matthew) 8:11

11 "And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Avraham, Yitzhak and Ya'akov in the kingdom of heaven." When the thousand year millennium expires, Satan will be released from his prison, and will marshal all of the armies of the world (from the physical four corners of the earth) against Israel.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 20:7-8

7 Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

This is described in Ezekiel 38 as the second war of Gog and Magog.

Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 38:8-9

8 "After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely. 9 You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your troops and many peoples with you."

Even though Gog's armies come from all nations, verse 15 confirms that they come from the far north.

Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 38:15

15 "Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army."

Verse 22 tells us that Gog will be destroyed by fire and brimstone.

Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 38:22

22 "And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone."

This is the same event as in Revelation 20:9.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 20:9

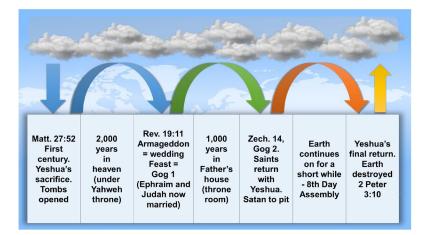
9 They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from Elohim out of heaven and devoured them.

This is just one more instance of Yahweh working in patterns. The same kind of event took place in Genesis 19:24, where Yeshua called down fire and brimstone on Sodom and Gomorrah from Yahweh the Father in the heavens.

B'reisheet (Genesis) 19:24

24 Then Yahweh [the Son] rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from Yahweh [the Father] out of the heavens.

Earlier we learned that after the first war of Gog and Magog (Armageddon), Yeshua will take with Him all those followers who are asleep. Likewise, when He returns to heaven after the second war of Gog and Magog, He will take with Him all those followers who fell asleep during the millennium. So basically, whenever Yeshua comes, He takes His followers who are sleeping, to be with Him.



As we explain in <u>The Torah Calendar</u>, if a prophetic day is as a thousand years (2 Peter 3:8), then the prophetic meaning of the seven full days of the Feast of Sukkot (Tabernacles) is that the earth will last for seven full days (a full seven thousand years), and then a little more. This is why we gather on the morning of Shemini Atzeret (the Eighth Day Assembly). Once the seven thousand years are over, we will tarry for a little while, until Yeshua's last and final return, when the earth is burned up.

## The Judgment and the New Earth

In the last chapter we saw that Yeshua comes back to earth at the end of the millennium (about the 7,000 year mark). After He destroys the armies of Gog and Magog a second time, He will take the followers who have fallen asleep since Armageddon (the first war of Gog and Magog) back up to heaven. There they will all wait until His final return, when the earth is finally destroyed.

Kepha Bet (2 Peter) 3:10

10 But the day of Yahweh will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

This is when all those who are still alive are changed, in the twinkling of an eye.

Qorintim Aleph (1 Corinthians) 15:51-52 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed — 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

This is when the devil will be cast into the lake of fire (where the beast [Babylon/Rome] and the false prophet [Muhammad] are). It is also when the existing earth and the heaven flee away (verse 11), and we go to stand before His throne, in the judgment.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 20:10-15 10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before Elohim, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

After the judgment, we will dwell in a new earth, where Yeshua will rule and reign.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 21:1-4

1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

2 Then I, Yochanan, saw the set-apart city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from Elohim, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of Elohim is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. Elohim Himself will be with them and be their Elohim.

4 And Elohim will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

This is the same new earth spoken of in Isaiah.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 65:17-25

17 "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.

18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, And her people a joy.

19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, And joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, Nor the voice of crying.

20 No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; For the child shall die one hundred years old, But the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed.

21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

22 They shall not build and another inhabit; They shall not plant and another eat; For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, And My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23 They shall not labor in vain, Nor bring forth children for trouble; For they shall be the descendants of the blessed of Yahweh, And their offspring with them.

24 It shall come to pass That before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, The lion shall eat straw like the ox, And dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My set-apart mountain," Says Yahweh.

This is the regeneration, where we will inherit eternal life, and receive our reward for all we have done for Him.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 19:28-29

28 So Yeshua said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life."

Some details about the new earth are not completely clear, but we will leave those for another time. At the moment we want to focus on how we got here, where we are now (2022), and what we expect to see next.

## The Flock and Her Shepherds

The Revelation story has given us a rich perspective from which we can analyze the trends affecting us today. Yet, to see the big picture and analyze the trends most effectively, let us review from the beginning.

As we explain in <u>Nazarene Israel</u>, Adam and Havvah (Eve) fell from Yahweh's favor because they chose to disobey His instructions. Later, in an effort to restore mankind to His favor, Yahweh promised Avraham and Israel that their children would go into all nations, so that every family, every nation, and every clan would be blessed with their literal genetics. Thus all peoples would become heir to those same promises of salvation.

Yeshua set up a renewed Melchizedekian order. Its job was to go into all nations, find the lost and scattered children of Avraham and Israel, and reconcile them to Yeshua. In context, this calls for a truly unified body of Messiah, organized on a single foundation of apostles and prophets.

Ephesim (Ephesians) 2:19-22

19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of Elohim,

20 having been built on the [single] foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yeshua Messiah Himself being the chief cornerstone,

21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a [single] set-apart temple in Yahweh,

22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of Elohim in the Spirit.

As the faith transitioned outside the land of Israel, things went awry. The gentiles did not understand the need to keep the Torah, so Christianity grew much faster than the Nazarene faith did. Then in the fourth century, Roman Emperor Constantine allegedly converted to Christianity. Since he did not realize the need to keep the faith pure, he merged Christianity with the sun worship of his day, forming a new Catholic (Universal) faith, which he established in the hopes of unifying his empire.

While some Catholic doctrines are impure, it is important to recognize that Yahweh used the Catholics to do important evangelical work. The Catholics unified on a single foundation of apostles and prophets (as Scripture commands). They also leveraged the power of unified organization to project faith in a Jewish Messiah to the ends of the earth. Thus Yahweh used them to help the lost and scattered children of Avraham and Israel take their first step toward Yeshua.

Don't be deceived! Keep focusing on Yeshua, and seeking Him!				
Pagan/ Wicca	Catholics/ United Body Of Messiah	Protestant/ Multiple Bodies of Messiah	Independent/ Separate Churches	House Church/ Messianic
Not Organized	United worldwide org.	Multiples worldwide orgs.	Separate Organizations	Not organized
Not Patriarch	Single Patriarch	Multiple Patriarchs	Separate Patriarchs	No Patriarch
Matriarchal circles	Single unified Patriarchy	Multiple Patriarchies	Separate Patriarchies	Matriarchal circles

While Catholicism did a great evangelical work, and while Catholicism brings people in paganism a step closer to Yeshua, it was also prophesied that the Catholics would persecute the saints for a time, and times, and half a time (i.e., 1,260 years).

