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# 1 INTRODUCTION

We are all children of God, children of the light. 2020 has already proven to be a very trying year for people, with the COVID-19 making its appearance and causing havoc all around the world. Thus far it has claimed many lives physically, caused emotional, mental and spiritual anxiety. However, as children of the Lord we do not possess a spirit of fear, but of a sound mind. In these times we will see that joy will be our source of strength.

The study piece was written with the goal to inspire fellow believers to do their own study in the scriptures, to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance especially in these times, and to equip ourselves. Equip ourselves? Yes, to equip ourselves with:

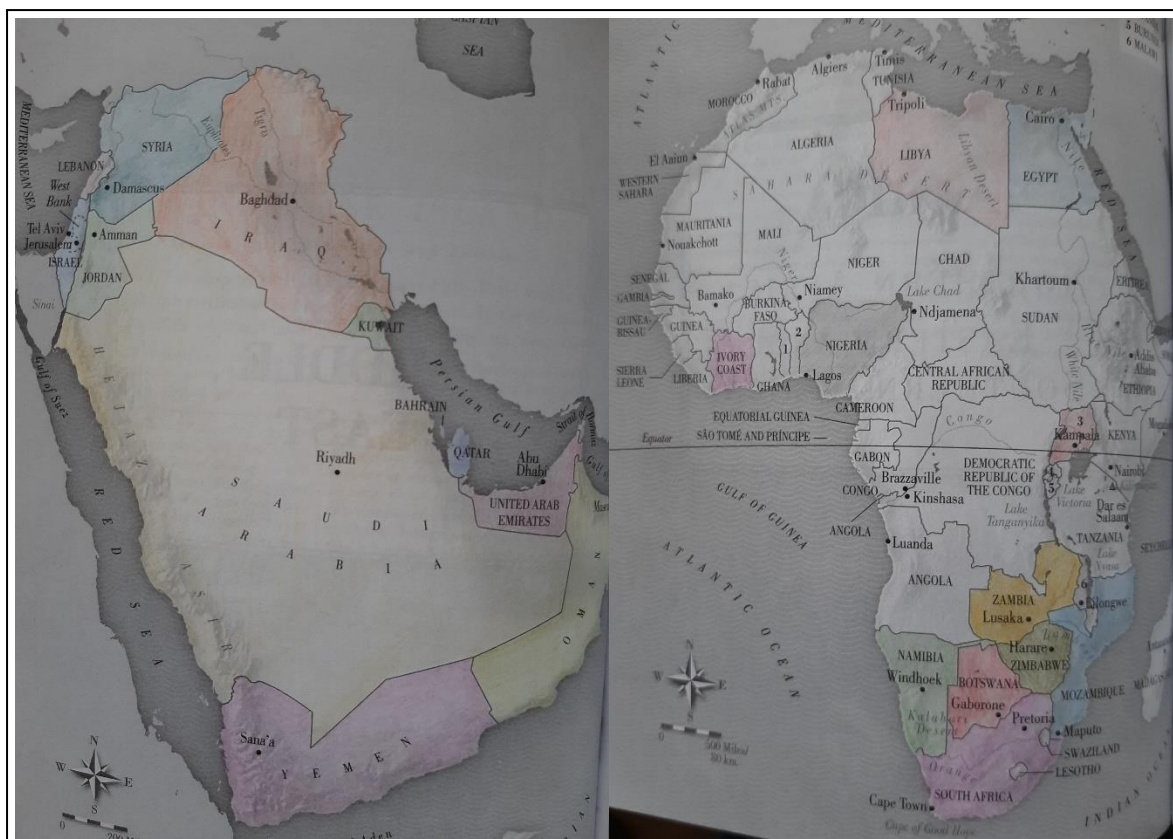
- the truth of God's Word,
- the dreams He has been giving His people across the world,
- the love of Christ in our hearts,
- the trust in God's plan,
- the knowledge of who the Lord is in this time.

## Past Prophetic Events

For those who are familiar with some of my writings, some will recall the prophetic event the Lord shared with me regarding the attack of ISIS on the Middle East and African countries. Also, the attacks on Israel from all other nations. It was a terrible prophecy to be honest. To see it play out is more frightening in the sense of God's accuracy and warnings. "Pay attention!" At times I feel like a John stuck on Patmos. When the Lord reveals things of this nature, one's perspective of your place in the universe and your place in God's Kingdom changes drastically.

In the middle of my Bible School years, I recall the Holy Spirit place it on my heart to pray for the Middle East and Africa. I had a book with the maps of countries. This occurred between the years of 2007 and 2009. Each time I prayed I coloured in a country – the prayer was for:

- The rights of every person in that country to be protected,
- Every person's physical protection,
- Prayer against hardship, killings, violence and famine.



*On the left side we have the Middle Eastern countries prayed for, marked in colour. And in the right-hand picture we have Africa and all the countries prayed for, marked in colour.*

Today we are still seeing the aftermath of ISIS; the desolation of Yemen and Syria and a people displaced from their homes. The genocide, abuse and war crimes against women and children are too terrible to write down. Africa is still suffering under these appalling conditions. Later in this study, we will look at the spirit behind what drives Biblical scripture and world events.

## Time to Share

Whenever any of you may experience a prophecy of such importance and disturbance, remember the prophets in the Bible – Jeremiah, Isaiah, Ezekiel, even John. They all had a sorrow and heaviness in their hearts when God shared, but they knew the Almighty God. They carried Him inside their hearts. Give the burden of what God shares with you back to Him and let Him carry it. He is sharing with you not for you to take responsibility for the events ahead. All you need to do is share, watch and pray. Nothing more.

**Jeremiah 8:18 (NLT)** *“My grief is beyond healing; my heart is broken.”*

**Jeremiah 23:9 (NLT)** *“My heart is broken because of the false prophets, and my bones tremble. I stagger like a drunkard, like someone overcome by wine, because of the holy words the Lord has spoken against them.”*

**Isaiah 22:4 (NLT)** *“That’s why I said, “Leave me alone to weep; do not try to comfort me. Let me cry for my people as I watch them being destroyed.”*

We are in a battle and God is in control. He wants his children to be prepared. He doesn’t want us to be unprepared, ignorant, weak and helpless. We are:

- Mighty children of God;
- Given eternal life with the Father;
- We have heavenly angels fighting along-side of us;
- The power of the Blood of Jesus Christ over us;

- The divine and powerful discernment of the Holy Spirit inside of us;
- The Holy Sprite wisdom directly from the Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.

**John 3:16-17 (KJV)** *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.”*

A great army is made up of trained soldiers that are ready for anything. They go and scout the outlying territories, watch and observe what their enemy is up to, and then plan an onslaught or defence. The same is expected of Christ's believers. The 10 Women in the Bible are great examples of this. Five of them were unprepared for the coming of the bridegroom, while 5 others were ready for his coming. (*Matthew 25*) Are we ready?

When you are faced with these events God shares with you, all you can do is position yourself correctly, pray, and warn others. Whether they heed the warning or not, is not for you to worry about. I am pretty sure a lot of you know exactly what I mean. Many of you also truly hear from God and feel the same as I do. If you are one of these people I have just described, I hope my effort inspires you to treasure what God shares with you with utmost respect, humility, gratitude and love.

Thus, I have been reluctantly inspired to start sharing with you what the Lord has revealed and showed during the last few years. You are not obligated to agree with me. All you need to do is relax and read. What is expected of each reader is to do their own study, their own effort to discover what God is doing. The Lord Himself would expect this of you. The Bible speaks about us having to search for the truth. Search for God. Ask Him questions. The Word says that people perish because of lack of knowledge - they do not know His Word.

**Hosea 4:6 (NLT)** *“My people are being destroyed because they don’t know me...”*

**Hosea 4:6 (KJV)** *“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou has rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee...”*

**John 8:32 (NLT)** *“And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

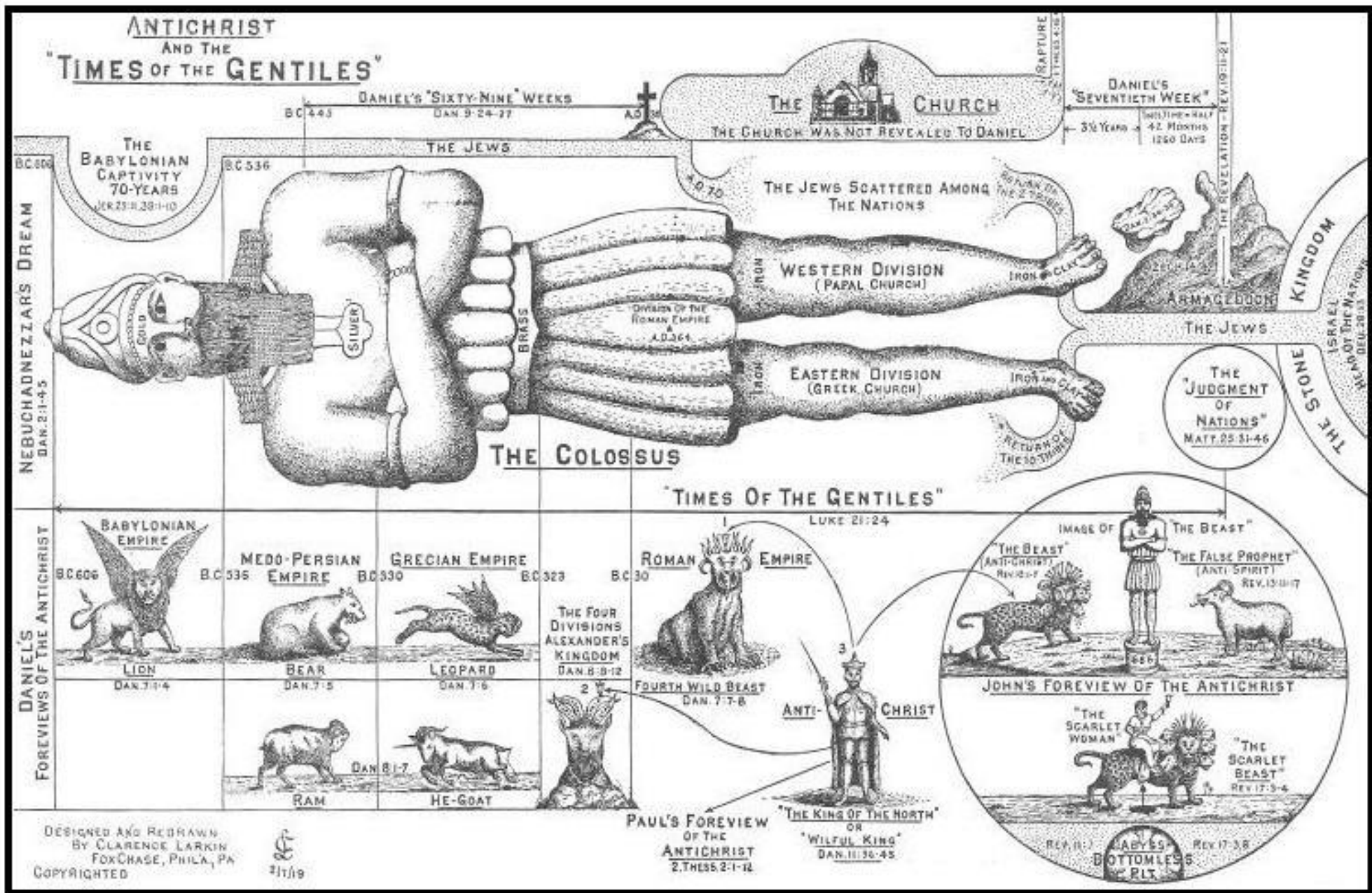
**Luke 4:4 (KJV)** *“And Jesus answered him, saying, it is written, that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.”*

**1 Corinthians 12:8 (KJV)** *“For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;”*

**Isaiah 58:11 (NIV)** *“The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.”*

Show interest in the world events and in your community's wellbeing, because God is busy. Remember the enemy is also busy. Open your eyes. The Lord has opened your eyes the day you gave your heart to Jesus. Don't stay in the dark, ignorant of what is happening around you.

## 2 THE DIFFERENT KINGDOMS FROM DANIEL AND REVELATION



## 2.1 THE STATUE AND THE BEASTS

There are 5 parts we can look at regarding the kingdoms described in Daniel and Revelation.

STATUE	MATERIAL	KINGDOMS	BEASTS
HEAD	GOLD	BABYLON (606 BC – 539 BC)	Winged Lion
CHEST & ARMS	SILVER	PERSIA (538 BC – 332 BC)	Bear
BELLY & THIGHS	BRASS	GREECE (332 BC – 68 BC)	Leopard
LEGS	IRON	ROMAN I (68 BC – ? 476 AD)	Terrible Beast
FEET	IRON & CLAY	ROMAN II (476 AD - ?)	10 Headed Beast

## 2.2 THE 4 KINGDOMS AND 4 BEASTS

In the Bible, the book of Daniel 2 and the book of Daniel 7 give a good description of the four empires that God divinely shared with King Nebuchadnezzar. God allowed Daniel to interpret the dream, not just for the King, but also for us as well. Revelation 13 also hints at these four kingdoms.

### **KINGDOM 1 - Golden Head – Babylonian Empire (Winged Lion)** (606 BC – 539 BC)

**Daniel 2:36-38 (NLT)** *“That was the dream. Now we will tell the king what it means. Your Majesty, you are the greatest of kings. The God of heaven has given you sovereignty, power, strength, and honour. He has made you the ruler over all the inhabited world and has put even the wild animals and birds under your control. You are the head of gold.”*

**Daniel 7:3-4 (NLT)** *“Then four huge beasts came up out of the water, each different from the other. The first beast was like a lion with eagle wings. As I watched, its wings were pulled off, and it was left standing with its two hind feet on the ground, like a human being. And it was given a human mind.”*





The winged lion from Babylon (Mesopotamia) in the British Museum and on a mural.

