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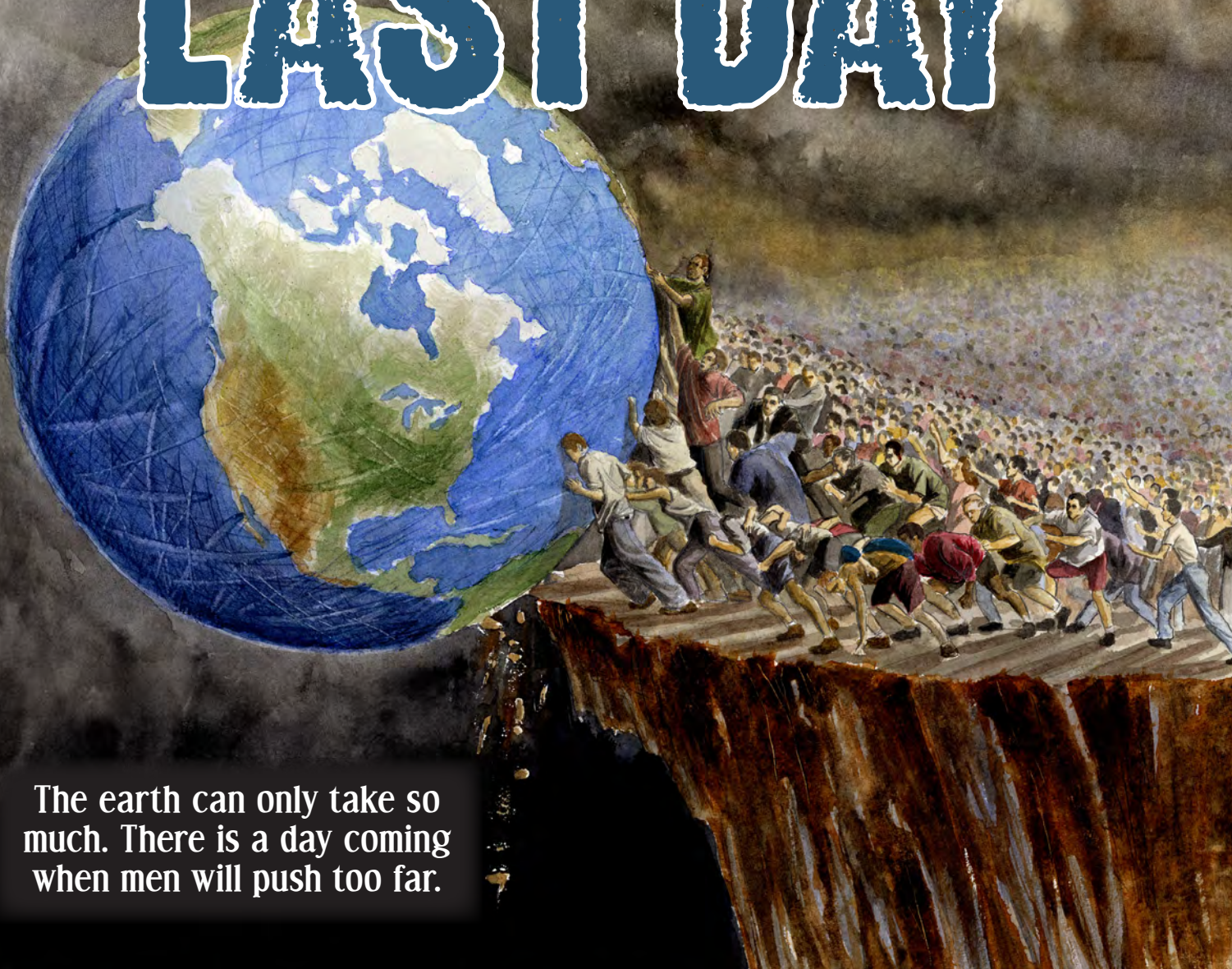
"So He also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. Therefore let us go to Him outside the camp and bear the reproach He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come." —Hebrews 13:12-14



The Voice

from Outside the Camp of organized religion

THE LAST DAY



The earth can only take so much. There is a day coming when men will push too far.

A Voice from Outside the Camp of Organized Religion¹

This voice is one of hope and vision, inspired by the words of the powerful Hebrew prophets of old. Ancient Israel depended upon these prophets to predict events of the near and distant future — both in their nation and in the nations surrounding them. History has proven that their predictions have come true at their appointed times.

But some of their most startling prophecies centered on what will happen in the last days of this age, right up until the LAST DAY, when the Messiah will usher in the new age — His rule on earth. God has sworn that He will not do anything without revealing it first through the voice of His prophets.² Their prophecies will reveal what is going to happen to all mankind before the end comes. Unlike men like Nostradamus, whose predictions have often disappointed many, these Hebrew prophets have a track record that will not disappoint you.

Many predictions made by ancient prophets like Isaiah, Daniel, Jeremiah, Malachi, and even John the Baptist have been sealed until the time of the end. In other words, their true meaning cannot be grasped until it is spiritually revealed in the last days. For this reason, these prophecies have been misunderstood, misapplied, and manipulated for centuries. But now the *end* is on the horizon and things are becoming more clear.

We hope that what you read on the following pages will open up the eyes of your heart to understand the times we are living in, so that you may begin to comprehend the events that *must* take place in the coming decades. We hope you will begin to understand the *TRUTH* of these prophecies, a truth that cuts through the confusion of the times we live in. We hope you will see the great significance in all that is happening. If you heed this voice, the fog will clear and the entrance will emerge to a barely-worn ancient pathway. Then you will be able to follow your heart and even become a part of this voice. With the guiding light of the King of Kings everything will begin to make sense. Then the end will not come upon you by sudden surprise — like a thief in the night — as many fear. But with great expectation you can greet the coming of the *last day!* ➡

¹ Hebrews 13:12-14 — “Therefore Jesus* also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Hence, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come.”

² Amos 3:7 — “Surely the Lord God does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets.”

* We prefer to use His Hebrew name, Yahshua — see page 46.



Do you HOPE

that Jesus will be returning any day now?



Do you FEAR

that the world is spiraling out of control with no hope in sight?



Do you WORRY

that the increase in natural disasters signals the coming end?



Are you SEARCHING

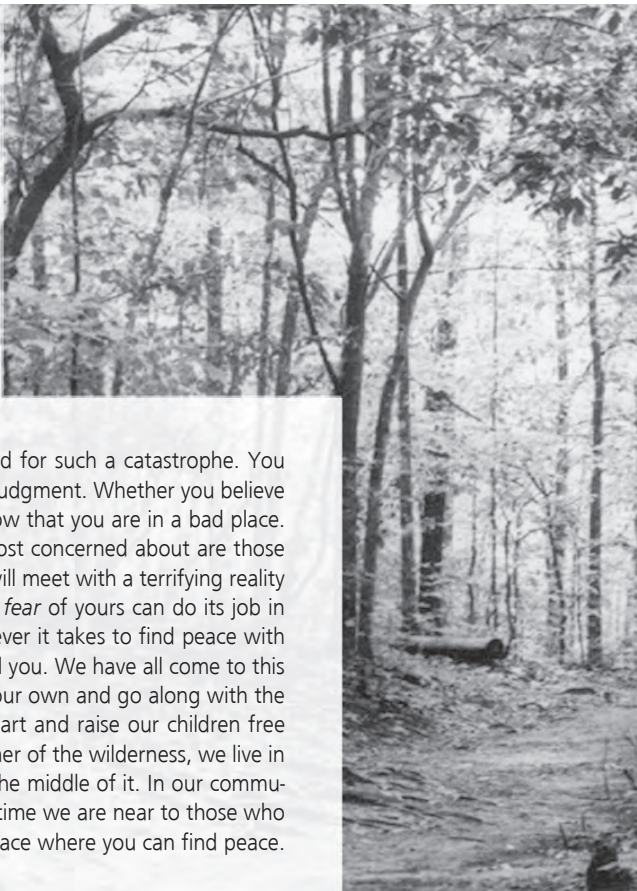
for someone with a voice of authority to tell you what to do with all the end times predictions?

HOPE

If you put your *hope* in those predictions we do not want you to be disappointed. You do this because you are not happy with the way things are and you want a way out. That is good. But the way out is not the end of the world or the *return of Jesus*. The one you call *Jesus* doesn't want the world to end right now. But He does want you to help Him bring about the end. He has committed himself to a *Way* to bring about the end and He cannot do it without the missing factor... a Bride prepared for Him, without spot or blemish.

FEAR

You *fear* because you know deep in your heart that you are not prepared for such a catastrophe. You have not been deceived into thinking that you are *fine* and *ready* to meet judgment. Whether you believe in God or not, you are somehow aware of your conscience enough to know that you are in a bad place. So actually you are in a better place than you realize. The ones we are most concerned about are those who think they are fine. They have been handed a false bill of goods and will meet with a terrifying reality when they do fall into the hands of the living God. 🦋 But for you, if that *fear* of yours can do its job in your heart, it will lead you to the point where you are willing to do whatever it takes to find peace with your Maker. This is what we of the Twelve Tribes Communities want to tell you. We have all come to this point in our lives. We all saw that it was not worth it to try to make it on our own and go along with the flow. We wanted out! We wanted a place to be free to live from our heart and raise our children free from all the junk in this immoral world. 🦋 Instead of escaping to some corner of the wilderness, we live in an environment that is set apart from the world while remaining right in the middle of it. In our communities we strive to remain undefiled by the evils of this world. At the same time we are near to those who are floundering in the muck of this society. 🦋 If you have *fear*, there is a place where you can find peace.



THE LAST DAY ➤

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The Sign of the End.



One unmistakable sign that the end is in sight is a unified people demonstrating the kind of life that will fill the New Age of Peace.

Historians say that at the end of the first millennium, people huddled in the churches waiting anxiously for the sounding of trumpets and the return of Christ. One monk¹ wrote that the decades surrounding the year 1000 AD were full of earthquakes, volcanoes, comets, famines, and the worst outbreak of cults that the world of his time had seen. The official teaching of the day was that the Millennium of Christ's Kingdom had already arrived spiritually, because Christians were in control of their society. And hardly anyone questioned the idea, except for some of the poor people, and a few misfits.

¹ Radulfus Glaber

So we don't know whether the churches were packed with trembling crowds on New Year's Eve, 999, or only the usual devotees showed up. But we do know one thing for sure: Christ didn't come, and the age didn't end. The same kind of thing has happened so many times that people are used to it by now. Every so often, when things get really bad, or when a new century comes along, or even when somebody gets really worked up about the prophecies in the Bible, the story repeats itself. The "faithful" gather together to anxiously wait for Jesus. But He doesn't come.

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From the Beginning till Now: *A time line of human history*

God thinks about each person
He is going to create.

He anticipates man's fall and
plans how to redeem him.

God creates the heavens and
the Earth (Genesis 1:1).

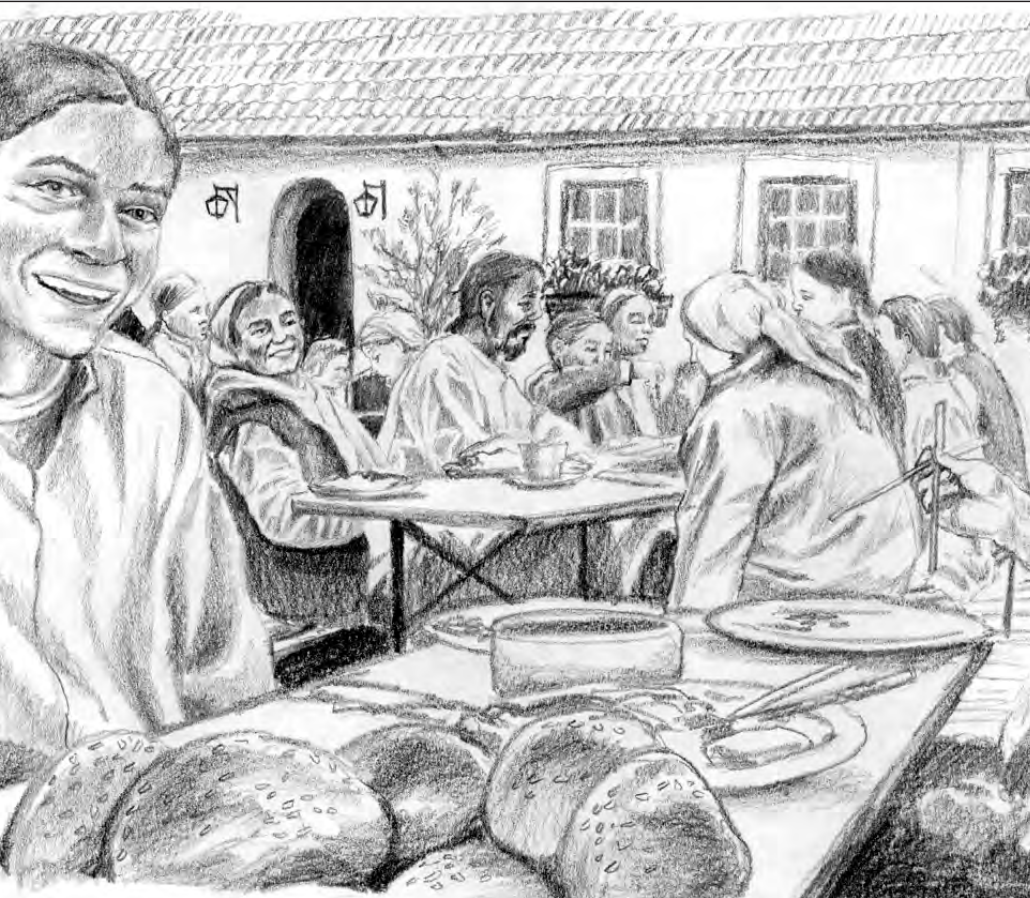
The archangel
Lucifer's Rebellion

(God plans to offer a sacrifice
to buy man back.)

