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Followed by Q&A with Dr. Bernard and Dr. Kober

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"The Signs of the Times and the Centrality of Israel"

5:30 pm - - - - - Evening Meal at the Church
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7:00 pm - Session 2 - Dr. Kober - - - - - *"Israel's Search for Peace"*

8:30 pm - - - - - MRBF Business Meeting

Saturday - - - - -October 3

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9:00 am - - - - Lake Blaine Baptist Bible Camp Business Meeting

10:30 am - - - - - Session 3 - Dr. Kober
"Israel: A Modern-Day Miracle With a Dreadful Dilemma"

12:00 pm - - - - - Lunch break (on your own)

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

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THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES: Present trends and prophetic truth

It appears that at the beginning of the 21st century, we are surrounded by numerous signs of the times. Devastation, earthquakes, deadly tsunamis, destructive hurricanes and dreadful terrorism prompt many believers to question whether we live in the last days. Discerning students of prophecy realize that between now and the rapture, when Christ returns for Church Age believers and takes them to the Father's House (John 14:1-4), no specific prophecy needs to be fulfilled. The rapture could occur at any moment. However, as one observes the natural catastrophes, religious alignments and political upheavals in the world today, it becomes apparent that events and conditions, predicted for the seven-year tribulation following the rapture, already cast their long shadow today.

While dedicated disciples are interested in understanding the significance of the signs of the times, a large segment of Christendom, like Judaism at the time of Christ, is totally oblivious to the prophetic significance of current events.

1A. A Callous Indifference to the Signs of the Times:

1b. The nature of the signs of the times:

Students of the prophetic word use the term "signs of the times" for extraordinary natural or world events pointing to the fulfillment of prophecy, either presently or in the near future.

2b. The neglect of the signs of the times:

1c. The neglect at Christ's first coming:

1d. The disparagers of the Savior:

In Matthew 16:1-4, the Jews of Christ's day displayed their indifference and ignorance of the signs of the times related to Christ's first coming.

Mt. 16:1-4 The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. 2 He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, [It will be] fair weather: for the sky is red. 3 And in the morning, [It will be] foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O [ye] hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not [discern] the signs of the times? 4 A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.

The Pharisees and Sadducees demanded an irrefutable sign from the Savior that He was their promised Messiah. Christ



refused to grant their request (except for pointing at His future resurrection) because they were literally surrounded by ever more precise signs.

The religious leaders were steeped in the Messianic predictions of the Old Testament. They knew that Christ would be of the human race (Gen. 3:15), of the nation of Israel (Gen. 22:18), of the tribe of Judah (Gen. 49:10), of the family of David (2 Sam. 7:12-16), born of a virgin (Is. 7:14). They also could have calculated the time of His sacrificial death (Dan. 9:25-26). The interrogation of Matthew 16 took place in A.D. 32, the very year for which Daniel predicted that the Messiah would be cut off.



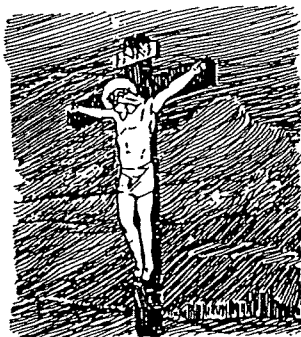
Micah 5:2 predicted the place of His birth, Bethlehem of Judea. When Herod consulted the chief priests and scribes during the visit of the wise men, they correctly pointed to Bethlehem as the birthplace of the King of the Jews (Mt. 2:4-6).

Their incredible indifference is seen in that not one of these religious leaders traveled four miles south to Bethlehem to check out the fulfillment of Micah's prophecy and the magi's premonition.

The spiritual leaders of Israel refused to examine the account of Christ's birth and rejected the evidence of Messiah's presence.

2d. The disciples of the Savior:

When Christ responded to the Pharisees and Sadducees in Matthew 16, He was indirectly indicating that His own disciples should be alert to the signs of the times and thus anticipate the suffering of the Savior, a needful admonition as seen by Peter's incredulous response to Christ's announcement of His impending death (Mt. 16:21-23).



As mentioned, the religious leaders viewed the signs of the times with indifference and ignorance. The disciples, no less, evidenced infidelity and ignorance. One of the saddest commentaries on their unbelief is given by Luke. As the Lord and the disciples left Caesarea Philippi (Mt. 16) on their way to Jerusalem, the Savior reiterated, "The Son of Man shall be delivered into the hands of men" (Luke 9:44). But the disciples (a) did not understand His words; (b) it was

hidden from them; (c) they did not perceive the meaning of His words; and (d) no one asked Him to explain (Lk. 9:45).

2c. The neglect today:

As the signs of the times were ignored by en large at Christ's first coming, so various religious groups neglect the study of prophecy; and do not display any alertness to the signs of the times and anticipation of the rapture.

- 1d. The liberals discourage the study of prophecy. Symptomatic for the sentiment of liberals are the comments of Rev. H. C. Read, pastor of New York's Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. Some years ago he spoke at the First United Methodist Church in Des Moines, Iowa.

Here are his comments about the Bible and prophecy:

[The Bible] is a collection of ancient religious documents. . . through which the Word of God comes to us. . . I believe in the Second Coming, but I cannot possibly know when or how. I believe the end of the world is in the hands of God, and the end is not chaos, it is Christ. In the apocalyptic age we live in, the mainline churches should be offering hope, and not in some crude and selfish way (*The Des Moines Register*, April 16, 1983, p. 9A).

In a cavalier manner, Read dismisses the possibility of specific prophecies and labels a detailed study of the Word as "crude and selfish."

- 2d. The Amillennarians deny a future hope:

That branch of Christendom which denies a visible, physical 1000-year reign of Christ on earth after the tribulation, as clearly taught in Revelation 20, postulate that when Christ comes back, the dead are raised. They and the living are judged, unbelievers consigned to hell, and believers are welcomed to heaven. At that time eternity will commence. There is no hope for a sin-cursed earth being healed from the result of Adam's sin through the presence of the Savior, who will rule righteously from the throne of David in Jerusalem over the earth.



In fact, one branch of amillennialism, known as the preterists, insist that the book of the Revelation was written before A.D. 70 and all of the predictions of Revelation 4-19, usually associated with the tribulation period, were fulfilled with the destruction of the temple by the Romans in A.D. 70.

Gary DeMar, one of the most vocal spokesmen for this aberrant view, attacks the dispensational pretribulational view held dear by millions of fundamentalists and evangelicals in his books with such titles as *Last Day Madness* (1990) and *End Time Delusion* (1992).

- 3d. The Postmillenarians dismiss prophecy as having no present relevance:



Lorraine Boettner

Their belief that the world is getting better and better every day in every way anticipates a period of economic prosperity or evangelization of the world, preparing the way for the eventual return of Christ. Lorraine Boettner, well-known Reformed theologian, wrote of the eventual Christianizing of the world in his standard volume, *The Millennium*. This writer questioned Dr. Boettner during his annual visits with him, to see whether he still clung to his overly optimistic view of the Christianizing of the world. Dr. Boettner admitted that while progress seemed slow, given another 10,000 to 20,000 years, Christ would come back to a world where mankind would be ready to accept Him. That which appeared to most believers as signs of the times, seemed to him but aberrations in a steady progress toward the salvation of mankind.

- 4d. Some Evangelicals deplore the controversy surrounding end-time events.

They shy away from prophetic teaching because of the multiplicity of opinions concerning the details of prophecy. While there may be differences in interpretation concerning end-time events, the serious Bible student will make every effort to glean prophetic truths which give him help and hope in these tumultuous times.

- 2A. The Contemporary Increase of the Signs of the Times:

Dedicated students of Scripture see a dramatic increase in prophetic portents in recent times. Several positive statements can be made about the future.

1b. Suppositions concerning the future:

1c. Prophecy taken literally makes it possible for believers to discern a general outline of things to come.

2c. A normal interpretation of prophecy leads to a pretribulational and premillennial return of Christ.

3c. The rapture precedes the tribulation:

Proof texts for a pretribulational rapture can be categorized under two headings:

1d. Exemption from the wrath to come:

Three times the Holy Spirit reveals through the Apostle Paul that the believer is not appointed unto the wrath of the tribulation (Rom. 5:9; 1 Thess. 1:10; 5:9).

2d. Expectation of the any-moment return of the Savior
e.g. (Phil. 3:20; Tit. 2:13).

4c. The believer looks for the Savior rather than for signs.

5c. No prophecy needs to be fulfilled before the rapture can occur.

6c. The date of the rapture is fixed in God's eternal counsel.

7c. Future events predicted for the time after the rapture cast their shadow before the rapture.

2b. Portents of the future:

A portent is something of prophetic significance, foreshadowing coming events.

1c. Illustrative events:

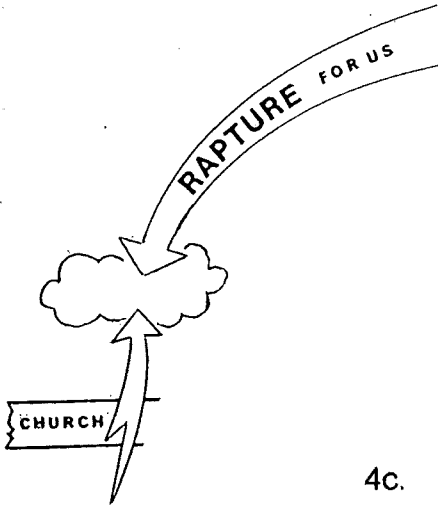
Christ predicted for the time after the rapture "wars and rumors of wars. . . famines, and pestilence and earthquakes in divers places" (Mt. 24:6-7). Certainly similar political upheavals and natural calamities exist in the world today, but those predicted in the tribulation are unprecedented in severity. For example, one-fourth of the world will be slain as a result of the destruction occasioned by the pale horse (Rev. 6:7) through wars, hunger, pestilence and wild beasts. Similarly, volcanic eruptions today are nothing

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compared to the fiery mountain which will be cast into the sea and kill a third part of the individuals of the sea.

Revelation 8:8b-9 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; 9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

2c. Imagined events:

It is ever a temptation to read current events into biblical texts. Nahum's "chariots with flaming torches" (2:3) are hardly gasoline-powered automobiles. Nor is modern-day transoceanic travel and scientific knowledge predicted by the angel to Daniel in Daniel 12:4.

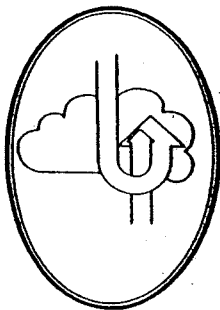
Here is the angel's message:

Daniel 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

The increase in knowledge is related to the context of the passage, namely, the "time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to the same time." The knowledge of prophecy, especially related to the tribulation, would increase through the book of the Revelation. The "running to and fro," so frequently misinterpreted, is actually a Hebrew figure of speech, meaning "many shall peruse the content of a book," namely, the book of the Revelation.

The key word in Daniel 12:4 is סָגַר (shut) described by Gesenius as a metaphor, "to run through a book, i.e. to examine thoroughly" (*Gesenius' Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon of the Old Testament Scriptures*, 1867, 810).

3c. Incipient events:



Serious students of prophecy who are alert observers of the contemporary geo-political developments are impressed by the multiplication of the signs of the times. Events in society, religion and politics predicted for the tribulation appear to be in their developing stages already now. Never before in the history of the Christian church have there been so many prophetic portents. The breath-taking convergence of the signs of the times cannot help but motivate believers to anticipate the rapture which will precede the culmination of the political and religious alignments. What are some of those arresting developments discernable now which point beyond the rapture to the tribulation?

1d. The establishment of the State of Israel:



On May 14, 1948, the modern state of Israel was established, the miraculous revival of a country that had lost its independence through the Babylon conquest in 586 B.C. Prophetically, there is no need for Israel to be back in the land until after the rapture when Antichrist makes a covenant with Israel, an event which commences the seven-year tribulation period (Dan. 9:27). In his vision of the Valley of Dry Bones, the prophet Ezekiel reports God's prediction of a return of Israel to the land in the future:

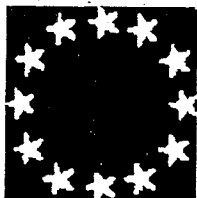
Ezekiel 37:11-12 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. 12 Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

The fulfillment of Ezekiel's prophecy awaits further fulfillment and involves every single Jew on earth, as promised in Ezekiel 39:28:

Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which cause them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.