- The Golden head represented the Babylonian Empire, which was Nebuchadnezzar's empire.
- The Symbolism of the wings and the lion are found in scripture to symbolise Babylon:
  - **Jeremiah 4:7 (NLT)** "A lion stalks from a den, a destroyer of nations. It has left its lair and is headed your way. It's going to devastate your land! Your towns will lie in ruins, with no one living in them anymore."
  - **Jeremiah 48:40 (NLT)** "Look! The enemy swoops down like an eagle, spreading his wings over Moab."
  - **Jeremiah 49:22 (NLT)** "Look! The enemy swoops down like an eagle, spreading his wings over Bozrah. Even the mightiest warriors will be in anguish like a woman in labor."
  - **Jeremiah 50:17 (NLT)** "The Israelites are like sheep that have been scattered by lions. First the king of Assyria ate them up. Then King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon cracked their bones."

## KINGDOM 2 - Silver Chest and Arms – Persian Empire (Bear)

(538 BC – 332 BC)

**Daniel 2:39 (NLT)** "But after your kingdom comes to an end, another kingdom, inferior to yours, will rise to take your place."

**Daniel 7:5 (NLT)** "Then I saw a second beast, and it looked like a bear. It was rearing up on one side, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And I heard a voice saying to it, 'Get up! Devour the flesh of many people!'"





*The bear with three ribs in its mouth.*

- This bear had 3 ribs in its mouth, indicating that it would devour much flesh.
- The 3 ribs may represent the 3 main victories the Persian Empire had over:
  - Babylon
  - Egypt
  - Libya
- The Persian Empire had around 2,5 million men.

**Daniel 11:1-2 (NLT)** *“Now then, I will receive the truth from you. Three more Persian kings will reign, to be succeeded by a fourth, far richer than the others. He will use his wealth to stir up everyone to fight against the kingdom of Greece.”*

- The angel speaking here in Daniel 11, is explaining to Daniel what the Persian kings will be doing. They were getting ready for the attack from Greece, the 3d kingdom to come.

### **KINGDOM 3 - Brass Belly and Thighs – Greek Empire (Leopard)**

*(332 BC – 68 BC)*

**Daniel 2:39 (NLT)** *“After that kingdom has fallen, yet a third kingdom, represented by bronze, will rise and rule the world.”*

**Daniel 7:6 (NLT)** *“Then the third of these strange beasts appeared, and it looked like a leopard. It had four bird’s wings on its back, and it had four heads. Great authority was given to this beast.”*

**Daniel 11:3-4 (NLT)** *“Then a might king will rise to power who will rule with great authority and accomplish everything he sets out to do. But at the height of his power, his kingdom will be broken apart and divided into four parts. It will not be ruled by the king’s descendants, nor will the kingdom hold the authority it once had. For this empire will be uprooted and given to others.”*



*The Leopard with four bird wings and four heads.*

- It had 4 wings of birds on its back.
- Had 4 heads and authority given to it.
- Daniel 11 is speaking about Alexander the Great, who will die and have his empire divided.
- Alexander the Great, of Greece, conquered the known world, Persia.
- Alexander had 4 principle commanders under him. When Alexander died, the lands were divided up between the 4 commanders:
  1. Macedonia and Greece were given to Cassander.
  2. Asia Minor and Thrace were given to Lysimachus.
  3. Syria and Babylon were given to **Seleucus** (*this is an important part in the future history of Rome*).
  4. Egypt, Arabia and Israel were given to **Ptolemy** (*this is an important part in the future history of Rome*).

## **KINGDOM 4 - Iron Legs – First Roman Empire (Terrible Beast)**

(68 BC – ? 476 AD)

**Daniel 2:40 (NLT)** *“Following that kingdom, there will be a fourth one, as strong as iron. That kingdom will smash and crush all previous empires, just as iron smashes and crushes everything it strikes.”*

**Revelation 13:1 (NLT)** *“Then I saw the beast rising up out of the sea. It had seven heads and ten horns, with ten crowns on its horns. And written on each head were names that blasphemed God.”*

**Daniel 7:7-8 (NLT)** *“Then in my vision that night, I saw a fourth beast – terrifying, dreadful, and very strong. It devoured and crushed its victims with huge iron teeth and trampled their remains beneath its feet. It was different from any of the other beasts, and it had ten horns. As I looked at the horns, suddenly another small horn appeared among them. Three of the first horns were torn out by the roots to make room for it. This little horn had eyes like human eyes and a mouth that was boasting arrogantly.”*



- Rome conquered Greece.
- The little horn had destroyed three other kingdoms and 7 remained.
- Would these 7 kingdoms become the new world leaders, from where the Antichrist would come forth?

## The time period between the Old and New Testaments – The Silent Years

In this time, Alexander the Great had died, and a rivalry had started between the **Seleucid Empire** and the **Ptolemy Empire**.

**Daniel 11:5 (NLT)** *“The king of the south will increase in power, but one of his own officials will become more powerful than he and will rule his kingdom with great strength.”*

- This speaks about the battle between **Seleucus** and **Ptolemy**. This battle was for 150 years.
- In the time of Ptolemy II, Philadelphus ruled in 285 BC to 246 BC. During this time period, the Septuagint (LXX) was written.
- Thus, this period fell between the Old Testament and the New Testament.
- The Septuagint and Apostle letters became the Christian Bible.

**Daniel 11:6-7 (NLT)** *“Some years later an alliance will be formed between the king of the north and the king of the south. The daughter of the king of the south will be given in marriage to the king of the north to secure the alliance, but she will lose her influence over him, and so will her father. She will be abandoned along with her supporters. But when one of her relatives becomes king of the south, he will raise an army and enter the fortress of the king of the north and defeat him.”*

- In 262 B.C, a political marriage was arranged between the southern kingdom's Ptolemy II's ruler Philadelphus's, whose daughter was called Bernice, and the Antigonos II's son called Theos.
- Theos was required to divorce his wife Bernice to settle this arrangement.
- Bernice could not influence her rival, who poisoned Theos and murdered Bernice.
- All this occurred after the Septuagint translation.
- Seleucus III tried to attack Ptolemy III, brother of the murdered Bernice, but lost the battle.

**Daniel 11:9-15 (NLT)** *“Later the king of the north will invade the realm of the king of the south but will soon return to his own land. However, the sons of the king of the north will assemble a mighty army that will advance like a flood and carry the battle as far as the enemy's fortress. Then, in a rage, the king of the south will rally against the vast forces assembled by the king of the north and will defeat*

*them. After the enemy army is swept away, the king of the south will be filled with pride and will execute many thousands of his enemies. But his success will be short lived. A few years later the king of the north will return with a fully equipped army far greater than before. At that time there will be a general uprising against the king of the south. Violent men among your own people will join them in fulfilment of this vision, but they will not succeed. Then the king of the north will come and lay siege to a fortified city and capture it. The best troops of the south will not be able to stand in the face of the onslaught."*

- Here Ptolemy the IV dies. Ptolemy V had a greater army than his father though.

**Daniel 11:16-17 (NLT)** *"The king of the north will march onward unopposed; none will be able to stop him. He will pause in the glorious land of Israel, intent on destroying it. He will make plans to come with the might of his entire kingdom and will form an alliance with the king of the south. He will give him a daughter in marriage in order to overthrow the kingdom from within, but his plan will fail."*

- Antigonus III has a daughter whom he would give away in marriage to execute his plan to overthrow the southern kingdom.
- However, she turns against her father Antigonus III.
- She married Ptolemy and supported the kingdom of the south.
- At this time, we know Egypt was part of the southern kingdom, and Syria was part of the northern kingdom.

**Daniel 11:20 (NLT)** *"His successor will send out a tax collection to maintain the royal splendour. But after a brief reign, he will die, though not from anger or in battle."*

- Antigonus III successor was Seleucus.
- The treasurer Theodorus murdered Seleucus. Antigonus IV, also called Apiphanies, took over.

**Daniel 11:21-22 (NLT)** *"The next to come to power will be a despicable man who is not in line for royal succession. He will slip in when least expected and take over the kingdom by flattery and intrigue. Before him great armies will be swept away, including a covenant prince."*

- Antigonus IV, also called Apiphanies, has this character described in Daniel 11 - Similar to the Antichrist.
- Antigonus IV was the brother of Seleucus IV, which was the son of Seleucus III who was murdered.
- Seleucus IV was held hostage in Rome for 14 years.
- Onias III was a high priest, who may have been this covenant prince mentioned in scripture. This high priest appeared in letters between him and Sparta. Those from Sparta and Troy were Jewish.

**Daniel 11:23-25 (NLT)** *"With deceitful promises, he will make various alliances. He will become strong despite having a handful of followers. Without warning he will enter the richest areas of the land. Then he will distribute among his followers the plunder and wealth of the rich – something his predecessors had never done. He will plot the overthrow of strongholds, but this will last for only a short while.*

*Then he will stir up his courage and raise a great army against the king of the south. The king of the south will go to battle with a mighty army, but will not avail, for there will be plots against him."*

- After Ptolemy IV dies, his mother received bad advice against Antigonus IV and she loses the war.

**Daniel 11:29-30 (NLT)** *"Then at the appointed time he will once again invade the south, but this time the result will be different. Four warships from western coastlands will scare him off, and he will withdraw and return home. But he will vent his anger against the people of the holy covenant and reward those who forsake the covenant."*

- Antigonus IV was unsuccessful in his second campaign against Egypt. He failed to take Alexandria. He also encountered the Roman Navy.
- In his rage, Antigonus IV tried to destroy Judaism.

**Daniel 11:32-35 (NLT)** *"He will flatter and win over those who have violated the covenant. But the people who now their God will be strong and will resist him. Wise leaders will give instruction to many, but these teachers will die by fire and sword, or they will be jailed and robbed. During these persecutions, little help will arrive, and many who join them will not be sincere. And some of the wise will fall victim to persecution. In this way, they will be refined and cleansed and made pure until the time of the end, for the appointed time is still to come."*

- A rebellion from the Jews will take place. However, they will suffer a lot of persecution.

**Daniel 11:36-39 (NLT)** *"The king will do as he pleases, exalting himself and claiming to be greater than every god, even blaspheming the God of gods. He will succeed, but only until the time of wrath is completed. For what has been determined will surely take place. He will have no respect for the gods of his ancestors, or for the god loved by women, or for any other god, for he will boast that he is greater than them all. Instead of this, he will worship the god of fortresses – a god his ancestors never knew- and lavish on him gold, silver, precious stones, and expensive gifts. Claiming this foreign god's help, he will attack the strongest fortresses. He will honour those who submit to him, appointing them to positions of authority and dividing the land among them as their reward."*

## **KINGDOM 4 - Feet of Iron Mixed with Clay – Second Roman Empire (10 Headed Beast)**

(476 AD - ? )

**Daniel 2:41-43 (NLT)** *"The feet and toes you saw were a combination of iron and baked clay, showing that this kingdom will be divided. Like iron mixes with clay, it will have some of the strength of iron. But while some parts of it will be strong as iron, other parts will be as weak as clay. This mixture of iron and clay also shows that these kingdoms will try to strengthen themselves by forming alliances with each other through intermarriage. But they will not hold together, just as iron and clay do not mix."*

**Daniel 7:9-11 (NLT)** *"I watched as thrones were put in place and the Ancient One sat down to judge. His clothing was as white as snow, his hair like purest wool. He sat on a fiery throne with wheels of blazing fire, and a river of fire was pouring out, flowing from his presence. Millions of angels ministered to him; many millions stood to attend him. Then the court began its session, and the books were opened. I continued to watch because I could hear the little horn's boastful speech."*



- The ten toes speak of the 10 kingdoms.
- This terrible beast had ten horns and iron teeth.
- It devoured and crushed its victims and trampled their remains.
- The 10 horns are 10 kings. One king will subdue 3 other kingdoms. Thus, the 10 horns will become 7 horns.
- Rome was never conquered but went into decline in 300 AD.
- In 1453 AD the last Roman leader was defeated.
- Biblically it sounds as though Rome still exists today. Thus, Rome probably has a final phase to go through.
- From the Biblical scriptures the fourth empire will remain until it is replaced by the Kingdom of God.
- The 11<sup>th</sup> horn was small and almost unnoticed. Could this represent the Catholic Church? Because Vatican City is a country of its own and it is quite small, however it does seem to have some kind of religious power across the world for centuries.

**Daniel 2:43 (NKJV)** *"As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay."*

- In the New King James Version for the above scripture, who are "they"? Man is seen as dust of the earth, made from clay as we know in the Book of Genesis. But who is the iron?
- Could it possibly be hinting at the seed of the woman and the seed of Satan, meaning that the iron is not of human origin?
- We know from Genesis there were instances where the fallen angels lay with human women. Are these beings making a comeback in a similar way in the last Roman kingdom?
- Could this be referring to cloning – tampering with the human genome? Could it refer to machines or robotics mingled with the a cloned body?
- Jesus warned how the times would be at his second coming. He said it would be similar to the days of Noah when the fallen angels had mingled themselves with human women.
  - **Matthew 24:37 (NLT)** *"When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah's days."*
  - **Genesis 6:1-4 (NKJV)** *"Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that there were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. And the Lord said, 'My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years. There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came*



*into the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the might men who were of old, men of renown."*

- The daughters of men were children of Adam. The sons of God were the fallen angels. The angels were a direct creation of God.
- When we are born-again, we are also called sons or daughters or children of God, but that reference is not meant in this context.
- In Genesis it mentions that these giants, or Nephilim existed after the flood as well.
- The book of Jude also mentioned the days of Noah.
  - **Jude 6 (NLT)** *"And I remind you of the angels who did not stay within the limits of authority God gave them but left the place where they belonged. God has kept them securely chained in prisons of darkness, waiting for the great day of judgement."*
  - According to the scripture, these fallen angels that mingled with man are currently chained up. However, they are not the evil principalities that are still functioning today, or Satan. The demonic and the principalities of Satan, including Satan himself, will only be chained up for a while, when Christ come to rule for a thousand years, and then face thereafter their eternal existence in the lake of fire.
- Peter also mentioned the days of Noah.
  - **2 Peter 2:4-5 (NLT)** *"For God did not spare even the angels who sinned. He threw them into hell, in gloomy pits of darkness, where they are being held until the day of judgement."*

From these scriptures it is clear that the same measure of sin and wickedness will be happening in the end times, as it did in the days of Noah.