17 billion to 4.5
billion years ago

(Lucifer becomes the *satan*, the evil
one who leads the world astray)

(Time line continues throughout publication)



The Sign of the Beginning

A shoot springing up from the ancient root of Israel...

You won't find any doomsday prophets among us. We're not going to be calling down certain terrifying judgments on those who merit it. Our tribes are eager to tell you about something else. We want to tell you about a new and really exciting thing. We want to tell you about what we have heard – a message of a *beginning*.

When ancient prophets foretold the trouble that would come upon the earth, they also spoke about the coming of something new. Scientists have confirmed that many of their frightening prophetic visions are coming to pass. But

for some reason no one is talking about the rest of their prophetic vision happening. Why is that? Will it ever happen? Has anyone seen what they foretold? Can anyone talk about it?

Did you read the article "The Sign of the End" above? Then you understand that Messiah talked about what the clear sign of the end would be. In compelling words, He prophesied that the sign would be a people *DEMONSTRATING*, through the witness of the way they live, the convincing evidence that His mission here to save all men was real.

So you can see that the sign of the

beginning *is* the sign of the end! No such demonstration has been seen on this planet since the first century AD. But now, like the miracle of the conception of a baby deep inside its mother, something genuine has begun, though it is still *unseen*.

Many people do not like what they see in religions today and are getting out, looking for something real to be part of. So outside the camp of organized religion many strange groups are stirring up the dust. Some people call them *cults*. These cults are confusing the issue by making everything that

is different from the mainstream look scary. But from the midst of that dust a tiny new plant has sprung forth. It is small, hardly visible, and nothing to brag about, for sure. But it is here, it is genuine, and it is *BEGINNING*. So we *have* to tell you about it.

If you happen to be the kind of person who cares about real things like love, truth, purity, and virtue you'll be interested in hearing about this little plant. In the midst of a world gone haywire this little plant will bring about the restoration of these things. Love, truth, purity,

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Some people wonder why. After all, His disciples asked Him a point blank question, “What sign will announce your coming and the end of this age?”² And it seemed as if He gave a point blank answer. Maybe you’ve heard of some of the things He talked about: false prophets, false Messiahs, false miracles, wars, famines, earthquakes, persecution of His followers, many deserting His cause, people betraying even their own family members, and so on... Most of these things have happened repeatedly, but He never showed up, and the world didn’t end.

Why? Well, for one thing, He said that when those things happened it wouldn’t be the end yet. Those signs would be like a pregnant woman’s first mild contractions. The hard labor pains would still be a long way off. But He didn’t just leave His followers with a vague answer. He actually went on to tell them when the end would come.

And yet His answer is usually overlooked, even though it’s listed right there along with all the other prophecies. You’ve probably never even heard about

The Message of the Kingdom

“...the Kingdom of Heaven, which was the main teaching of Jesus, and which plays so small a part of the Christian creeds, is certainly one of the most revolutionary doctrines that ever stirred and changed human thought. It is small wonder if the world of that time failed to grasp its full significance... For the doctrine of the Kingdom of Heaven, as Jesus seems to have preached it, was no less than a bold and uncompromising demand for a complete change and cleansing of the life of the struggling race, an utter cleansing without and within.” — H.G. Wells, *The Outline of History*, Vol 1, page 422

it. The writers of Christian end-time books don’t mention it, maybe because they don’t understand it – or maybe because it’s not sensational enough to sell any books. Here’s what He said:

“This Good News of the Kingdom shall be proclaimed throughout the

*whole world to set the evidence before all the Gentiles; and then the end will come.”*³

So it has to be *this* Good News... a *specific* message... not just any old “gospel,” but the message of *the Kingdom*... And it has to be proclaimed in *every nation*. And it can’t just be a bunch of words; it has to actually produce some *evidence*. And then, *finally*, the end will come.

That message obviously hasn’t been proclaimed everywhere yet, because the End hasn’t come. In fact, *the Kingdom* has hardly even been mentioned in the last 2000 years (see box at left). And since the Son of God *always* meant *exactly* what He said, He’s not going to show up until *His* message gets preached *and* obeyed⁴ *and* all the people who don’t know God (Gentiles) get to take a look at the evidence.

Evidence

The story is told that when our Master Yahshua rose from the dead none of His disciples would believe He was alive

until they had seen Him with their own eyes.

Do you know how He responded to their unbelief? He showed Himself to them and gave them many convincing proofs of His resurrection.⁵ Yes, that’s right, He *didn’t* curse them for not believing. Instead, He gave them *visible evidence* of His triumph over death. And He isn’t going to treat the rest of the world any different. He’s not going to require them to believe unless He shows them something.

The way it works is simple. Messiah Yahshua’s message is made up mainly of commands.⁶ That is why the Bible speaks of *obeying* the good news.⁷ Those commands teach His disciples how to love each other the way He loved them. Only when His disciples love as He loved, will the world “get the connection.” Only then will the world *know* that He was sent from heaven to take their place in death. Only then will they know that God loved them just as much as He loved His own Son.⁸

You see, obeying His commands results in a radical life, one that differs starkly from the self-preserving existence

of the world.⁹ The evil spirit who rules the world holds all its people under his power by the fear of death, but obeying Messiah frees a person from that power. Such a life of obedience actually brings a person into another kingdom – placing him under the authority of heaven.¹⁰

When the world sees the disciples of Yahshua the Messiah dwelling together in unity, denying themselves for the good of their brothers, it proves something. It shows that there is a power at work on the earth greater than man’s natural ability. Man can naturally be tolerant of others, or even help those less fortunate than himself, but he can’t forsake his own interests to live entirely for others. The spirits that work in the unseen realm won’t let him.

The power to love as our Master Yahshua loved is the power of the age to come. It is the power of an unshakable kingdom that is going to bring this present age to an end.¹¹ This kingdom will fill the earth in the next age, but that age can’t start yet. It can’t start until that power is demonstrated in this age¹² so that people can choose what power they want to be under – the power of

love¹³ or the power of death. That is what our Master is waiting for. He is the invincible King who rules the unshakable kingdom.

By the power of love, He took the sin of all mankind on Himself and suffered the agony of death we all deserved. By the power of love, He shook off the shackles of death and rose victorious. By that same power He is coming to take over the earth. When He finally comes, no one will be able to withstand His power,¹⁴ no matter how hard they try. They also won’t have any excuse for refusing to face the evidence.¹⁵ ➡

²Matthew 24:3-13 ³Matthew 24:14
⁴Matthew 28:19-20 ⁵John 20:25-31; Acts 1:3 ⁶John 3:36; 7:17; 8:51; Acts 5:32; Romans 1:5; 10:16; 15:18; 16:26; Hebrews 5:9
⁷Matthew 7:24-27; 2 Thessalonians 1:8; 1 Peter 4:17 ⁸John 3:16; 13:34-35; 17:22-23
⁹Luke 9:24 ¹⁰John 5:19; Colossians 1:13
¹¹Hebrews 12:26-29; Daniel 2:44 ¹²Hebrews 10:13 ¹³John 4:18 ¹⁴Luke 14:31-32
¹⁵2 Thessalonians 2:11-12

The Satan is cast down to earth and destroys it.

The earth becomes formless and void (Genesis 1:2).

In six days God recreates the earth (2 Peter 3:5).

Man is placed in the Garden of Eden to rule over the earth.

Man falls by disobeying God and is cast out of the Garden. God puts the terms of the Everlasting Covenant in man’s conscience.

Eve gives birth to Cain and then Abel

Cain murders his brother Abel.

during the thousands of years prior to 4000 BC

around 4000 BC

(Genesis 3:16-19)

and virtue are being lost. They should be on the top of the endangered species list of the world.

To talk like this causes some people to be suspicious. From fear and maybe jealousy they attack anything new, doubting the motives. They analyze and scrutinize every move under a microscope and argue about the ethics of it all. But those people never end up doing anything of value themselves to make a radical change in this messed up world.

So here we are. We want to do something about it. And we are trying. It is an ancient path we are striving to follow, getting back to the way things were in the very beginning, and it is not easy. We want to live like the first believers in the primitive Hebrew church. We want to do something authentic to make a different way of life. Though we don’t fit the usual description of Pagan, Christian, or Jew, we believe in the age-old root of

faith that was originally very good. We cling to that holy root because it is from God. It is so easy to fall away from the *original faith of the Fathers*, which looks nothing like the religious institutions of today. We hope to learn a lesson from how they fell from their first love, and never stray as they did.

So what would be the sign of that new beginning, were it to happen? That sign would be *Love*. Yes, the witness is love. The evidence of the genuineness of all the words we may speak is love. Where there is love there is unity. There people do not let things divide them. Where there is no division, there is peace. And where peace is, that is where God is.

The tribes are beginning to build a life together in communities. The ability to live together in peace comes from unity, and unity comes from love, and

love comes from God. Sometimes it is hard to tell what “love” really is. Because love is not just that emotional feeling you have for your friend or family. If you understand that real love brings unity and you can see true unity in the peace it produces, then you can see the witness.... it’s the peaceful evidence of a life of love lived in unity.

Do you want to help us build this new *beginning*? The word for *son* and *builder* is the same in ancient Hebrew, because only sons can build. To help us build you must become a son of the One who is *LOVE*... “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become sons of God” (John 1:12). Can you accept that?

Becoming a son, you will be a builder whose heart will be flooded with the love of God, and it will overflow all around. This will be the new beginning for you personally that will enable you

to be part of a global beginning, in order that a kingdom of love could be established. This is the good news of the kingdom.

So before the sign of the end can come, the sign of the beginning must come... the evidence of a kingdom of love! This is the witness of a whole new kingdom, and this is good news — THE BEGINNING HAS BEGUN! ➡





Are you sitting
where the light
doesn't shine?
Don't lose hope!
God's tender mercy
can reach you
even there.

without the
prophetic
light to
gather
them into
a unified
nation.
But now the
knowledge of
salvation is being
revealed through the
forgiveness of sins. The
heart of our God is merci-
ful and full of forgiveness.
He is making the Day dawn
upon us from on high. When
that day dawns and the light
rises it will shine upon all those
who are sitting in darkness, wait-
ing in the shadow of death. For all
those who respond to the light and
come out of the place of darkness,

this light will guide their feet into the
Way of Peace.

Peace comes from the forgiveness
of our sins, and as a result, those who
experience it no longer need to strive
for what the nations eagerly seek after¹
— position and status, sex and security,
recognition and success. A forgiven per-
son is no longer a part of the world's
problems. He is no longer separated, no
longer alienated, no longer full of strife
after selfish pursuits. A forgiven person
hates his life in this world and loves the
place where he can serve his Master
Yahshua with his brothers. Where He
is (in the hearts of His disciples), that is
where His servants are content to be.²
Living this way is the fruit of having
peace with God. This is what seeking
FIRST the kingdom of God and His righ-
teousness is all about. Leaving the dark-
ness behind, a forgiven person can come

death, to guide our feet into the path
of peace.”

Never in history had the people of Is-
rael been so desperate for the prophetic
light to bring the knowledge of salva-
tion to them. The long period of silence
had brought deep darkness and great
confusion. They longed to know what
salvation was and what they needed
to do to get it. It is like that today. The
knowledge of salvation still needs to be
made known and the forgiveness of sins
still needs to come through the tender
mercy of God. Therefore, in every way,
this prophecy in Luke 1:77-79 applies to
us. It is a message for those living in the
last days.

All over the landscape of organized
religion in the nations of the world
God's people have been scattered for
a long, long, long time. They have been

John the Baptist was born at a time
of silence. There had been no pro-
phetic voice in Israel for over 400
years, not since the days of the prophet
Malachi. Breaking that silence on the
day of his son's circumcision, John's fa-
ther prophesied about this special child
and what his mission to Israel would be.
He said he would be a forerunner of the
Messiah. What he would do is recorded
in Luke 1:76-79:

*“And you, my child, will be called a
prophet of the Most High; for you
will go on before the Lord to prepare
the way for him, to give his people
the knowledge of salvation through
the forgiveness of their sins, because
of the tender mercy of our God, by
which the rising sun will come to us
from heaven to shine on those sitting
in darkness and in the shadow of*

IN THE SHADOWS SITTING

into a unified people. For him nothing
else matters.

No one knows what salvation is *un-
less* his sins are forgiven, and this comes
about through the tender mercies of our
God. Salvation transforms a person who
is trying to *be somebody* or to *make it* by
the standards of the world into a person
who loves his Savior³ because he was
saved from a place he did not want to
be in — the darkness. This happens to
EVERYONE who has the knowledge of
salvation. A saved person is content to
do the Father's will⁴ and in fact has no
reason to do anything else and does not
want to do anything else. Such a person
who has experienced the knowledge of
salvation is devoted to the life depicted
in Acts 2:42. *This way of life is eternal
life*. The early disciples in Jerusalem had
it, and the oldest written record of it in
Acts 2 and 4 spells it out as plain as day.
Those who had that life couldn't help
speaking about it. When an angel told
the apostles to speak “the whole mes-
sage of this life,” they obeyed unasham-
edly.⁵ Their exuberant overflowing obe-
dience proved that God gives His Holy
Spirit *only* to those who obey Messiah
and to no one else.⁶

What we are talking about here
is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy
in chapter 49:6. Isaiah saw ahead to
the day when twelve tribes would be
raised up again and the preserved ones
of Israel would be restored as a nation
producing the fruit of the kingdom.⁷
Isaiah said that this twelve-tribed nation,
a people in unity, would be a light to all
the other nations and that from this light
they would bring God's salvation to the
ends of the earth.