The fact that there is a partial return taking place before the rapture, leading to the establishment of the state of Israel, is of momentous significance.

2d. The existence of the European Union:



During the first half of the tribulation, the ancient Roman Empire will be revived in the form of a ten nation confederacy under Antichrist, the Roman ruler (Dan. 7:24). The ten toes on the spectacular image in Daniel 2, as well as the ten horns of the fourth and fearsome beast in Daniel 7, point to the final stage of the world's empires involving the empire's Roman rule emperor.

Since the early 1950's, an economic union of European nations has taken place. With the admission of Greece, the European Common Market included ten nations. Since then, other nations have joined what has evolved some years ago into a political entity, the European Union (EU). In the summer of 2005, ten other nations joined this political

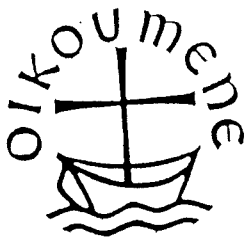
entity, now numbering 25 nations, all situated generally within the borders of the old Roman Empire. Elections are held every four years to select delegates to the governing body of the EU, the European Parliament (EP), with headquarters in Brussels, Belgium and Strassbourg, France. The only thing lacking in this unwieldy conglomerate of nations is a strong political leader.

When on January 1, 2001, twelve nations adopted the new and common currency, the Euro, the news media heralded this event as **the** major step toward ultimate political union. The stage in Europe is set for a strong leader to step in and exert his dictatorial powers over the extraordinary colossus of the EU. Of course, all that is required for the emergence of the revived Roman Empire is the subjugation of ten independent European nations by a Roman ruler.

In 2005, the world witnessed a dress rehearsal for such a scenario when Silvio Berlusconi, the prime minister of Italy and Italy's richest citizen, became president of the EU for six months. It is not difficult to imagine that the EU eventually will play a central part in a resuscitated Roman Empire.

3d. The emergence of the ecumenical movement:

For the first three and a half years of the tribulation, Antichrist will tolerate a false religious system, pictured as a harlot in Revelation 17 and centered in Rome. The one-world church will apparently be comprised of Roman Catholics, apostate Protestants and non-Christian religions.



Such a religious union had its beginning with the formation of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam in 1948. The WCC is presently comprised of 340 denominations in 120 countries, boasting a combined membership of 400 million. The theological spectrum of this religious body is so broad, it encompasses every form of heresy and apostasy. Especially significant are its efforts to unite all of the world's religions.

The late pontiff, John Paul II, has spearheaded Roman Catholic overtures toward pagan religions by sponsoring in 2002 the Assisi interfaith prayer meeting with representatives of virtually every pagan religion, including the Dalai Lama, Shintoists, Confucians and witch doctors. In an especially memorable visit to Benin, West Africa, the

pontiff told the leaders of the voodoo religion, which began in central Benin, in Parakou, that Catholicism and their religion shared many things, such as a deep respect for one's ancestors.

4d. The exertion of Russia:

The Propet Ezekiel predicts a Russian invasion of Israel in the battle of Gog and Magog (Ez. 38-39), which we believe will take place in the middle of the tribulation. It is said to occur at a time when Israel has been regathered from the nations and lives in peace in settlements without walls. Only one time in Israel's future will these conditions exist prior to the Second Advent, and that is during Antichrist's protection of Israel, spanning the first half of the tribulation.



Ezekiel foretells a decimation of the invaders through eight distinct divine judgments. The reasons for the invasion are spelled out in Ez. 38:10-12 and involve Russia's hatred for Israel, a desire for Israel's riches, and an effort to gain a strategic position in that area of the world.

Interestingly, since Israel became a nation in 1948 (and Russia a world power in 1949), the Arabs have launched five wars against this fledgling nation to exterminate it. In each case, the Russians have supplied arms and military advisors to Israel's enemies.

While Russia does not seem to be a strong military power at present, the situation could change very suddenly and drastically. Russia's head of state is Vladimir Putin, a former KGB officer. *The Omega Letter Intelligence Digest* reports that after being elected President in March 2000, Putin set about the undoing of the democratic reforms of the past several decades, by stacking the Kremlin with former KGB colleagues—by March 2000, 17 of the top 24 Kremlin jobs were filled by former KGB Secret Police officers (*The Omega Letter Intelligence Digest*, Line 41, Issue 5, Feb. 5, 2005).

The reemergence of the "undead" hardliners is rapidly transforming Russia into a dictatorship. The Austrian news magazine *Profil* quotes Vladimir Ryshkov, a member of the Russian parliament, or Duma, as saying that Russia is "a cemetery of lost freedoms" ("*Russland: Friedhof der verlorenen Freiheiten*," *Profil*, 04/05). Ryshkov adds that

public criticism of Putin is equivalent to political suicide. A free mass media in Russia is a thing of the past.

The Heritage Foundation and Wall Street Journal in their index of economic freedoms moved Russia to place 124 out of 161, a descent of 10 positions in one year. What is more, the organization Reporters Without Borders places Russia's freedom of the press in the position of 138 out of 167. The prestigious German magazine, *Der Spiegel*, writes incisively that Russia is an ambivalent nation, "gravitating between imperialistic euphoria and national inferiority complexes." Internally, the Russian leaders are restoring patriotism based on a Soviet-type military build-up. Externally, the hardliners wish to dupe the world by presenting a softer image (*Der Spiegel*, 1/2006, January 5, 2006, "Russland: Bär mit Balalaika," 86-88, translated by this writer).

International experts on Russia sound warnings. In an extensive article in the *International Herald Tribune*, Kremlinologists warn of Russia's "slide into authoritarianism . . . Russia is emerging from a 20-year cycle of decay and is rebuilding a strong central state" (Monday, April 10, 2006, Steven R. Weisman).

Adding to the political convulsions is the fact, revealed by *National Review*, that "Russia is a dying country—literally: more abortions than live births, lesser male life expectancy than Bangladesh" (Mark Steyn, "Future Shock," *National Review*, Vol. 57 No. 18, Oct. 10, 2005, 60).

These unsettling statistics are well-known to the hardliners. Who knows what convulsions will yet rock modern Russia and what secret plans for a foreign adventure the Kremlin is harboring to deflect from its internal problems? A Russian invasion of the oil rich Middle East is not difficult to imagine; in fact, it is predicted by Russian leaders

Former Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev made no secret of Russia's goals: "Our aim is to gain control of the two great treasure houses on which the West depends—the energy treasure house of the Persian Gulf and the mineral treasure house of central and southern Africa" (*American Legion Magazine*, "Quote of the Month," Aug 9, 1987, Vol. 123 No. 2).

A Russian invasion of the Near East is predicted for the tribulation. Such an invasion has been contemplated ever since Tsarist Russia, long before there were Communists. The attack on Israel almost became reality when Russia began to move its troops to the south in the Yom Kippur War in 1973. Only an urgent call on the red telephone by President Richard M. Nixon to the Kremlin leaders prevented the Russian armies' advance toward Israel.

The alert believer who observes the present posturing of Russia and knows of prophetic predictions for Russia is justified in considering the menacing Russian bear as a sign of the times.

5d. The endeavors of the UNO:



The United Nations Organization, established in San Francisco in 1945, assumes the role of a supra-national government. The world has witnessed its greed for power, but also its dereliction of duty, such as the liberation of Iraq, failing to hold Saddam Hussein responsible for the failure to abide by 14 binding UNO resolutions.

The UNO makes no secret of its aim to establish a one-world government. Prophetically, this will take place after the rapture. As mentioned above, during the first three and one-half years of the tribulation, Antichrist will revive the ancient Roman empire by exerting his rule over ten nation competitors (see Dan. 7:24). For the last half of the tribulation, he is absolute world ruler, empowered by Satan, demanding everybody's political allegiance and religious worship (Rev. 13:1-10).



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In effect, the UNO will see its dream fulfilled in the autocratic rule of the Pseudo-Christ.

Signs of the times abound. The establishment of the State of Israel, the existence of a United States of Europe, the emergence of a one-world church, the efforts of Russia in the Near East and the endeavors of the UNO for world rule are pointing to the culmination of these trends in the tribulation. Interestingly, all these prophetic portents emerged at virtually the same time in the 1940's. It has been noted previously that there has never been a time when so many world trends with prophetic significance came together. Believers should be greatly encouraged by these

Exertion of China

China has emerged as a strong political and economic colossus. What has attracted little attention is China's emergence as the world's fastest-rising military power. Former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld warned the world at a June 2005 security forum in Singapore that China's military buildup exceeds any realistic domestic needs and poses a threat to Asia's delicate security balance.

A lengthy article in the *Wall Street Journal* is devoted to Michael Pillsbury, arguably the most influential and knowledgeable China expert in the U.S.A.:

Pillsbury, with ties to the Chinese military, warns the US Defense Department that the Chinese military is obsessed with the inevitable decline of the United States and China's commensurate rise. He cautions that beneath China's growing trade ties with the USA runs a nationalistic fervor which aims for an economic and military defeat of America.⁷

Interestingly, the prophetic Word anticipates a strong military participation at Armageddon. Daniel predicts that an army from the north and east will invade Israel, prompting Antichrist to shift his military headquarters from Rome to Jerusalem (Daniel 11:44, 45). Many students of prophecy believe this army is the one described in Revelation 9:16, comprising two hundred million demonized horsemen.

While the army's national identity is not indicated, only one nation could logistically muster such an immense force, and that is China. The reference is possibly to a confederation of Asiatic nations, perhaps with China in a leading position. The meteoric rise of a militaristic China in our day may signify a preparatory step by the world's most populous nation to extend its despotic powers far beyond its borders, a development consistent with its contemporary military doctrine.

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Covenant by Antichrist Daniel 9:27

The Return of the Jews
The Revelation of the Antichrist

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developments as they anticipate the rapture which precedes the culmination of these trends.

After considering the callous indifference to the signs of the times and the contemporary increase in the signs of the times, it is fitting to comment on the judicious interpretation of the signs of the times.

3A. A Careful Interpretation of the Signs of the Times:

1b. Avoid newspaper exegesis:

As tempting as it is, the serious student of prophecy will avoid identifying present developments as fulfillment of prophecy. With some well-intentioned believers, reports of a locust plague across North Africa suggest the judgments of the tribulation period. When buses and taxis in Israel have the prefix 666 on their license plates, connections are made by some to Antichrist. The use of bar codes in commerce and implanted information chips are related to the mark of the beast. Large flocks of migratory birds which visit Israel each year are identified by some as the vultures predicted in Ezekiel 39 and Revelation 19.

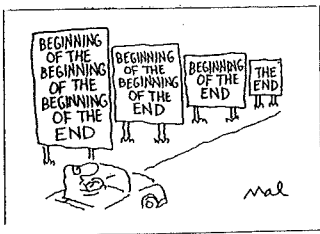
It is well to remember that no prophecy is being fulfilled today. Alarming developments simply point beyond the rapture when a Christ-rejecting world will experience long-delayed and well-deserved punishments. The redeemed rejoice in the prospect of the rapture and the subsequent reunion with the Lord.

2b. Abandon date setting:

Believers who set dates for end-time events lose credibility and bring reproach on themselves as false prophets. Great harm has been done to the serious study of prophecy by such date-setters as Edgar Whisenant and his booklet "88 Reasons Why the Rapture Will Be in 88" and Harold Camping's dogmatic book, 1994.

Jack Van Impe's 1996 book, *2001. On the Edge of Eternity*, predicts that the millennium will begin shortly after the year 2000. His videotape, "2001: Countdown to Eternity," is advertised with the following words, "Discover for yourself how our Millennial Kingdom is predicted to begin shortly after A.D. 2000." On his telecast on Sunday, August 12, 1997, he opined that "the apocalyptic times started in 1948 and will find culmination somewhere around 2001, probably no later than 2014."