***We find ourselves in this Second Roman Empire - iron mixed with clay - currently.***

## Magog Invasion



**Daniel 11:40-45 (NLT)** *"Then at the time of the end, the king of the south will attack the king of the north. The king of the north will storm out with chariots, charioteers, and a vast navy. He will invade various lands and sweep through them like a flood. He will enter the glorious land of Israel, and many nations will fall, but Moab, Edom, and the best part of Ammon will escape. He will conquer many*

*countries, and even Egypt will not escape. He will gain control over gold, silver, and treasures of Egypt, and the Libyans and Ethiopians will be his servants. But then news from the east and the north will alarm him, and he will set out in great anger to destroy and obliterate many. He will stop between the glorious holy mountain and the sea and will pitch his royal tents. But while he is there, his time will suddenly run out, and no one will help him."*

This describes the Magog invasion, also mentioned in Ezekiel 38 and Ezekiel 39. It may not be the description of the Armageddon scenario described in Revelation. In fact, the ending of the Magog invasion may bring about a false peace treaty between the Antichrist and Israel, which will later lead to the world-wide Armageddon campaign. Thus, the Armageddon scenario may follow after the Magog invasion. Armageddon is described in Revelation 16, which falls in the timeline of the Great Tribulation and the seven bowls of God's wrath.

We look at this in a later section in more detail.

## **The Final Kingdom – God's Kingdom**

**Daniel 2:44-45 (NLT)** *"During the reigns of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed or conquered. It will crush all these kingdoms into nothingness, and it will stand forever. That is the meaning of the rock cut from the mountain, though not by human hands, that crushed to pieces the statue of iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold. The great God was showing the king what will happen in the future. The dream is true, and its meaning is certain."*

**Daniel 7:11-14 (NLT)** *"I kept watching until the fourth beast was killed and its body was destroyed by fire. The other three beasts had their authority taken from them, but they were allowed to live a little while longer. As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like the son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. He was given authority, honour, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. His rule is eternal – it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed."*



*God's eternal Kingdom that will never end.*

### 3 THE SEVEN SEALS

*(Revelation 5, 6, 7 and 8)*

Section 3.1 and 3.2 will cover scriptures pertaining to God's way of judgement and how God protects His people in great times of judgement.

Sections 3.3 and 3.4 will dive into tribulation events, as well as cover the different types of judgements described throughout the bible.

#### 3.1 WAR, FAMINE, DISEASE AND EARTHQUAKES

These scriptures always seem to go hand-in-hand with God's judgment on the people.

**Luke 21:11-12 (NLT)** *"There will be great earthquakes, and there will be famine and plagues in many lands, and there will be terrifying things and great miraculous signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, there will be a time of great persecution. You will be dragged into synagogues and prisons, and you will stand trial before kings and governors because you are my followers."*

**Matthew 24:7-9 (NLT)** *"Nations will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come. Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers."*

**Jeremiah 42:17 (NLT)** *"That is the fate awaiting every one of you who insist on going to live in Egypt. Yes, you will die from war, famine, and disease. None of you will escape the disaster I will bring upon you there."*

**Jeremiah 14:12 (NLT)** *"When they fast, I will pay no attention. When they present their burnt offerings and grain offerings to me, I will not accept them. Instead, I will devour them with war, famine, and disease."*

**Ezekiel 5:12 (NLT)** *"A third of your people will die in the city from disease and famine. A third of them will be slaughtered by the enemy outside the city walls. And I will scatter a third to the wind, chasing them with my sword."*

**Ezekiel 6:11 (NLT)** *"This is what the Sovereign Lord says: 'Clap your hands in horror and stamp your feet. Cry out because of all the detestable sins the people of Israel have committed. Now they are going to die from war and famine and disease.'"*

**Ezekiel 14:21 (NLT)** *"Now this is what the Sovereign Lord says: 'How terrible it would be when all four of these dreadful punishments fall upon Jerusalem – war, famine, wild animals, and disease – destroying all her people and animals.'"*

**Leviticus 26:25 (NLT)** *"I will send armies against you to carry out the curse of the covenant you have broken. When you run to your towns for safety, I will send a plague to destroy you there, and you will be handed over to your enemies."*

#### 3.2 HIDING AWAY FOR A WHILE

**Matthew 6:6 (NLT)** *"But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then the father, who sees everything, will reward you."*

**Job 14:13 (NLT)** *"I wish you would hide me in the grave and forget me there until your anger has passed..."*

**Psalms 57:1 (NLT)** *“Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy! I look to you for protection. I will hide beneath the shadow of your wings until the danger passes by.”*

**Proverbs 22:3 (NLT)** *“A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.”*

**Zephaniah 2:3 (NLT)** *“Seek the Lord, all who are humble, and follow his commands. Seek to do what is right and to live humbly. Perhaps even yet the Lord will protect you – protect you from his anger on the day of destruction.”*

**Psalms 27:5 (NLT)** *“For he will conceal me when troubles come; he will hide me in his sanctuary. He will place me out of reach on a high rock.”*

**Isaiah 26:20-21 (NLT)** *“Go home, my people, and lock your doors! Hide yourselves for a little while until the Lord’s anger has passed. Look! The Lord is coming from heaven to punish the people of the earth for their sins. The earth will no longer hide those who have been killing. They will be brought out for all to see.”*

**Exodus 12:23 (NLT)** *“For the Lord will pass through the land to strike down the Egyptians. But when he sees the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe, the Lord will pass over your house. He will not permit his death angel to enter your house and strike you down.”*

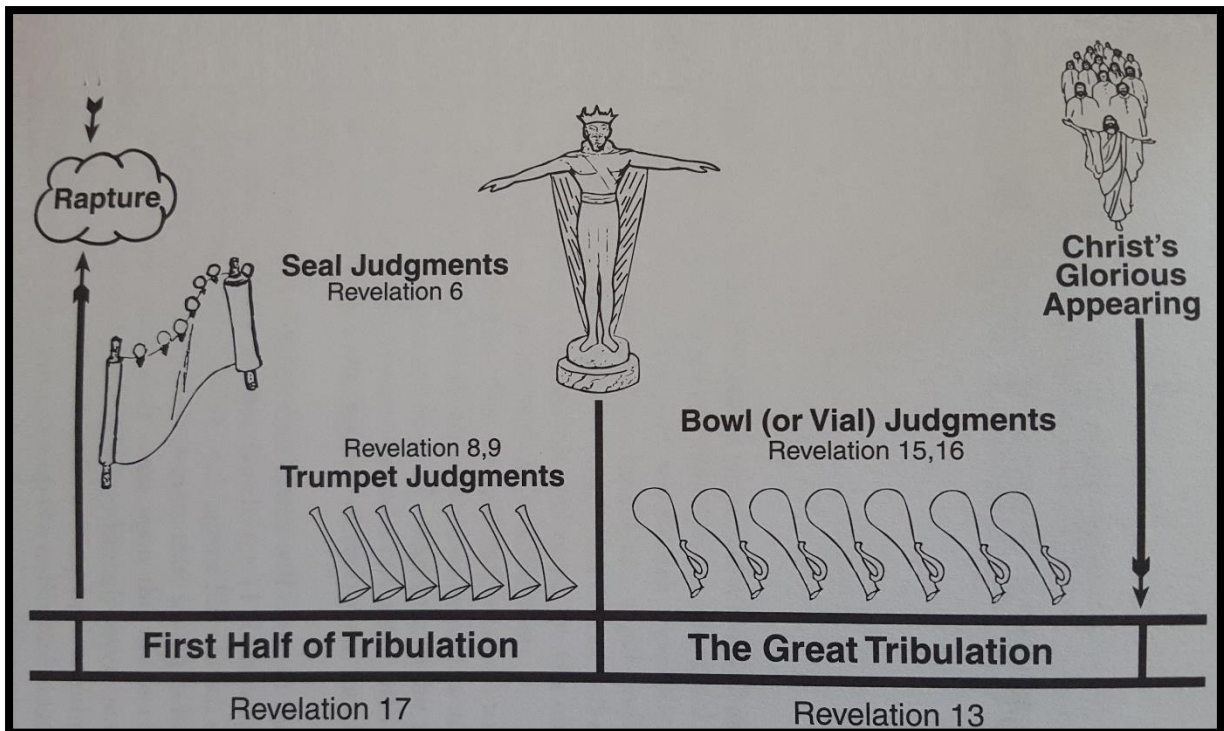
From scripture it is quite clear how important it is to God to protect his children from judgement and disaster. Not only this, when He takes vengeance on His enemies, He always considers His children’s safety in the process. **However, it is also the responsibility of His children to listen and be obedient to His instruction when He has given it.**

### 3.3 ORDER OF EVENTS

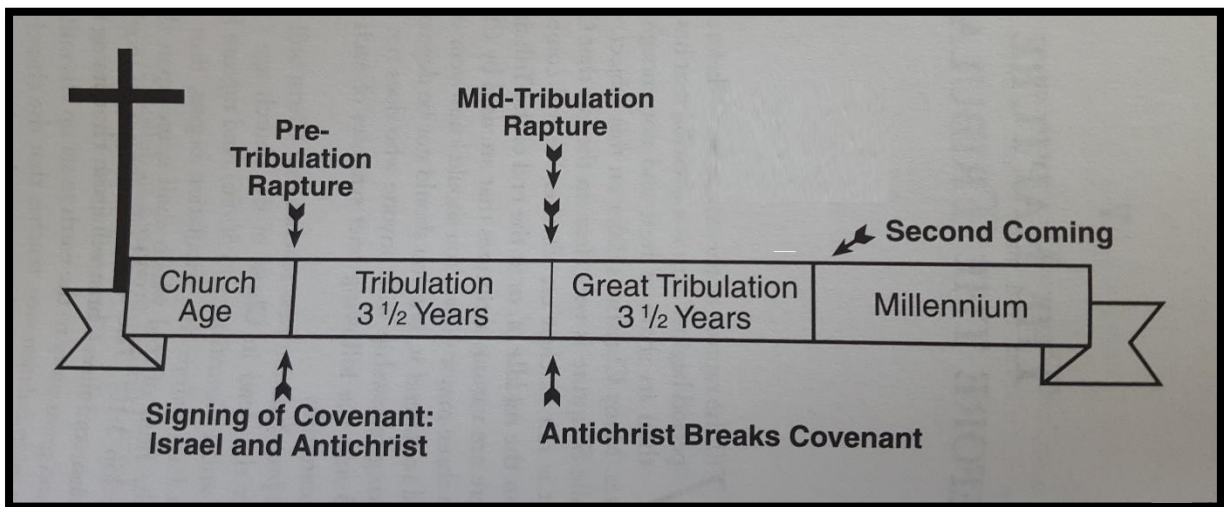
As events have unfolded up to this current time, all the events that needed to take place before the rapture, have completed. The next event to take place is the rapture of the church. God is preparing the Church, the Bride of Christ, for her Bridegroom, Jesus Christ. In this time of waiting, we as the Church have to refine ourselves as we prepare ourselves for the Bridegroom.

The opening of the seven seals will mark the start of the Tribulation times on earth. The Tribulation period has two specific timeframes.

- **(First 3 and a half years) When the Tribulation starts: (Revelation 17)**
  - It marks the beginning of Daniel’s 70th week.
  - The Church removed from the earth.
  - The Antichrist signs a covenant with Israel. (Daniel 9:27)
  - False peace.
  - Abomination of desolation.
  - The Seven Seal Judgment Starts *(Includes the four horsemen)* (Revelation 6)
  - Marking of the 144,000.
  - Then the Seven Trumpet Judgment Starts (Revelation 7 and 8)
- **(Last 3 and a half years) In the second half of the Tribulation is called the Great Tribulation: (Revelation 13)**
  - The Antichrist will break the covenant with Israel.
  - Antichrist reveal himself to the world.
  - The Great Tribulation begins.
  - The Seven Bowl Judgement Starts (Revelation 15 and 16) – Day of God’s Wrath.
- **Christ’s 2<sup>nd</sup> coming with the Saints.** – The Day of the Lord.
- **Millennium Reign of Christ.**
  - Satan is bound in the Millennium reign of Christ.



*The start of the Tribulation and Great Tribulation to follow.*



*The Tribulation Years.*

**The reason for the Tribulation** is described in Hosea 5:15. This was written under the title *“The failure of Israel’s leaders”*..

**Hosea 5:15 (NLT)** *“Then I will return to my place until they admit their guilt and return to me. For as soon as trouble comes, they will earnestly search for me.”*

### 3.4 THE FOUR HORSEMENT OF THE APOCALYPSE AND THE SEVEN SEALS

- Christ is recognized as the only one having the authority to open the Seven Seals in Heaven as described in Revelation 5.
- When Christ starts opening the first seal, it is the start of the Tribulation.



- The 4 horsemen of the Apocalypse are released by Christ opening the first six seals in Revelation 6.
- There is a time interval where the chosen people of God are marked, 144,000 people. Then Christ goes ahead and opens the Seventh Seal.