In his day, John the Baptist was the
light who brought his people Israel the

knowledge of salvation. They rejected
him and they rejected the Messiah he
proclaimed, who followed close behind.
Therefore, the knowledge of salvation
must still come forth in these last days
in order to fulfill the words of Isaiah. Not
even the early church could do it. By the
time the book of Revelation was written
around 100 AD the combined light of
their candlesticks was going out. One by
one the churches had left their first love
(Revelation 2:4-5).

The light that is so desperately needed
can only happen when forgiven people
who know God's tender mercy toward
them proclaim the message of forgive-
ness.⁸ Knowing forgiveness is the knowl-
edge of salvation. A person's sins must
be paid for so that he can be released
from bondage or imprisonment to those
sins. Anyone who is caught up in this
world, entangled in its snares, unable to
free himself from its hold, needs to hear
how to be free from sin's death grip in a
real and lasting way. Here's how:

In God's tender mercy He sent his
son, our Master Yahshua, into the
world because He loved all of its
people with all His heart. He lived
in absolute obedience to His Father and
became a sacrifice for the sins of all man-
kind, so that the guilt for an individual's
sins could be removed from him and put
upon Messiah. He bore the awesome
penalty of death, the ransom price for all
the sins of man, canceling all judgment
and condemnation deserved by that
person. Apart from the shedding of the
blood of Yahshua the Messiah there is
no remission — no forgiveness of sins.

Therefore, anyone who believes in
Yahshua the Messiah can be released
from the snares and entanglement of

his sins and escape the dreaded penalty
of death. In exchange for his sinful life,
he receives the gift of eternal life. Men
who do not love the darkness can come
to the light that our Master Yahshua is.
He is now seated at the right hand of
His Father in heaven, but He is raising up
a people who are becoming that same
light — His Body, His Bride, His people
who will be the light to the nations.

The Dawn is coming. Soon those
who sit in darkness will see the light
coming from a people who live together
(Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-35) and who com-
municate the tender mercies of God.
Their message will then give light and
revelation to many who sit at their
desks in universities and in their pews at
church and in the porno shops and peep
shows and in their stadiums and at their
festivals and in their Congress and Sen-
ate seats and in all the workplaces of the
world. They will be elevated from a life
of striving for meaning to a life where
they can lift their souls up to the rule of
love. This life of love is the witness of the
Kingdom, the evidence of the reign of
the Sovereign King Yahshua (Matthew
24:14).

His people will no longer sit in the
seat of the scornful⁹ but will delight
themselves in Him. For those who take
delight in Him, “He will cause them to
ride on the heights of the earth. He will
feed them with the heritage of Jacob,
their father [the father of the Twelve
Tribes], for the mouth of Yahweh has
spoken.”¹⁰ ➡

¹Matthew 6:31-32 ²John 12:25-26 ³John 14:15,21-24 ⁴Ephesians 2:8-10 ⁵Acts 5:30 ⁶Acts 5:32 ⁷Matthew 21:43 ⁸Hebrews 9:22 ⁹Psalms 1:1 ¹⁰Isaiah 58:14

Cain's sons make the first attempt
to build a magnificent civilization while
denying their need to obey the everlasting covenant.
As a result, violence fills the earth (Genesis 6:5).

Adam's son Seth
begins a righteous line —
those who see their need to
obey the everlasting covenant.

**Noah and his family are preserved
through the Flood.**

Civil government begins.
Death penalty established for
all nations (Genesis 9:5-6).

Tower of Babel
God confuses their languages,
hindering man's attempt to build a
magnificent civilization.

God calls Abraham to leave his country,
his people, and his father's household.
He is to become the father of the holy people
of God — the spiritual nation of Israel.

c. 3770 BC

c. 2245 BC

c. 2244 BC

Separates people into their own
ethnic groups, c. 2143 BC

c. 1880 BC

Are you interested in prophecy about the end of the world? Judging from the headlines of the tabloid newspapers at the grocery store, somebody must be. They regularly have headlines of doom and gloom, bizarre encounters with a 600-foot Jesus that is supposedly prophesied in the Bible, and other such nonsense. They sell a lot of papers. Amazing as it may seem, people buy such silly stuff.

But it's not just the foolish and insincere newspapers that find a ready audience. For a long time, movies with thrilling plots about the end of the world have successfully entertained and even scared a lot of viewers. But still, it's just entertainment. Life goes on... to somewhere.

And it's not just the entertainment media that has made a lot of money from this subject. Preachers stir up a lot of business with their books and even their movies. But once the show is over, it's out the theater or seminar door, but to where? For most of us, it's just back to business as usual, making a living and hopefully finding some pleasure along the way. Yet the world is surely headed somewhere, and even if you don't like its direction, you're still a part of it. There is no hope of getting off the planet. Wherever the world is headed, you're going with it.

Regardless of all the sensationalism and the hucksters out for gain, there are legitimate prophecies in the Bible written by men of character and dignity. One such man is Daniel, a prophet who lived some 2600 years ago. He was a Jew who lived the majority of his life in Babylon. It is in his book that the clearest prophecies of the end can be found. Yet even he was not allowed by God to understand how or when these prophecies would come about. The last chapter of the book of Daniel says, "The words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end."

At the beginning of a new millennium, what would make us think that we are in the "time of the end?" How can we be sure? Is there any way to know? History tells us of many horrible times when men had good reason to believe it was surely the end of the world. Yet the end did not come. Why would this present day be any different?

"But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

If these two things, *travel* and *knowledge*, mark the time of the end, then Daniel's book is ready to be unsealed. Maybe to those born in the past few decades, travel and knowledge are no big deal. But only a hundred years ago, the basic transportation for people was their feet, or a horse if they had one; as it has been so from the beginning. But today, what used to be a big planet has shrunk to a golf ball, man's plaything. Cheap and easy travel is changing the way we live and how we view the world. It has also brought new and frightening problems. Now a

The Time of the End

deadly virus like Ebola or the H51N avian flu can originate in one country and fly around the world in a matter of hours. Before the health officials even know what has hit us, people drop dead from a foreign invader. Yesterday it was beyond human imagination; today it is becoming commonplace.

Knowledge is the same. Such rapid access to information is storming society so quickly, no one really knows where it is taking us, or even if we want to go there. Want to build a terrorist bomb? The info is out there somewhere; just wirelessly surf the web in the comfort of your living room on your state-of-the-art laptop. But hurry, because before you can blink twice, your new computer will have become obsolete. This increase in knowledge is pushing us ahead so fast we can barely keep our feet underneath us. Maybe we lost our balance a long time ago and just haven't hit the ground yet.

This extreme rise in knowledge and travel is making life radically different from how human beings have always lived on the earth. Science is tampering with the universe like a child let loose in the control room of a nuclear power plant. Some rejoice over this newfound freedom. Some shudder.

Is this the beginning of a Golden Age of Progress, or is our ship like the Titanic, plowing through the midnight waves, proudly defiant of the icebergs? Are we steaming to a glorious future, or a grisly nightmare? Shall we break out the lifeboats, or order more champagne? Who really knows where the world is headed?

Some would say, "God only knows!"

And to this, Daniel would agree. His God sealed the prophecies until the end. Not until they are unsealed will the mystery be made known. But to whom will He reveal such mysteries? What will they do with such understanding? Who will listen to them?

We have heard something in our hearts about this "time of the end," and so we write this paper. Perhaps you will hear in your heart what we have heard in ours. It is taking us to a place worth going to. ➡

The Rise of Air Travel

[What makes this so remarkable? Consider that one hundred years ago, each of these numbers was zero.]

- 10.5 million domestic passenger flights each year
- 28,824 domestic passenger flights per day
- 656 million passengers flew on domestic flights last year
- Nearly 1.8 million Americans are in the air each day
- Global air travel is also on the rise, increasing 10% per year

Source: U.S. DOT Bureau of Transportation Statistics

*For more on Daniel and the Stone Kingdom, see "The Unshakable Kingdom" on page 42.



As you can see, Colossus confidently stands upon the earth, unchallenged and undefeated. What does this statue mean, and why is it composed of different metals?

This statue is from a dream that the King of Babylon had 2500 years ago, found in the second chapter of the book of Daniel in the Bible. Hidden in that prophecy is the meaning of all human history from that time until these days, the "end of time."

Daniel, a Jewish prophet in the court of the King of Babylon, interpreted the King's disturbing dream as a succession of empires that would dominate the earth. The head of gold stood for the Babylonian Empire. ("You, O King," said Daniel, "are the head of gold.") Persia is the breast of silver, and Greece is the bronze belly. The iron legs of Rome are the fourth kingdom. These once mighty kingdoms had their day in the sun, and are no more. Yet the legs of iron merge into the feet and mix with clay. It is in the feet that we find ourselves today. It is in the feet that you will find the secret of our times.

Covenant of Circumcision
with Abraham; God promises him the land of Israel.

c. 1856 BC

God destroys Sodom

A proverbial lesson to the filthy and unjust.

Abraham's grandson Jacob receives the name Israel

c. 1635 BC
His 12 sons begin the 12-tribed nation of Israel

Israel's exodus from slavery in Egypt.

c. 1448 BC

Israel called to be a kingdom
of priests and a holy nation.
(Exodus 19:5-6)

c. 1445 BC

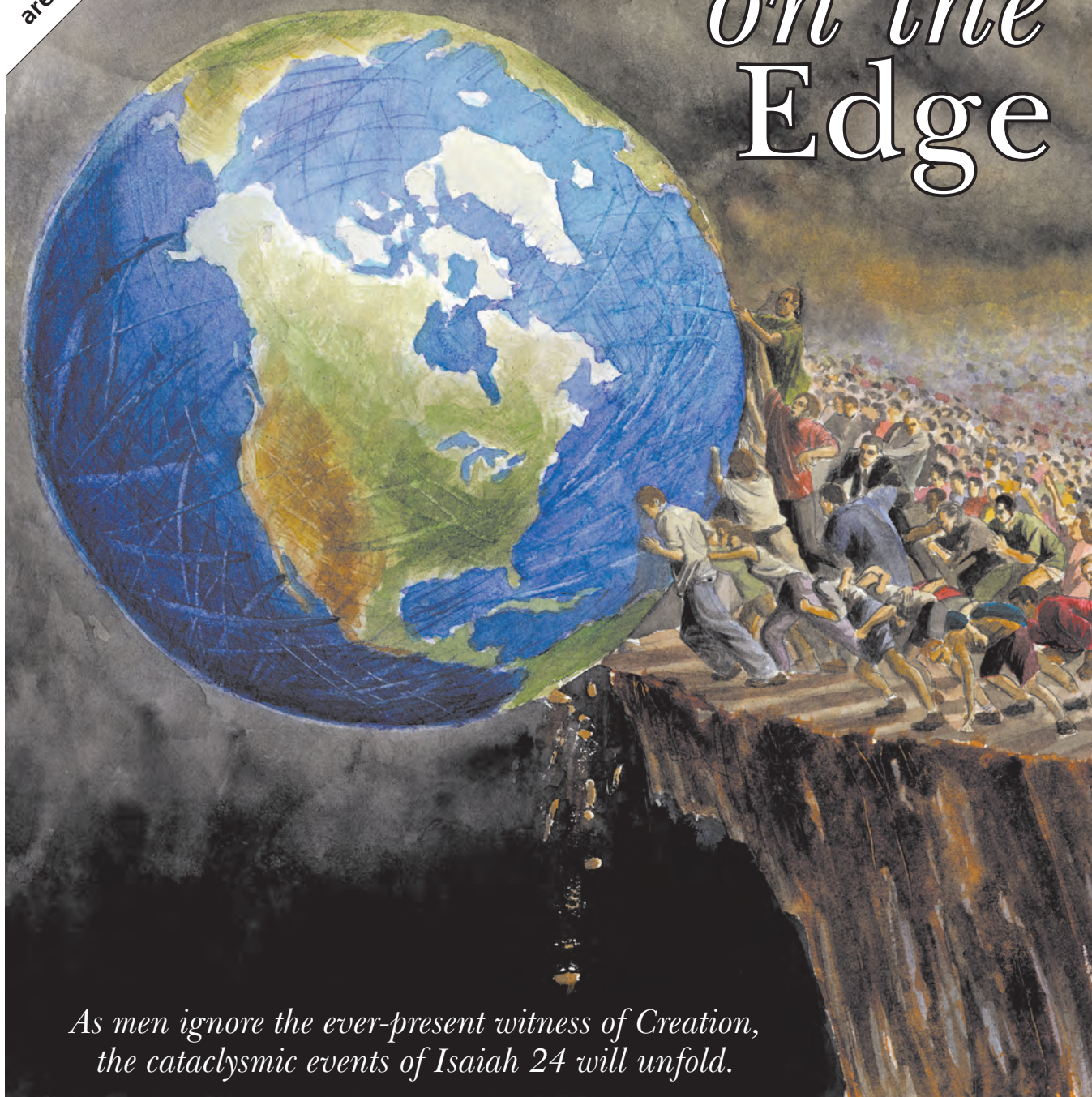
Israel worships a golden calf.
All tribes except Levi forfeit their
priesthood (Exodus 32:25-29).

God promises David
that the Messiah will come
from his lineage.

c. 1000 BC

For those
who love the Earth and
are concerned about her future.