Daniel 7:25

25 "He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change [the feast] times and Torah. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time."

It is difficult to pin exact dates on moves of the Spirit, but this probably pertains to the 1,260 years between the solidification of Christian doctrine in the late 200s, and Martin Luther's declaration in 1517 that the papacy fulfilled the prophecies over the anti-messiah. With this, the bride began studying Scripture, and broke away from the Catholics in an effort to get back to the original apostolic faith. Thus, the body of Messiah split.

Others before Luther had claimed that the papacy fulfilled the prophecies over the anti-messiah, but because the average man did not have a copy of the Scriptures, he could not verify these claims. Many scholars agree that it was the invention of the Gutenberg printing press that made the Protestant Reformation possible. The average man could now read Scripture for himself to verify Luther's claims. The bride broke free from the papacy, beginning her long journey back to the original faith. It was as Yeshua said—that we would know the truth, and the truth would make us free.

Yochanan (John) 8:32 32 "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Knowledge is a double-edged sword. The increase in study led to an increase in disagreement—and this led

to fragmentation in the body of Messiah. Today many people think nothing of fragmentation within the body, but as we show in other places, such fragmentation is prohibited. However, this fragmentation is needed in order to get back to the truth—and the hope is that as a motivated remnant continues to study, that eventually more and more people will unify on the truth. However, while this appears to be happening, there are others who stop short of the goal. To see this, let us look at the trail left by those seeking truth.

Yahweh used Ellen White to declare the need to keep the Sabbath. Then in the early 1900s (with the advent of radio), Herbert Armstrong declared the need to keep the feast days as well. Finally, Angus and Batya Wootten were used in the 1970s to restore the truth that we are called as Israelites. It is as if Yahweh has passed a certain anointing down over centuries, like runners "passing the baton" one to another, each one pointing the way a little bit closer to the original faith.



**Ephraim Leaves and Returns To Yeshua over Centuries** 732 BCE: Assyrian Dispersion (until 1998 CE, Ezekiel 4) 325 CE: Pope: Love an Esau Messiah (Daniel 7:25) 1519 CE: Martin Luther: Sola Scriptura (Only Scripture) 1844 CE: Ellen G. White: Let's keep the Sabbath 1930's: Herbert W. Armstrong: Let's keep the festivals 1970's: Angus and Batya Wootten: We are Ephraim

Why have so many different shepherds been needed? Sheep do not move quickly, or transition well. It has taken the flock over five hundred years just to get this far—and many of them think that they have arrived, even though there is still a very long way to go. Literally, like sheep, they have poor eyesight, and cannot see much 212 farther than the pasture in which they are now. Yahweh likely needs to raise up numerous more undershepherds to take them through many more incrementallyimproved pastures before the majority of the flock is ready for real fivefold order. This is not a problem—this is just what most of the flock needs.

These ministries can also be viewed as a series of stepping or paving stones. Back in ancient times, highways were made by placing pavement stones together. Could it be that the Spirit is creating a highway of paving stones such as these, so when He calls His people out of the nations, they will have a much easier time finding their way back home?

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 62:10-11

10 Go through, Go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people; Build up, Build up the highway! Take out the [obstructing] stones, Lift up a banner for the peoples!

11 Indeed Yahweh has proclaimed To the end of the world: "Say to the daughter of Tsion, 'Surely your salvation is coming; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him."

We are a long way off from the kind of unity that Yeshua commands, but Yahweh will bring His ministers together in the kind of fivefold unity that He wants.

There may be what we call the *Early Ingathering* to the land of Israel. This Early Ingathering will consist of a group of believers who go home too soon who, for one reason or another, mistakenly believe the tribulation is past, and that it is therefore safe to go back home to the land. Revelation 6:12 speaks of events at seal six. Verse 17 speaks of a group that mistakes Seal 6 for the great day of His wrath (i.e., the Cup Judgments and Armageddon, at the end of the seven-year tribulation).

Hitgalut (Revelation) 6:12-17

12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.

13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

We don't know exactly what will happen at seal 6, but we have already seen that seal 6 will give rise to the New World Order, with a First Beast one-world religion, and a Second Beast one-world government. We have further seen that the agreements are already in place to make Jerusalem into an international city. We have also seen that there will be a peace-that-is-not-peace during the half-hour of silence in heaven (20 years and 9 months). If Catholics, Orthodox, and Evangelical Christians think the Tribulation is already past, they may want to go back to the land early, not realizing that destruction is ahead. These may be the tares Yeshua tells us are gathered in early, and burned.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 13:24-30

24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field;

25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.
26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.

27 So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'

28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?'

29 But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Yeshua tells us that when we see the abomination of desolation standing in the set-apart place, then those who are in Judea should flee.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 24:15-16

15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the set apart place" (whoever reads, let

him understand),

16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains."

Catholic or Orthodox Christians might not recognize the Abomination of Desolation for what it is, when it is set up on the temple mount (and therefore they might not know to flee). Evangelical Christians might not understand the prophecies well enough, and may go back to the land early, thinking the tribulation is past. They might also contribute to the coming anti-Messiah temple, although it will not be in honor of Yeshua (and is therefore not in honor of Yahweh).

Luqa (Luke) 10:16

16 He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."

Some will point out how the two houses work together in the end times at the political level, i.e., the State of Israel has it's Christian allies, especially the USA (which we have seen represents Ephraim, as well as other roles). However, no matter what happens politically, and no matter how much we may love our Orthodox brothers in the land, we are called to work Yeshua's Great Commission (and not help those who reject Yeshua).

Yochanan Bet (2 John) 9-11

9 Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Messiah does not have Elohim. He

who abides in the doctrine of Messiah has both the Father and the Son.

10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;

11 for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.

If it is wrong for us to greet those who deny Yeshua as if nothing is wrong, then how much more is it wrong for us to help them build a temple that denies Yeshua?

## The Dry Bones and the Two Trees

Ezekiel 37 contains two prophecies over the return of the house of Ephraim (Israel). In the first half of Ezekiel 37, the house of Ephraim is revived from a valley of dry bones. (In the following passage, the Hebrew word for breath is the same as the word for spirit. That word is *ruach*.)

Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 37:1-7

1 The hand of Yahweh came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of Yahweh, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones.

2 Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry.

3 And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Adonai Yahweh, You know."

4 Again He said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of Yahweh!

5 Thus says Yahweh Elohim to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath [spirit] to enter into you, and you shall live.

6 I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath [spirit] in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am Yahweh.""

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling [רעש]; and the bones came together, bone to bone.

In verse 7, the word *rattling* is *ra'ash* (רעש). This word is also correctly translated *earthquake* (which is how the word is translated in Modern Hebrew).

OT:7494 ra`ash (rah'-ash); from OT:7493; vibration, bounding, uproar: KJV - commotion, confused noise, earthquake, fierceness, quaking, rattling, rushing, shaking.

Earlier we saw that earthquakes represent changes (or shake-ups) in society. Revelation lists earthquakes at seal 6, seal 7, trumpet 7, and cup 7. It may be that there are minor fulfillments at each of the first three junctures. That is, at seal 6, seal 7, and also at trumpet 7, some Ephraimites will seek more truth. The major fulfillment will take place at or just after cup 7, at Armageddon (the wedding feast).

There is also a symbolic value here, in that the bones represent the leadership of the house of Ephraim. The meaning might be that at each "societal shake-up" a few more leaders awaken to their Ephraimite identities, and start coming together. However, the major fulfillment will take place at cup 7 (Armageddon), as the mass of the Ephraimite people realize their identities. This is also when the "army" of the house of Ephraim is restored. The passage continues:

### Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 37:8-14

8 Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.

9 Also He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath [spirit], prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath [spirit], 'Thus says Yahweh Elohim: "Come from the four winds, O breath [spirit], and breathe on these slain, that they may live."" 10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

11 Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!'

12 Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says Yahweh Elohim: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. 13 Then you shall know that I am Yahweh, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves.

14 I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, Yahweh, have spoken it and performed it," says Yahweh."

The second half of Ezekiel 37 is the famous prophecy of two sticks (or two trees). In this passage, Yahweh tells Ezekiel to take two sticks for himself, and then to join them one to another in his hand. These represent how the Ephraimites will be joined to the Jews.

### Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 37:15-20

15 Again the word of Yahweh came to me, saying, 16 "As for you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it: 'For Judah and for the children of Israel, his companions.' Then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel, his companions.' 17 Then join them one to another for yourself into one stick, and they will become one in your hand. 18 And when the children of your people speak to you, saying, 'Will you not show us what you mean by these?' — 19 say to them, 'Thus says Yahweh Elohim: "Surely I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will join them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand."

20 And the sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes."

The stick of Judah is fulfilled by the Zionist Movement, which got started in Europe in the 1890s. The basic idea behind Zionism is that the Jewish people can fulfill the role of the Messiah. That is to say, Zionism teaches that the Jewish people are the Messiah. It may seem ironic that such a non-scriptural movement can fulfill prophecy, but let us consider the history.

In France in the 1890s, a French Jew by the name of Captain Alfred Dreyfus was framed for a crime he did not commit, and anti-Semitism flared up throughout France. A man named Theodore Herzl claimed the Jews would never be safe as long as they lived among Christians. He proclaimed that the Jews needed to return to the land of Israel, and establish their own government (which is something Orthodox Judaism teaches cannot happen until the Messiah brings it about).

Zionism is absolutely not scriptural, and Theodore Herzl has been tied both to the Illuminati and the (Blackhorse) Rothschild banking family. There is much evidence to suggest that the Zionist Movement ties in with Albert Pike's prophecies perfectly.

[Technically, the term *Zion* (זיון) means "gay," whereas the term *Tsion* (ציון) refers to the mountain in Israel. We don't mind using the term *Zion* with regard to a false movement, because many gay groups in Israel support

it. However, for the mountain in Israel we always use the term *Tsion* (ציון)]

While Satan plans to gather the Jews together in Israel and destroy them, that does not mean Yahweh will allow this plan to be fulfilled. The book of Esther records that Yahweh thwarted Haman's plan to destroy the Jews in Babylon, and Zechariah 12 tells us that Yahweh will also save Judah in a coming major war (which is most likely Armageddon). We also know that our brothers in Judah will get saved at this time, because verse 10 tells us that the Jews will look upon Yeshua whom they pierced, and that they will mourn for Him as one mourns for the loss of a firstborn son. Then there will be a great mourning all throughout the land. This can only pertain to the Jews in the land of Israel, since they are the only people on earth who both put Yeshua to death, and live in the land of Israel.

Zekaryah (Zechariah) 12:7-14

7 "Yahweh will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall not become greater than that of Judah.

8 In that day Yahweh will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like Elohim, like the Messenger of Yahweh before them.

9 It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

10 And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me [Yeshua] whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him [Yeshua] as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. 11 In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

12 And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;

13 the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves;

14 all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves."

Earlier in this chapter we saw that after Armageddon, Yahweh will resurrect the Ephraimite spirits, which is to say that Yahweh will make the Ephraimites aware of their identities. Then once the Ephraimites know who they are, they will naturally want to come home.

### Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 37:21-28

21 "Then say to them, 'Thus says Yahweh Elohim: "Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land;

22 and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again.

23 They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their Elohim. 24 David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them.

25 Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever.

26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore.

27 My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people. 28 The nations also will know that I, Yahweh, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore."

Verse 24 tells us that David will be king over the people, not Yeshua. This agrees with what we said earlier, about Yeshua not being on earth during the millennium.

Some people believe verse 24 means the historic King David will come up out of the ground and sit on a throne. However, as we saw earlier, the dry bones resurrection will be a spiritual resurrection, not a physical one. This means that Israel's future monarch will come in the power and spirit of King David, just as John the Baptist came in the power and spirit of Eliyahu (Elijah).

### Luqa (Luke) 1:17

17 "He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for Yahweh." Ezekiel 37 speaks of the restoration of the house of Ephraim. While most Ephraimites will not know they are Israelites until after Armageddon, Yahweh will reveal our Israelite identities progressively more and more, the closer we get to Armageddon. That is, He will give more and more revelation to His people at the "earthquake points" of seal 6, seal 7, and trumpet 7. That is, when the world order is shaken up, more and more people will be searching for truth—and it is our job to organize, so we can help them find it.

As a special caution, in the last chapter we warned against participating in an early ingathering. It seems that if the borders of Israel are made open after seal 6, that many Hebrew Roots and Messianic believers will go back to the land—and that this will be the Stick of Ephraim. They may then attempt to join with the united world religion in an attempt to influence it "in the right direction." This will be a tragic mistake.