#### The Four Horsemen in Revelation 6 versus Matthew 24

HORSES	REV 6	MATT 24
WHITE	Rev 6:1-2	FALSE CHRIST – Matt 24:4-5
RED	Rev 6:3-4	WARS – Matt 24:6
BLACK	Rev 6:5-6	FAMINES – Matt 24:7a
PALE GREEN	Rev 6:7-8	DEATH – Matt 24:7b-8
MARTYRS	Rev 6:9-11	MARTYRS – Matt 24:9
WORLD-WIDE CHAOS	Rev 6:12-17	WORLD-WIDE CHAOS – Matt 24; 10, 13, 29

For interest, the RED, WHITE, BLACK, and PALE GREEN colours are similar to the following country flags:

-  Palestine
-  Jordan
-  Lebanon
-  Egypt
-  Saudi Arabia
-  Syria
-  Iraq

#### 3.4.1 Lamb Opens The First Seal – White Horse (Overcoming Warrior)



**Revelation 6:1-2 (NLT)** “As I watched, the Lamb broke the first of the seven seals on the scroll. Then I heard one of the four living beings say with a voice like thunder, “Come!” I looked up and saw a white horse standing there. Its rider carried a bow, and a crown was placed on his head. He rode out to win the battles and gain the victory.”

Take note:



- **The Rider:**
  - Christ opened the seals, so he cannot be this rider on the white horse.
  - This rider received the "Victor's Crown", given as a prize at public games. Here in the Greek it is a "stephanos", which is like a wreath. It is not a "diadema", the Greek for a crown of kingly authority.
  - This rider keeps bad company, as he is mentioned along with the other three bad horsemen coming up.
  - Coming world leader?
    - **Daniel 8:25 (NLT)** *"He will be a master of deception and will become arrogant; he will destroy many without warning. He will even take on the Prince of princes in battle, but he will be broken, though not by human power."*
    - **Daniel 9:27 (NLT)** *"The ruler will make a treaty with the people for a period of one set of seven, but after half this time, he will put an end to the sacrifices and offerings. And as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious object that causes desecration, until the fate decreed for this defiler is finally poured out on him."*
    - He comes as a peace maker, but then becomes destructive. And he will succeed.
    - There are 33 allusions of the "Prince that shall come" in the Old Testament, and there are 13 allusions in the New Testament.
  - This rider will resemble and imitate Christ, but he will not be our Lord Jesus.
  - The white horse and its rider were called forth by the living being or creature. Christ is higher than all the angels and living creatures in heaven, so cannot be called forth by them. Remember, Christ is the one opening the seal.
- **Horses** in scripture are mostly related with designating judgement:
  - **2 Kings 6:15-18 (NLT)** *"When the servant of the man of God got up early the next morning and went outside, there were troops, horses, and chariots everywhere. "Oh, sir, what will we do now?" the young man cried to Elisha. "Don't be afraid!" Elisha told him. "For there are more on our side than on theirs!" Then Elisha prayed, "O Lord, open his eyes and let him see!" The Lord opened the young man's eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire."*
  - **Jeremiah 46:9-10 (NLT)** *"Charge, your horses and chariots; attack, you mighty warriors of Egypt! Come all you allies from Ethiopia, Libya, and Lydia who are skilled with the shield and bow! For this is the day of the Lord, the Lord of Heaven's Armies, a day of vengeance on his enemies."*
  - **Joel 2:4 (NLT)** *"They look like horses; they charge forward like warhorses."*
  - **Zechariah 1:8-10 (NLT)** *"In a vision during the night, I saw a man sitting on a red horse that was standing among some myrtle trees in a small valley. Behind him were riders on red, brown, and white horses... They are the ones the Lord has sent out to patrol the earth."*
  - **Zechariah 6:1-7 (NLT)** *"Then I looked up again and saw four chariots coming from between two bronze mountains. The first chariot was pulled by the red horses, the second by black horses, the third by white horses, and the fourth by powerful dappled-grey horses. "And what are these, my lord?" I asked the angel who was talking with me. The angel replied, "These are the four spirits of heaven who stand before the Lord of all the earth. They are going out to do his work... The powerful horses were eager to set out to patrol the earth. And the Lord said, "Go and patrol the earth!" So they left at once on their patrol."*
- **White Horse:**
  - Why a white horse? **John 5:43-44 (NLT)** *"For I have come to you in my Father's name, and you have rejected me. Yet if others come in their own name, you gladly welcome them. No wonder you can't believe! For you gladly honour each other, but you don't care about the honour that comes from the one who alone is God."*
  - Jesus already knew people were going to make the mistake of accepting the imposter seen as a victor on a white horse.
  - The OTHER rider on the White horse is Jesus Christ:

- **Revelation 19:11-21 (NLT)** *“Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were **many crowns**.”* – Thus, this rider wore many crowns.  
*“...A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God... On his robe at his thigh was written the title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords...”*

- **The Bow:**

- Is this a symbol of Nimrod the hunter? Described in Genesis 10 and 11.
- The word in the Greek used for “bow” here, is the same word used for “rainbow” when God used it as a token of the covenant between Noah and the earth. God gave Noah a “rainbow”. The Greek is “toxon” and the Hebrew is “keh-sheth”, both meaning a “weapon, rainbow”. **Genesis 9:13** *“I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between you and the earth.”*
- Thus, this rider could be carrying this bow as a symbol of the covenant he will make with Israel, which he will later break.

- **He will be conquering and will conquer:**

- He will overcome and prevail.
  - **Daniel 8:25 (NLT)** *“He will be a master of deception and will become arrogant; he will destroy many without warning. He will even take on the Prince of princes in battle, but he will be broken, though not by human power.”*

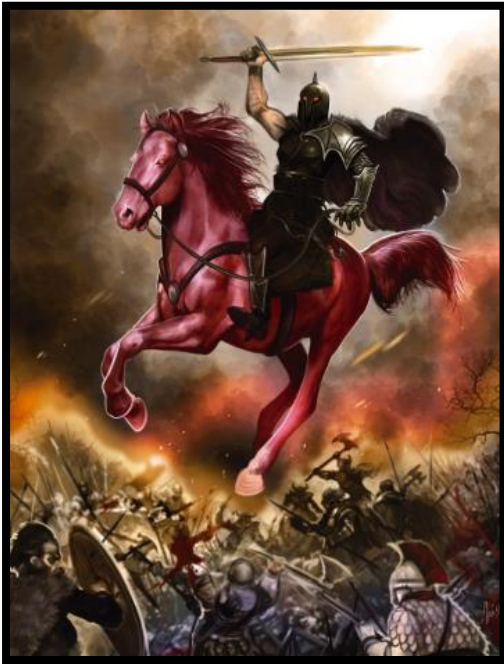
### **The Character of the Rider on the White Horse**

The rider of the white horse has similar characteristics as the Antichrist:

- Intellectual Genius
- Persuasive Speaker
- Shrewd Politician
- Financial Genius
- Forceful Military Leader
- Powerful Organizer
- Unifying Religious Guru.

***These qualities will be discussed in PART 3.***

### 3.4.2 Lamb Opens The Second Seal – Red Horse (Wars)



**Revelation 6:3-4 (NLT)** *“When the Lamb broke the second seal, I hear the second living being say, “Come!” Then another horse appeared, a red one. Its rider was given a mighty sword and the authority to take peace from the earth. And there was war and slaughter everywhere.”*

- **The rider:**
  - As we already know, this is not Christ, because He is opening the seal.
  - This rider will take peace from the earth.
  - People will be killed everywhere.
  - He was wielding a great sword.
- **The colour Red is usually associated with:**
  - Death and terror.
  - The Bible mentions the Red Dragon (Rev. 12:3)
  - The Word also speaks of the Red Beast (Rev. 17:3)

#### The Art of War

- Man's skill at war-making was needed to protect themselves, their countrymen, and their families from attack.
- There are many classics written about "The art of war":
  - Sun Tzu, The Art of War, 500 BC
  - Carl von Clausewitz, On War, 1832-1837
  - L.F. Richardson, The Statistics of Deadly Quarrels, 1950
  - Herman Kahn, On Thermonuclear War, 1960
- Atomic bombs involve a "point" target.
- Thermonuclear bombs are a wide-area weapon.
- EMP (electromagnetic pulse) bombs, Neutron bombs and biological weapons cause a very wide area of destruction.

#### The Technological Trends of War

- Trans-humanism:
  - Super soldiers through robotics, genetics, artificial intelligence and nanotech.
- Stealth:
  - The ability to make weapons invisible to radar and laser.

- Robo-wars:
  - Drone attacks have been launched before from Langley, Virginia, USA.
  - Aircraft carriers long range missile launch capabilities.
  - Stealth bombers remotely piloted from aircraft carriers:
    - Drones able to launch from air-born carriers and then retrieved after their missions.
  - Miniaturization of weapons.
  - EMP vulnerabilities.
    - Electromagnetic Pulse attacks are focused on technological crippling nations.

### **Early EMP Observations by the USA**

- In 1962, the USA detonated “Starfish Prime”, 400km above the Johnston Island. The detonation was air-born. It was 14,000km away from Hawaii. However, the detonation caused:
  - The streetlights in Hawaii to fail.
  - Tripped alarms and circuit breakers.
  - Damaged telecommunications facilities.
- The Soviet Union also did an EMP test of their own, called “Project K”. Their test caused:
  - Power supply breakdowns.
  - Damage to overhead and buried power cables 600km away from the detonation area.

One source to go look up:

*“Commission to Assess the Threat to the United States from EMP Attack 2008” and “2014” (by Dr. William R. Graham, Dr. Gordon K. Soper)*

### **The Vulnerability Today**

- Israel is known as “the one bomb” target.
- In the USA, from one EMP bomb, delivered at a high altitude could plunge America back into the 19<sup>th</sup> century:
  - No telecommunications
  - No power in major cities
  - No water in major cities
  - No food in major cities
  - No sanitation in major cities
  - No law enforcement
  - No recovery plan will be able to be installed.
- The EMP commission concluded that within 12 months of a nationwide blackout, up to 90% of the US population would possibly perish from starvation, disease and societal breakdown.
- An off-the-shelf nominal warhead, launched in an off-the-shelf medium range missile, from 200 miles off-shore from a container ship, could reach over Cincinnati or Indianapolis, thus reaching 70% of the population. A small group with a little finance will be able to pull this off.

### **Technological Perspectives Mentioned In The Bible**

- No flesh shall be saved – **Matthew 24:22 (NLT)** *“In fact, unless that time of calamity is shortened, not a single person will survive. But it will be shortened for the sake of God’s chosen ones.”*
- Global Television coverage
  - Will see into the Holy of Holies because of TV coverage? – **Matthew 14:15 (NLT)** *“The day is coming when you will see what Daniel the prophet spoke about – the sacrilegious object that causes desecration standing in the Holy Place (Reader, pay attention!)”*

- Bodies resurrected in Jerusalem, but cable news networks may be reporting on this in live TV and online streaming? – **Revelation 11:8-11 (NLT)** *“And their bodies will lie in the main street of Jerusalem, the city that is figuratively called “Sodom” and “Egypt”, the city where their Lord was crucified. And for three and a half days, all people, tribes, languages, and nations will stare at their bodies. No one will be allowed to bury them. All the people who belong to the world will gloat over them and give presents to each other to celebrate the death of the two prophets who had tormented them. But after three and a half days, God breathed life into them, and they stood up! Terror struck all who were staring at them.”*
- Neutron Bomb, only attacks protein, thus humans and animals will be killed. No destruction to building structures.
  - **Zechariah 14:12 (NLT)** *“And the Lord will send a plague on all the nations that fought against Jerusalem. Their people will become like walking corpses, their flesh rotting away. Their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.”*
- Nuclear Radiation Clean-up.
  - **Ezekiel 39:9-15** *“...They won’t need to cut wood from the fields or forests, for these weapons will give them all the fuel they need... It will take seven months for the people of Israel to bury the bodies and cleanse the land... After seven months, teams of men will be appointed to search the land for skeletons to bury, so the land will be made clean again. Whenever bones are found, a marker will be set up so the burial crews will take them to be buried in the Valley of Gog’s Hordes... And so the land will be finally cleansed.”*
- Third party involved in this war, as Magog AND its allies are mentioned here:
  - **Ezekiel 39:6 (NLT)** *“And I will rain down fire on Magog and on all your allies who live safely on the coasts. Then they will know I am the Lord.”*

### **Biblical Wars Coming**

1. The Strangest War of all – Psalm 2
2. The Armageddon Campaign – Revelation 16 (the staging area against Jerusalem)
3. The Magog Invasion – Ezekiel 38 & 39
4. An Imminent Candidate that might precede Ezekiel 38 – Psalm 83
5. A 3d party involvement? – Ezekiel 39:6

#### **1. THE STRANGEST WAR OF ALL – PSALM 2**

- Psalm 2 describes a war declared against the Lord and His anointed people. Those declaring this war are kings and rulers of the earth.
- Psalm 2:1-3: Is the voice of the Nations.
- Psalm 2:4-6: Is the voice of the Father.
- Psalm 2:7-9: Is the voice of the Son.
- Psalm 2:10-12: Is the voice of the Holy Spirit.
- God’s reaction will be to laugh and to display His wrath towards these rulers and kings.
- The Spirit instructs the kings and lords of the earth in what they should do to escape God and His Son’s destruction.