Reeling on the Edge



*As men ignore the ever-present witness of Creation,
the cataclysmic events of Isaiah 24 will unfold.*

Ten tribes separate
from Judah and Benjamin.

c. 933 BC

Fall of the northern kingdom
Ten tribes are taken into Assyria.

c. 721 BC

Isaiah prophesies of Messiah's suffering
and twelve tribes being regathered
as a light to the nations.

c. 701-686 BC
(Isaiah 49:6; 53:1-12; Matthew 24:14)

Jeremiah prophesies
that God will make a new covenant with
the house of Israel (Jeremiah 31-32).

c. 600 BC

Nebuchadnezzar captures Jerusalem
and takes Judah into Babylon; beginning
of the world empires ruling over Israel.

c. 586 BC



Daniel interprets King
Nebuchadnezzar's dream; the statue repre-
sents four world empires.

Long ago, the prophets of Israel foretold that in these terrible days, men would call evil good, and good evil (Isaiah 5:20). Men and women act as though God does not exist. They push beyond the age-old boundaries of the human conscience, heedless of the consequences. God is not indifferent to what is happening on the earth. The sin of mankind is pushing the earth to the brink of destruction — the judgment which God has already announced by His prophets, as recorded in the Bible.

It will be like the days long ago when God warned Noah that a flood was coming on the earth. Noah was told one hundred and twenty years before it happened. Noah obeyed the voice he heard in his conscience because he knew it to be true. The earth was full of evil, murder, and violence, and it deserved to be destroyed. Men's thoughts were wicked continually (Genesis 6:5). Noah and his family's great efforts in building the ark saved the lives of eight people from the greatest catastrophe in the history of the human race. Just a remnant survived, a seed of the vast population that had perished, but it was enough to begin again.

The story strikes a resonant chord in the hearts of men, women, and children still, thousands of years and millions of retellings later. For one shining moment the earth was clean and pure and fresh again, as we all know it was always meant to be. It will be that way again.

But first the earth will become as wicked as in the days before the flood (Matthew 24:37-40). Isaiah the prophet warned of what would happen when men broke the everlasting covenant* of morality. It was God's tender mercy that caused Him to write in everyone's conscience the limits they must stay within (Genesis 3:16-19) in order to avoid eternal death in the Lake of Fire.

*See the companion article,
"The Everlasting Covenant"
on our web site:
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They are simple. A woman is to desire her husband and let him rule over her. She is to bear their children in pain. A man is to toil and sweat to provide for his family, not live off the labor of others. He is to rule over his wife. Sexual relationships are to be limited to the covenant of marriage. Together, these things provide the maximum opportunity to raise and care

for children who will be happy and secure.

When this traditional morality is scorned to the extent that it is called evil, and when those who do good are not allowed to live in peace, then the covenant will have been broken beyond remedy. The hour of judgment will come. Can you see that this is what the earth is coming to?

Global Warming

The last time God's judgment was the flood; this time it will be the fire. Anyone who knows even a little of the potential of global warming knows what could come upon the earth. Global warming only takes into account what man is doing to the atmosphere, but what if the sun itself were to burn hotter? This is the meaning of the dreadful prophecy in the Book of Revelation:

And the fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun; and it was given to it to scorch men with fire, and men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent, so as to give Him glory. (Revelation 16:8-9)

This will be the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, spoken some 2,700 years ago. Isaiah saw ahead of time the wickedness of the modern world, and he understood why the earth would be polluted:

The earth is also polluted by its inhabitants, for they transgressed laws, violated statutes, broke the everlasting covenant. Therefore a curse devours the earth, and those who live in it are held guilty. Therefore, the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and very few men are left. (Isaiah 24:5-6)

The moral ruin of these days will be worse than the physical ruin, and the outer burning a foretaste of something more terrible. No one will escape who despises the authority of God in his conscience. The pressure on everyone to compromise in the last days will be tremendous. Who will stand?

The Holy Prophets

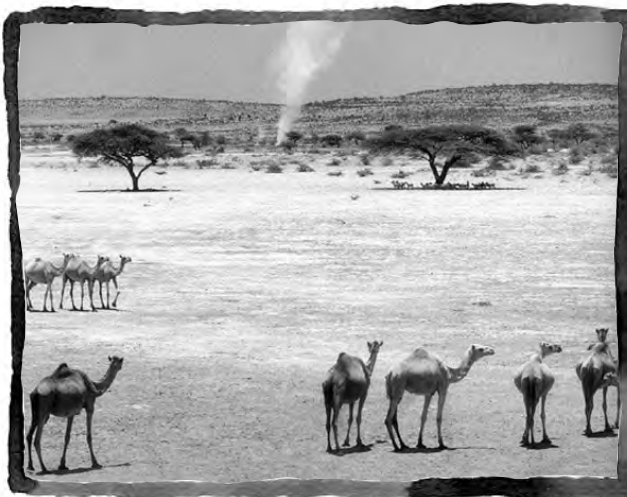
Many things are recorded in the mysterious writings of the holy prophets of ancient Israel. Amos spoke thousands of years ago:

Surely the Lord God does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets. (Amos 3:7)

The prophet Isaiah said at about the same time that just as the rain causes the plants to spring up, providing food for man and beast,

So shall My [the Lord's] word be which goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:10-11)

It is without doubt, then, that the many prophecies of the coming age of peace will come to pass, not through the efforts of men to unite a fallen Christianity and take over the political affairs of the world (Revelation 17:3-5), but through the direct intervention of God.



The Son of God, the greatest prophet of all, described the days just prior to the end of this age with the grim word *tribulation*. Some of the events He describes are beginning to happen even now:

And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened, for these things must take place, but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. (Matthew 24:6-8)

He went on to say that these things are merely the beginning of the birth pangs. Only those with faith will see these events as leading to a better world; everyone else will be profoundly fearful. Men will actually faint from fear.

The terrible state of the world in those days will cause most people to accept any leader and pay any price necessary to have peace and stability. In order to participate in the world system, they will go so far as to take a mark upon their forehead or hand. Those who do not conform will be hated as all non-conformists have been hated. But this time they will be denied the right to buy and sell anything, and will even face the death penalty (Revelation 13:15-17).

The Dawning of the New Age

So there is a new age coming, but it will not enter quietly. Instead, it will be heralded by the most astonishing event the world has ever seen: the sun will



Daniel foresees
that the Stone Kingdom will destroy the statue.

See *The Unshakable Kingdom*, page 42.

God shows Daniel
what will take place in the last days. The meaning of Daniel's vision is sealed until the time of the end (Daniel 12:4).

The Persian Empire
conquers Babylon.

c. 538 BC



Cyrus allows the Jews
to return to Israel to rebuild Jerusalem. 42,000 Jews leave the magnificent civilization of the Gentiles.

c. 536 BC



go down at noon and rise again six hours later! Amos prophesied long ago:

And it will come about in that day, declares the Lord, that I shall make the sun go down at noon and make the earth dark in broad daylight. (Amos 8:9)

This will not be some freak occurrence; it will happen over and over again. This will be one of the terrible troubles that will overtake the world as judgment for its evil ways; yet it will be a shield behind which God's chosen ones will flee:

For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall. And unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect, those days shall be cut short. (Matthew 24:21-22)

Our Master Yahshua knew the prophecy of Amos and He knew what it meant. He saw that the length of the days would be cut short, rather than the number of the days, for that, too, is sealed in prophecy. He knew that the sun would go down at noon, and the earth would spin twice as fast as it does now. This would have profound effects on the world, fulfilling His unalterable words:

And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the seas and the waves, men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. (Luke 21:25-26)

Dismay Among the Nations

Radio and satellite communications will be disrupted since the earth's magnetic field will be increased. The life cycles of all kinds of animals, plants, insects, and trees will be radically affected by the abnormal rising and setting of the sun. The God of heaven will use the forces of nature to execute His judgment upon mankind: *Do not be deceived; God is not mocked; whatever a man sows, this he will also reap (Galatians 6:7-8)*. A humanity that sows corruption will reap corruption. The earth surviving at all will be a miracle. The waves will roar and the seas will crash. The sudden change in the rotation of the earth will have a catastrophic effect on the climate (B. G. Hunt, "The effects of past variations of the Earth's rotation rate

on climate," *Nature*, Vol. 281, pages 188-191, Sept. 20, 1979). The added warmth of the sun will greatly increase the intensity of the ocean storms, as will the melting water from the polar ice caps. Right now scientists are keeping watch on volcanic activity in one of Antarctica's mountain ranges, buried under an unimaginable volume of ice. If the heat of that volcanic activity were to release that mass of ice, causing it to slide into the ocean, the level of the oceans would suddenly rise about twenty feet *worldwide!*

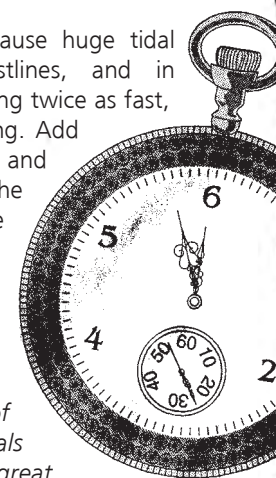
That event in itself would cause huge tidal waves to devastate the coastlines, and in combination with the earth spinning twice as fast, their intensity would be staggering. Add to that catastrophic earthquakes and volcanic activity triggered by the tremendous rotational stress as the earth deforms, flattening at the poles and bulging at the equator. So great will the upheaval be that this amazing prophecy will be fulfilled:

And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty ... And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. (Revelation 16:18,20)

All of these things will come upon those who reject the rule of God. Some will reject Him by rejecting the voice of their conscience which condemned them when they did wrong; others will reject Him by rejecting the mercy He offers in Yahshua, the Son of God. He, the coming King, is now a long way off, but when He returns it will be too late to make peace with Him. (Luke 14:31-33 looks ahead to the awesome encounter of Revelation 19:11-16.) At His return, He will destroy those evildoers who have escaped the burning sun, raging sea, and tumultuous earth. Today, however, these words are still being preached:

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the good news. (Mark 1:15)

What will you do? ❶



CAN YOU HEAR CREATION SPEAKING?

As men scream for *freedom of speech* to support their causes, great or small, there is one voice that is being silenced and no one seems to care. It is the clear, yet ever so gentle voice of creation... *The heavens tell of the glory of God. The creation displays His marvelous craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make Him known. They speak without a sound or a word; their voice is silent in the skies; yet their message has gone out to all the earth, and their words to all the world* (Psalm 19:1-4). 🌿 Since the beginning of human existence, every individual on Earth has had the ability to look at nature

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The Great Mystery

A photo essay showing what will happen in the last days of this age.
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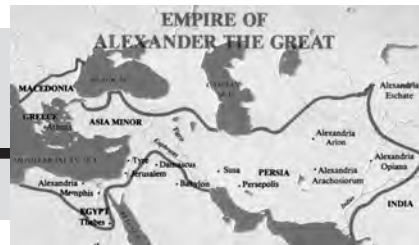
In the last days mysterious forces will be at work in society. None of the wicked will understand, but only those who are wise.

Daniel 12:10



Alexander the Great
defeats the Persian army;
Greece becomes dominant.

c. 330 BC



Alexander's massive empire
holds together for about 12 years.

c. 323 BC
Empire divided among four generals.



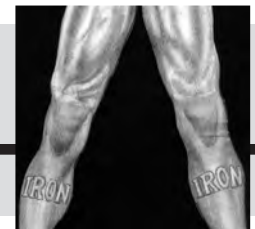
Rome begins
to conquer the
divided Greek Empire

c. 215 BC



Rome's magnificent rule
brings peace and prosperity
to the known world.

Traces of its rule permeate the fabric
of western civilization to this day.



and observe its wonders — migrating birds flying south for the winter, the spectacular sight of leaves changing color on a cool autumn day, or the vibrant display cast into the sky as the sun sets over the mountains. These wonders serve as witnesses of a good and loving Creator.¹ They proclaim loudly (in their own silent way) the very existence of their Creator and what He is like. Nature is so beautiful, because the One who made it is that way.

The determined fight of a salmon making its way back to the place of its birth is one witness. It awakens awe in everyone who hears of its struggle. The salmon is a small creature, yet it knows instinctively how to return home to spawn though hundreds of miles away in the sea. The brooding hen is another. Man can barely fathom what is in that bird that causes it to care so tenderly for its young (see box below).

When we are sensitive to the beauty around us — such as the way dandelions

spread their seed — and begin to take note of these small *wonders* (or grand ones), we too can testify that we have *heard* the speech of nature.



The horrible injustice of these days we live in is that many of these unique qualities in nature are being altered by man, and in some cases are vanishing all together. The effects of selfishness and greed are evident in our environment — rivers and streams are polluted, animals are extinct, forests are cut down and even the air we breathe is no longer clean. In our desire to amass wealth and avoid suf-

fering, we have destroyed the Earth and many of its inhabitants. The condition of the Earth is a striking reflection of the condition of the human heart.

The ecological crisis we find ourselves in today should come as no surprise. Some people saw it coming long ago — even thousands of years ago. The great prophet Isaiah spoke about what would happen in the last days of this age. He said that when men and women stop acknowledging God and obeying their consciences, then the Earth itself would be consumed with devastation and pollution. The witness of creation, which speaks of the goodness of God, would be silenced, and those who dwell on the Earth would be held accountable.² Certainly, this ancient prophecy is being fulfilled. What judgment, do you imagine, awaits those who take part in the destruction of the Earth?³ What will happen when the Earth loses its freedom of speech, and grows silent?