Since the Stick of Judah went back to the land in their own power and strength, it seems reasonable that the Stick of Ephraim will attempt to go back to the land in their own power and strength as well. In fact, this seems to be what is prophesied, when Yahweh commands Ezekiel to take a stick "for himself" both for Judah, and for Ephraim. Those who go back to the land at this time are only fulfilling prophecy, and so we should pray for them. They will need all of the prayers they can get, because they will go through the wars and tribulations that Yahweh intends to bring upon the land, in order to refine it.

I used to be very eager to participate in the fulfillment of the prophecies over the stick of Ephraim. Then I realized that I need to listen for Yahweh's voice, and do what He tells me to do, moment by moment. If I end up going back to the land of Israel in my lifetime, or if I end up staying out in the dispersion (fulfilling the Great Commission) is entirely up to Him. I will gladly exchange any desires I have to dwell in the land of Israel for the privilege of dwelling with Him, wherever He leads.

# A Restored Islamic Caliphate

At the time of this writing in 2019, the world has seen an attempt to restore an Islamic Caliphate (or an Islamic State) in the Middle East. As we will see, such a restored Islamic State is likely prophesied. To understand this coming Islamic State better, first let us understand our cousin Ishmael, and his close relationship to his cousin Esau (who is today the Roman Catholic Church).

As we explain in <u>Nazarene Israel</u>, Yahweh blessed Ishmael, saying that Ishmael would beget twelve princes (meaning twelve countries with kings), and that he would also become a great nation (meaning a great religious group).

### B'reisheet (Genesis) 17:20

20 "And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation."

To understand these blessings, we need to realize that the definitions of words in Scripture are different than how the world normally uses them. When Scripture refers to our *nationality*, it does not refer to the country in which we grew up, or even to our genetics (i.e., race). Rather, in Scripture, our *nation* is our religion. For Nazarene Israelites, our *nation* is Nazarene Israel, even if we live in many different countries all around the world. So, to apply this same understanding to Ishmael, when Yahweh said Ishmael would become a great *nation* with twelve princes, He meant there would be an Islamic world (which the Muslims call the "ummah"). This Islamic nation would have twelve Islamic *countries* ruled by princes. Esau's case is a bit more complex. Esau was also called Edom, and he settled in Mount Seir (in modern day southern Jordan).

Genesis 36:8-9 8 So Esau dwelt in Mount Seir. Esau is Edom. 9 And this is the genealogy of Esau the of the Edomites in Mount Seir.

The natives of the southern Jordan are ethnic Arabs who later became Islamic. Not only is this pattern symbolic, but Esau became even more enmeshed with the Arab and Muslim world when he married two of Ishmael's daughters, Mahalath and Basemath.

B'reisheet (Genesis) 28:9

9 So Esau went to Ishmael and took Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Avraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife in addition to the wives he had.

B'reisheet (Genesis) 36:1-3

1 Now this is the genealogy of Esau, who is Edom. 2 Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite; Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite;

3 and Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebajoth.

In earlier chapters we saw how King Nebuchadnezzar dreamed of a statue set up on the earth, representing a series of five Babylonian-style empires (where the elites exploit the poor). Notice that the fifth iteration of this is a combination of Roman-style Christianity and Islam (Esau and Ishmael).

### Daniel 2:32-33

32 "This image's head was of fine gold [Babylon], its chest and arms of silver [Medea-Persia], its belly and thighs of bronze [Greece],

33 its legs of iron [Rome], its feet partly of iron [Roman Christianity] and partly of clay [Islam]."

Earlier we saw how the third empire in the series was Alexander the Great's Macedonian (Greek) Empire (the belly and thighs of bronze). Alexander's empire spread east. While Christianity spread to many of these lands, today most of them have been conquered by Islam.



The fourth in the series was the two legs of iron (which symbolize Rome). In 293 CE, the Emperor Diocletian split the Roman Empire into two administrative divisions. which were literally called the eastern and western "legs" of the Roman Empire (corresponding to the two leas of the statue). Yet in 330 CE, Emperor Constantine moved his capital from Rome to Byzantium, and renamed it Constantinople. While Rome served as the administrative capital of the western leg, Constantinople served as the capital of the eastern leg, and of the Roman Empire itself after Rome fell. Then finally the

Eastern Roman Empire was conquered by the Ottoman Islamic Empire in 1453.



After Constantinople fell, the seat of Eastern Orthodox Christianity migrated to Saint Petersburg (in modern-day Russia). However, the Ottomans called Constantinople by the new name Istanbul, and it became the seat of the Ottoman Islamic Empire. It is very significant that the seat of the Ottoman Islamic Empire sat on the seat of Constantine's Roman empire, because it was a case of Ishmael sitting on top of Esau. Not only this, as we saw earlier, Istanbul perfectly straddles the eastern and western worlds. This gives it a very special significance.

In Hebrew, the term  $Gog(\lambda i \lambda)$  means "roof", and from the perspective of the land of Israel, Turkey was the "roof" of the ancient known world. The term *Magog* ( $\dot{\chi}$   $\dot{\chi}$ ) means "what comes from the roof"—and what comes from the roof is the eastern and western legs of the old Roman Empire. This gives Turkey a special relationship with both the eastern and western Babylonian-Christian worlds, and this special relationship accounts for the

special relationship Turkey has with both (western) NATO and (eastern) Russia.

With this background, now let us look at Revelation 17:8-11 from a first century perspective. If we remember that Islam did not yet exist, we can see that all five iterations of the beast system are contained here. Further, the political and religious aspects are both referred to (since the Babylonian beast system is really all one system). This will help us understand the possibility of a coming restored caliphate much better.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 17:8-11

8 "The beast that you saw was [Babylon], and is not [Islam], and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was [Babylon], and is not [Islam], and yet is [Rome].

9 Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman [Rome, but also Mecca] sits.

10 There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is [Rome], and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time.

11 The beast that was [Babylon], and is not [Islam], is himself also the eighth [United Religion, and also a restored caliphate], and is of the seven [Ottoman Empire], and is going to perdition."

The key to understanding this list is to realize that these five Babylonian-style empires are a subset of a longer list of eight Egyptian-Babylonian-style empires. The seventh of these empires is also of the eighth (verse 11). If the eighth is a unified Babylonian world religion based on Catholicism ("Universalism"), then both a renewed Islamic Caliphate and backslidden Protestantism might fit here, if the Ecumenical Movement succeeds.