The informed interpreter of Scripture realizes that date setting is wrong. One would think that the date-setters would learn a lesson in humility from their disappointed predecessors or their own erroneous earlier prophecies.



In Acts 1:6-7 Christ leaves His disciples with the reminder that it is futile to guess and forbidden for them to know the times or seasons of His return and the subsequent establishment of the Kingdom.

3b. Adhere to what is revealed:

Sensationalism and speculation arouse interest, gain crowds and sell books and tapes. However, the careful student of prophecy will make every effort to stay within the bounds of Scripture.

Jack Van Impe asserted on his telecast of September 7, 1997, without any Scriptural support, that "The Bible predicts there will be a war with China anywhere between 2003 and 2006." He has taught that Russia will invade America by way of Canada and repeatedly has identified King Juan Carlos of Spain as the Antichrist.

Hal Lindsey, the best-selling author of *The Late Great Planet Earth*, though like Van Impe basically correct in his eschatology, is ever given to sensationalism. On the Fox News Network program, "Prophecies of the Millennium," which aired on July 30, 1997, Lindsey offered the following startling and strange prediction, namely, "The prophet [John] who wrote the book of the Revelation, says, 'I looked, I saw and heard.' A first-century man was propelled up to the end of the 20th century and he actually saw a war of technical marvel. . . an intercontinental ballistic missile warhead reentering the earth's atmosphere; poison water, radioactivity, every city on earth virtually destroyed."

Predictions about the future which are void of clear biblical support are useless and impossible. Salem Kirban, a life-long student of prophecy, wrote a book in 1966 entitled, *I Predict*. He clearly stated that his predictions are not to be considered as inspired but simply prognostications based on his understanding of the Scriptures and signs of the times. The predictions included a human head transplant for 1986 and the move of our nation's capital to New York City. Not a single one of his predictions has come to pass.

Mark Steyn, cited above, shows the impossibility of accurate predictions in the political realm:

We're not very good at projecting half-a-century out. In fact, we're not very good at projecting half-a-decade out. There weren't a lot of people in 1913 predicting that by 1918 the Russian, German, Austrian, and Turkish empires would all be gone. And there weren't many experts in 1987 predicting that by 1992 the Berlin Wall, the Warsaw Pact, and the Soviet Union would all have collapsed.

National Review, October 10, 2005, Vol. 57, No. 18, 60.

The future is God possession.

4b. Accept literal interpretation:

Prophecy comprises an important part of the biblical canon. At the time of its writing, prophecy comprised about 25% of the Scriptures. Seventeen Old Testament books and one New Testament book are strictly prophetic. Half of the biblical prophecies have been fulfilled. Their fulfillments were literal. It is very reasonable to insist that unfulfilled prophecy will likewise find literal fulfillment. For example, 500 years before Christ, Zechariah predicted that Christ would enter into Jerusalem on a donkey (Zech. 9:9). That is exactly how He made His triumphal entry (Mt. 21:4-7). Zechariah further predicted that Christ would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver, the precise amount Judas received for his despicable deed.

Many of Zechariah's predictions still await future fulfillment. Christ would return physically, with the nail prints visible (Zech. 12:10). He would descend to the Mount of Olives after the tribulation (14:4).

5b. Anticipate a glorious future with the Savior:



Saints should live in eager expectancy of the rapture and eventually a 1,000-year reign with Christ on earth. As they anticipate the eternal future with the Savior, they are guided by certain chronological and prophetic considerations:

- 1c. The believer recognizes God as the God of eternity who is in sovereign control of history and not bound by a human calendar (Psalm 90:1,2; 31:15)

God is not thwarted by human activity nor coaxed by unbiblical predictions.

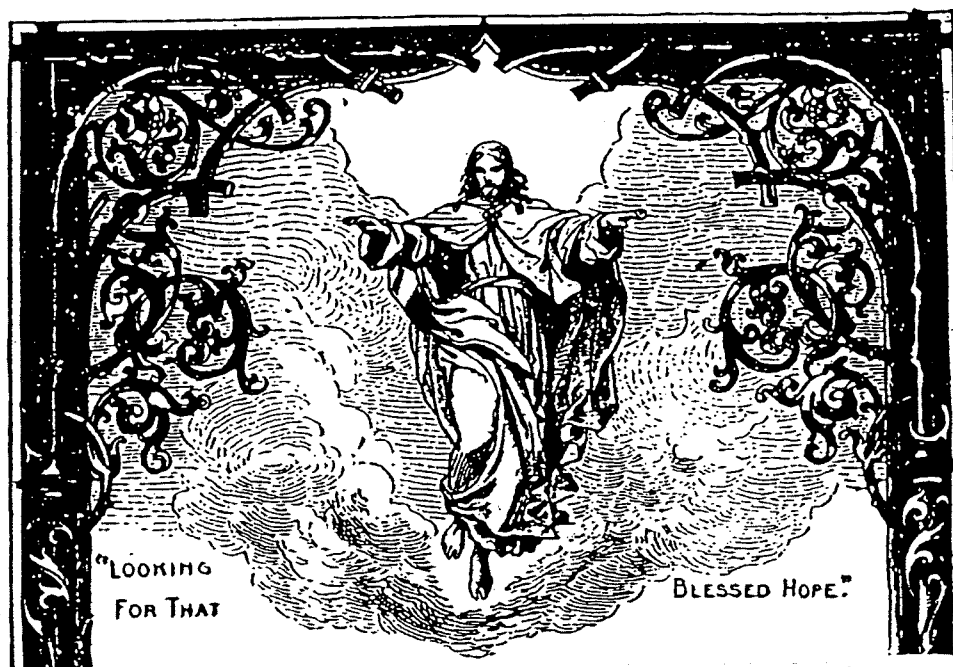
- 2c. The believer refuses to be guided by neither an anticipation of the terrifying apocalypse nor technological advance, but by the triumphant appearance of the Bridegroom to gather the world's believers to glory before the judgments of the tribulation (Titus 2:12; 1 Thess. 4:18; 5:9).



- 3c. The believer realizes that each additional day on this earth brings him one day closer to the rapture. This hope should produce personal purity (1 John 3:3) and ethical productivity (Eph. 5:16).

- 4c. The believer remembers that the Bridegroom is completing an eternal home for His own in heaven (John 14:1-4) and is consummating the Church on earth (2 Peter 3:9), not willing that

any of His own should perish. When the last building block is added to the city in heaven and the last believer is added to the Church on earth, the Savior will return. And that might be this very day.



The Rapture: The Believer's Greatest *Hope*

A Comforting Hope

“Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

I Thessalonians 4:18

A Blessed Hope

“Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing . . .”

Titus 2:13

A Purifying Hope

“An every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”

I John 3:3

A Sure Hope

“We have also a more sure word of prophecy, whereunto you do well that you take heed.”

II Peter 1:19

Major Movements as Prophetic Portents

SIGNS OF THE TIMES:

1. The Establishment of the State of Israel
2. The Emergence of a One-World Church
3. The Existence of the European Union
4. The Efforts of Russia
5. The Endeavors of the UNO

CELEBRATION

RAPTURE
FOR US

RETURN

WITH US

European Union

Covenant by Antichrist Dan. 9:27

Russia

THE RETURN OF THE JEWS
THE REVELATION OF ANTICHRIST

3 1/2 Years

CHURCH

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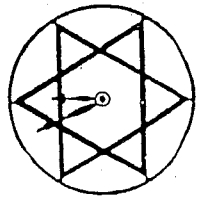
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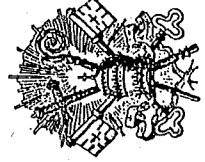
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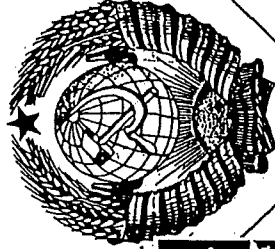
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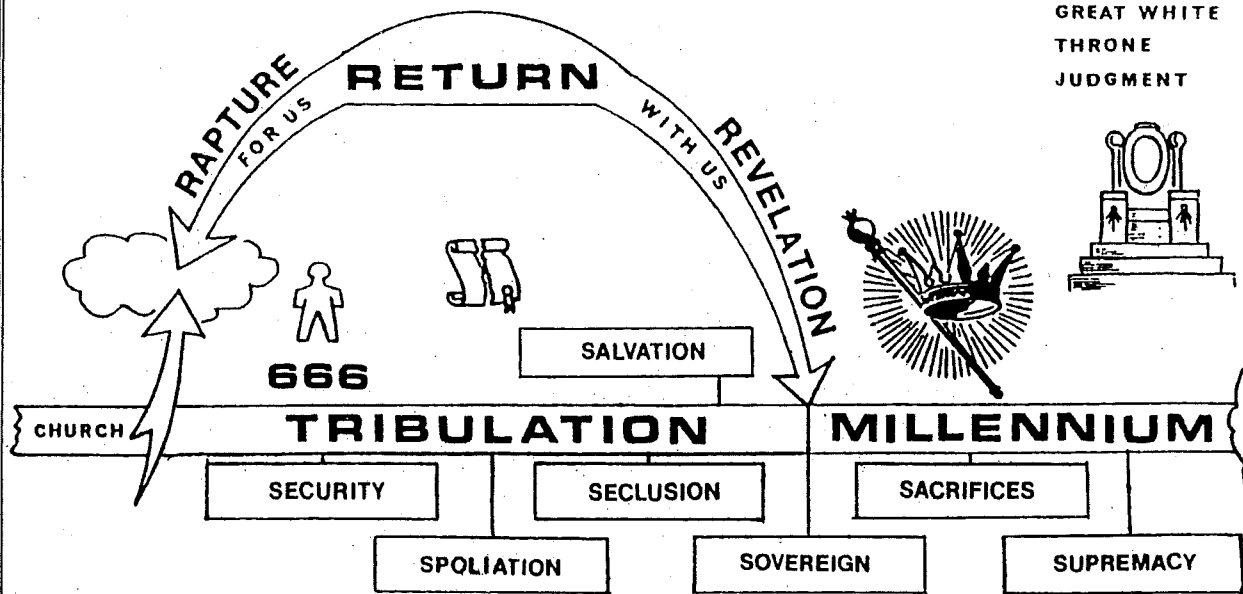
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THE FUTURE AND ISRAEL

ISRAEL'S
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THE FUTURE AND ISRAEL: ISRAEL'S SEARCH FOR PEACE

1A. SECURITY: COVENANT WITH ANTICHRIST

- 1b. Regathering in the Land
- 2b. Restoration in Unbelief
- 3b. Reliance on Rome

2A. SPOILIATION: CONQUEST BY RUSSIA

- 1b. Attack by Russia
- 2b. Abomination of Desolation
- 3b. Aggression at Armageddon



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7A. SUPREMACY: CENTER OF THE WORLD

- 1b. Elevation of Jerusalem
- 2b. Expansion of the Borders
- 3b. Establishment of the Throne

Jeremiah 14:19

Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul loathed Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? we looked for peace, and there is no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble!

THE FUTURE AND ISRAEL: ISRAEL'S SEARCH FOR P



1A. Security: Covenant with Antichrist: Dan. 9:24-27

1b. Regathering in the Land:

After the rapture, Jewish people from around the world will be returning to the land of Israel.



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Ez. 37:7

"So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone."

Ez. 37:11-12

"Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel."