Determined Salmon & Brooding Hens

At the University of Wisconsin, scientists genetically altered brooding turkey hens to increase their productivity. Brooding hens fewer less eggs than non-brooding hens. Researchers were anxious to curtail the "brooding instinct" because "broodiness disrupts production and costs producers a lot of money." By blocking the gene that produces the prolactin hormone, biologists were able to limit the natural brooding instinct in hens. The new breed of genetically engineered hens no longer exhibits the mothering instinct. They do, however, produce more eggs. Other researchers are experimenting with the creation of sterile salmon who will not have the suicidal urge to spawn, but rather remain in the

open sea to be commercially harvested. During the long journey back upstream to their birthing place, salmon stop eating and lose body weight. Scientists hope to break the reproduction cycle, by shocking salmon eggs to produce a doubling of the chromosomes, which results in the production of sterile fish. Michigan State University scientists say that by breaking the spawning cycle of chinook salmon, they can produce salmon whose body weight will exceed seventy pounds, compared to less than eighteen pounds for a fish returning to spawn. ("The Biotech Century — A Second Opinion: The Marriage of the Genetic Sciences and the Technologies Reshaping our World," Jeremy Rifkin.) ➡



The magnificent civilization that is under construction is coming at a great cost to the Earth. Although people say that the Earth is their *mother*, their actions prove they don't care what happens to her. They do not heed her voice, nor the voice of their conscience. How will *Mother Earth* respond to the way they have treated her. Will she remain silent forever?

The ancient seers, the prophets of old spoke of a time when the Earth would break forth under the pain of her death throes and scream for justice. The guilt of humanity will be broadcast to the universe. These prophets said terrible times would come before the Last Day. Creation will cry out, not as before, but this time in horrible cries of desperation.

Like a woman in pain, ready to give birth, the Earth will moan as she brings forth her final statements before the end. The entire universe will watch as planet

Earth writhes in agony, pleading with her inhabitants to turn back and honor their Creator. The once soft voice of the *mother* will turn into a violent rage. What will she say?

The elements that have for so long been a blessing will suddenly turn to curses. The oceans, rivers, and springs will turn to blood and all the creatures in them will die. Once-pleasant fragrances will be replaced by the stench of death. The sun's heat will intensify and the Earth's surface will be scorched with fire. The inhabitants will be burned and few will be left. Will anyone hear what she is trying to say?⁴

Then her foundations will split open with great force, destroying entire nations. Gigantic hailstones will fall from the sky, destroying buildings and crushing men. The sun will turn black and the moon red like the blood of a man. The Earth will reel and stagger like a drunk. She will sway like a hut in the wind because the rebellion on her surface is too much to bear.⁵ Why didn't men listen to her proclamations through the salmon, the hen, the dandelions, and the evening sunset? Why didn't they heed the warnings when the lightning bolt in a summer storm gave them a glimpse of the awesome power that she could unleash?

All this will take place before the Last Day can come. Only a few will even hear this final voice of warning and listen. Most will curse God and continue to suppress the truth in their conscience, not realizing that they are reaping what they have sown.⁶

The time for final judgment is just over the horizon, but there is still time to change and hear the gentle voice that tugs on your heart. Have you silenced that voice in your conscience? Do you go

past the boundaries that you know you shouldn't — hurting others and yourself? Have you taken advantage of others, disregarding how they feel, only to gain momentary pleasure for yourself? What you do with your life and how you treat other people directly affects the world around you. This is why the Earth is in the state it is in today. Do you see the connection?

We are entering a new millennium. What do you think lies in store for us? Greater prosperity? Continued degeneration? There is great anticipation in the air. Everyone has something to say because we have the freedom to speak. But shhhh... listen carefully, for there is another voice. Consider her warnings before it's too late! ➡

¹Romans 1:20 ²Isaiah 24:4-6 ³Rev 11:18
⁴Rev 14:7 ⁵Isaiah 24:20 ⁶Obadiah 15



Perilous times will come. Moral and social restraints that have held society together for centuries will be cast aside.

2 Tim 3:1-5



Values will be turned upside down. Men will defend what is evil and condemn what is good. Like those who lived in Sodom and Gomorrah, men will enjoy careless ease, abundant food, and will treat the poor with neglect and contempt. They practice as an acceptable *lifestyle* that which is appalling to God and to the good people who are left on the earth.

Isa 5:20-24; Eze 16:48-50



The year of confusion
Calendar adjustments
make a 445-day year.

The planets Jupiter and Saturn
meet in the constellation of Pisces
three times within five months.
Their appearance is like a brilliant star.

Astronomers in Babylon
observe the conjunction
of the planets.

Angels announce the birth
of the Messiah to shepherds
outside Bethlehem.

Second conjunction of planets
prompts astronomers (Magi)
to travel to Israel.

The Magi arrive in Israel
to look for a newly born king.

The Magi learn from Herod
that the Messiah would be born
in Bethlehem.

December 4, 7 BC That evening the planets' conjunction appears over Bethlehem.

Beginning the Birthpangs:

Earthquakes

One of the clearest signs recorded in the Bible of Messiah's coming and of the end of the age will be an increase in earthquakes (Matthew 24:3-8). They are a sign, a warning of what is to come. Our Master Yahshua told His disciples that earthquakes were like birth pangs signaling the end of the age. When a woman begins to have birth pangs, the baby is on its way. So, when you see earthquakes in increasing numbers, you know that the end of the age is near. Signs like these are intended to give people a right fear of God.

The magnitude of the recent earthquakes in the Middle East brought a whole nation literally to its knees. Thousands knelt in submission to Allah and cried out for understanding as to why such devastation had come upon them. In public squares vast numbers fell on their faces in prayer to hear from God.

One man in particular was shaken up and forced to face what really matters in life. He was sleeping with his wife and small daughter in the bedroom of their comfortable apartment house. When the quake hit, their apartment collapsed before they could even get out of bed. The man's wife and daughter were crushed in the debris and died quickly. He, however, remained buried in the rubble for days.

Miraculously, after much moving and digging and meticulously raising sections of buildings and mounds of concrete, rescuers found the man. He was very weak, but alive! Devastated by the loss of his wife and small daughter, he told interviewers about the torment his soul had undergone as he waited to die. For him it was like being buried alive, confined to the darkness of death with no way to get out. The agony of his conscience forced him to remember with gnawing detail all the chapters of his life. Forgotten incidents and deeply buried memories surfaced for him to face again.

One ever-present torment was the bed he had loved

so much. He had striven to get the money to buy it and was very proud of its fine materials and expensive craftsmanship. It was a mark of his achievements that he could afford such a heavy, magnificent bed. He cried as he told the story how that very bed had crushed his wife. As never before, he realized how meaningless material success was and how pursuing it had deceived him into thinking it would satisfy him.

When the relationships with his family he had taken for granted were gone, he was forced to examine what really mattered to him. Weeping, he told interviewers he wanted to never be the same again. He wanted to be different, to be sure his words and actions didn't hurt others or cause pain.

This man was a Muslim. He had learned a great lesson from this awesome warning. This lesson is for all who, like this man, either inadvertently or deliberately abandon their conscience to seek after the things of this world. The world is haywire, reeling on the edge of destruction because of selfishness and denial of God and His ways. Earthquakes are a warning that a day is coming, the Judgment Day, when all men will have to give an account to the Righteous Judge. ➡



The Life and Times of Allen Roberts

Trying to live by his conscience, our fictitious "Robert" runs into what people in society cope with daily.

"Ahhhhh

the simple life." Allen Roberts mumbled under his breath as he deflated into his easy chair. After a stressful day at the firm, the only thing he wanted to do was sit back and dream of "the simple life." He turned up the volume on the TV, and got into an old western on the screen. This ritual was like a meditation for him. Vicariously riding across the prairie under the big open sky helped him to almost believe that his stress from today would be gone tomorrow.

It wasn't the class action lawsuit, or missing his connecting flight to Chicago that bothered him. Neither was it the road rage at rush hour, nor the toilet overflowing after the plumber supposedly fixed it. What troubled him was the news he heard at lunch about Bob and Lynn Sherman. Their nice family was splitting up for no apparent reason. Allen felt sick as he imagined how their children felt. They were friends of his children so that made it close to home. He knew they were probably trying to harden themselves inside to cover over the pain and sense of betrayal.

Families falling apart happened so frequently that it was shaking his security. It wasn't even a week ago that Ralph Evans left his faithful wife and children announcing that he was gay, to pursue an apparent "gender preference" that, until recently, didn't seem to have been a problem at all. His drastic change not only devastated his family, but left Allen having to explain to his daughter what happened to her best friend's father and why he still came over for business socials. When he heard his daughter say how afraid she was to ever get married, Allen found himself bankrupt of answers with tears running down his cheeks.

Allen could hardly say what he really felt. He was afraid he might offend someone at work and lose his job.

Do you know anyone like Allen Roberts? The flood of evil accepted by society made his insides churn. Even the things he got his security from — a luxurious condominium and a handsome retirement plan — seemed so empty in the face of all the moral erosion. Are you like Allen Roberts? Do you feel turmoil too? Are you under pressure to shut up and tolerate people who call good evil and evil good?

One of the signs that Paul the Apostle wrote about in the Bible when he foresaw these last days is that people will become lovers of themselves, greedy, arrogant, and rebellious to their parents. They will be ungrateful, slanderers, haters of good, reckless, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, and inventors of evil. They know God's laws in their conscience, that those who practice such things deserve to die, yet they not only do them but even give hearty approval to those who practice them (2 Timothy 3:1-5 & Romans 1:29-32).

You may protest the polluting of the environment, but do you protest the polluting of people's consciences? The prophet Isaiah 2700 years ago said that the whole earth would be polluted one day, because its inhabitants violated the everlasting covenant written in their conscience. And Earth's inhabitants will be held guilty and punished.¹

The prophet Daniel 2600 years ago said that in the last days knowledge would be greatly increased and men would go to and fro on the earth.² Yes, we are the generation who has seen these prophecies fulfilled right before our very eyes — moral values have shifted, knowledge and travel have greatly increased, and the earth has been polluted like no other time before, reaching all the

way to the outer atmosphere.

It's amazing that the truth was revealed to these men so long ago! We had better pay attention. These men not only foretold doom, but also foretold that salvation in the last days would come from a twelve-tribed nation of people who allow themselves to be purified to become the light to the world.³



¹Isaiah 24:5-6 ²Daniel 12: 3-4 ³Isaiah 49:6

Herod dies a miserable death,
mourned by no one.

The Turn of the Eras

The year that never existed.
Miscalculations overlooked the
twelve months of the year 0.

Anno Domini One
(The erroneous "Year of our Lord")
occurs 8 years after His birth.

Messiah eats His last meal
with His disciples before His death.

"Good Wednesday"
Messiah crucified outside the city;
Passover lambs slaughtered
in the temple.

Messiah's body buried
in a tomb around sundown;
Passover High Sabbath begins.

Messiah rises at twilight
after three days and three nights
in the tomb (see below).

March, 4 BC

BC 0 AD

0 to 1 AD

1 AD

On a Tuesday night in 30 AD

Wednesday afternoon
(see article below)

Wednesday night

Saturday night

The Sign of Jonah

"For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." *Matthew 12:40*

3 Days & 3 Nights



The organized church of the fourth century decreed that the celebration of our ir Master Yahshua's resurrection should be held on the pagan holiday of Ishtar. Why?



Religious form and tradition can trick us sometimes into accepting things that do not make sense. Certain very clear *religious compromises* had to be made to change the authentic foundation¹ and primitive pattern of the first Messianic community to make it fit into the mold of the organized religion you see today. It did not happen all at once, but by the fourth century what remained bore no resemblance to the glory of its beginnings in Jerusalem.² What remained was a religion full of half-truths we all accept today just because that's the way it's always been.

One odd change may look insignificant, but it exposes a much deeper motive. This is the creation of "Good Friday" as the day of the crucifixion when the Savior of the world clearly had to have died on a Wednesday. So what difference does it make whether it is Wednesday or Friday? What made them want to change it anyway? Let's look at how history exposes this strange cover-up.

Because an ugly anti-Semitism was surfacing among them, the Christian

leaders of the fourth century tried to disassociate themselves from their Jewish roots. What formerly had been considered a Messianic/Jewish sect now tried to sever the ties to make itself a new religion. This religion would free itself from the restrictions of the laws of its founding fathers, including its wealth of festivals. They tried to hide their own Jewishness to make this new religion more appealing, in order to "take the world for Christ."

Wednesday Night

The most important festival they celebrated each year was Passover (*Pesach* in Hebrew). To the world this appeared to be a Jewish holiday. Despite its vital significance to the whole mes-

sage of the Messiah, Yahshua (whom they also now began to call by the Greek name *Jesus* to make His own Hebrew heritage less obvious), the Christian

leaders made some big changes in their calendar in order to remove Passover

altogether.

They chose rather to merge their celebration of the death and resurrection of Yahshua the Messiah into the festival of a *more fashionable religion* of the day. Joining with the secular leaders of the government, they made a new holiday called *Easter* (named after a springtime fertility goddess, *Ishtar*).³ In order to do it they had to squeeze the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of the Lamb of God into the Friday-through-Sunday holiday of *Ishtar*. Two full days were cut off their own celebration by the leaders, with no apology or explanation.

But this dark plot is exposed when you look at the calendar with just a little common sense. The Bible makes it very clear that the Messiah was to be killed at the time of Passover. The Son of God Himself said that He would die and stay in death for "three days and three nights."⁴ It was no coincidence that His death perfectly

coincided with the time of the killing of the Jewish Passover lamb as a sacrifice.

Thursday

Thursday Night

Friday

Friday Night

Saturday

It happened at this very time to validate His claim to be the sacrificial lamb that would save men from death (symbolized in the death angel of the Passover). From sundown when He died, a full three days and three nights had to pass. Then, if He was true to his word, the Savior promised to rise from this state of death. In this perfect progression of time many other *types* in His Jewish heritage were fulfilled to verify that He truly is the Messiah.