#### **2. THE ARMAGEDDON CAMPAIGN – REVELATION 16**

- It is seen as the staging area for war against Jerusalem.
- Jesus Christ Himself, alone, will fight this battle at Bozrah.
- This day is also known as “The day of vengeance”.
  - **Isaiah 61:2(b) (NLT)** *“..., and with it, the day of God’s anger against their enemies.”*

- The assembly of the armies of the Antichrist. **Revelation 16:12-16 (NLT)** *"Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great Euphrates River, and it dried up so that the kings from the east could march their armies towards the west without hindrance. And I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs leap from the mouths of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet. They are demonic spirits who work miracles and go out to all the rulers of the world to gather them for battle against the Lord on the great judgement day of God the Almighty. 'Look, I will come unexpectedly as a thief! Blessed are all who are watching for me, who keep their clothing ready so they will not have to walk around naked and ashamed. And the demonic spirits gathered all the rulers and their armies to a place with the Hebrew name Armageddon.[Harmagedon]"*
- There isn't much of a battle as this Valley of Jezreel will be the staging ground for the armies coming against Jerusalem, and thus against God the Father and His Messiah Son.
- Jezreel is the place where they will gather to make an invasion.
- **Joel 3:9-11 (NLT)** *"Say to the nations far and wide: 'Get ready for war! Call out your best warriors. Let all your fighting men advance for the attack. Hammer your ploughshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears. Train even your weaklings to be warriors. Come quickly, all you nations everywhere. Gather together in the valley.'"*
- The destruction of Babylon is described in the following scriptures:
  - **Isaiah 13 and Isaiah 14**
  - **Jeremiah 50 and 51**
  - **Revelation 17 and 18**
- The fall of Jerusalem is described in the following scriptures. One half of the city is taken into slavery by the Gentile forces from the city of Jezreel.
  - **Zechariah 14:1-2 (NLT)** *"Watch, for the day of the Lord is coming when your possessions will be plundered right in front of you! I will gather all the nations to fight against Jerusalem. The city will be taken, the houses looted, and women raped. Half the population will be taken into captivity, and the rest will be left among the ruins of the city."*
  - **Zechariah 14:3 (NLT)** *"Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations, as he has fought in times past."*
  - **Micah 4:11-5:1 (NLT)** *"...But they do not know the Lord's thoughts or understand his plan. These nations don't know that he is gathering them together to be beaten and trampled..."*
- The armies at Bozrah. The world army pursues the remnant, which has fled to the mountains of Edom in Jordan.
  - **Jeremiah 49:13-14 (NLT)** *"For I have sworn by my own name", says the Lord, "that Bozrah will become an object of horror and a heap of ruins; it will be mocked and cursed. All its towns and villages will be desolate forever." I have heard a message from the Lord that an ambassador was sent to the nations to say, "Form a coalition against Edom, and prepare for battle!"*
  - **Micah 2:12 (NLT)** *"Someday, O Israel, I will gather you; I will gather the remnant who are left. I will bring you together again like sheep in a pen, like a flock in its pasture. Yes your land will again be filled with noisy crowds!"*
- The national regeneration of Israel:
  - The required confession of the Jews:
    - **Leviticus 26:40-42 (NLT)** *"But at last my people will confess their sins and the sins of their ancestors for betraying me and being hostile towards me. When I have turned their hostility back on them and brought them to the land of their enemies, then at last their stubborn hearts will be humbled, and they will pay for their sins. Then I will remember my covenant with Jacob and my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land."*
    - **Jeremiah 3:11-18 (NLT)** *"...Only acknowledge your guilt. Admit that you rebelled against the Lord your God and committed adultery against him by worshipping idols under every green tree. Confess that you refused to listen to my voice..."*
  - And the pleading for the Messiah:

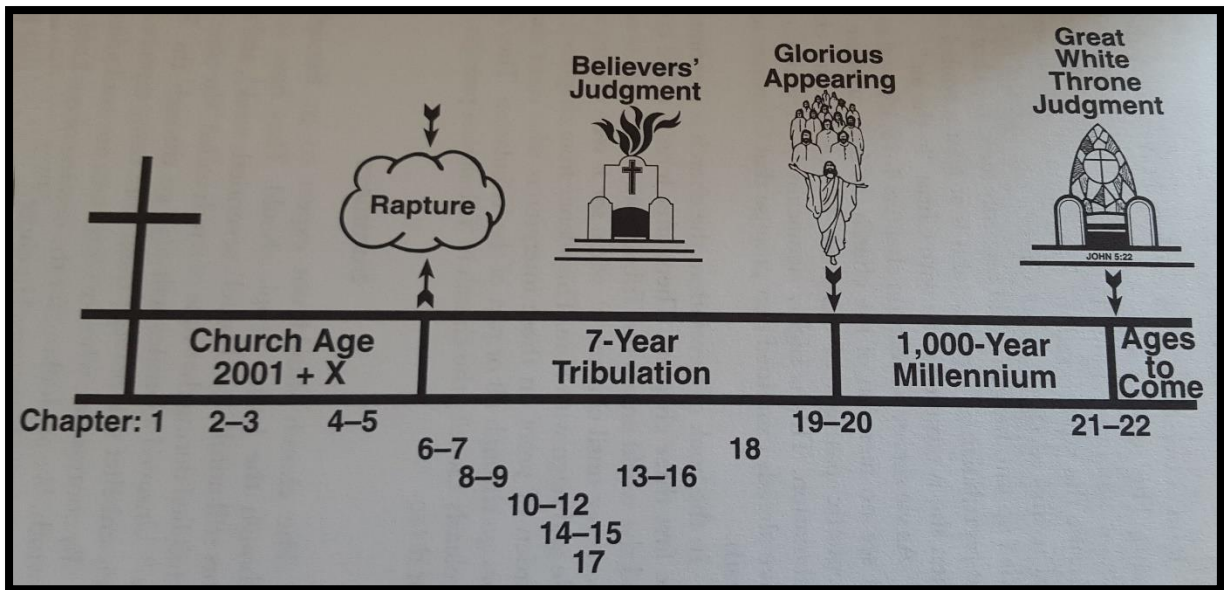


- **Zechariah 12:10 (NLT)** *“Then I will pour out a spirit of grace and prayer on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem. They will look to me whom they have pierced and mourn for him as for a firstborn son who has died.”*
  - This inaugurates the final three days of the campaign with the pleading of the Jews:
    - **Isaiah 53:1-9 (NLT)** *“...But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so that we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own...”*
    - **Romans 11:25-27 (NLT)** *“...Some of the people of Israel have hard hearts, but this will last only until the full number of Gentiles come to Christ. And so all Israel will be saved. As the Scriptures say, “The one who rescues will come from Jerusalem, and he will turn Israel away from ungodliness. And this is my covenant with them, that I will take away their sins.”*
- The second coming of Christ:
  - **Isaiah 34:1-7 (NLT)** *“1 Come here and listen, O nations of the earth. Let the world and everything in it hear my words. 2 For the LORD is enraged against the nations. His fury is against all their armies. He will completely destroy them, dooming them to slaughter. 3 Their dead will be left unburied, and the stench of rotting bodies will fill the land. The mountains will flow with their blood. 4 The heavens above will melt away and disappear like a rolled-up scroll. The stars will fall from the sky like withered leaves from a grapevine, or shrivelled figs from a fig tree. 5 And when my sword has finished its work in the heavens, it will fall upon Edom, the nation I have marked for destruction. 6 The sword of the LORD is drenched with blood and covered with fat— with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of rams prepared for sacrifice. Yes, the LORD will offer a sacrifice in the city of Bozrah. He will make a mighty slaughter in Edom. 7 Even men as strong as wild oxen will die— the young men alongside the veterans. The land will be soaked with blood and the soil enriched with fat.”*
  - Christ fights at Bozrah alone:
    - **Isaiah 63:1-6 (NLT)** *“1 Who is this who comes from Edom, from the city of Bozrah, with his clothing stained red? Who is this in royal robes, marching in his great strength? “It is I, the LORD, announcing your salvation! It is I, the LORD, who has the power to save!” 2 Why are your clothes so red, as if you have been treading out grapes? 3 “I have been treading the winepress alone; no one was there to help me. In my anger I have trampled my enemies as if they were grapes. In my fury I have trampled my foes. Their blood has stained my clothes. 4 For the time has come for me to avenge my people, to ransom them from their oppressors. 5 I was amazed to see that no one intervened to help the oppressed. So I myself stepped in to save them with my strong arm, and my wrath sustained me. 6 I crushed the nations in my anger and made them stagger and fall to the ground, spilling their blood upon the earth.””*
  - Christ is fighting. His armies are not involved in this fight:
    - **Habakkuk 3:3 (NLT)** *“3 I see God moving across the deserts from Edom, the Holy One coming from Mount Paran. His brilliant splendour fills the heavens, and the earth is filled with his praise.”*
    - **Micah 2:12-13 (NLT)** *“12 “Someday, O Israel, I will gather you; I will gather the remnant who are left. I will bring you together again like sheep in a pen, like a flock in its pasture. Yes, your land will again be filled with noisy crowds! 13 Your leader will break out and lead you out of exile, out through the gates of the enemy cities, back to your own land. Your king will lead you; the LORD himself will guide you.””*
- From Bozrah to the Valley of Jehoshaphat:
  - **Isaiah 63:1-4 (NLT)** *“1 Who is this who comes from Edom, from the city of Bozrah, with his clothing stained red? Who is this in royal robes, marching in*

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- **Joel 3:12-13 (NLT)** "12 "Let the nations be called to arms. Let them march to the valley of Jehoshaphat. There I, the LORD, will sit to pronounce judgment on them all. 13 Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, tread the grapes, for the winepress is full. The storage vats are overflowing with the wickedness of these people.""
- **Revelation 19:13 (NLT)** "13 He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God."
- **Isaiah 34:5-8 (NLT)** "5 And when my sword has finished its work in the heavens, it will fall upon Edom, the nation I have marked for destruction. 6 The sword of the LORD is drenched with blood and covered with fat— with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of rams prepared for sacrifice. Yes, the LORD will offer a sacrifice in the city of Bozrah. He will make a mighty slaughter in Edom. 7 Even men as strong as wild oxen will die— the young men alongside the veterans. The land will be soaked with blood and the soil enriched with fat. 8 For it is the day of the LORD 's revenge, the year when Edom will be paid back for all it did to Israel."
- The Antichrist is powerless before Christ:
  - **Habakkuk 3:13 (NLT)** "13 You went out to rescue your chosen people, to save your anointed ones. You crushed the heads of the wicked and stripped their bones from head to toe."
  - **2 Thessalonians 2:8 (NLT)** "8 Then the man of lawlessness will be revealed, but the Lord Jesus will kill him with the breath of his mouth and destroy him by the splendour of his coming."
  - **Isaiah 14:3-11 (NLT)** "3 In that wonderful day when the LORD gives his people rest from sorrow and fear, from slavery and chains, 4 you will taunt the king of Babylon. You will say, "The mighty man has been destroyed. Yes, your insolence is ended. 5 For the LORD has crushed your wicked power and broken your evil rule. 6 You struck the people with endless blows of rage and held the nations in your angry grip with unrelenting tyranny. 7 But finally the earth is at rest and quiet. Now it can sing again! 8 Even the trees of the forest— the cypress trees and the cedars of Lebanon— sing out this joyous song: 'Since you have been cut down, no one will come now to cut us down!' 9 "In the place of the dead there is excitement over your arrival. The spirits of world leaders and mighty kings long dead stand up to see you. 10 With one voice they all cry out, 'Now you are as weak as we are! 11 Your might and power were buried with you. The sound of the harp in your palace has ceased. Now maggots are your sheet, and worms your blanket."
  - **Isaiah 14:16-21 (NLT)** "16 Everyone there will stare at you and ask, 'Can this be the one who shook the earth and made the kingdoms of the world tremble? 17 Is this the one who destroyed the world and made it into a wasteland? Is this the king who demolished the world's greatest cities and had no mercy on his prisoners?' 18 "The kings of the nations lie in stately glory, each in his own tomb, 19 but you will be thrown out of your grave like a worthless branch. Like a corpse trampled underfoot, you will be dumped into a mass grave with those killed in battle. You will descend to the pit. 20 You will not be given a proper burial, for you have destroyed your nation and slaughtered your people. The descendants of such an evil person will never again receive honour. 21 Kill this man's children! Let them die because of their father's sins! They must not rise and conquer the earth, filling the world with their cities.""

- Armies destroyed:
  - **Zechariah 14:12-15 (NLT)** *“12 And the LORD will send a plague on all the nations that fought against Jerusalem. Their people will become like walking corpses, their flesh rotting away. Their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths. 13 On that day they will be terrified, stricken by the LORD with great panic. They will fight their neighbours hand to hand. 14 Judah, too, will be fighting at Jerusalem. The wealth of all the neighbouring nations will be captured—great quantities of gold and silver and fine clothing. 15 This same plague will strike the horses, mules, camels, donkeys, and all the other animals in the enemy camps.”*
  - **Joel 3:12-13 (NLT)** *“12 “Let the nations be called to arms. Let them march to the valley of Jehoshaphat. There I, the LORD, will sit to pronounce judgment on them all. 13 Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, tread the grapes, for the winepress is full. The storage vats are overflowing with the wickedness of these people.””*
- The Victory Ascent upon the Mount of Olives:
  - **Zechariah 14:3-4 (NLT)** *“3 Then the LORD will go out to fight against those nations, as he has fought in times past. 4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem. And the Mount of Olives will split apart, making a wide valley running from east to west. Half the mountain will move toward the north and half toward the south.”*
  - **Revelation 16:17-21 (NLT)** *“17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air. And a mighty shout came from the throne in the Temple, saying, “It is finished!” 18 Then the thunder crashed and rolled, and lightning flashed. And a great earthquake struck—the worst since people were placed on the earth. 19 The great city of Babylon split into three sections, and the cities of many nations fell into heaps of rubble. So God remembered all of Babylon’s sins, and he made her drink the cup that was filled with the wine of his fierce wrath. 20 And every island disappeared, and all the mountains were levelled. 21 There was a terrible hailstorm, and hailstones weighing as much as seventy-five pounds fell from the sky onto the people below. They cursed God because of the terrible plague of the hailstorm.”*
  - **Matthew 24:29 (NLT)** *“29 “Immediately after the anguish of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will give no light, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.”*
  - **Joel 3:14-17 (NLT)** *“14 Thousands upon thousands are waiting in the valley of decision. There the day of the LORD will soon arrive. 15 The sun and moon will grow dark, and the stars will no longer shine. 16 The LORD’s voice will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth will shake. But the LORD will be a refuge for his people, a strong fortress for the people of Israel. 17 “Then you will know that I, the LORD your God, live in Zion, my holy mountain. Jerusalem will be holy forever, and foreign armies will never conquer her again.”*



The diagram indicates what each chapter in Revelation covers.