- 1. Egypt (Ezekiel 29:1-30:26)
- 2. Assyria and Nineveh (Nahum 3:1-19)
- 3. Babylon (Revelation 18:2, Jeremiah 50-51)
- 4. Medea-Persia (Daniel 8:20-22, 10:13, 11:2)
- 5. Greece (Daniel 11:4)
- 6. Rome (existed when Revelation was written)
- 7. Ottoman Islamic Caliphate (1299-1922), and perhaps also backslidden Protestantism (1517future), if the Ecumenical Movement succeeds
- 8. A one world government and one world religion, which may also embrace a renewed Islamic Caliphate

As we saw earlier, when Revelation was written, Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Iran, and Greece had all fallen. Rome *was.* The Ottoman Islamic Empire was *not yet*—and when it came, it *continued a short while* (1299-1922). The Ottoman Empire received a *deadly wound* at the Battle of Vienna in 1683, from which it never recovered, and yet Revelation 13:12 tells us that the governmental beast will have its deadly wound healed.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 13:12

12 And he [second beast, URI] exercises all the authority of the first [governmental] beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first [governmental] beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

As we saw earlier, the first beast is a government beast, while the second beast is religious. However, these are really two different facets of the same beast system. That is why Catholicism was *religiously* wounded in 1517 (by Martin Luther) and it was *politically* wounded in 1588, with the sinking of the Spanish Armada. However, with Islam these two beasts are closer to one in the same, because Islam (correctly) denies any separation between assembly and state. Thus, the politico-religious wound that the Ottoman Empire received at the walls of Vienna in 1683 can be healed in one stroke.

Every assembly mentioned in Revelation was physically located in modern-day Turkey (Gog). Also, Revelation 2:12-13 mentions a place called, "Satan's throne."

Hitgalut (Revelation) 2:12-13

12 "And to the messenger of the assembly in Pergamos write, 'These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword:

13 I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells."

Below is a picture of the original foundation of Zeus' throne in Pergamos, Turkey. Zeus was a sun god, and it therefore associated with Lucifer (the Light Bringer).

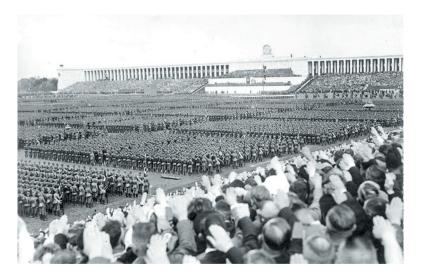


Zeus' (Satan's) central altar was built in the shape of a giant horseshoe. If one looks closely, one can still see the original horseshoe-shaped foundation.

Some people might wonder why Satan wants a house. However, Satan is a counterfeiter, so if Yahweh wants a house where people can come and worship Him, then Satan wants one also. Moreover, if there is power at Yahweh's true place of worship, there is also occultic power at Satan's altar, and in Satan's symbolism.



In the fourth century, Satan's temple at Pergamos was converted to a church (and was dedicated to the Apostle John). Fourteen centuries later, in 1871, the German engineer Carl Humann brought Satan's altar to Berlin, where it was put it on display at the Pergamon Museum. Then in 1902 the German Kaiser Wilhelm II brought the rest of Satan's temple to Berlin. Then eleven years after that, in 1913, Germany brought the gates of ancient Babylon to the Pergamon Museum. And remembering that Satan's things have occultic power, it is interesting to note that World War 1 began the following year (in 1914).



Satan's altar was still in Germany through World War Two. Adolf Hitler belonged to the Skull and Bones (Thule Society), and in 1934, after becoming Germany's leader, he ordered the Tribune at Zeppelin Field in Nuremberg (above) to be built as a center for his Nazi rallies. His architect Albert Speer used Zeus's (Satan's) throne as the pattern. World War 2 began five years later (in 1939). These things are not a coincidence.

The Soviet Union captured Satan's throne, and in 1948 they took it to Russia for ten years. It was returned in 1958, but it was in the Soviet Union during a key time in its rise to global nuclear status (after World War Two).

The United States President Obama had a mock-up of Satan's throne built for his acceptance speech at the 2008 Democratic National Convention. Interestingly, it was an even better mock-up of the Pergamon altar than the one Adolf Hitler had built. It was also during his time in office that President Obama declared that "America is no longer a Christian nation." He also appointed Muslims to key positions. These appointments are in keeping with the pattern of Nebuchadnezzar's statue, whereby the toes of the statue are of iron (democratic Christianity) mixed with miry clay (Islam).



Prophecy is not given so we can know the future. Rather, it is given so that when things come to pass, it confirms our faith. Because of this, we can't know exactly how things will play out, but we do know that Roman-style Christianity and Islam are both are aspects of the same Babylonian beast system. However, the first beast of Revelation 13 is a governmental beast, and it has both Christian and Islamic facets. Therefore, when the first beast's deadly wound is healed, it could mean a restored world government (of the kind the Catholic Church used to have, i.e., the UN), and a restored Islamic caliphate.

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dwell in it to worship the first [government] beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

Because Roman-style Christianity and Islam are so closely related, if the old Catholic world dominion is restored (through the UN), there will also likely be a healing of the old Ottoman Empire. And not surprisingly, Ex-Muslim Walid Shoebat reports that Turkish President Erdogan is rebuilding the Pergamos complex and has repeatedly demanded that Germany return Satan's throne by a target date of 2023. If Germany does return it, it could portend a restored Islamic caliphate centered in Turkey. In other words, the old Ottoman Empire will be restored, synonymous with Ankara's stated goals.

Beyond this, there is also a place for a smaller version of Satan's horseshoe-shaped throne, on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.



Many people believe that the Dome of the Rock is built in the location of Solomon's original temple, but this is not the case. Rather, Solomon's original temple was built closer to the southwest of the mount (reference "Locating Solomon's Temple", by Norma Robertson).

Many people believe that the temple mount we see today is the same as it was in Yeshua's time, but this is not at all the case. When the Pharisees revolted against Rome in the Bar Kochba Rebellion (circa 132-136 CE), the Romans banned the Jews from living in the land of Israel, and they also built a huge stone earthworks up and over the original temple mount, and built a temple to Zeus (Lucifer) on top of it. The original Roman temple was dismantled, and when the Muslims conquered the land of Israel they built the Dome of the Rock on this gargantuan platform, and it has been assumed that the Dome of the Rock stands in the place of the original temple ever since. (To understand why the Dome of the Rock is not built in the original location, please see the study, "Locating Solomon's Temple," by archaeologist Norma Robertson.)