The organized church of the fourth century (which had already departed from the original revelation from the Father to the "flesh and blood" decrees and doctrines⁵) altered the order of events, losing the deep significance of Passover altogether.⁶ Thus, they were able to cut themselves off totally from the holy root of their faith, substituting the pagan Spring festival in place of the Jewish Passover. Finally they could stand on their own as *Christians*, no longer under the shadow of their Hebrew ancestors,⁷ since they no longer belonged to Messiah and could not claim to be the seed of Abraham.

Messiah was put into the tomb after His crucifixion on a Wednesday, just before dark. The lambs were being sacrificed at that time in the temple to save the people from the *Death Angel*. He rose from the dead 72

hours later — exactly three days and three nights — just at sundown, as the first day of the Jewish week began. There is no such thing as *Good Friday*.⁸ Scholars even within Christianity⁹ agree that the events of that extraordinary week follow this time line. By examining other historic writings (Didascalia Apostolorum, Epiphanius, Victorinus of Petau) from before 300 AD, these changes are confirmed.

Something vital was lost when the Christian leaders attempted to mask their Jewish origins by disassociating themselves from the Jewish festivals and by compromising a foundational aspect of the message of their Jewish Savior.

It all points to a clear sign of the darkness that had already overtaken that institution once the illuminating lampstand of His presence with them had been blown out by their disobedience.¹⁰

So, what is the importance of whether *Good Friday* should actually be *Good Wednesday*? *Good Friday* is just another indication of the confused state of Christianity, another blatant contradiction of a church gone haywire to the point that one third of the world's population claim to be on the "narrow way, which only a few can find..."¹¹ History tells the whole story for those who care enough to investigate. ➡

¹1 Corinthians 3:11; Ephesians 2:20; Matt 16:17-18 ²John 17:22 ³Encyclopedia Britannica, 1957, vol. 7, p. 859, article on Easter. ⁴Matt 12:40 ⁵James 2:19; Matthew 16:17 ⁶Luke 1:77; Hebrews 9:14,22; 10:17; Revelation 18:5 ⁷Galatians 3:29 ⁸John 20:1-2; 19:38-42 ⁹See the *Companion Bible*, authorized King James Version of 1611 with Structures, Zondervan Publishers. ¹⁰John 13:34-35; Revelation 2:4-5 ¹¹Matthew 7:13-14

Society is polarized between those who wish to cast off moral restraint and those who wish to impose it.

Molded together by the ecumenical movement, millions of Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox Christians unite under the banner of the Pope in the guise of a "Brotherhood of Man" and the "Fatherhood of God." Differences are overlooked, moral absolutes few. As always, when Christianity enjoys a revival, she leans toward politics.

Our Master Yahshua appears to some women near the tomb.

He appears many times to His disciples.

Messiah ascends bodily from the Mount of Olives.

Shavuot (Pentecost)
the Holy Spirit empowers the disciples to preach the good news of the kingdom.

Community (early church) begins.

3000 people respond to the message by repenting and being baptized for the forgiveness of their sins; all are filled with the Holy Spirit.

The church flourishes for a time until it is infiltrated by false apostles who bring in a genetically modified gospel that could not reproduce the vibrant life

Early dawn, First Day

Spring, 30 AD

Angels announce that He will return in the same way as He left.

30 AD (See box below.)

They gladly surrender all their possessions and share a common life.

of the primitive church community (2 Corinthians 11:3,4,13-15).

Messianic Communities—Then And Now

TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO there were many groups “outside the camp”¹ of the accepted, organized religion. There were also many that fit in quite comfortably, taking their acceptance and success in society as a sign of God’s blessing. Both types of groups still exist today. Relations between the two were often strained to the point of suspicion, violence, and persecution. It is

now just as it was then, that those within the camp of organized religion were connected to the power structures of their societies. For those who would not come under their spiritual authority, they tried to influence the civil authorities to use force against those dissenting spiritual voices.²

One of the most successful crusaders against the cult of his day was Saul of Tarsus, who had an unforgettable encounter with the very Messiah he was persecuting. In that awesome moment, blinded by a brilliant light from heaven, he did not hear harsh condemnation for his evil deeds,³ but instead was pierced by the gentle words reminding him of the truth he knew in his conscience. Yahshua’s voice spoke to him saying: “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.”⁴

Those goads were the words of Gamaliel, his own teacher as a young man. Gamaliel was a very wise man who lived “within the camp” of organized religion. He commanded the religious leaders of that day to leave the most notorious cult of the ancient world alone because they might just find themselves fighting God. Referring to the very sect that Saul would later join, the *Messianic Communities*,⁵ Gamaliel advised:

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When our Master Yahshua died on the cross, the curtain in the Temple was torn from top to bottom. For the first time, worshippers in the Temple saw into the Holy of Holies and realized that the presence of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob was no longer there. Instead, His very own presence was in His Son who was being crucified for the sins of mankind outside the camp of the organized religious system (Judaism). This sacrifice would soon cause the presence of God to come and live inside the hearts (not in a building) of all those who would truly believe in the Savior Yahshua the Messiah (Heb 13:12-13). When the life-giving presence of the Holy Spirit filled the first disciples, a new nation began, made up of those who were able to love one another with an ever-growing bond of unity and affection (1 John 3:16). Yet it wasn’t long before this new nation of vibrant communities collapsed. How did this happen? How did it become a religious system void of the presence of the Spirit of Messiah? (John 14:18)

Part of the answer lies in Romans 11:22, “Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God’s kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.” Paul exhorted the community in Rome to keep their hearts in a place where the lovingkindness and tender mercies of God could constantly reach them. This word *lovingkindness* was a covenant term. It implied loyalty and faithfulness. Paul warned the Roman disciples that if they disobeyed the covenant they would be cut off just as old Israel had been cut off when they disobeyed the covenant by not producing the fruit of the kingdom (Matt 21:43) and were scattered among the nations (Eze 35:13-20). The author of the book of James, writing to the churches of the Twelve Tribes scattered among the nations (James 1:1) in the second century, told them that they had no more faith (James 2:18) and in their fallen condition they were on their way to becoming a harlot (Rev 18:2). Paul had also warned the Romans much earlier that the fruit of falling away would be living without revelation. They would become “wise in their own opinions” about God, about salvation, and about what the church is (James 2:19), but blind to the revelation of the Holy Spirit.

The severity Paul warned about in verse 22 soon took place. The revelation of Messiah given to Peter in Matthew 16:18 was lost and true faith ceased. The church in Rome was turned over to blindness (Rom 11:25) and a massive religious system (wise in her own opinions) developed. Taking the place of the revelation given by the Holy Spirit was a belief system based on decrees and “right” doctrine. Since this belief system came from man,

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not God, it could not produce the fruit that could only be produced through revelation by the Holy Spirit. Only through the Spirit can a twelve-tribed nation producing the life that demonstrates the kingdom come about. Only through revelation that Yahshua is the Son of God can someone go into the waters of baptism and die (Romans 6:1-5). Without this revelation, belief becomes a lifeless ritual. When the “church” was filled with this other kind of “belief,” then the fruit of Matthew 16:18 was produced. This fruit occurred when the powers of the underground or *unseen* realm (the gates of Hades) prevailed over what used to be the spotless Bride of Messiah (2 Corinthians 11:2-4). For the last 1900 years, the unseen realm (where the enemy works and deceives with every deceiving spirit) has ruled over men’s lives. Through a belief system of decrees (of “flesh and blood” origin, Matthew 16:17) the evil one has come to stand over *that* house as its prince. Its bloody history proves that those with the “right” doctrine (or decrees) will always persecute those with the so-called “wrong” doctrine. This is not the house our Master Yahshua rules over. His house is filled with the fruit of abundant life, love, and unity, not abundant decrees.

The fate of this unfaithful, disloyal religious system that has become a harlot will be the same as that of any harlot — she will be burned with fire (Lev 21:9, Rev 17:16; 18:8,10; 19:2-3), yes, and be executed by the state. She will be gathered as fruitless branches and burned with fire (John 15:6; Matt 13:30,40). Burning is how she will experience death, and all those in her at that time will go to the second death, the lake of fire (Rev 18:4-5).

Ezekiel 37:6-14 and Romans 11:23-27 speak about the death of a nation. Paul said this death was only temporary, until the end of this present age when the life of the Spirit is given to the Twelve Tribes of Israel, a nation that will produce the fruit of the Kingdom in the next age (Matt 19:28). But first, before the next age can come, we, the Twelve Tribes in this present age, must destroy all the spiritual enemies of the King of Kings, putting these spiritual enemies under His feet (Heb 10:13). Then and only then will He come (Rev 11:15; Acts 3:21).

At that time the Master Yahshua will return and a remnant (Rom 9:27) of the natural seed will look upon Him whom they pierced and will believe (Zech 12:10). Their blindness will be stripped away and the revelation of Yahshua the Messiah will fill their hearts, thus beginning the fulfillment of the promise to Abraham. But again, before this can happen, Romans 9:25-26 must come into fruition (the state of bearing fruit) to bring about all that has been spoken by the Hebrew prophets of old.



“And so in the present case, I say to you, stay away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or action should be of men, it will be overthrown; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them; or else you may even be found fighting against God.” (Acts 5:38-39)



Judas of Galilee led a revolt against Roman taxation, but was killed and his followers scattered.

If religious leaders since had listened to this respected teacher, rivers of innocent blood could have been spared. Gamaliel said these words in the face of the same kind of doomsday cults, armed militias, false messiahs, and religious fanatics comparable to *any group* that exists today. He spoke to the powerful, wealthy, and well-connected religious figures of his day that were just like the preachers, bishops, popes and televangelists of today. Gamaliel and those who heard him knew well of the groups on the outskirts of society. Some, like the Zealots, were a menace to society, while others like the Essenes held the traditional religious system in utter contempt because of their obvious worldliness.

The Zealots were determined to overthrow the government with as much violence as necessary, even at the cost of putting their whole society into chaos. They were the armed militias of that day, led by men like Judas of Galilee.⁶ His rallying cry, that Roman taxes made the Israelites no better than slaves, was a powerful one. His rebellion was met by the overwhelming power of the state, leading to his death and the scattering of his followers.

The *Essenes* lived in set-apart communities waiting for the Messiah and the end of the world. Famous for the *Dead Sea Scrolls*,⁷ were they alive today they would have a far different reputation. Their apocalyptic writings portraying the armies of God slaying the wicked, their white garments, and their refusal to marry would label them a doomsday cult for sure.

The Communities of the Messiah Yahshua, or *The Way*, as His followers liked to call themselves,⁸ were the very group Gamaliel used to teach his very impor-



The Way — early believers who shared all their goods in common and followed the apostles’ teachings.

Religious political leaders are elected to office promising to make the world a better place to live. Cleaning up Hollywood, TV, music, magazines, and the Internet is first on their agenda. Increasingly, men are willing to sacrifice their rights and freedoms for comfort and security.

Although society is constrained outwardly by this mingling of church and state, and politicians proclaim “peace and safety,” in reality inner turmoil is seething under the surface.

Primitive church community ends.
Continues on in form and doctrine, but without the Spirit. (A pure seed is preserved – Romans 9:29).

Constantine
makes Christianity the state religion; becomes head of the church while remaining a pagan himself.

St. Augustine
leading voice in Christianity, wrongly justifies persecution of heretics.

St. John Chrysostom
wrongly justifies persecution of Jews, calling them Christ killers.

Roman Empire falls
Roman Catholic church continues on.

Dionysius introduces BC/AD
dating system; counting back over five centuries to the birth of Messiah, his miscalculations threw the calendar off by several years.

Charlemagne crowned
by the Pope as Emperor of the “Holy Roman Empire”

Shortly after Book of Revelation is written
c. 100 AD

312 AD

411 – 430 AD

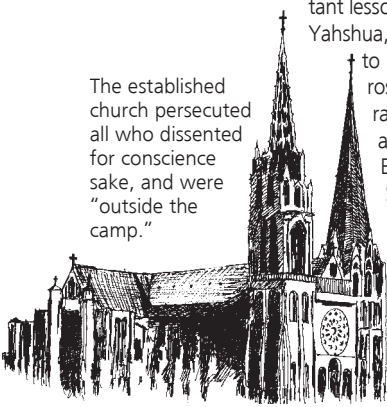
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800 AD



The established church persecuted all who dissented for conscience sake, and were “outside the camp.”



tant lesson. Motivated by envy due to the following the Master, Yahshua, was gathering, the religious leaders delivered Him up to be crucified.⁹ Afterwards, His followers claimed He rose from the dead. The “proof” they offered was their radically different lives. Because of their love for one another there were no poor and needy among them. Everyone shared what he or she had in common.¹⁰ Since the ancient prophecies were being fulfilled,¹¹ their uncompromising proclamation of forgiveness and salvation became increasingly bold. This brought them face to face with the same jealousy¹² that their crucified leader had faced at the hands of the same religious leaders. The sect of the Master Yahshua was bursting with new life. They could not kill it. This was the living proof of His resurrected life.

At this point Gamaliel spoke. He already knew the actions the civil authorities had taken against armed uprisings.¹³ Gamaliel made a careful distinction between the two kinds of authority on the earth, civil and religious. His words were not directed at the civil authorities, telling them to ignore criminal behavior, because it might be from God. He was telling the religious leaders, rather, to let men believe and act as they saw fit. If men violated laws, then it was up to the state to deal with them. If men violated religious teachings, it was up to God to deal with them, *not* men. The true church is not supposed to be alarmed at the actions or beliefs of their opponents.¹⁴ For a brief time, the established religious leaders received Gamaliel.