### 3. THE MAGOG (Russian) INVASION – (EZEKIEL 38 & 39)

- The reader needs to go read Ezekiel 38 and Ezekiel 39 for this section.
- The Magog invasion is where God Himself intervenes to crush the ill-fated invasion against Israel from Magog. God will obliterate Magog and its allies who come against Israel. Magog is Russia, and its allies are:
  - Persia
  - Cush
  - Phut
  - Libya
  - Gomer
  - Togarmah
  - Meshech
  - Tubal



*The Magog invasion, mapping its allies.*

- The passage appears to anticipate the use of nuclear weapons.
- Who is Magog?
  - **Russia** – Magogians = Scythians (Herodotus and Josephus confirm this linkage)
  - **The Great Wall of China** was built to keep out the Magogians, which is Russia.
  - **The Scythians:**
    - The Scythians settled in the fertile are of the Ukraine, north of the Black Sea.
    - Herodotus described them living in Scythia, which was encamped by the Danube River on the west and the Don River at the east, with the Black Sea at the South. Kiev was their border to the North.
    - Meshech and Tubal were located South of the Black Sea.



*The Back Sea surrounded by Scythia, Meshech, Tubal, Moscow.*

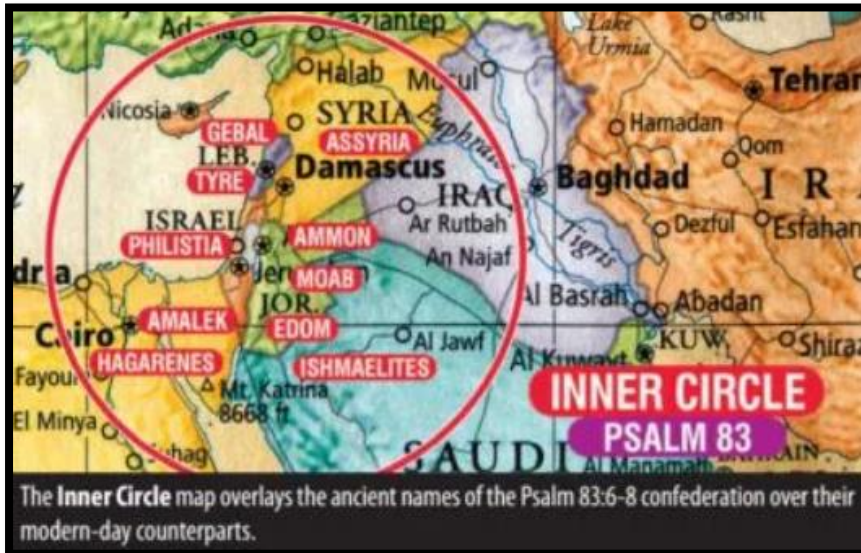
- Who is Persia?
  - Elam or Iran.
- Who is Ethiopia?
  - It is Cush, Ethiopia or Kassites or Assyria – Black African countries.
- Who is Phut?
  - Libya in North Africa, west of Egypt – Arabic African.
- Who is Gomer?
  - Cimmerians settlement along the Danube and Rhine River – Poland, Czechoslovakia, East Germany – German, Slavonic countries.
- Who is Togarmah?
  - Turkey, Armenians, and Turkestan – Central Asia
- Seems to portray a nuclear confrontation:
  - It speaks about left-over weapons that would supply all energy needs of Israel for 7 years.
  - There will be 7 months before they can clear the area.
  - Professionals will be hired to accomplish the clean-up.
  - All the remains will be buried east of the Dead Seas (which is downwind).
  - There will be travels who will encounter missing items that should not be touched, but the items locations will be marked for the professionals to deal with them.
  - The Armageddon scenario is not part of the Magog invasion and these are the reasons why:
    - The Magog invasion on Israel comes from the North. The Armageddon invasion includes the entire world involvement.
    - There are definite armies mentioned from the North, thus it is not all the nations of the world involved here.
    - Here is no mention of the Antichrist or Babylon.
  - The ending of the Magog invasion may bring about a false peace treaty between the Antichrist and Israel.

#### 4. AN IMMIMENT CANDIDATE THAT MIGHT COME BEFORE EZEKIEL 38 – PSALM 83

- The missing nations not mentioned in Ezekiel 38 and 39, are the following:
  - Lebanese
  - Syrians
  - Iraq
  - Jordanians
  - Egyptians
  - Saudi Arabians
  - Palestinians
  - ... **these are all the immediate neighbours.**
- Is there an overlooked event that comes BEFORE the ill-fated invasion attempt on Israel describe in Ezekiel?
- **Psalms 83** speaks of the following:
  - These enemies hate God and are lifting their heads.
  - They will try to wipe Israel off the map.
  - Islam's commitment is to wipe Israel off the earth.
  - **Tabernacle of Edom:**
    - "tents of Edom" refers to traditional enemies of Israel and "the everlasting hatred".
    - "Olam Eybah" – the everlasting hatred.
    - The Edomites are singled out for eternal judgement.
    - The everlasting hatred started in the womb, and now continues to drive events throughout our entire world today.
  - In Ezekiel 25 up to Ezekiel 32, speaks of the judgement against all the ISLAMIC nations (this is a whole study on its own):



- Ammon
- Moab
- Edom (means “Blood”)
- Philistia
- Tyre
- Sidon
- Egypt



- **The Edomite History:**
  - The ascent into the Land of Israel officially began in 586 B.C., with the destruction of Jerusalem by Babylonians. The Edomites cheered the Babylonians on.
  - Hebron, 19 miles from Jerusalem, began their new frontier, 3,400 feet above sea level was left intact as prime real estate.
  - The nomadic Nabateans migrated out of Arabia into Edom and drove the Edomites westward.
  - Directly west of Edom were established routes of passage.
  - Hebron was the Edomite's capital.
  - Hebron remained under Edomite control until Judas Maccabeus retook the city under Jewish control in 164 B.C.
  - The Edomites were forced to convert to Judaism or die.
  - The Romans thought the Edomites were then actually Jewish, so would consider electing them as rulers over the Jews.
  - 47 B.C Julius Caesar promoted Idumean Antipater as procurator over Judea, Samaria and Galilee.
  - 37 B.C. the Romans named Herod, son of Antipater, as king over Israel. His mother was Nabatean.
  - The struggle of Jacob and Esau runs all through the Bible.
  - The Herods of the New Testament were Edomites!
    - One murdered Jewish babies, to destroy Christ (Matthew 2:16-18).
    - Another murdered John the Baptist.
    - And another killed James the brother of John (Acts 12).



The Edomite History.

- **God's message of destruction on the Edomites – Ezekiel 35**
  - Edom was never assigned by God to judge Israel.
  - God will make sure they completely disappear.
- **Order of events of the potential war against Israel and the Confederate Islamic nations: (Ezekiel 25-32)**
  1. Israel regathers in the land:
    - **Ezekiel 37:12 (NLT)** "12 Therefore, prophesy to them and say, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I will open your graves of exile and cause you to rise again. Then I will bring you back to the land of Israel.'"
    - **Isaiah 11:11 (NLT)** "11 In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to bring back the remnant of his people— those who remain in Assyria and northern Egypt; in southern Egypt, Ethiopia, and Elam; in Babylonia, Hamath, and all the distant coastlands."
  2. Ancient cities rebuild and inhabited:
    - **Ezekiel 36:1-5 (NLT)** "1 'Son of man, prophesy to Israel's mountains. Give them this message: O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD ! 2 This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Your enemies have taunted you, saying, 'Aha! Now the ancient heights belong to us!' 3 Therefore, son of man, give the mountains of Israel this message from the Sovereign LORD : Your enemies have attacked you from all directions, making you the property of many nations and the object of much mocking and slander. 4 Therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Sovereign LORD . He speaks to the hills and mountains, ravines and valleys, and to ruined wastes and long-deserted cities that have been destroyed and mocked by the surrounding nations. 5 This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My jealous anger burns against these nations, especially Edom, because they have shown utter contempt for me by gleefully taking my land for themselves as plunder."
    - **Ezekiel 36:8-10 (NLT)** "8 'But the mountains of Israel will produce heavy crops of fruit for my people—for they will be coming home again soon! 9 See, I care about you, and I will pay attention to you.

*Your ground will be ploughed and your crops planted. 10 I will greatly increase the population of Israel, and the ruined cities will be rebuilt and filled with people."*

3. They meet Muslim / Arab resistance:
  - **Ezekiel 25:12 (NLT)** *"12 "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: The people of Edom have sinned greatly by avenging themselves against the people of Judah."*
  - **Obadiah 1:10 (NLT)** *"10 "Because of the violence you did to your close relatives in Israel, you will be filled with shame and destroyed forever."*
4. Israel establishes an army for defence – The Iron Dome:
  - **Ezekiel 36:6-7 (NLT)** *"6 "Therefore, prophesy to the hills and mountains, the ravines and valleys of Israel. This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am furious that you have suffered shame before the surrounding nations. 7 Therefore, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I have taken a solemn oath that those nations will soon have their own shame to endure."*
5. Adjacent Muslim nations confederate:
  - **Psalms 83:1-8 (NLT)** *"1 O God, do not be silent! Do not be deaf. Do not be quiet, O God. 2 Don't you hear the uproar of your enemies? Don't you see that your arrogant enemies are rising up? 3 They devise crafty schemes against your people; they conspire against your precious ones. 4 "Come," they say, "let us wipe out Israel as a nation. We will destroy the very memory of its existence." 5 Yes, this was their unanimous decision. They signed a treaty as allies against you— 6 these Edomites and Ishmaelites; Moabites and Hagrites; 7 Gebalites, Ammonites, and Amalekites; and people from Philistia and Tyre. 8 Assyria has joined them, too, and is allied with the descendants of Lot. Interlude"*
6. The confederacy is committed to destroy Israel:
  - **Psalms 83:1-5,12 (NLT)** *"1 O God, do not be silent! Do not be deaf. Do not be quiet, O God. 2 Don't you hear the uproar of your enemies? Don't you see that your arrogant enemies are rising up? 3 They devise crafty schemes against your people; they conspire against your precious ones. 4 "Come," they say, "let us wipe out Israel as a nation. We will destroy the very memory of its existence." 5 Yes, this was their unanimous decision. They signed a treaty as allies against you—...12 for they said, "Let us seize for our own use these pasturelands of God!""*
7. War starts between the confederacy and Israel:
  - **Jeremiah 49:2,8,19 (NLT)** *"2 In the days to come," says the LORD, "I will sound the battle cry against your city of Rabbah. It will become a desolate heap of ruins, and the neighbouring towns will be burned. Then Israel will take back the land you took from her," says the LORD .... 8 Turn and flee! Hide in deep caves, you people of Dedan! For when I bring disaster on Edom, I will punish you, too!... 19 I will come like a lion from the thickets of the Jordan, leaping on the sheep in the pasture. I will chase Edom from its land, and I will appoint the leader of my choice. For whom is like me, and who can challenge me? What ruler can oppose my will?"*
8. Title Regained: "My people Israel".
  - **Ezekiel 36:8-12 (NLT)** *"8 "But the mountains of Israel will produce heavy crops of fruit for my people—for they will be coming home again soon! 9 See, I care about you, and I will pay attention to you. Your ground will be ploughed and your crops planted. 10 I will greatly increase the population of Israel, and the ruined cities will be rebuilt and filled with people. 11 I will increase not only the people, but also your animals. O mountains of Israel, I will bring people to live on you once again. I will make you even more prosperous than you were before. Then you will know that I am the LORD. 12 I will cause my*

*people to walk on you once again, and you will be their territory. You will never again rob them of their children."*

9. Israel destructively defeats the Confederacy:

- **Obadiah 1:9,18 (NLT)** *"9 The mightiest warriors of Teman will be terrified, and everyone on the mountains of Edom will be cut down in the slaughter.... 18 The people of Israel will be a raging fire, and Edom a field of dry stubble. The descendants of Joseph will be a flame roaring across the field, devouring everything. There will be no survivors in Edom. I, the LORD, have spoken!"*
- **Ezekiel 25:13-14 (NLT)** *"13 Therefore, says the Sovereign LORD, I will raise my fist of judgment against Edom. I will wipe out its people and animals with the sword. I will make a wasteland of everything from Teman to Dedan. 14 I will accomplish this by the hand of my people of Israel. They will carry out my vengeance with anger, and Edom will know that this vengeance is from me. I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!"*

10. Israel then becomes "an exceedingly great army":

- **Ezekiel 37:10 (NLT)** *"10 So I spoke the message as he commanded me, and breath came into their bodies. They all came to life and stood up on their feet—a great army."*
- **Jeremiah 49:21 (NLT)** *"21 The earth will shake with the noise of Edom's fall, and its cry of despair will be heard all the way to the Red Sea."*

11. Israel takes prisoners of war:

- **Jeremiah 49:2,10 (NLT)** *"2 In the days to come," says the LORD, "I will sound the battle cry against your city of Rabbah. It will become a desolate heap of ruins, and the neighbouring towns will be burned. Then Israel will take back the land you took from her," says the LORD .... 10 But I will strip bare the land of Edom, and there will be no place left to hide. Its children, its brothers, and its neighbours will all be destroyed, and Edom itself will be no more."*
- **Zephaniah 2:10-11 (NLT)** *"10 They will receive the wages of their pride, for they have scoffed at the people of the LORD of Heaven's Armies. 11 The LORD will terrify them as he destroys all the gods in the land. Then nations around the world will worship the LORD, each in their own land."*

12. The region is reshaped:

- **Isaiah 17:1 (NLT)** *"1 This message came to me concerning Damascus: "Look, the city of Damascus will disappear! It will become a heap of ruins."*

13. Israel expands its borders:

- **Obadiah 1:19 (NLT)** *"19 "Then my people living in the Negev will occupy the mountains of Edom. Those living in the foothills of Judah will possess the Philistine plains and take over the fields of Ephraim and Samaria. And the people of Benjamin will occupy the land of Gilead."*
- **Isaiah 19:18-19 (NLT)** *"18 In that day five of Egypt's cities will follow the LORD of Heaven's Armies. They will even begin to speak Hebrew, the language of Canaan. One of these cities will be Heliopolis, the City of the Sun. 19 In that day there will be an altar to the LORD in the heart of Egypt, and there will be a monument to the LORD at its border."*

In Summary to these events, in the last 5 years, 2015 to 2020 we have seen the attacks and movements happening in Israel and the neighbouring countries, especially the Islamic / Palestinian countries. All these rumblings in these nations in and around Israel sounds very familiar to our ears. Something is brewing, something is coming. Let me leave you with the highlights of the last couple of scripture phrases that stood out:

- I will open your graves of exile and cause you to rise again. Then I will bring you back to the land of Israel.
- This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My jealous anger burns against these nations, especially Edom, because they have shown utter contempt for me by gleefully taking my land for themselves as plunder.
- Because of the violence you did to your close relatives in Israel, you will be filled with shame and destroyed forever.”
- Edomites and Ishmaelites; Moabites and Hagrites; Gebalites, Ammonites, and Amalekites; and people from Philistia and Tyre.
- (Edom) “Come,” they say, “let us wipe out Israel as a nation. We will destroy the very memory of its existence.
- Mountains of Israel, I will bring people to live on you once again. I will make you even more prosperous than you were before. Then you will know that I am the LORD.
- (Israel) They all came to life and stood up on their feet—a great army.
- Its children, its brothers, and its neighbours will all be destroyed, and Edom itself will be no more.
- Look, the city of Damascus will disappear.
- Then my people living in the Negev will occupy the mountains of Edom. Those living in the foothills of Judah will possess the Philistine plains and take over the fields of Ephraim and Samaria. And the people of Benjamin will occupy the land of Gilead.
- In that day there will be an altar to the LORD in the heart of Egypt, and there will be a monument to the LORD at its border.