Ez. 39:28

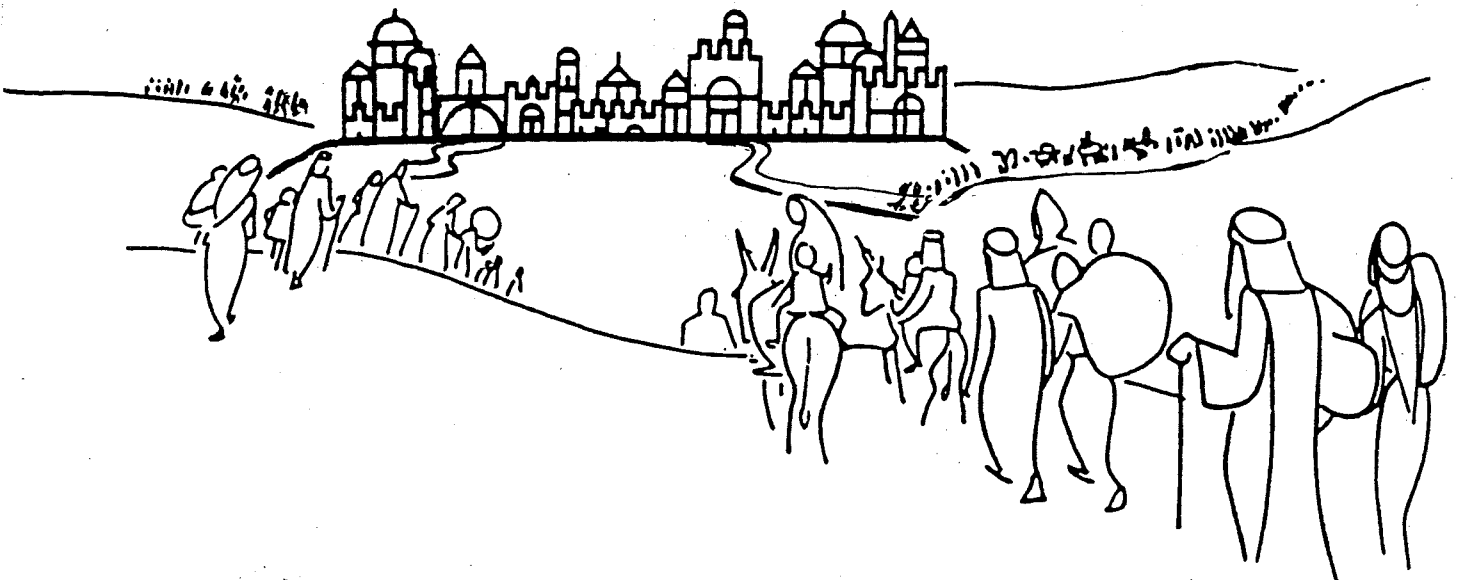
"Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there."

2b. Restoration in Unbelief:

Israel returns to the land in unbelief, awaiting her future salvation.

Ez. 37:8

"And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them."

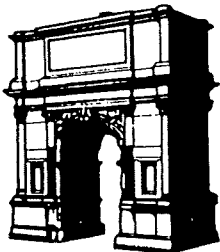


THE RETURN OF ISRAEL AFTER THE RAPTURE

3b. Reliance on Rome:

Dan. 9:24-27

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



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The U.S.A., Israel's protector in the closing days of the church age, will apparently also persecute Israel, and Israel will look to Rome for military protection.

2A. Spoliation: Conquest by Invaders: Ez. 38-39; Dan. 11:40-45

1b. Attack by Russia:

In the middle of the tribulation period, Russia will suddenly attack Israel and be destroyed in the process.



Ez. 38:1-3

"And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:"

2b. Abomination of Desolation:

After the destruction of Russia, Antichrist will move from Rome to Jerusalem and set himself up in the Temple of God.



Dan. 9:27

"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

Mt. 24:15

"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)"

3b. Aggression at Armageddon:

The last half of the tribulation period will see one military invasion after another against Israel, resulting in the final destruction of Jerusalem.

Rev. 16:16

"And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."



Zech. 14:1-3

"Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle."

3A. Seclusion: Confinement in the Mountains: Rev. 12:6-17



1b. Persecution by Satan:

Satan is cast out of heaven and in anger seeks to destroy Israel.

Rev. 12:13

"And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child."

2b. Provisions from God:

God has prepared a place for Israel, which even in unbelief is the apple of His eye (Deut. 32:10; Zech. 2:8).

Rev. 12:14

"And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent."

3b. Protection in a Refuge:

The area to the east of the Dead Sea, Ammon, Moab, and Edom, is reserved by God as a final refuge for His people.

Rev. 12:15-16

"And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth."

Dan. 11:41

"He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon."

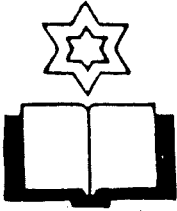
4A. Salvation: Conversion of the Remnant: Ez. 36:24-28

1b. Missionaries of the Tribulation:

God had chosen 144,000 witnesses to go to every kindred, tribe, tongue, and nation.

Rev. 7:1-8

"And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. Of the tribe of Judah were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand."



2b. Message of the Proclamation:

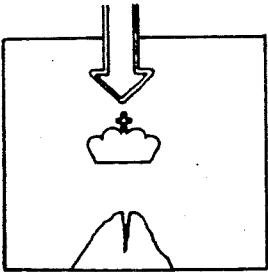
An angel will preach the gospel of the kingdom.

Rev. 14:6

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people."

3b. Martyrs for the Truth:

The redeemed of the tribulation will be faithful in their witness, and many will die a martyr's death.



Rev. 6:9-11

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

5A. Sovereign: Coming of the King: Rev. 19:11-16

1b. Return of the Sovereign:

Jesus Christ returns to the Mount of Olives in power and great glory with the saints of heaven.

Rev. 19:11

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war."

Zech. 14:4

"And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south."

2b. Resurrection of the Saints:

Tribulation martyrs and Old Testament saints will be raised to enjoy the blessings of the kingdom.

Rev. 20:4

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

Dan. 12:2

"And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

3b. Reckoning of the Sinners:

All the unsaved of the tribulation period, both Jews and Gentiles, will be put to death.

2 Thess. 1:7-9

"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power."

Mt. 25:31-32

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats."

Zech. 13:8

"And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein."

6A. Sacrifices: Continuation of Priesthood: Ez. 40-46

1b. Construction of the Temple: Ez. 40-42

A new temple will be constructed at the beginning of the Millennium.



Ez. 43:4-5

"And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east. So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house."



2b. Commencement of Sacrifices:

As in the Old Testament sacrifices anticipated Christ's final sacrifice, so in the Millennium memorial sacrifices will remember the substitutionary death of Christ.

Ez. 46:19-20

"After he brought me through the entry, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, which looked toward the north: and, behold, there was a place on the two sides westward. Then said he unto me, This is the place where the priests shall boil the trespass offering and the sin offering, where they shall bake the meat offering; that they bear them not out into the utter court, to sanctify the people."

3b. Celebration of Feasts:

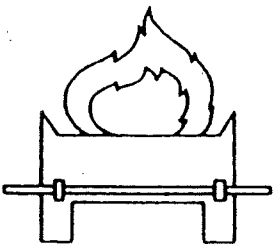
All the world will join in the celebration of the feasts, symbolic of the blessing believers have in Jesus Christ.

Zech. 14:16

"And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles."

Ez. 45:18-25

"Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the first month, in the first day of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish, and cleanse the sanctuary: And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put it upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court. And so thou shalt do the seventh day of the month for every one that erreth, and for him that is simple: so shall ye reconcile the house. In the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten. And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bullock for a sin offering. And seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the LORD, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a kid of the goats daily for a sin offering. And he shall prepare a meat offering of an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and an hin of oil for an ephah. In the seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, shall he do the like in the feast of the seven days, according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the meat offering, and according to the oil."

7A. Supremacy: Center of the World: Micah 4:2

1b. Elevation of Jerusalem:

Jerusalem will be elevated above all the nations of the earth and will become the capital of Israel as well as the world.

Zech. 14:10

"All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses."

Zech. 14:16

"And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles."

2b. Expansion of the Borders:

Israel will inherit the land promised to Abraham and his descendants in Genesis 15:18, from the River of Egypt to the River Euphrates.

Ez. 47:13-23

"Thus saith the Lord GOD; This shall be the border, whereby ye shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph shall have two portions. And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another: concerning the which I lifted up mine hand to give it unto your fathers: and this land shall fall unto you for inheritance. And this shall be the border of the land toward the north side, from the great sea, the way of Hethlon, as men go to Zedad; Hamath; Berothah, Sibram, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazar-hatticon, which is by the coast of Hauran. And the border from the sea shall be Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hamath. And this is the north side. And the east side ye shall measure from Hauran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and from the land of Israel by Jordan, from the border unto the east sea. And this is the east side. And the south side southward, from Tamar even to the waters of strife in Kadesh, the river to the great sea. And this is the south side southward. The west side also shall be the great sea from the border, till a man come over against Hamath. This is the west side. So shall ye divide this land unto you according to the tribes of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget children among you: and they shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give him his inheritance, saith the Lord GOD."



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"And they of the south shall possess the mount of Esau; and they of the plain the Philistines: and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria: and Benjamin shall possess Gilead. And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel shall possess that of the Canaanites, even unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south."

3b. Establishment of the Throne:

The throne of Christ will be magnified and the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of God's Son, for the Millennium and throughout the eternal state.

Ez. 37:26-28

"Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore."

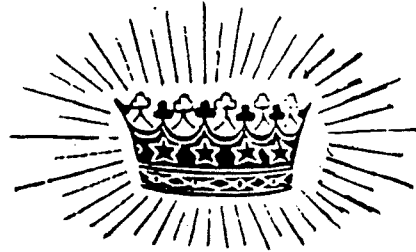
Jer. 23:5

"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth."

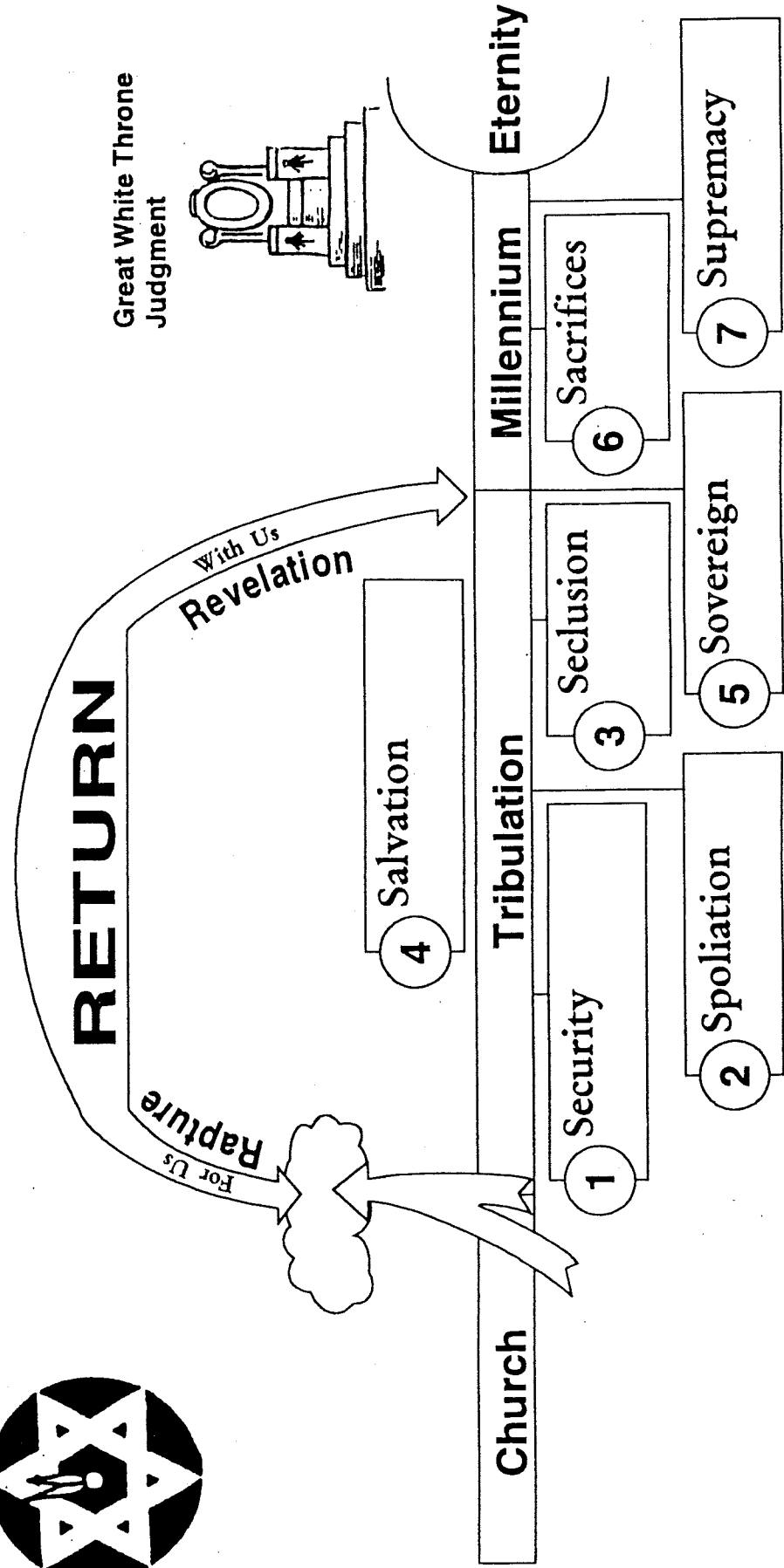
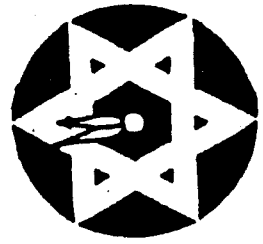
Ez. 43:7

"And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places."