As a good rabbi, Gamaliel was actually protecting them, to keep them from opposing God. The only sure way of preventing them from opposing God was to exhort them *not* to trust their own judgment at all as to whether this or that group was from God. If God was not with them, he told them, they would come to nothing. To the contrary, if they *did* trust their own judgment and actively *oppose* some group, they might find themselves opposing God. If that were the case, one day they would face God’s wrath. They would be judged for

the very deeds they thought they had done *for* Him,¹⁵ and their secret motive of selfish ambition would be exposed.

Later in Saul’s life other Jews picked up where Saul had stopped. They weren’t listening to the wisdom of Gamaliel either. They dragged him before a Roman ruler, Gallio, on charges that he “*persuades men to worship God contrary to the law.*”

While throughout Christian history many heretics were executed, Gallio was a righteous judge who did not deprive people of their right to believe. He did not even let Saul speak in his own defense. He knew that no civil wrong had been done to anyone simply by not believing the way the Jews did. He drove Saul’s accusers away with the words:

“If it were a matter of wrong or of vicious crime, O Jews, it would be reasonable for me to put up with you; but if there are questions about words and names and your own law, look after it yourselves; I am unwilling to be a judge of these matters.”¹⁶

Gallio righteously understood the limits of his authority. Within those limits he could make the judgments he was qualified to make. His only lawful concerns could be men’s actions – the injustices they did to one another – not their thoughts and beliefs. By the time the apostate Christian Church married the Roman Empire under Constantine, these separate spheres of authority for church and state had been utterly torn down. How different history would be had this distinction remained!

Just as the accepted religion of Judaism should not have persecuted the disciples of our Master Yahshua, later Christians should have not executed Jews and others they branded *heretics*. Today, just as then, there is great alarm about those “outside the camp” of organized religion.

In early colonial America these same tensions emerged between those who remained faithful to the established religion of England (the Puritans) and those who desired to worship outside the camp of the church of England (the Separatists). Perhaps the most powerful dissenting voice of the Separatists was that of Roger Williams. He found no protection for his voice among the Puritans who exiled him into the wilderness. He sought for the very foundation and pattern of Acts 2 and 4 that was practiced by the primitive church. Williams could not find that life in the organized religion of his day. Finding it became a radical quest for him.

Based upon his memory of people being burned at the stake for their dissenting voice against the Church of England in London and upon his personal experience in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, Williams set out to construct a political philosophy that effectively encompassed the wisdom of Gamaliel. His toleration of dissenting religious beliefs and practices was the hallmark of the Constitution of Rhode Island. This protection of religious dissent against an established religion prevailed in the two-year debate that led to ratification of the U.S. Constitution and the treasured First Amendment.

Today, as in the time of Gamaliel, there are many dissenting religious voices in society. Just as then, a growing number of people today are dissatisfied with the voice of the cult of established religion. The doctrines that enshrine Christianity today are not meeting the needs of the people, relieving their fears of increasing social unrest. Their example is not providing the true light and real salt to the society they see crumbling around them. It remains without the power of the Holy Spirit which enables believers to give up their selfish lives and live as the primitive church demonstrated in Acts 4:32-35.

In this climate the organized religious leaders of today are threatened, challenged, and fearful of change. Instead of obeying the gospel, they resort to great complexities of reasoning to justify their hatred of the cross, that is, death to their self-seeking, satisfied lives. Their reaction is to attack the religious voices that are “outside the camp.” This provides the fuel for the modern-day cult hysteria. Sociologists call this term “moral panic.” Religious scholars document how isolated incidents are exaggerated and magnified so as to deliberately create the climate of fear of unconventional religions. The wisdom of Gamaliel needs to be heeded by religious leaders today, no less than in his day. Advancements in information technology and the effectiveness of media campaigns provide ideal conditions for lies to be spread without restraint. The voice of a modern-day Gamaliel would be hard to hear indeed, perhaps only audible in the voice of one’s conscience.

Surrounding the Christian establishment today are the dissenters labeled as cults. Hundreds of new religious movements have come and gone or integrated themselves into the mainstream, proving *not* to be the prophetic demonstration of God’s salvation that He promised would come about through His gathered people in the last days.¹⁷ Among those who have proven to be false are the People’s Temple who perished in the jungles of Guyana and the Branch Davidians who perished in the flames of Waco.

These two groups who claimed to follow the teachings of the Messiah along with the Unification Church, whose leader claims to be the Messiah, are the springboard for voices from established Christianity to instill fear and paranoia in their congregations against anything outside the mainstream. Nevertheless, it is true that the life of our Master Yahshua and His followers in the early church came from “outside the camp” of the organized religion of their day. Religious leaders and so-called cult “experts” use their interpretation of “doctrine” to instill this fear. Many cult watchers today profit by such slander.

Labeled together with groups that are false is the gathering of God’s people. They have come out of the cult of organized religion, out of groups labeled as cults, out of the decadent society to be a light and demonstration of God’s love and unity spoken about in John 13:35 and 17:23. The fruit of His salvation will show the world what His kingdom will be like when He returns. This people is becoming the nation that produces the fruit of the kingdom, which is an observable *life*.

In this day there needs to be voices like Gamaliel and Roger Williams, voices that call for freedom for dissent. We *know* from the prophets that this life *will* come forth *before* Messiah, Yahshua returns to claim His Bride. So, what spirit is it that leads a person to instill fear about new religious groups? It is the same spirit that wants to destroy God’s witness from the face of the earth today, just as their fathers destroyed the life of our Master Yahshua and persecuted and killed His followers. It is a lying spirit, uninterested in God’s truth.

The voices that quench religious dissent and open expression of differing views of God are the same voices that listen to lies and spread lies about the true witness of God. Individuals are accountable for whom they listen to, for Proverbs 17:4 says, “A *liar* pays attention to a malicious tongue.” So, be careful whom you listen to. Make sure that you judge a tree by its fruit and not by the lies of untrustworthy men. Exercise your freedom. Find out for yourselves, lest you find yourselves opposing God. ❶

¹Hebrews 13:13 ²John 18:28-19:16 ³Saul had been violently persecuting this sect, dragging disciples out of their community houses and casting them in prisons. He had broken up families, even had members put to death. Still, God saw His heart, knowing he acted ignorantly and in unbelief. He had never been able to silence the voice of his conscience that constantly reminded him of Gamaliel’s wisdom. ⁴Acts 26:14 ⁵Acts 28:22 ⁶Acts 5:37 ⁷Well-preserved portions of the Bible and other literature, which survived intact 2,000 years after they were made. ⁸Acts 9:2, 19:9, 19:23, 24:14, and 24:22 ⁹Matt 27:18 ¹⁰Acts 4:32-37 ¹¹Deut 15:4-5 ¹²Acts 5:17 ¹³Acts 5:36-37 ¹⁴Philippians 1:28; Zephaniah 3:15; 2 Timothy 1:7; 1 John 4:18 ¹⁵John 16:1-3 ¹⁶Acts 18:12-16 ¹⁷Matt 24:14; Daniel 2:44; Isaiah 49:6; Matthew 21:43



The Twelve Tribes of Isaiah 49:6, which is the Stone Kingdom of Daniel 2:44, which is the witness of the kingdom in Matthew 24:14, which must be demonstrated to all nations as the spotless Bride of the Lamb before the end of the age can come (Revelation 19:7-8; 21:9-12).

The Great Mystery continued



Out of the midst of this stormy sea arises the Man of Lawlessness, speaking words of wisdom and promising all that the world desires.

2 Thessalonians 2:4,9-12



To the religious he will be a minister of righteousness; to liberals and conservatives alike, he will be the champion of their social causes; to the poor and oppressed he will be the great emancipator.



(See box below)



FULL SPEED AHEAD

Do the 225,000 annual deaths from “medical mistakes” in the US bother you? How about the fatal results of “gene therapy” experiments? Do you want tighter government controls? Or does that scare you more?

The problem with modern man is that he is so self-confident. You'd think that after a few nuclear meltdowns and a few decades of AIDS, he'd start to see that he is in deep trouble — too deep to back out of it. But somehow he thinks that no matter how much he monkeys around with the order of nature, no matter how many problems he creates in the process, science is going to solve them all before it's too late.

Right now, man seems to be racing full speed ahead to mastering the secrets of life itself. But protests are being raised about genetic engineering. Splicing genes from bacteria into corn is supposed to kill pests, but it kills helpful insects as well. Thousands of people have been poisoned by genetically engineered stuff that supposedly had been tested as safe. Some have died. Gene splicing is clumsy, the protesters say, and the

results are unpredictable. They want laws to be passed requiring tighter controls and stricter tests.

Such laws seem necessary. But can man make the world safe for man to live in while he tears apart its foundations and puts them back together to suit his whims? Will government control of genetics keep things from going wrong? If the US government controls the progress of genetics, will other nations, also? Or will they race ahead and unleash terrors on the earth? Won't a powerful, centralized world government be needed?

The world is racing full speed ahead towards the rule of the beastly empire that Revelation 13:1-4 describes, and there is nothing you can do to stop it.

And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. And the beast

which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; and they worshiped the dragon, because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast,

saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"

Is it possible that this beastly government will have the power to flick the genetic switch that controls life and death? Will man finally give his body the unlimited power to heal itself, no matter how serious the injury? Will tampering with genes also be the cause of some of the plagues that devastate the earth at the end of time?

And out of the smoke came forth locusts upon the earth; and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man. And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; and they will long to die and death flees from them. (Revelation 9:3,5,7)

Will locusts with the stings of scorpions be a genetic experiment gone haywire? Why will men not be able to kill themselves? Are you ready to go where the world is heading now? Have you sold out and bought your ticket? Or do you realize that man needs someone to save him from himself? ➡



Martin Luther's Seven Brutal Recommendations:

What shall we Christians do with this rejected and condemned people, the Jews? Since they live among us, we dare not tolerate their conduct, now that we are aware of their lying and reviling and blaspheming. If we do, we become sharers in their lies, cursing, and blasphemy. Thus we cannot extinguish the unquenchable fire of divine wrath, of which the prophets speak, nor can we convert the Jews. With prayer and the fear of God we must practice a sharp mercy to see whether we might save at least a few from the glowing flames. We dare not avenge ourselves ... I shall give you my sincere advice:

- Set fire to their synagogues and schools, burying and covering with dirt what won't burn, so no man will see a stone or cinder of them. This is to be done in honor of our Lord and Christendom.
- Second, I advise that their houses be seized and destroyed.
- Third, I advise that all their prayer books and Talmudic writings be taken from them.
- Fourth, I advise that the rabbis be forbidden to teach henceforth on pain of life and limb.
- Fifth, I advise that safe conduct on the highways be abolished completely for the Jews, for they have no business in the countryside, since they are not lords, officials, or tradesmen. Let them stay at home.
- Sixth, I advise that usury be prohibited to them, and all cash and treasures be taken and kept for safekeeping.
- Seventh, I recommend putting a flail, an axe, a spade, a distaff, or a spindle into the hands of young, strong Jews and Jewesses, letting them earn their bread by the sweat of their brow, as was imposed on the children of Adam (Genesis 3:19). For it is not fitting that they should let us accursed Goyim toil in the sweat of our faces while they, the holy people, idle away their time ... boasting blasphemously of their lordship over the Christians by means of our sweat ... For, as we have heard, God's anger with them is so intense that gentle mercy will only tend to make them worse and worse, while sharp mercy will reform them but little. **Therefore, in any case, away with them!**

From Luther's tract, "On the Jews and Their Lies," which may be found in English in *Luther's Works*, Vol. 45, pp. 199-229.

**The
Great
Mystery**
continued



Christianity's finest hour is at hand. Intimately connected like a prostitute to the one world government and enmeshed in the business world, she finally gets her chance. The woman climbs onto the back of this Beast and takes the reins of power.

John 15:19; 1 John 2:15; Rev 18; 17:1-3



As the Beast bides his time, this woman, the great Harlot, uses him to suppress all opposition to her rule. One group outside her control is another woman: the virgin Bride of the Messiah. Despite the Beast's policy to wear the Bride down day after day, she prepares a very special group of young men to be sent on a special mission.

John 15:18; 16:1-3; Rev 14: 1-5; 18:23-24; Gal 4:29; Dan 7:25



Peasants' War

Martin Luther urges the nobles to kill the peasants; 50,000 are slaughtered.

1525 AD

King Henry VIII becomes Head of the English Church

(Catholics and Protestants begin persecuting each other in England)

1534 AD

William Tyndale burned

at the stake for translating the Bible into English.

1536 AD

Martin Luther's Death

By this time several Protestant sects have arisen in this second great division of Christianity, starting a self-perpetuating proliferation of sects and cults.

1546 AD

Michael Servetus burned

at the stake by John Calvin for questioning the doctrine of the Trinity and rejecting infant baptism.

1553 AD

Mary crowned Queen of England

Leads nation back to Catholicism; burns 273 Protestants.

1553 – 1558 AD

Elizabeth crowned Queen of England

Leads England back to Protestantism.

1558 AD

Astronomer Johannes Kepler

calculates date of Messiah's birth as 7 BC.

1603 AD

THE LAST DAY

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I myself will raise him up on the Last Day. (John 6:40)

What is the Last Day and when will it come?