## 5. A THIRD-PARTY INVOLVEMENT – EZEKIEL 39:6

**Ezekiel 39:6 (NLT)** *“And I will rain down fire on Magog and on all your allies who live safely on the coasts. Then they will know I am the Lord.”*

Could these coastlands mean islands as well? If so, could this mean Britain may be a third party? These people apparently also had false confidence. Could this be the USA?

### 3.4.3 Lamb Opens The Third Seal – Black Horse (Famine)



**Revelation 6:5-6 (NLT)** *“When the Lamb broke the third seal, I heard the third living being saying, “Come!” I looked up and saw a black horse, and its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice from among the four living beings say, “A loaf of wheat bread or three loaves of barley will cost a day’s pay. And don’t waste the olive oil and wine.”*”

#### **Inflation:**

- “To eat bread by weight” – food would be scarce.
- **Ezekiel 4:10-11&16 (NLT)** *“Ration this out for yourself, eight ounces of food for each day, and eat it at set times. Then measure out a jar of water for each day, and drink it at a set time... Then he told me, “Son of man, I will make food very scarce in Jerusalem. It will be weighed out with great care and eaten fearfully. The water will be rationed out drop by drop, and the people will drink it with dismay.”*
- “Measure” - Herodotus once described a measure of wheat was given to soldiers for a full day’s pay, which they would only be able to be consumed in that day in the army of Xerxes. Thus, this is a Greek term for one day’s payment.
- The rider also carries a pair of scales in his hand to do the measuring.

#### **Wheat versus Barley**

- **Barley** is harvested in the warmer seasons, in spring.
- **Wheat** is harvested in the cooler seasons; thus, it is harvested at the start of winter.
- **Wheat** has a weaker taste.
- **Barley** has a stronger taste.
- **Barley** is high in fibre and is cooked easily, just like rice.
- **Wheat** is a lower fibre content and has to be milled before it can be cooked.
- The verse therefore suggests that a 3 to 1 price difference favours wheat; and oil and wine is seen as a luxury.

#### **Where does the famine come from?**

- **Uncontrollable weather patterns** – draught, floods, which disrupt cultivating crops and livestock.
- **Warfare** – War disrupts the daily ongoing economical processes of a community, vital for food production. All kinds of warfare exist – biological, chemical, nuclear, emp, physical.
- **Economical System collapse** – These have been the most common in our era in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century. It is caused by corruption or dictatorial governments. These are significant, because the famines are not caused by natural phenomenon. It is also not caused by the people’s inability to produce or gather food. The famine is caused by the policies governed by



the self-centred interests of the government, which make it impossible for the people to cope with gathering and producing food.

Definition of **Inflation** according to Grolier's Online Encyclopaedia:

*"Inflation is a process in which the average level **of prices increases at a substantial rate** for a considerable period of time. In short, more money is required to buy a given amount of goods and services."*

[ The highlighted section is HIDDEN THEFT ]

CORRECT Definition of **Inflation** according to Webster Unabridged Dictionary 1957:

*"Inflation: an increase in the **amount of currency in circulation**, resulting in a relatively sharp and sudden fall in its value and rise in prices.*

### American Trail of Blood

- **Abraham Lincoln** worked hard to prevent the attempts of the **Rothschilds** to involve themselves in the financing of the **Civil War**.
- Unfortunately, the **Rothschilds** succeeded by passing a bill, the National Banking Act, through congress, creating a **federally chartered central bank**.
- **Lincoln** continued fighting against the central bank and warned the country. He got congress to limit the life of the Bank of the US to only function in the war years.
- **This success caused the** beginning of the conspiracy to have Lincoln **assassinated**.
- **Those involved in planning the conspiracy were:**
  - Bank of the Rothschilds.
  - Lincoln's secretary of War – Edwin Stanton.
  - John Wilkes Booth and his 8 conspirators.
  - Over 70 government officials and businessman.
  
- In 1835, **President Andrew Jackson** declared his disdain towards the international bankers.
- Thereafter followed an unsuccessful assassination attempt on the President's life. He even told his vice president, Martin van Buren, "The Bank, Mr. Van Buren, is trying to kill me."
- So, maybe President Andrew Jackson and Abraham Lincoln's death were linked to the **international bankers?**
  
- **President James Garfield** was the 20<sup>th</sup> president. He openly declared that whoever controlled the supply of currency would control the business and activities of all the people.
- **After only 4 months** in office, President Garfield was **shot at a railroad station on 2 July 1881**.
  
- For many years, authors have tried to sound the alarms that there exists a hidden shadow government that actually rules America.
- **Otto van Habsburg** was a member of the European Parliament. He made two remarks in his time:
  - "The ignorance in America is overwhelming." The contrast in general awareness of world affairs between the average American and the average European is striking.
  - "The concentration of power in America is frightening."
  
- **The Federal Reserve Bank**
  - It is not an agency of the US Government.
  - It is not Federal, nor is it owned by the government. It is privately owned.
  - It pays its own postage like any other corporation.

- Their employees are not in civil service.
  - Its physical property is held under private deeds and is subject to local taxation. Government property is not.
  - It is an engine that has created private wealth that is unimaginable.
  - It has enabled an imperial elite to manipulate the US economy for its own agenda and enlisted the government itself as its enforcers.
  - It controls the times, dictates the business, affects basically everything the US people are interested in.
  - Attempts to audit the Federal Reserve continue to fail.
  - When the Federal Reserve Bill was passed it could work on the following goals:
    - To establish a private bank that would control the national currency. It would create a system controlled by private individuals who would control the nation's issue of money.
    - Thus, they would be controlling the financial resources by controlling the money supply, available credit, all by mortgaging the government through borrowing.
  - Thus, the Federal Reserve Bank is nothing more than a group of private bankers which charge interest on money that never existed.
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- **President John F Kennedy planned** to exterminate the Federal Reserve system and ultimately eliminate the national debt – as had Andrew Jackson and Abraham Lincoln before him.
  - **In 1963**, by presidential order of John J Kennedy (EO 11110), the US Treasury began printing over \$4 Billion worth of US bank notes **to replace the Federal Reserve notes**.
  - When a sufficient supply of these notes entered circulation, the Federal Reserve system could be declared obsolete. This would end the control of the International bankers over the US government and the American people.
    - These US bank notes have a red seal stamped on the front of the bill, instead of the green seal of the Federal Reserve Bank note.
    - Above the portrait also appears the title "U.S. Note".
    - \$2 and \$5 notes were printed, series 1963 and C. Douglas Dillan's signature appears as the Secretary of Treasury.
  - After putting this plan into effect, **John F. Kennedy was professionally assassinated in Dealey Plaza**. There were 3 teams assigned to kill him, including the diversion team.
  - Over 177 witnesses have died in the intervening years and evidence altered.
  - At the Kennedy autopsy, they apparently lost the brain segment containing the evidence of the bullet wound.
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- In the 1970's and 1980's, **Congressman Larry P. McDonald** made efforts to expose the **hidden holdings and intentions of the international money interests**.
  - His efforts ended on **31 August 1983 when he was killed in the Korean Airliner 007**, that was accidentally shot down in Soviet airspace.
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- On 14 April 1991, **Senator John Heinz** was killed in a plane crash near Philadelphia. He was an outspoken critic against the Fed and Easton establishments.
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- On 5 April 1991, former **Senator John Tower** was also killed in a plane crash.
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- **Other US administrations have brought the deaths of:**
    - Vicky Weaver – assassinated before testifying.
    - Paul Wilcher – found dead in a hotel room before testifying.



- Vince Foster – Deputy White House Counsel was fired and then killed. While they found his body, **Hillary Clinton was cleaning out his files in the office.**
  - Ron Brown – Secretary of Commerce, was assassinated on a trip to Europe.
  - William Colby – Head of the CIA, committed suicide under strange circumstances.
  - Admiral Jeremy Born – Chief of Naval operations committed suicide before making some presentation.
- **Louis McFadden** brought impeachment proceedings against the Federal Reserve. He was poisoned at a banquet.
  - **In 2017 President Trump released some information around the JFK assassination files in September 2017.**
  - The Federal Reserve Bank create and use members of the most notable groups like:
    - The Bilderberg Group
    - Club of Rome
    - Trilateral Commission
    - Council of Foreign Relations
    - Etc.
  - These organizations are powerful people in global business, banking, finance politics, education, media and intelligence.

***More information around this will be shared in later Parts.***

#### **3.4.4 Lamb Opens The Fourth Seal – Pale Green Horse (Death)**



**Revelation 6:7-8 (NLT)** *“When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the fourth living being say, “Come!” I looked up and saw a horse whose colour was pale green. Its rider was named Death, and his companion was the Grave. These two were given authority over one-fourth of the earth, to kill with the sword and famine and disease and wild animals.”*

##### **The Rider:**

- The rider’s name is Death and his companion is the Grave or Hell.
- They were given power over:
  - One fourth of the earth.
  - To kill with a sword.
  - To kill with hunger.
  - Bring death.
  - Kill with beasts of the earth. These beasts can be wild animals or even pestilence.

- Hell is the death of the soul.
- Grave is the death of the body.

### Re-emergent Diseases

- There was a time when the medical profession felt they had the major diseases under control, and for the rest of the diseases it was only a matter of time to get treatments for them.
- Now, many old diseases are making a comeback, in hardier strains than ever before, resisting our once effective treatments.
- Diseases like:
  - Tuberculosis.
  - Staph Bacteria - Staphylococcus Aureus.
  - Ebola – which still has no known cure.

### Biological Weapons

- Chemical agents are inanimate, but bacteria, viruses and other living agents may be contagious and reproductive.
- Bacillus Anthracis (Anthrax):
  - Rod-shaped gram-positive, anaerobic sporulating microbes – the spores constituting the usual infective form causes anthrax.
  - If the bacteria are inhaled, symptoms develop in 2 to 3 days.
  - Initial symptoms resemble:
    - Common respiratory infections.
    - Followed by high fever, vomiting, joint aches and pains and laboured breathing.
    - Internal and external bleeding lesions.
    - Fatal.
  - Vaccine and antibiotics provide some protection unless exposure is very high.
  - Terrorists use this. Once released, it will present a problem for decades.
  - Gruinard Island, off the coast of Scotland remains infected with anthrax spores for 40 years after the biological warfare tests were carried out there in the 1940s.
- Coronavirus – Covid-19, which still has no cure.
  - Has flu symptoms like a cough, fever, laboured breathing, and headaches.
  - Respiratory disease.
  - People with underlying immune deficiencies or respiratory issues had a greater chance of dying from this.
  - Is family of SARS and MERS disease.
  - Elderly also vulnerable to the disease.
  - Spreads like a cold and the flu.
  - It takes 14-days before symptoms show, after infection.
  - Fatal.
  - Currently a vaccine has been produced but did not undergo normal clinical trials because of the global spread and death rate since the end of 2019 up until now. The third wave brought 3 variants of the covid-29 virus (Beta, Delta, Lambda)
  - The virus globally started in December 2019, first thought in the Wuhan capital in China, and spread globally from there.
- Yersinia Pestis (The Plague)
  - Rod-shaped, non-motile, non-sporulating, gram-negative, aerobic bacterium.
  - The Black death of the middle-ages.
  - If bacteria reached the lungs, symptoms included fever and delirium.
  - May appear 3 to 4 days after infection.
  - Untreated causes are nearly always fatal.
  - Vaccines can offer immunity and effective if administered promptly.
  - The Bubonic plague transmitted to man by the bite of an infected flea. The rat-flea-rat cycle perpetuated the situation in the middle-ages.
  - The first time this plague was used as biological warfare was in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. An army besieged Kaffa, a seaport on the Black Sea, catapulting plague-infected cadavers over the city walls.
  - Pneumonic plague.

- Septicaemia plague.
- Botulinum Toxin
  - Most powerful poison known.
  - Symptoms appear 12 to 72 hours after ingestion or inhalation.
- Cholera.
- Typhoid Fever.