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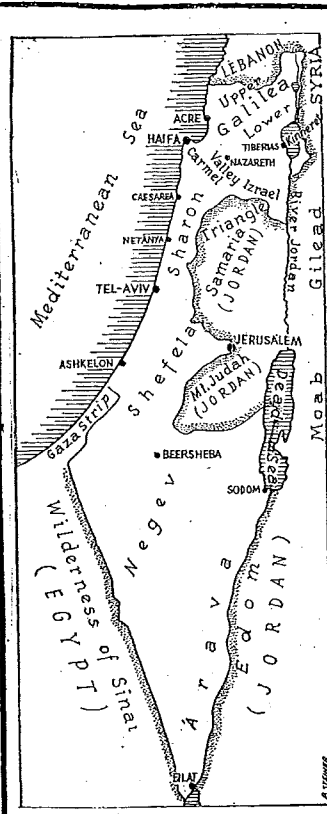
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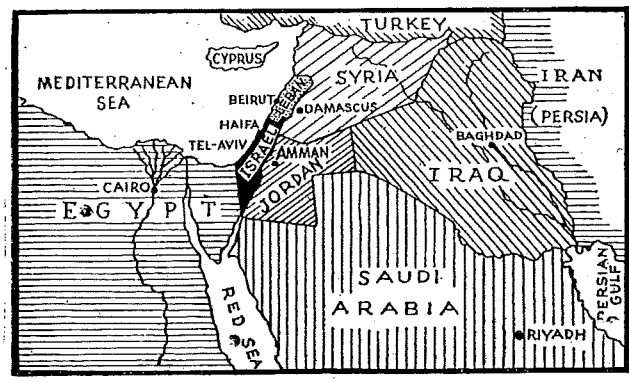


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A MODERN-DAY MIRACLE WITH A DREADFUL DILEMMA (ISRAEL'S STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL AGAINST SATAN'S SCHEMES)

1A. THE HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

ISRAEL
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1b. The Election of Abraham:

Genesis 12:1-2 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

- 1c. The promise of national prominence.
- 2c. The promise of personal greatness.
- 3c. The promise of a homeland.

Genesis 15:18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

Genesis 17:7,8 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. ⁸And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

Genesis 35:10-12 And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel. 11 And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins; 12 And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.

2b. The Enemies of Abraham

1c. Enemies in general: Genesis 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

2c. Animosity between Ishmael and Isaac and their descendants:

Genesis 16:11,12

And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction. 12 And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

3c. Animosity of the Edomites:

Obadiah 8-10 Shall I not in that day, saith the LORD, even destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau? 9 And thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter. 10 For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever.

3b. God's affection for Israel:

1c. The fact of God's love for Israel:

Deuteronomy 7:6-10 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. 7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: 8 But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; 10 And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.

2c. The illustration of God's love for Israel:

Deuteronomy 32:8-10 When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. 9 For the LORD's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. 10 He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as **the apple of his eye**.

Zechariah 2:8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth **the apple of his eye**.

4b. The Predicted dispersion of Israel:

Deuteronomy 32:21, 25-26 They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation. 25 The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs. 26 I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men:

2A. THE PRESENT CONDITION OF ISRAEL:

1b. The uniqueness of modern-day Israel:

- 1c. Independence as a nation after 2600 years of captivity, dispersion and oppression.
- 1d. Babylonian Exile: 586-538 B.C.
 - 2d. Persian and Hellenistic domination: 538-142 B.C.
 - 3d. The Hasmonean Dynasty: 142-63 B.C.
 - 4d. Roman Rule: 63 B.C.-A.D. 313
 - 5d. Byzantine rule: A.D. 313-636
 - 6d. Arab Rule: A.D. 636-1099
 - 7d. The Crusades: A.D. 1099-1291
 - 8d. Mamluk Rule: A.D. 1291-1516
 - 9d. Ottoman Rule: A.D. 1517-1917
 - 10d. British Rule: A.D. 1918-1948
- 2c. The distinctiveness of the Jews and their culture in the diaspora over 2000 years.
- 3c. The revival of a dead language, resulting in modern Hebrew.
- 4c. The decisive military victories in five wars.



Case in point:

On 14 May 1948 the State of Israel was proclaimed according to the UN partition plan (1947). Less than 24 hours later, the regular armies of Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Iraq invaded the country, forcing Israel to defend the sovereignty it had regained in its ancestral homeland. In what became known as Israel's War of Independence, the newly formed, poorly equipped Israel Defense Forces (IDF) repulsed the invaders in fierce intermittent fighting, which lasted some 15 months and claimed over 6,000 Israeli lives (nearly one percent of the country's Jewish population at the time) --Ellen Hirsch, ed., *Facts About Israel*, Jerusalem: Ahva Press, 1999, p. 32.

- 5c. Israel's return of 2/3 of its land territory, the Sinai, to an enemy who attacked it repeatedly.
- 6c. Numerous providential interventions in Israel's struggles against its enemies. ("Rescue at Entebbe" in Uganda, July 4, 1976)
- 7c. The focus of world media attention:

Headlines about Israel in the daily newspapers abound. For example, the *Des Moines Register* of 2/26/04 devotes the equivalent of an entire page to Israel and Jews, though Israel is a diminutive country the size of Vermont. Jews number one-fifth of one percent of the world's population—just 13 million of the world's 6 billion people.

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Israeli troops raid Palestinian banks

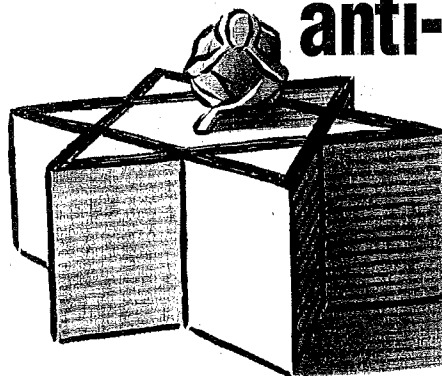
\$8 million seized from alleged militant-linked accounts

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Pure stupidity in upsurge of anti-Semitism



The
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By GEORGE WILL

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2b. The attacks on Israel and the Jews:

1c. The upsurge of anti-Semitism:

1d. At the United Nations organization:

- Of the 175 Security Council resolutions passed before 1990, 97 were directed against Israel.
- Of the 690 General Assembly resolutions voted on before 1990, 429 were directed against Israel.

2d. In the European Union:

- "The European Union has suppressed a study it commissioned, because the study blamed the upsurge in anti-Jewish acts on European Muslims—and the European left.

- “An EU poll reveals that a European majority believes the greatest threat to world peace is Israel” (cited from the column by George Will, reproduced at the end of this outline).

3d. In Germany:

Martin Hohmann, a CDU representative to the national government, in a speech given October 3, 2003, evidenced anti-Semitism and had to resign from his post.

4d. In France: the burning of synagogues

5d. In Sweden:

An art exhibit displayed the picture of a suicide bomber in a pool of blood, insinuating Israel is blood-guilty. The enraged Israeli ambassador, Zvi Mazel, threw the spotlights into the pool.

6d. In the USA:

Mel Gibson's father, in a February 2004 interview on Talkline Communications Network, denied the Holocaust:

--“Most of the Holocaust accounts are fiction.”

--“Jews in Europe emigrated to other countries under Hitler.”

(In Germany, denial of the Holocaust results in a prison term.)

3b. The Enemies of Israel:

1c. The countries surrounding Israel

e.g. Though Jordan signed a peace treaty with Israel, there is no Israel labeled on the current Jordanian map.

2c. The Palestinian movement:

Yasser Arafat and the PLO leadership deny that there ever was a temple on the Temple Mount.

Their recent excavations and construction on the Temple Mount have destroyed innumerable historical artifacts.

1d. Leading terrorist organizations with the overriding aim to destroy Israel.

1e. Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine- General Command



- 2e. Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP)
- 3e. Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)
- 4e. Hamas (Islamic Resistance Movement)
- 5e. Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ)
- 6e. Fatah Tanzim
- 7e. Hezbollah
- 8e. Force 17

- 2d. The avowed goals and purposes of terrorist organizations:
- Seek the creation of a Palestinian state in any territory liberated from Israel. (DFLP)
 - Liberate all of Palestine and establish a democratic socialist Palestinian state. (PFLP)
 - Palestinian state (PFLP)
 - Slow down and stop altogether the political process of the U.S. supported "Road Map."
 - Conduct military training for Palestinian young people of all ages.
 - Operate within the universities—Bir Zeit, Bethlehem and An-Najar, in Nablus.
 - Carry out ambushes of civilian vehicles and bombing of buses in Israeli cities.
 - Operate in the framework of various Palestinian security apparatuses. (Tanzim)

- 5b. A crash course on the Arab-Israeli conflict: what follows under 5b. is an anonymous and interesting e-mail

The following material was compiled by an American Christian professor at a university in the U.S. The facts can be authenticated in leading history books.

It's important information to know since we don't get fair and accurate reporting from the media and facts tend to get lost in the jumble of daily events. Here are overlooked facts in the current Middle East situation.

HERE'S THE BRIEF FACTS ON THE ARAB ISRAELI CONFLICT TODAY...It takes just 1.5 minutes to read!!!!

It makes sense and it's not slanted. Jew and non-Jew—it doesn't matter.

1. Nationhood and Jerusalem. Israel became a nation in 1312 B.C.E., two thousand years before the rise of Islam.

2. Arab refugees in Israel began identifying themselves as part of a Palestinian people in 1967, two decades after the establishment of the modern State of Israel.
3. Since the Jewish conquest in 1272 B.C.E., the Jews have had dominion over the land for one thousand years with a continuous presence in the land for the past 3,300 years. (My date for the conquest of Canaan is 1405 B.C. –MK)
4. The only Arab dominion since the conquest in 635 C.E. lasted no more than 32 years.
5. For over 3,300 years, Jerusalem has been the Jewish capital. Jerusalem has never been the capital of any Arab or Muslim entity. Even when the Jordanians occupied Jerusalem, they never sought to make it their capital, and Arab leaders did not come to visit.
6. Jerusalem is mentioned over 700 times in Tanach, the Jewish Holy Scriptures. Jerusalem is not mentioned once in the Koran.
7. King David founded the city of Jerusalem. Mohammed never came to Jerusalem.
8. Jews pray facing Jerusalem. Muslims pray with their back toward Jerusalem.
9. Arab and Jewish Refugees
In 1948 the Arab refugees were encouraged to leave Israel by Arab leaders promising to purge the land of Jews. Sixty-eight percent left without ever seeing an Israeli soldier.
10. The Jewish refugees were forced to flee from Arab lands due to Arab brutality, persecution and pogroms.
11. The number of Arab refugees who left Israel in 1948 is estimated to be around 630,000. The number of Jewish refugees from Arab lands is estimated to be the same.
12. Arab refugees were INTENTIONALLY not absorbed or integrated into the Arab lands to which they fled, despite the vast Arab territory. Out of the 100,000,000 refugees since World War II, theirs is the only refugee group in the world that has never been absorbed or integrated into their own people's lands. Jewish refugees were completely absorbed into Israel, a country no larger than the state of New Jersey.