In earlier chapters we saw that at the time of this writing we are in the timeframe of Seal Six, and that we are waiting for the sky to recede like a scroll, which likely symbolizes a limited nuclear war, which will be used to bring the New World Order [UN] to full power. And there is also planned a United World Religion [URI], with a common temple, with the outer courtyard open to all the gentiles (Revelation 11:2).

Is it possible that after Seal Six, when the New World Order rises and a one world religion is established, that another altar to Zeus (Lucifer) will be established on this horseshoe-shaped rock, under the guise of being an altar to "God" or "HaShem"? And that the Muslim world will also be brought together as a single caliphate (or ummah), fulfilling once again the prophecy that Ishmael would be a great nation with twelve princes?

### Fear Yahweh, and Him Only

The tribulation is on the way. World leaders are openly advocating a new world order and a one world religion. Yet in all of this, our Elohim tells us not to fear any conspiracy, so long as we fear Him, and Him alone.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 8:12-13

12 "Do not say, 'A conspiracy,' Concerning all that this people call a conspiracy, Nor be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.

13 Yahweh of hosts, Him you shall hallow; Let Him be your fear, And let Him be your dread."

One reason we should fear only Yahweh (and not a new world order) is because ultimately He controls what they can and cannot do. Even Satan had to obtain permission from Yahweh to test lyov (Job).

### lyov (Job) 1:12

12 And Yahweh said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." So Satan went out from the presence of Yahweh.

If Satan has to get permission to test us, then Satan's servant Babylon also has to get permission. In fact, let us consider that Yahweh even called Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, His servant.

### Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 27:6

6 "And now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant; and the beasts of the field I have also given him to serve him." All of the beasts are really one in the same beast. While Babylon was like a lion, Greece was like a leopard, Medea-Persia was like a bear, and Rome (together with Islam) formed the Roman-Islamic beast. Yet in Hosea 13:7-8 Yahweh says it is He who takes these forms, seeing as each of these manifestations of Babylon had to come to Him to get permission to test us.

Hoshea (Hosea) 13:4-8

4 "Yet I am Yahweh your Elohim Ever since the land of Egypt, And you shall know no Elohim but Me; For there is no savior besides Me.

5 I knew you in the wilderness, In the land of great drought.

6 When they had pasture, they were filled; They were filled and their heart was exalted; Therefore they forgot Me.

7 So I will be to them like a lion [Babylon]; Like a leopard [Greece] by the road I will lurk;

8 I will meet them like a bear [Medea-Persia] deprived of her cubs; I will tear open their rib cage, And there I will devour them like a lion [Babylon]. The wild beast [Rome and Islam] shall tear them."

In effect, then, Babylon is Yahweh's servant unto evil, just as Shaul says in Romans 13, where he refers to the (Babylonian) government as an authority unto evil.

Romim (Romans) 13:1-3

1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from Elohim, and the authorities that exist are appointed by Elohim.

2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of Elohim, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.

In <u>Nazarene Israel</u>, we saw that Ephraim is Yahweh's adulterous bride. Although Yahweh loves her very much, He is also honor bound to do what it takes to get her to turn back to Him, and be faithful. If she does not repent then He must destroy her, for honor's sake.

Hoshea (Hosea) 13:9-13

9 "O Israel, you are destroyed, But your help is from Me.

10 I will be your King; Where is any other, That he may save you in all your cities? And your judges to whom you said, 'Give me a king and princes'?

11 I gave you a king in My anger, And took him away in My wrath.

12 The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; His sin is stored up.

13 The sorrows of a woman in childbirth shall come upon him. He is an unwise son, For he should not stay long where children are born [i.e., in the birth canal]."

The Ephraimites were spiritually birthed in torahless Christianity. But most of them have stayed too long in the birth canal. They should move on in their faith; therefore, Yahweh will bring about whatever tribulation they need, to redeem them from the power of death.

Hoshea (Hosea) 13:14-16

14 "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will be your plagues! O Grave, I will be your destruction! Pity is hidden from My eyes.

15 Though he is fruitful among his brethren, An east wind shall come; The wind of Yahweh shall come up from the wilderness. Then his spring shall become dry, And his fountain shall be dried up. He shall plunder the treasury of every desirable prize.

16 Samaria is held guilty, For she has rebelled against her Elohim. They shall fall by the sword, Their infants shall be dashed in pieces, And their women with child ripped open."

So long as we dwell in Yeshua, we need not be afraid.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 10:27-31

27 "Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops.

28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will.

30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows."

No matter what may happen in the short run, it will end well for all those who walk in repentance. And after the masses of Ephraim turn back to Yahweh, they will find mercy as well.

Hoshea (Hosea) 14:1-9

1 O Israel, return to Yahweh your Elohim, For you have stumbled because of your iniquity;

2 Take words with you, And return to Yahweh. Say to Him, "Take away all iniquity; Receive us graciously, For we will offer the sacrifices of our lips.

3 Assyria shall not save us, We will not ride on horses, Nor will we say anymore to the work of our hands, 'You are our gods.' For in You the fatherless finds mercy."

4 "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely, For My anger has turned away from him.

5 I will be like the dew to Israel; He shall grow like the lily, And lengthen his roots like Lebanon.

6 His branches shall spread; His beauty shall be like an olive tree, And his fragrance like Lebanon. 7 Those who dwell under his shadow shall return; They shall be revived like grain, And grow like a vine. Their scent shall be like the wine of Lebanon. 8 Ephraim shall say, 'What have I to do anymore with idols?' I have heard and observed him. I am like a green cypress tree; Your fruit is found in Me."

9 Who is wise? Let him understand these things. Who is prudent? Let him know them. For the ways of Yahweh are right; The righteous walk in them, But transgressors stumble in them.

We can be saved from Yahweh's wrath by abiding in Yeshua.

Yochanan (John) 15:4-8

4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

5 I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples."

The way to survive the end times is to cultivate a deep, abiding relationship with Yeshua. If we dwell in Him, and He in us, then He will want to take us for His bride when the time comes. We can make it an easy choice for Him, if we keep all of His commandments—because that is how we show our love.

Yochanan (John) 14:15 15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

### America: Land of Babylon

In <u>Nazarene Israel</u> we saw how there are Ephraimites in all countries, and yet the United States of America (USA) is the land promised to Joseph's descendants. Genesis 49:26 tells us that Joseph's descendants were to occupy the richest of all the lands. However, this land was also to be attacked and bitterly grieved by *archers*. As we will see in a moment, this is a reference to Ishmael, or the Muslim people.