#### A Private Arsenal

- Growing a biological arsenal is quite easy.
- A major biological arsenal could be built with \$10,000 worth of equipment in a room 15 square feet.
- One can cultivate trillions of bacteria.
- A large population cannot be protected against a biological attack.

#### The Depopulation Agenda of the Globalists

- Who decides who dies?
- The development of strange diseases is created or engineered.
- Planned population control includes genocide in a different concept for any of us to accept. When reading the writings of those who intend to depopulate large segments of the earth, they have written of the necessity to reduce, by force if necessary, the world's population.
- **Margaret Sanger wrote about planned parenthood**
  - USA tax money finance planned parenthood programs run by organizations funded by Margaret.
  - Its leaders proclaimed, "the necessity of the extermination of human weeds... the sterilization of genetically inferior races".
  - In the 1930s Margaret published "The Birth Control Review" where she openly supported Nazi Germany's "infanticide program", and publicly campaigned Adolf Hitler's goal of Aryan white supremacy.
  - "The Negro Project", in 1939 was organized by Margaret, designed to eliminate members of what she believed to be an "inferior race".
  - She then went on to reveal that she intended to "hire 3 or 4 coloured ministers to travel to various black communities to propagandize for birth control. The most successful educational approach to the Negro was through religion. "We do not want word to get out that we want to exterminate the Negro population, and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their male rebellious members".
  - As the years passed, Margaret become increasingly obsessed with occult beliefs and became hostile towards Christianity and American precept of individual freedom.
  - Like Adolf Hitler, **Margaret Sanger** was a disciple of Theosophy and its founder, **Madame Blavatsky**. Both Sanger and Hitler were involved in a religion that worshiped Lucifer.
  - **The Lucis Trust** is a prominent modern-day representative of Theosophy, and an extension of the Lucifer Publishing Company, which is also a UN NGO. Lucis Trust was founded by **Alice Bailey** during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Bailey was a disciple of **Madame Blavatsky** in the early 1900s.
  - The Theosophical Society has branches or descendent organizations. Here are a couple of them listed:
    - Angi Yoga
    - Alice Bailey
    - Andrei Bely
    - **Ascended Master Teachings**
    - The Bridge of Freedom
    - Buddhist Theosophical Society of Ceylon
    - Brother XII
    - **Church Universal and Triumphant**
    - Elizabeth Clare Prophet
    - **Free Masons**
    - Thomas Edison

- “I AM” Activity
- The Summit Lighthouse
- Liberal Catholic Church
- Share International
- Vladimir Solovyov
- The World Foundation
- The Zeitgeist Movement
- The **Theosophical Society** believe they were established to prepare humanity for the reception of a “World Leader”: According to their doctrine a manifested aspect of an advance spiritual entity (the Maitreya) would periodically appear on Earth in order to direct the evolution of humankind.

### Deliberate Diseases

- Advances in biotechnology has its dark side.
- It appears that there now exists the technology to target specific groups and individuals with a form of biological terrorism which can quickly advance beyond our control.

### The Man-Made Origins of AIDS

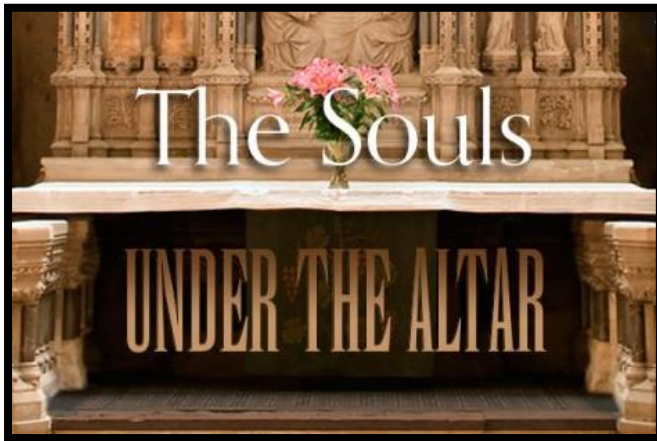
- The US government funded the creation of this virus that would “lead to yet another method of massive killing of large populations.”
- AIDS development was funded in 1969, by the US Defence Department in the House Bill 15090, known as **The Strecker Memorandum**.
- **According to the Strecker Memorandum (1983):**
  - AIDS is a man-made disease.
  - AIDS is not a homosexual disease.
  - AIDS is not a venereal disease.
  - AIDS can be carried by mosquitoes.
  - Condoms will reduce the chances of contracting HIV, but not prevent it.
  - There are at least 6 different AIDS viruses in the world.
- The feasibility program and lab were to have been completed by 1974-1975 and the virus between 1974-1979.
- The AIDS virus was created by the US government at Fort Dietrich in Maryland, building A550 in P4 lab.
- Dr. Theodore Strecker writes:
 

*“The US National Cancer institute, along with the WHO – World Health Organization, manufactured the AIDS virus in their laboratories at Fort Dietrich, Maryland. They combined two deadly retroviruses, the Bovine Leukaemia Virus and Vesna Virus, and injected them into human tissue cultures. The result was the AIDS virus.”*
- The WHO started injecting AIDS-laced smallpox vaccines into Africans in 1977. Over 2000 young white male homosexuals were injected with laced Hepatitis B vaccines in 1978, through the Centres of Disease Control and the New York Blood Centre.
- The development of the virus had dual purposes:
  1. As a political / ethnic weapon to be used against black individuals.
  2. One of the programmed efforts at de-population.
- The origins of AIDS had absolutely nothing to do with the green monkey, African people or Haitians.
- Another source to look up is “The Bio-attack alert” video.

### A summary of the Depopulation Efforts of Planet Earth

1. Planned Parenthood.
2. The Strecker Memorandum
3. Role of genetically modified foods.

### 3.4.5 Lamb Opens The Fifth Seal – The Martyrs



**Revelation 6:9-11 (NLT)** *“When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of all who have been martyred for the word of God and for being faithful in their testimony. They shouted to the Lord and said, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you judge the people who belong to this world and avenge our blood for what they have done to us?” Then a white robe was given to each of them. And they were told to rest for a little longer until the full number of their brothers and sisters – their fellow servants of Jesus who were to be martyred – had joined them.”*

#### **The Souls Under The Alter:**

- These Souls are conscious, thus aware.
- A white robe was given to each of them.
- The Lord required of them to wait a little longer.
- The Greek word for witness is “martyr”.
- They were killed for their testimony and for their faith in Jesus Christ.



*The Martyred*

These saints under the altar knew that Jesus was going to avenge their blood. The Word also speaks of this in other verses:

**Revelation 6:10 (NLT)** *“They shouted to the Lord and said, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you judge the people who belong to this world and avenge our blood for what they have done to us?”*

**Revelation 16:6 (NLT)** *"Since they shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, you have given them blood to drink. It is their just reward."*

**Revelation 17:6 (NLT)** *"I could see that she was drunk-drunk with the blood of God's holy people who were witnesses for Jesus. I stared at her in complete amazement."*

**Revelation 18:20 (NLT)** *"Rejoice over her fate, O heaven and people of God and apostles and prophets! For at last God judges her for your sakes."*

**Revelation 18:24 (NLT)** *"In your streets flowed the blood of the prophets and of God's holy people and the blood of people slaughtered all over the world."*

**Revelation 19:2 (NLT)** *"His judgements are true and just. He has punished the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality. He has avenged the murder of his servants."*

### 3.4.6 Lamb Opens The Sixth Seal – Cosmic Changes



**Revelation 6:12-14 (NLT)** *"I watched as the Lamb broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake. The sun became as dark as black cloth, and the moon became as red as blood. Then the stars fell to the earth like green figs falling from a tree shaken by a strong wind. The sky was rolled up like a scroll, and all of the mountains and islands were moved from their places."*

#### Earthquakes

- The earthquake mentioned here is the FIRST of THREE.
- The SECOND earthquake happens after the two witnesses were given life by God and returned to heaven: **Revelation 11:13 (NLT)** *"At the same time there was a terrible earthquake that destroyed a tenth of the city. Seven thousand people died in the earthquake, and everyone else was terrified and gave glory to God in heaven."*
- The THIRD earthquake happened when the seventh angel poured out the seventh bowl of God's wrath: **Revelation 16:18-19 (NLT)** *"Then the thunder crashed and rolled, and lightning flashed. And a great earthquake struck – the worst since people were placed on the earth. The great city of Babylon split into three sections, and the cities of many nations fell into heaps of rubble..."*

#### Cosmic Upheaval

- Sun becomes black as sackcloth.
- Moon becomes like blood.
- Stars falling to the earth.
- The sky closes up like a scroll.
- Every mountain and island was moved out of its place.



**Revelation 6:15-17** Marks the start of the **Seven Trumpet Judgement Period**. However, before it starts, before the seventh seal is opened by Christ, the 144,000 must be sealed or marked for protection during this time.

### 3.4.7 God's People Sealed Before the Seventh Seal is Opened



**Revelation 7:1-4 (NLT)** *"Then I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds so they did not blow on the earth or the sea, or even on any tree. And I saw another angel coming up from the east, carrying a seal of the living God. And he shouted to those four angels, who had been given the power to harm land and sea, 'Wait! Don't harm the land or the sea or the trees until we have placed the seal of God on the foreheads of his servants.' And I heard how many were marked with the seal of God – 144,000 were sealed from all the tribes of Israel."*

#### **144,000:**

- They are from the twelve tribes of Israel.
- They were divided in twelve tribes, of 12,000 each.
- Having been given the seal tells us that these people were saved.
- Some people believe we are part of the 144,000. The problem with this is that from which tribe would we be? And those who are not Jewish, where do they feature?

#### **The 4 Angels:**

- They were given the authority to hurt the earth, sea and trees.

From verse 9 to 17, Revelation 7 is another subject.

**Revelation 7:13-16 (NLT)** *"Then one of the twenty-four elders asked me, 'Who are these who are clothed in white? Where did they come from?' And I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one who knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are the ones who died in the great tribulation. They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white. That is why they stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his Temple. And he who sits on the throne will give them shelter. They will never go hungry or thirsty; they will never be scorched by the heat of the sun.'"*

#### **Those who were redeemed in the Great Tribulation:**

- They would receive a very special reward; forever serving God in the Temple, with all their needs met.
- This is a different group of saints, from the saints we read about under the altar.
- They are probably those who were saved during the Great Tribulation by the ministry of the 144,000 saints. *(Notes from the New King James Study Bible)*

**Revelation 14:1-4 (NLT)** *"Then I saw the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him were 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of mighty ocean waves or the rolling of loud thunder...This great choir sang a wonderful new song in front of the throne of God and before the four living beings and the twenty-four elders. No one could learn this song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth."*



*They have kept themselves pure as virgins, following the Lamb wherever he goes. They have been purchased from among the people on the earth as a special offering to God and to the Lamb."*

- These were the 144,000 and the tribulation saints that got witnessed to and saved by the 144,000. They are the fruit of the 144,000. *(Notes from the New King James Study Bible)*

### 3.4.8 Tribulation Starts as the Lamb Opens the Seventh Seal



**Revelation 8:1-2 (NLT)** *"When the Lamb broke the seventh seal on the scroll, there was silence throughout heaven for about half an hour. I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and they were given seven trumpets."*

This is the start of the Seven Trumpet Judgement in the Tribulation period.

When the last trumpet is blown:

- **The seventh Angel blows his Trumpet after the two witnesses have return to heaven - Revelation 10:7 (NLT)** *"When the seventh angel blows his trumpet, God's mysterious plan will be fulfilled. It will happen just as he announced it to his servants the prophets."*
- **The two Witnesses are resurrected - Revelation 11:11-13 (NLT)** *"But after three and a half days, God breathed life into them, and they stood up! Terror struck all who were staring at them. Then a loud voice from heaven called to the two prophets, 'Come up here!' And they rose to heaven in a cloud as their enemies watched. At the same time there was a terrible earthquake that destroyed a tenth of the city. Seven thousand people died in that earthquake, and everyone else was terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven."*
- **The seventh Angel blew his Trumpet - Revelation 11:15 (NLT)** *"Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices shouting in heaven: 'The world has now become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ [Messiah], and he will reign forever and ever.'"*

The Seven bowls of God's wrath is released on the earth:

- **God's wrath on those who destroyed the earth, and His first judgement of God's people - Revelation 11:18 (NLT)** *"The nations were filled with wrath, but now the time of your wrath has come. It is time to judge the dead and reward your servants the prophets, as well as your holy people, and all who fear your name, from the least to the greatest. It is time to destroy all who have caused destruction on earth."*
- **The seven last Plagues of God's wrath - Revelation 15:1 (NLT)** *"Then I saw in heaven another marvellous event of great significance. Seven angels were holding the seven last plagues, which would bring God's wrath to completion."*

- **The seven angels sent out to deliver the seven plagues as the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth - Revelation 16:1 (NLT)** *"Then I heard a mighty voice from the Temple say to the seven angels, "Go your ways and pour out on the earth the seven bowls containing God's wrath."*
- **The last bowl poured out, which brought the end of God's wrath on the earth - Revelation 16:17-21 (NLT)** *"Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air. And a mighty shout came from the throne in the Temple, saying, "It is finished! Then the thunder crashed and rolled, and lightning flashed. And a great earthquake struck – the worst since people were placed on the earth. The great city of Babylon split into three sections, and the cities of many nations fell into heaps of rubble. So God remembered all of Babylon's sins, and he made her drink the cup that was filled with the wine of his fierce wrath. And every island disappeared, and all the mountains were levelled. There was a terrible hailstorm, and hailstones weighing as much as seventy-five pounds fell from the sky onto the people below. They cursed God because of the terrible plague of the hailstorms."*

Thereafter we read about the 1000-year Millennial reign by Christ in Revelation 19 to 20.

Ending with the great white throne judgement and the coming years thereafter, of the New Jerusalem, in Revelation 21.

These are all studies on their own that won't be covered here.

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