13. The Arab-Israeli conflict:
The Arabs are represented by eight separate nations, not including the Palestinians. There is only one Jewish nation. The Arab nations initiated all five wars and lost. Israel defended itself each time and won.
14. The PLO's Charter still calls for the destruction of the State of Israel. Israel has given the Palestinians most of the West Bank land, autonomy under the Palestinian Authority, and has supplied them.
15. Under Jordanian rule, Jewish holy sites were desecrated and the Jews were denied access to places of worship. Under Israeli rule, all Muslim and Christian sites have been preserved and made accessible to people of all faiths.
16. The UN Record on Israel and the Arabs:
Of the 175 Security Council resolutions passed before 1990, 97 were directed against Israel.
17. Of the 690 General Assembly resolutions voted on before 1990, 429 were directed against Israel.
18. The UN was silent while 58 Jerusalem synagogues were destroyed by the Jordanians.
19. The UN was silent while the Jordanians systematically desecrated the ancient Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives.
20. The UN was silent while the Jordanians enforced an apartheid-like policy of preventing Jews from visiting the Temple Mount and the Western Wall.



- 6b. The Countermeasures of Israel:
 - 1b. A highly trained army.
 - 2b. An arsenal of nuclear bombs.
 - 3b. A world-wide intelligence network, the Mossad.
 - 4b. The construction of an extensive barrier to curb terrorism and suicide attacks.

3A. THE FUTURE SITUATION OF ISRAEL:

1b. The protection of the USA will apparently continue until the rapture. Our help for Israel explains why God continues to bless the United States of America (Gen. 12:3).

2b. A world-wide outbreak of anti-Semitism after the rapture:

Matthew 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

3b. Because of this persecution, every Jew world-wide will return to Israel:

The Jews return in unbelief from the nations where they are scattered(Ezekiel 37, The Valley of Dry Bones)



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Ezekiel 39:28 Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which cause them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left **none of them** any more there.

4b. A strong military leader will make a treaty of protection with Israel:

Daniel 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

5b. This treaty will be broken after three and a half years.



6b. When Israel lives in peace and safety, Gog and Magog will attack:

Ezekiel 38:11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates.

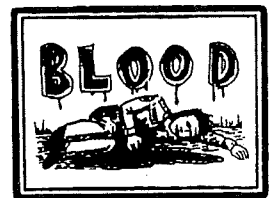
7b. The invaders will be totally decimated:

Ezekiel 39:4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.

8b. The campaign of Armageddon, extending over the last three and one-half years of the Tribulation, will see four armies invading Israel:

Dan. 11:40ff

9b. Israel will be rescued at the Second Advent of Christ:



Zechariah 14:1-4 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. 2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. 3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. 4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

4A. THE CAUSE AND CLIMAX OF ANTI-SEMITISM:

Anti-Semitism has a supernatural source and a supernatural solution.

1b. Supernatural source of anti-Semitism:



1c. Satan has always desired to be the governor of the universe.

Isaiah 14:12-14 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

2c. Satan has consistently attempted to destroy the Messianic line.

3c. Satan endeavored to destroy the newly born Savior:

Revelation 12:3-5 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. 4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. 5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

4c. Satan sought to tempt the Savior in the wilderness: Luke 4:1-13

5c. Satan opposed Christ through demonic forces during His ministry: Luke 4:31-37

6c. Satan, unable to destroy or defeat Christ, persecutes Christ's people, Israel.

Revelation 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.



- 7c. When Satan is cast to earth for the last half of the tribulation, he persecutes Israel with unprecedented vengeance:

Revelation 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

- 8c. Satan attempts to drown Israel but an earthquake averts the flood:

Revelation 12:16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

- 2b. Supernatural solution to anti-Semitism:

- 1c. Israel finds a refuge prepared by God:

Revelation 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

- 2c. Israel is protected and nourished by God Himself:

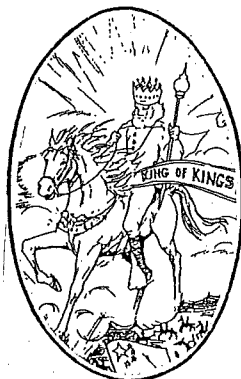
Revelation 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

- 3c. Despite Antichrist's rule from Jerusalem and Satan's rage against Israel, Israel will be secure in her hiding place east of the Jordan in Ammon, Moab and Edom:

Daniel 11:41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

- 4c. Israel will be avenged of all her adversaries at the triumphant Advent of Christ when the sword of judgment will utterly destroy those who sought to destroy Israel.

Revelation 19:15, 21 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.



**THE PROMISE OF
A REFUGE**

THE PLACE

Dan 11:41

41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

THE PROTECTION

Mt. 24:15-21

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand):

16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

THE PERIOD

Rev. 12:6, 14-16

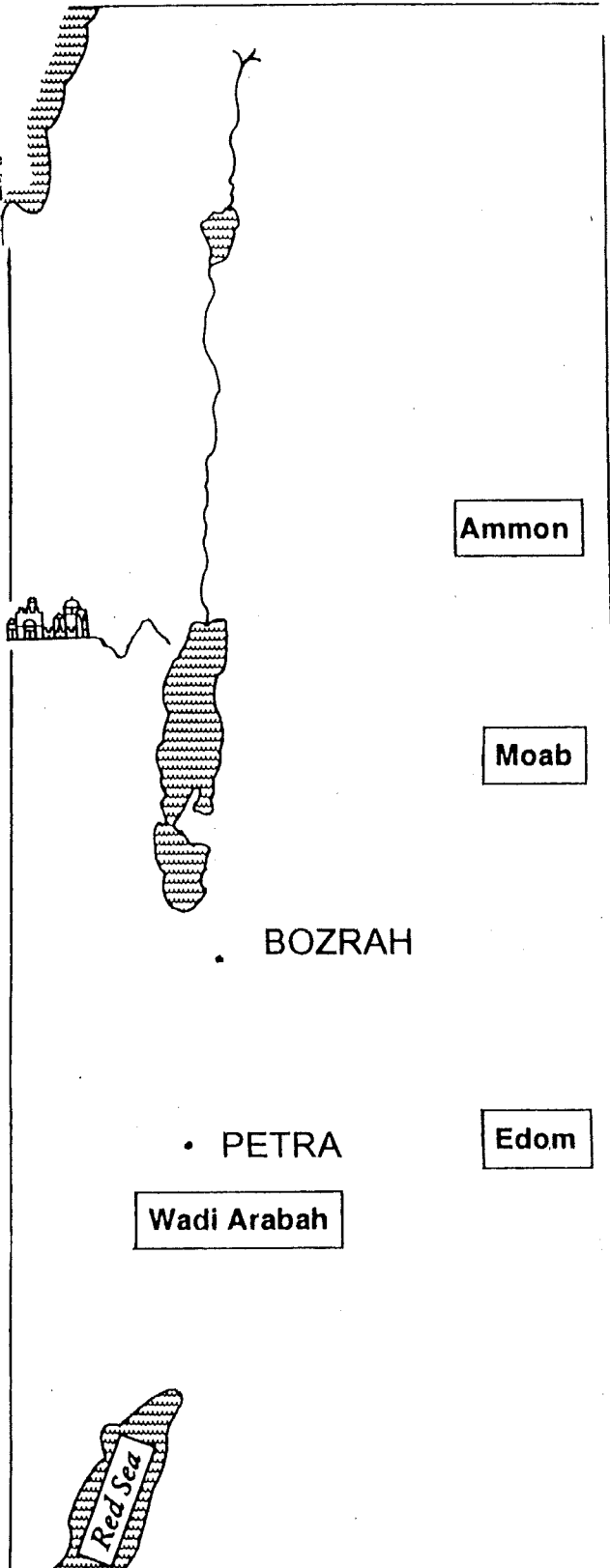
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14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

THE REFUGE FOR ISRAEL



**THE PROCEDURE
OF RECKONING**

THE PROSECUTOR

Is. 63:1-2

WHO is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

2 Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winevat?

THE PURGING

Ez. 20:35-38

35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face.

36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord God.

37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:

38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

**THE PERCENTAGE
OF THE REDEEMED**

Zech. 13:8

8 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.



Israel's Deliberance and the Infidels' Destruction

or

The Battle of Gog and Magog



THE BATTLE OF GOG AND MAGOG: EZEKIEL 38-39

1A. THE ARMIES: 38:1-3

- 1b. The revelation:
- 2b. The ruler:
- 3b. The ruled:
- 4b. The realm: cf. 38:15
- 5b. The regions:
- 6b. The reason:



2A. THE ARMAMENT: 38:4

- 1b. The Horses:
- 2b. The Armor:
- 3b. The Weapons: cf. 39:9
 - 1c. Shields:
 - 2c. Bucklers:
 - 3c. Swords:
 - 4c. Bows and Arrows:
 - 5c. Handspikes:
 - 6c. Spear:

3A. THE ALLIES: 38:5-6

- 1b. Persia: v. 5
- 2b. Cush: v. 5
- 3b. Put: v. 5
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- 2b. The condition of Israel:
- 3b. The campaign of the invader:
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- 1b. The strategy: vs. 10-12
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- 1b. The intelligence of Gog: v. 14
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- 1c. God's affection for Israel:
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- 1c. The convulsion of nature:
 - 1d. In the aquatic realm:
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- 2c. The consternation among men:
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- 4c. The collapse of buildings:

- 4b. The progression: vs. 21-22

- 1c. The arsenal of the Almighty: v. 21a
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 - 1e. Pestilence:
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- 3d. The Natural catastrophes: v. 22b
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 - 3e. Fire:
 - 4e. Brimstone:

- 4d. The acclamation of the Almighty: v. 23
 - 1e. A display of God's glory:
 - 2e. A display of God's greatness:
 - 3e. A display of God's goodness

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1c. The prophecy concerning Gog's destruction: v. 1