B'reisheet (Genesis) 49:22-26

22 "Joseph is a fruitful bough, A fruitful bough by a well; His branches run over the wall.

23 The archers [i.e., Ishmael] have bitterly grieved him, Shot at him and hated him.

24 But his bow remained in strength, And the arms of his hands were made strong By the hands of the Mighty Elohim of Jacob (From there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel),

25 By the Elohim of your father who will help you, And by the Almighty who will bless you With blessings of heaven above, Blessings of the deep that lies beneath, Blessings of the breasts and of the womb.

26 The blessings of your father Have excelled the blessings of my ancestors, Up to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills. They shall be on the head of Joseph, And on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers.

Genesis 21:20 says that Ishmael became an archer.

B'reisheet (Genesis) 21:20

20 So Elohim was with the lad; and he grew and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.

During the Crusades, the Muslim armies were renowned for their archery. This may be why Muslim armies today like missiles, is that they are arrows in another form.

Iran has been working with North Korea on their nuclear program, and if North Korea has developed miniature nukes and nuclear miniature submarines, then Iran now as this technology also. This becomes a crisis for the US in that the Canadian government is now encouraging so much Muslim immigration that some jihadis now speak of taking over Canada. Therefore, when Jeremiah 50-51 calls for an array of armies to come against the land of Babylon from out of the north, in addition to Russia and China coming over the north pole, we also need to consider the possibility of Muslim archers launching nuclear missiles from Canada.

Jeremiah 50-51 indicates that this land is the USA, in that the USA is a resting place for large numbers of Jews and Ephraimites. When Babylon falls, these Ephraimites and Jews will join together and return home to the land of Israel. As we saw earlier, this will take place after Armageddon (the Wedding Feast).

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 50:1-5

1 The word that Yahweh spoke against Babylon and against the land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet.

2 "Declare among the nations, Proclaim, and set up a standard; Proclaim — do not conceal it — Say, 'Babylon is taken, Bel is shamed. Merodach is broken in pieces; Her idols are humiliated, Her images are broken in pieces.'

3 For out of the north a nation comes up against her, Which shall make her land desolate, And no one shall dwell therein. They shall move, they shall depart, Both man and beast. 4 "In those days and in that time," says Yahweh, "The children of Israel shall come, They and the children of Judah together; With continual weeping they shall come, And seek Yahweh their Elohim.

5 They shall ask the way to Tsion, With their faces toward it, saying, 'Come and let us join ourselves to Yahweh In a perpetual covenant That will not be forgotten.'

The USA is the most likely candidate here, as it is home to so many Ephraimites and Jews. While it is blessed as a good nation in many respects, it also commits many sins. This is why verse 8 tells us to leave the land of Babylon, for Yahweh will raise up an assembly of great nations who will shoot arrows at her. Whether this is Russia and China, or Muslims in Canada, the command to move from the midst of Babylon is clear.

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 50:8-10

8 "Move from the midst of Babylon, Go out of the land of the Chaldeans; And be like the rams before the flocks.

9 For behold, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon An assembly of great nations from the north country, And they shall array themselves against her; From there she shall be captured. Their arrows shall be like those of an expert warrior; None shall return in vain.

10 And Chaldea shall become plunder; All who plunder her shall be satisfied," says Yahweh.

In many translations, verse 12 describes Babylon as the *least* of the nations. It is correctly translated as *last*.

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 50:12-13

12 Your mother shall be deeply ashamed; She

who bore you shall be ashamed. Behold, the least [last] [אחרית] of the nations shall be a wilderness, A dry land and a desert.

13 Because of the wrath of Yahweh She shall not be inhabited, But she shall be wholly desolate. Everyone who goes by Babylon shall be horrified And hiss at all her plagues.

In Hebrew the word is *acharit* (אחרית), and *Strong's Hebrew Concordance* tells us that this refers to that which is last.

OT:319 'achariyth (akh-ar-eeth'); from OT:310; the last or end, hence, the future; also posterity:

In <u>Nazarene Israel</u> we saw how America is also called the *completion* of the nations, and here it is referred to as the last of the nations to be formed. Both the land and its materialistic, imperial spirits must be brought down, so that Yahweh's people will want to go home.

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 50:17-20

17 "Israel is like scattered sheep; The lions have driven him away. First the king of Assyria devoured him; Now at last this Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has broken his bones."

18 Therefore thus says Yahweh of hosts, the Elohim of Israel: "Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, As I have punished the king of Assyria.

19 But I will bring back Israel to his home, And he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan; His soul shall be satisfied on Mount Ephraim and Gilead.

20 In those days and in that time," says Yahweh, "The iniquity of Israel shall be sought, but there shall be none; And the sins of Judah, but they shall not be found; For I will pardon those whom I preserve."

America is called *The World's Policeman*. Yahweh calls America "the hammer of the whole earth", because while the red horse media portrays its actions as good and just, it secretly carries out the red horse Esau-Roman imperial military agenda.

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 50:23

23 "How the hammer of the whole earth has been cut apart and broken! How Babylon has become a desolation among the nations! I have laid a snare for you;"

Verse 32 says a fire will be kindled in Babylon's cities. This is what it will take to get Babylon to let Yahweh's people Israel and Judah go.

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 50:32-34

32 The most proud shall stumble and fall, And no one will raise him up; I will kindle a fire in his cities, And it will devour all around him."

33 Thus says Yahweh of hosts: "The children of Israel were oppressed, Along with the children of Judah; All who took them captive have held them fast; They have refused to let them go.

34 Their Redeemer is strong; Yahweh of hosts is His name. He will thoroughly plead their case, That He may give rest to the land, And disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.

Verse 37 says Babylon is filled with mixed peoples. This does not refer to ethnicity, but to a mix of religions. This describes America, which teaches separation of religion and state, and even freedom from religion. Verse 38 describes Babylon as a land of carved images, which is

insane with her idols. This typifies American greed and over-consumption.

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 50:37-38

37 A sword is against their horses, Against their chariots, And against all the mixed peoples who are in her midst; And they will become like women. A sword is against her treasures, and they will be robbed.

38 A drought is against her waters, and they will be dried up. For it is the land of carved images, And they are insane with their idols.

In verse 42, this land is called the *daughter of Babylon*.