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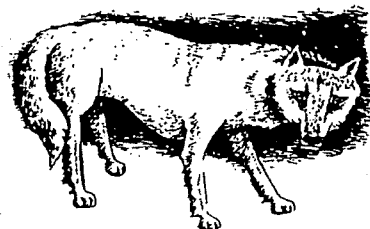
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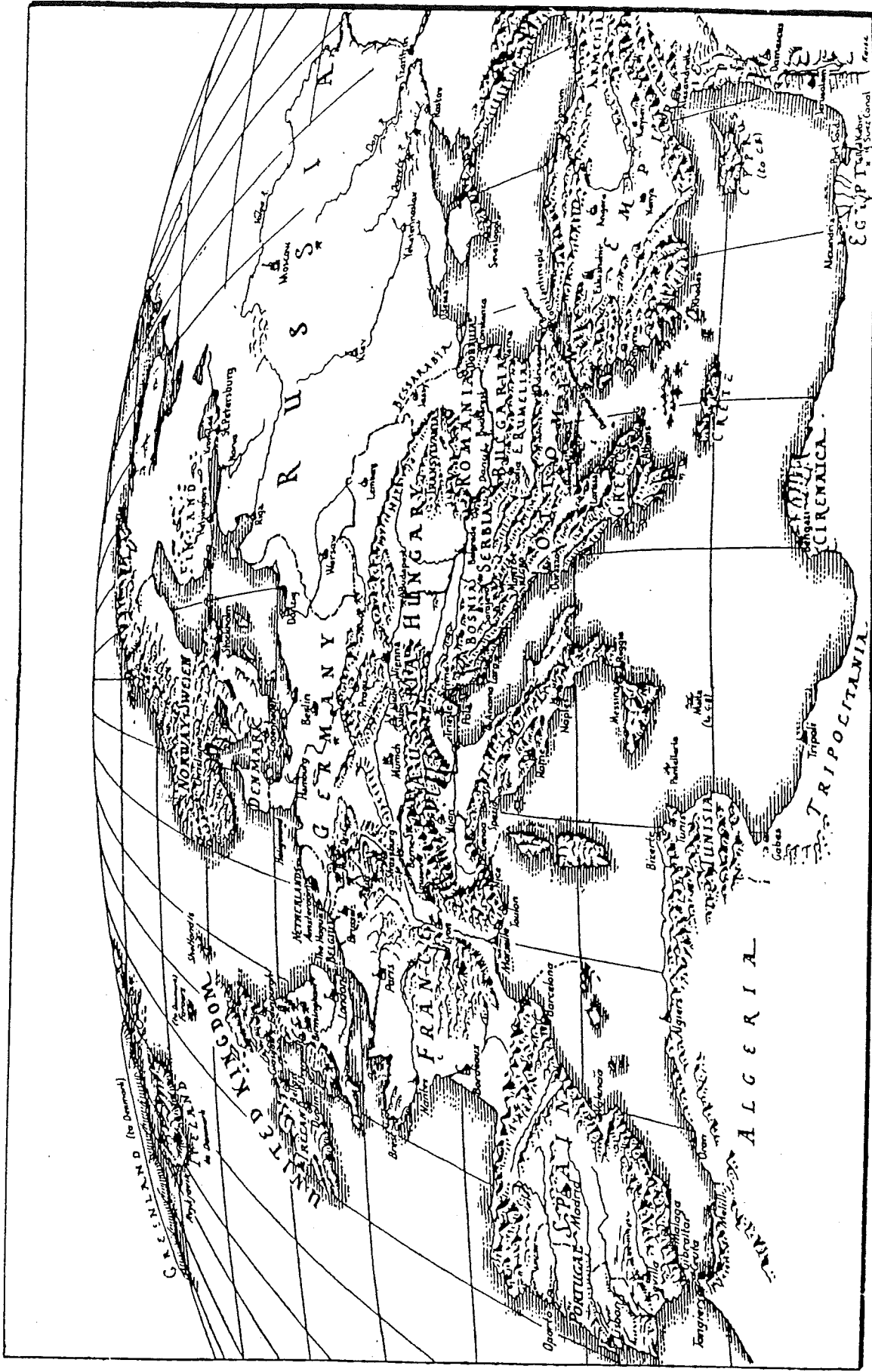
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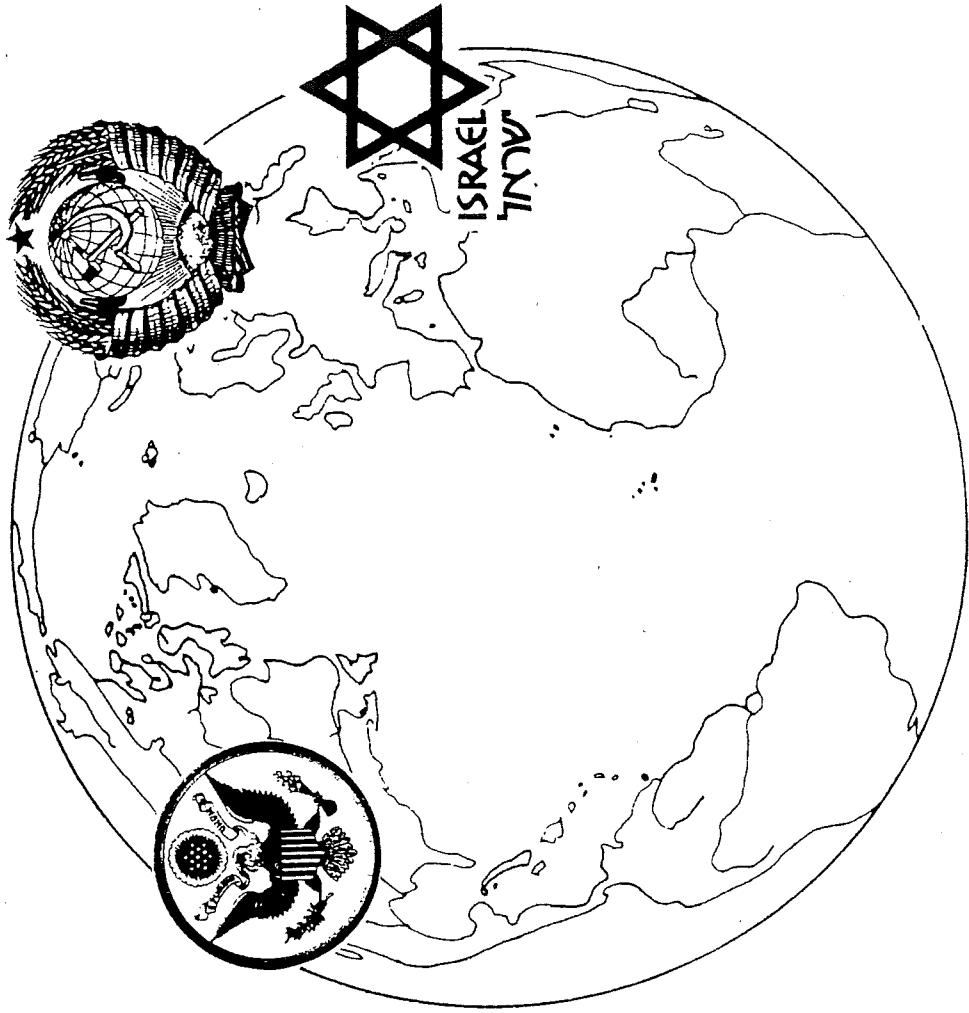
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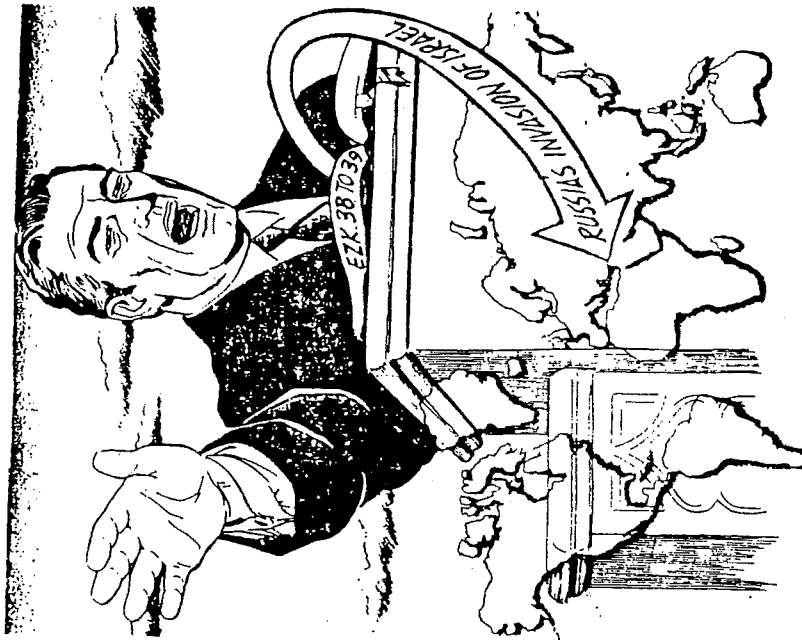


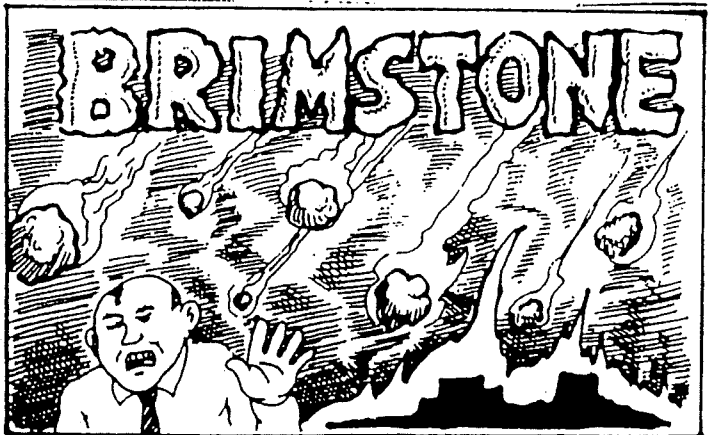
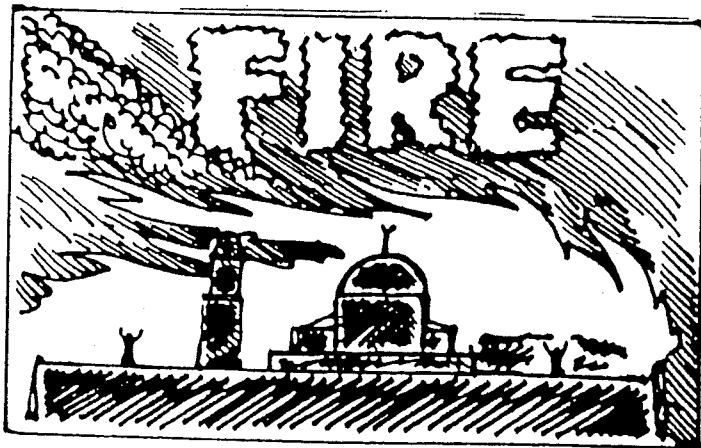
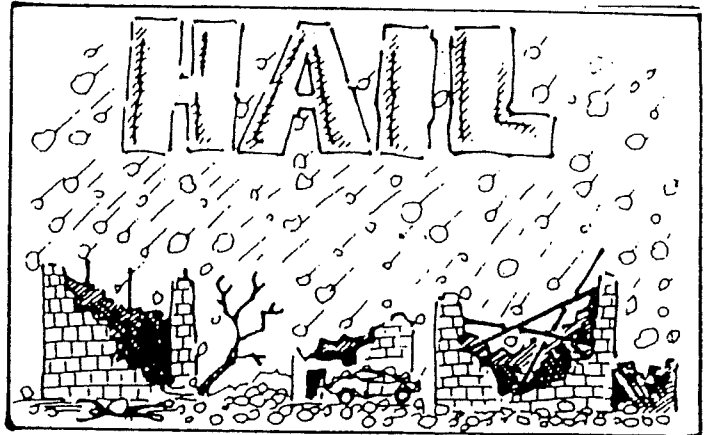
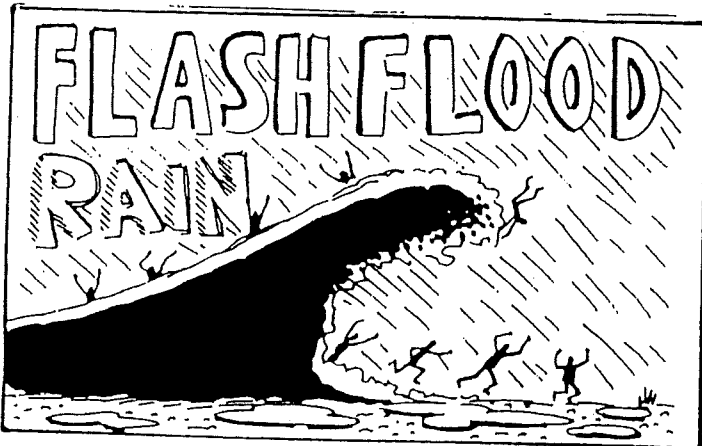
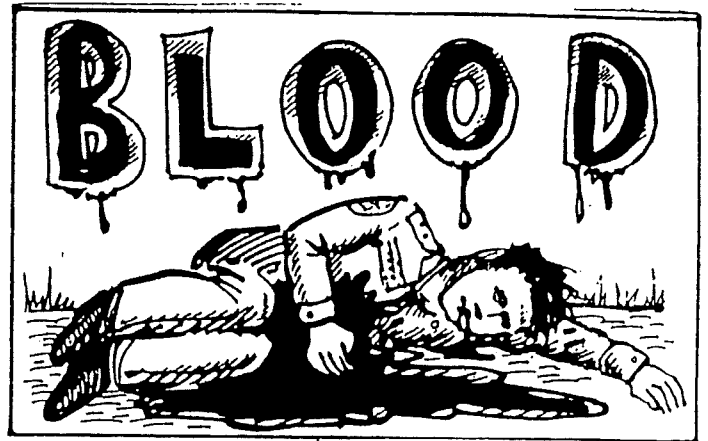
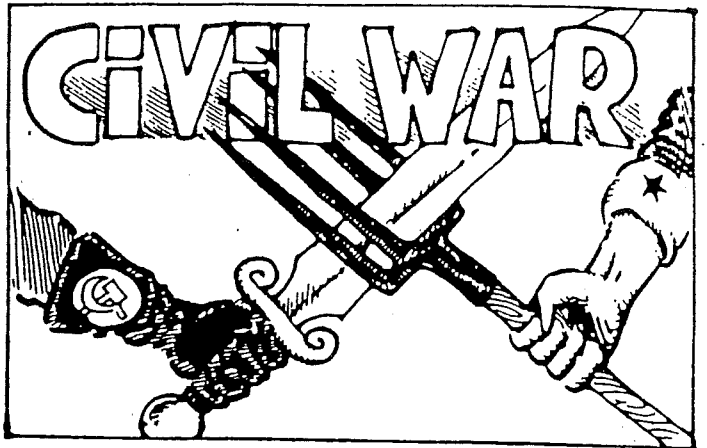
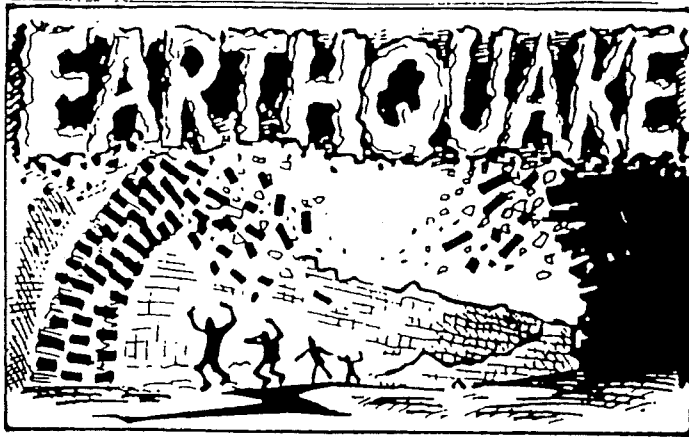