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 50:42

42 They shall hold the bow and the lance; They are cruel and shall not show mercy. Their voice shall roar like the sea; They shall ride on horses, Set in array, like a man for the battle, Against you, O daughter of Babylon.

Isaiah also speaks of the punishment of the daughter of Babylon.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 47:1

1 "Come down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; Sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans! For you shall no more be called Tender and delicate."

Verse 6 tells us that Yahweh gave His people into Babylon's hand, when He was angry with us.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 47:6

6 I was angry with My people; I have profaned My inheritance, And given them into your hand. You

showed them no mercy; On the elderly you laid your yoke very heavily.

In the USA, the consumers are given to pleasures. Many still consider that they dwell securely, because of their military might.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 47:8

8 "Therefore hear this now, you who are given to pleasures, Who dwell securely, Who say in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one else besides me; I shall not sit as a widow, Nor shall I know the loss of children';"

This is the same as Revelation 18:7, where Babylon says, "I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow."

Hitgalut (Revelation) 18:7-8

7 "In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.'

8 Therefore her plagues will come in one day death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is Yahweh Elohim who judges her."

Three verses earlier, Yahweh says that we should leave Babylon, so that we will not receive of her plagues.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 18:4

4 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues." This corresponds to Jeremiah 51:6-10.

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 51:6-10

6 "Flee from the midst of Babylon, And every one save his life! Do not be cut off in her iniquity, For this is the time of Yahweh's vengeance; He shall recompense her.

7 Babylon was a golden cup in Yahweh's hand, That made all the earth drunk. The nations drank her wine; Therefore the nations are deranged.

8 Babylon has suddenly fallen and been destroyed. Wail for her! Take balm for her pain; Perhaps she may be healed.

9 We would have healed Babylon, But she is not healed. Forsake her, and let us go everyone to his own country; For her judgment reaches to heaven and is lifted up to the skies.

10 Yahweh has revealed our righteousness. Come and let us declare in Tsion the work of Yahweh our Elohim."

Verse 13 identifies Babylon as a land that dwells on many waters, and which is abundant in treasures. This is an apt description of America.

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 51:13

13 "O you who dwell by many waters, Abundant in treasures, Your end has come, The measure of your covetousness."

Yet many Ephraimites and Jews live in America, and even though they are in disobedience, Yahweh still loves them. Here Yahweh tells us how He used Ephraimite America as His battle-ax and weapons of war. Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 51:19-22

19 The Portion of Jacob is not like them, For He is the Maker of all things; And Israel is the tribe of His inheritance. Yahweh of hosts is His name.

20 "You are My battle-ax and weapons of war: For with you I will break the nation in pieces; With you I will destroy kingdoms;

21 With you I will break in pieces the horse and its rider; With you I will break in pieces the chariot and its rider;

22 With you also I will break in pieces man and woman; With you I will break in pieces old and young; With you I will break in pieces the young man and the maiden..."

Yahweh has used American Christians to fund many good and worthy works, including funding missionary works worldwide. American Ephraimites also support brother Judah in Israel financially and militarily. Yet the USA is also part of the Three Cities of Rome's Empire. These are three cities-within-cities, all of which operate by the Roman legal code, *Lex Fori*. This is how we know they are all part of the Babylonian-Roman system. They are connected by global Illuminist-Masonic networks (otherwise called the *Deep State*).

Lex Fori City of Empire	Esau Function
Washington D.C.	Red horse military arm
(Inner) City of London	Black horse financial arm
Vatican City	Red horse spiritual root

As a nation, the USA uses its military power to enforce unfair economic agreements. For example, the Bretton Woods banking system uses the US dollar as its reserve currency. This means the USA gets to print more money than it would otherwise have, and the net effect is that the dollar becomes much more valued than other world currencies. This means American workers do not have to work as hard as foreign workers, for the same pay. This is an unfair advantage, and so is what Scripture would call "dividing the spoil with the proud."

Mishle (Proverbs) 16:19

19 Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the proud.

As we saw in earlier chapters, the Babylonian-Roman system also promotes destabilization activities outside its borders in support of Roman-style democracy. This is true even though Scripture condemns democracy. While kingship leads the people to rally around their Elohim and their king, voting divides the people into parties, like opposing camps. This leads to a condition Yeshua calls a "kingdom divided," and He says that every such kingdom is brought to desolation.

### Luqa (Luke) 11:17

17 But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls."

Because America is a democracy, outside powers are able to polarize the people into many camps, and they are all being pitted against each other. This is perhaps why Yahweh says to leave the divided land of Babylon, and her divided system of voting, before the civil war mentioned in verse 46.

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 51:45-46 45 "My people, go out of the midst of her! And let everyone deliver himself from the fierce anger of Yahweh. 46 And lest your heart faint, And you fear for the rumor that will be heard in the land (A rumor will come one year, And after that, in another year A rumor will come, And violence in the land, Ruler against ruler)..."

Micah 4:10 tells us that the daughter of Tsion (Ephraim) will dwell in Babylon, and that she shall be delivered from the field.

#### Micah 4:10

10 Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, O daughter of Tsion, Like a woman in birth pangs. For now you shall go forth from the city, You shall dwell in the field, And to Babylon you shall go. There you shall be delivered; There Yahweh will redeem you From the hand of your enemies.

If there is to be civil war in America's cities, and nuclear missiles on the cities later, and the Babylonian system is exploitative, then the best thing is to leave Babylon, and not take part in the spoils of oppression. However, for those who do not feel called to leave, the next best thing is to dwell in field (meaning in the countryside), where Yahweh will redeem His people.

There is much more we could say, but for those who love Yeshua, this is just one more incentive to take the Great Commission into all nations.

### Mattityahu (Matthew) 28:19-20

19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, immersing them in My name\*,

20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amein. [\*For why we immerse only in Yeshua's name, please see "<u>Immersion in Yeshua's Name Only</u>", in <u>Nazarene Scripture Studies, Volume Three</u>.]

"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work."

Revelation 22:12

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Yeshua also tells us not to store up treasures for ourselves on earth, but to lay up treasures in heaven by being rich toward His work. He says that where we put our treasure, our heart will also be there (Matthew 6).

Shaul (Paul) also tells us that those who are taught should share with those who teach.

Galatim (Galatians) 6:6-9

6 Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

7 Do not be deceived, Elohim is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

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# Revelation and the End Times

Revelation is often thought of as a very complicated and hard-to-understand book, but it is not. Revelation is simply a highly symbolic story about how the nation of redeemed Israel is brought into the world.

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