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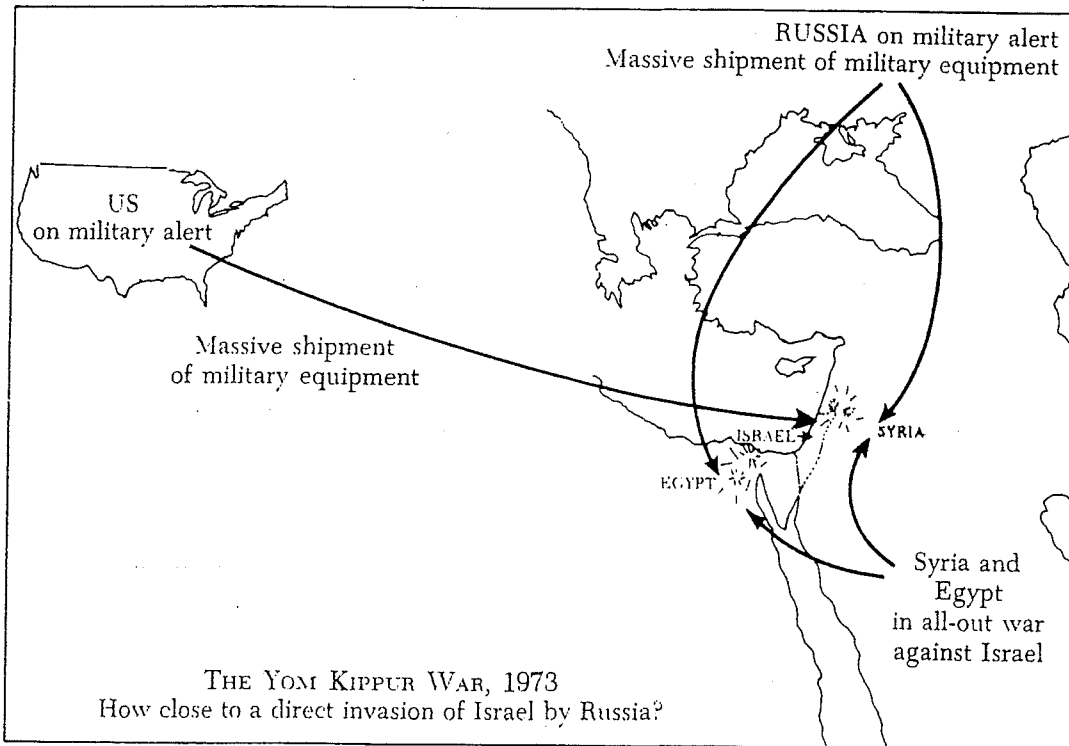
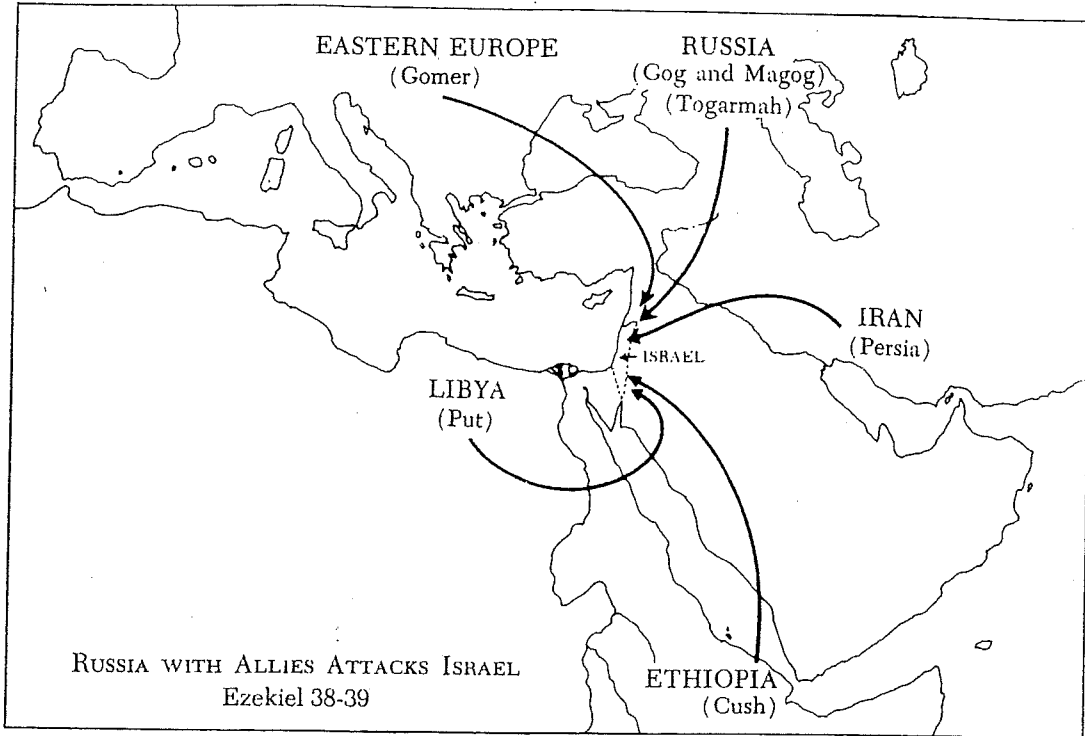
17 ^R And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord God; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, *even* a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.

18 Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bā'-shān.

19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.



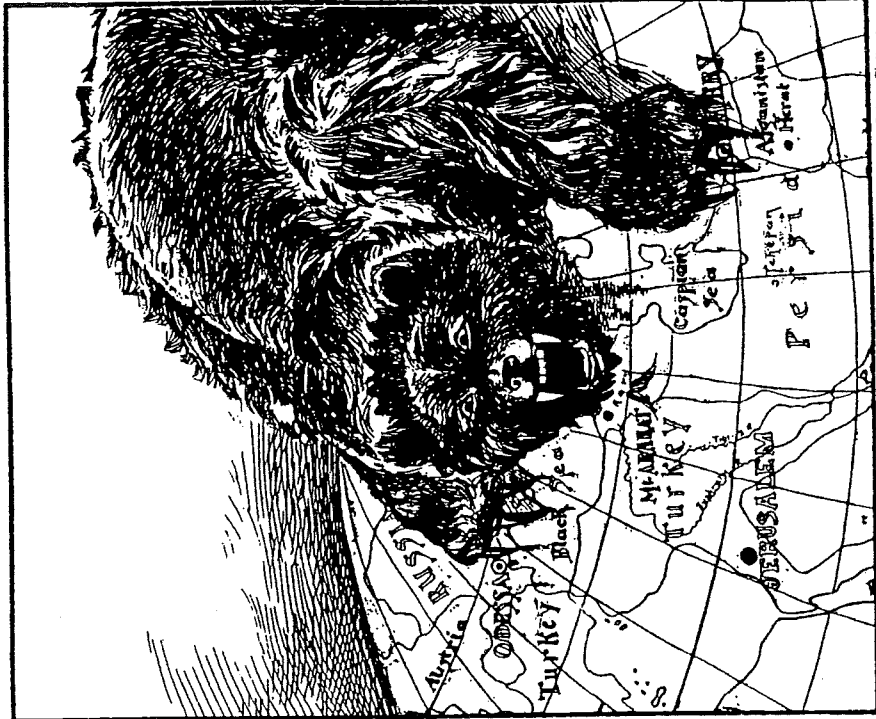
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CHAPTER 38

[1] And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, [2] Son of man, set your face against Gog, the land of Magog the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him. [3] And say, Thus says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I lam against you, O Gog, the prince of Hosh, Meshech and Tubal. [4] And I will turn you back and put hooks into your jaws; and I will bring out you and all your army, horses and horsemen, clothed most perfectly, all of them, a great assembly (with) buckler and shield, all of them sword-handlers: [5] Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them (with) shield and helmet; [6] Gomer and all her bands; the house of Togarmah (from) the recesses of the north, and all his bands; many peoples with you. [7] Be prepared; yea, prepared for yourself, and all your assembly that are assembled to you; and be a guard to them. [8] After many days you shall be visited. In the after years you shall come into the land turned back from the sword, gathered out of many peoples, on the

1 וְהָיָה דְבַר־יְהוָה אֵלַי לֵאמֹר: בְּרַחֲמֶיךָ שֵׁם פְּנֶיךָ אֶל־מַגּוֹג
 2 Gog against your set man Son saying me to Jehovah the And of word was face of
 3 אֲרֹן הַמַּגּוֹג נֹשֵׂא רֹאשׁ מִיַּד וְהָבֵל הַדְּבָרָה אֶלָּאִי: וְאָמַרְתָּ
 say And against and and Meshech Rosh the Magog the of land of prince of Tubal
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 4 וְהָבֵל: וְשִׂבְבְּמֶיךָ וְנָתַתָּ חֲסִים בְּלַחְיֶיךָ וְהִצַּאתָ אִתְּךָ
 you will I and your into hooks put and will I And and out bring jaws Tubal
 וְאֶת־כָּל־חֵיָלֶיךָ סוּסִים וּפְרָשִׁים לְבָשֵׁת מְכַלָּל בְּלֶסֶם קָדָל
 a of all most clothed and horses your all and assembly them perfectly horsemen army
 5 רַב צִנָּה וְגִבָּה תִּפְשֵׁי חַרְבֹת פִּלִּים: קָדָם פִּישׁ וּפְאוֹת
 and Ethiopia Persia of all sword handlers and (with) great Libya them shield buckler of
 6 אֵתם בְּלֶסֶם מִן וְבוֹכְעִי: גֹּמֵר וְכַל־אֶפְרַיִם בֵּית תּוֹגַרְמָה
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 7 יְהִי־צֶנֶת אֶתְּךָ וְאֶת־כָּל־אֶפְרַיִם בְּיַד תּוֹגַרְמָה: הֲבֵן
 Be with many peoples his all and the the (from) prepared you bands north of recesses
 8 תִּהְיוּ לְךָ אִתְּךָ וְכָל־חֵיָלֶיךָ הַקְּרֻבִּים אֵלֶיךָ וְהָיִיתָ לָהֶם
 to be and you to are that your and you for pre-and assembled assembly all yourself pared them
 9 לְמִשְׁמָרֶיךָ: מִיָּמִים רַבִּים תִּפְקֹד בְּאֶרֶצְהָ הַשְּׁנָיִם תִּבְנֶה
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