The Last Day is an actual day in the future. It is the day that Yahshua the Messiah will come back to this earth in the same way He left. He will claim His Bride who belongs to Him and to establish His kingdom, His rulership over the earth. He told his disciples He would do this when He was with them on the Mount of Olives, just before He went up into the heavens and disappeared in the clouds. On the day he returns, He will come down to earth through the clouds in flaming fire accompanied by his mighty angels. On that day He is going to give relief to His people on the earth who are all being persecuted and afflicted — to His strained and stressed ones who have endured to the end.¹ He will give His faithful ones rest — those who have proved their love for Him by their patient endurance and their obedience to Him. *At the same time* he is going to deal out tribulation and vengeance to those who have suppressed the truth in their consciences (what they know about God), and also to those who have heard and have not obeyed the gospel of our Sovereign, Yahshua the Messiah. This is the day when He brings an end to this wicked and perverse generation.²

¹2 Thessalonians 1:7; Matthew 24:13 ²Acts 2:40; Galatians 1:4

He is *not* going to give relief to his people by taking them up in the sky somewhere before the Last Day. Relief to His disciples will come on the same day he deals out retribution to His enemies.³ When is this Last Day? It is on the last day of the seven years of the Great Tribulation⁴ when the *last* trumpet sounds.⁵ At this moment the Sovereign Yahshua will descend with a shout, and the dead in Messiah will rise out of their graves. Those who are alive and have remained faithful to Him will be caught up together with those disciples who come out of their graves to meet their Master Yahshua in the clouds. From that time on they will always be with Him.⁶

Who will He come for?

Our Master Yahshua made it clear in John 6:39,40,44,54 that the resurrection of His people would come on the Last Day of this age. This is the *true* "rapture." This is the Second Coming of Messiah for His Elect, His Bride who is crying out for Him in the wilderness day and night.⁷ The Bride who will be raptured is depicted in Revelation as a woman clothed with the sun, with a crown of twelve stars on her head, and with the moon under her feet.⁸

This woman has fled to the wilderness to a place prepared for her.⁹ There she is

³2 Thessalonians 1:6-10 ⁴Matthew 24:29-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 ⁵1 Corinthians 15:52 ⁶1 Thessalonians 4:14-17 ⁷Luke 18:7 ⁸Revelation 12:1-2 ⁹Revelation 12:1-14



Are you a part of this woman, or the woman on page 33? (Revelation 12:1-2)

cared for during a period of 1,260 days (Revelation 12:6,14; *time, times, and half a time*). She has been persecuted and forced out of society, because her way of life is a testimony against the world that its deeds are evil.¹⁰ She is hated by all men, just as her Bridegroom promised

¹⁰John 16:1-3,8

she would be.¹¹ She was hated by all nations and persecuted — not because she has committed mass murder (like the *Crusades*) or molested children (as many "priests" have done) or isolated herself in some far away compound (such as monasteries) or armed herself (as many doomsday cults) to fight against the evil empire of the Beast — but because she had the love of *her* Bridegroom, her Sovereign Yahshua, filling her, producing the unity and peace that qualified her as the true witness of God's salvation (Isaiah 43:12). As a restored twelve-tribed nation she fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah 49:6. She became the witness of the kingdom¹² that He is waiting for as the sign heralding His Second Coming (see *The Sign of the End*, p. 4). This woman in the wilderness is the Stone kingdom cut out of the mountain of the world in Daniel 2:34,45. There is no more room for this Stone in this evil age. She is in her final moments of crying out to her King, longing for His appearing,¹³ just before her Bridegroom calls for her and takes her with Him to destroy all the kingdoms of the world.

From the beginning, when she first fell in love with Him, she knew that she would have to go *outside the camp* to be with Him.¹⁴ She could no longer be comfortably conformed to

¹¹Matthew 10:22; 24:9; Mark 13:13; Luke 21:17; John 7:7; 15:18,19,23; 17:14 ¹²Matthew 24:3,14 ¹³2 Timothy 4:8; Hebrews 9:28 ¹⁴Hebrews 13:13-14

The Great Mystery continued



As the Beast attempts to destroy the Bride, she sends out 144,000 of her sons. Their sudden appearance in society distracts him and gives her time to flee away to a place prepared for her in the wilderness.

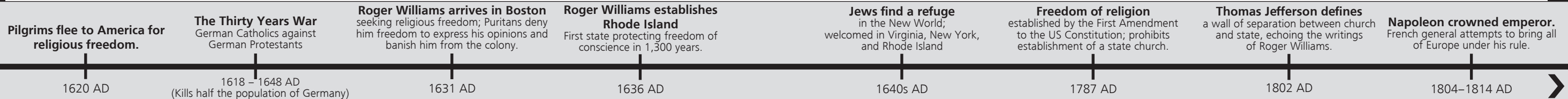
Rev 7:2-8; 9:4



These 144,000 pure young men warn people to come out of the ecumenical church. They also proclaim the age-lasting message, "Fear God and give Him glory," and warn men not to take the mark of the Beast.

Rev 14:6-11





the way of the world. She now lives only to please her Bridegroom. Soon He will come for her, and He will not delay long. She can even count the days: 1,260 of them (Revelation 12:14). At that time,

... we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

(1 Corinthians 15:51-52)

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord.

(1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

she knows when to expect Him. He will come on the last of the 1,260 days.¹⁵

These deep mysteries cannot be understood unless, by the mercies of God, He reveals it to His faithful ones. The Messiah, Yahshua is our Bridegroom and we are His Bride and wife to be, just like He said many times.¹⁶ When she has been made ready, He will come.¹⁷ So, who is the Bride? The Bride is the we that will be “changed in a moment ... at the last trumpet” and the we who will be

¹⁵Revelation 17:14 ¹⁶Matthew 9:15; 25:1-10; Mark 2:19-20; Luke 5:34-35; John 3:29 ¹⁷Revelation 19:7-8

“alive and remain [when we are] caught up in the air to meet Him in the clouds.” So, who are the we? Are you the we or are we the we ... or are we both the we? Our eternal destiny depends on how we answer these questions.

What will be happening on the earth at that time?

Just before the woman flees to the wilderness, she gives birth to a generation of pure young virgin men. This means they are sent out from her, 12,000 from each of her Twelve Tribes. After she flees, the Man of Lawlessness, who is Satan incarnate, goes after these 144,000 pure ones. They will be warning all the inhabitants of the earth of the coming judgments of God. As the plagues of the Great Tribulation come upon the earth in the midst of their preaching, they let the people know that the strange occurrences of Isaiah 24:6 and Revelation 16:9 are a result of men breaking the age-lasting covenant with God¹⁸ (see also page 16).

They will preach their message for 1260 days and will be killed one by one.¹⁹ When the last one is slain, the spiritual mask of the Magnificent Civilization will be ripped away, the dark covering of the earth will be peeled back, exposing the leader as the embodiment of Satan himself. He will be responsible for the death of 144,000 innocent men including the two witnesses whose bodies will lie in the streets of Jerusalem as the whole world rejoices. After 3½ days these two witnesses come back to life and in so doing give witness to the Salvation of our God just as the LAST TRUMPET sounds! The dead in Messiah will rise from their

¹⁸Genesis 3:16-19 ¹⁹Revelation 6:9-11

graves and those who are alive and remain in the wilderness will be caught up in the air to meet Him as He comes in the clouds on the LAST DAY (Revelation 17:14; John 6:40; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

What will He do when He comes?

When His people are caught up in the air to meet Him, He will go with them to the valley of Meggido in Israel to fight the Battle of Armageddon. All the armies of the earth will be gathered there to wage war against Him.²⁰ They know He is coming because the 144,000 have sacrificed their lives to proclaim it for 1260 days (just as the two witnesses in Revelation 11:3). Satan, through the Man of Lawlessness, will actually think his armies can destroy the Sovereign Yahshua. He will convince all the kings of the earth²¹ to join him because, at this point, the only ones still remaining are the unjust and filthy, liars who pay attention to the father of liars.²² Instead of being destroyed, our Master Yahshua will wage war and defeat the armies of the earth, putting all His enemies under His feet. This battle will last 30 days and will be like no battle ever before or since. The blood of those slain will be up to the bridles of the horses.²³ Our Master Yahshua’s cloak will be stained solid red from the blood of his enemies. Then He will place His feet down on the Mount of Olives to begin His reign of peace with His Bride for 1000 years.

What keeps Him from coming today?

Our Master Yahshua cannot come back because many of the prophecies

²⁰Revelation 19:11-21 ²¹Revelation 19:20

²²Proverbs 17:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

²³Revelation 14:20

Jews find a refuge in the New World; welcomed in Virginia, New York, and Rhode Island

1640s AD

Freedom of religion established by the First Amendment to the US Constitution; prohibits establishment of a state church.

1787 AD

Thomas Jefferson defines a wall of separation between church and state, echoing the writings of Roger Williams.

1802 AD

Napoleon crowned emperor. French general attempts to bring all of Europe under his rule.

1804–1814 AD

of the Bible are not yet fulfilled. One example is the rise and seven-year reign of a world leader variously known as the Antichrist, the Beast²⁴, or the Man of Lawlessness.²⁵ He will come to power through an alliance of church and state that will bond the whole world together. This alliance is symbolized in Daniel 2 as the ten toes of the statue made of iron and mixed with clay (see *The Unshak-*

able Kingdom, p. 42). The iron is the beast of Revelation 17 and the clay is the woman,²⁶ an unfaithful bride that has become a harlot. This harlot is also depicted in Revelation 17 as a woman drunk with the wine of her immorality riding on the back of the Beast. She used to be the betrothed Bride of Messiah but has become a harlot by not being faithful to follow the Bridegroom. The description in Revelation 18:2,4 says she has

become (i.e., her nature gradually changed into) the dwelling place of every unclean spirit. After the Man of Lawlessness (the Beast) comes into power, he turns on his ally, the harlot, and destroys her with fire in one hour²⁷ (see *A House Divided*, p. 39). After that he will establish his absolute authority over the earth, since the restraint of the harlot’s religious principles will be lifted.

Messiah can’t just return “any day now.” Many things must happen before that Last Day. His Bride is only now being formed, as a baby still in the womb. She is not yet fully formed into the spiritual nation of twelve tribes that the prophets have foretold.²⁸ The tribes of Jacob must be raised up, and everything

Pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath; for then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall.

— Matthew 24:20-21

Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken, and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

— Matthew 24:29-31

must be restored that the first-century disciples lost when they left their first love, staining the white garment they had received at their baptism.²⁹ The pure message that Messiah brought in the beginning has to be proclaimed once again. The witness of the coming Kingdom has to spread to the ends of the earth.³⁰

You may wonder why we are writing an article to tell you the Last Day is still

²⁴Revelation 13:3-7 ²⁵2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 ²⁶Revelation 17:3,18 ²⁷Rev 17:16 ²⁸Isaiah 49:6; Rev 7:4-8; 12:1; 21:9-12 ²⁹Rev 2:4-5; 3:4-5; Galatians 3:27 ³⁰Matthew 21:43; 24:14; Malachi 1:11; Acts 26:6-8



*What will happen to this woman?
Will she be raptured or burned?
(Revelation 17:3, 18)*



Shortly after this warning, the Harlot rebels against the Beast’s ever-increasing desire for power. The Beast turns on her. Unwilling to share his glory any longer, he gathers her people together in assemblies all around the globe and destroys them in a single hour. Every trace of the ecumenical church is wiped out as she is burned with fire, a fitting end for a harlot.

Rev 18:8-18; Lev 21:9



With the Harlot gone, he turns his attention to the 144,000. Many of them are stripped and beaten, thrown into prison for their message, and suffer hunger and thirst. All are eventually killed, a pure sacrifice like Messiah Yahshua. Those who receive them are killed or must flee for their lives.

Matt 25:35-40; Rev 7:14-17; 6:9-11



600 Years of Inquisition end
but live on today in Roman Catholic law
as the *Holy Office*. In 1965 it became the
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Mass killings of Jews
in Russia and eastern Europe

3,000,000 Jews
living in Poland at beginning
of Hitler's reign.

30,000 Jews
living in Poland at the
end of Hitler's reign.

Cardinal Bertram, head of Catholic church
in Germany, orders Requiem Mass for Hitler,
praying that, "the Almighty's son Hitler
be admitted to Paradise."*

Pope Pius XII remains silent
throughout the Holocaust; Jews
are rounded up in Rome to be taken
to Hitler's death camps.

Nürnberg Trials
Nazi war criminals, in their defense, cite their
prophet Martin Luther's recommendations of
how to exterminate the Jews.

1808 AD

beginning around 1880 AD

1939 AD

1945 AD
Hitler's death toll: 6,500,000 Jews

May 1945

*Hitler's Willing Executioners, by D. J. Goldhagen (A. Knopf, NY, NY), 1996, p. 453.

1945-1946 AD



Where will you be when this happens?
(Revelation 17:16)

a long way off. You may have heard some say that the Bible indicates an *unknown* day when Messiah will rapture His people like a thief in the night, at some arbitrary time that is not based on a Bride being prepared ahead of time for Him. But He will not come as a thief in the night to the elect who walk as children of the light.³¹

The Last Day is still a long way off and this fact is part of the good news. Our Master told the story in Luke 14 about two kings who would one day have to face one another in battle.³² The lesser king with the smaller army considered whether he could stand against the one who was coming. Realizing that he had no hope of resistance, he sent a delegation to ask for terms of peace while the greater king was still far away. He knew that if he waited until the last day to submit, then the conquering king would not be able to trust him.³³

So this is our message of hope for you — that you would realize that our Master, the Messiah, is the greater king, that He is coming for us, and when He comes for us, he will bring this world and everything that it stands for to its deserved end. There is no hope of resisting Him who conquered death itself. Now while he is still a long way off, you have the opportunity to meet His terms of peace. If you do, then you will become a part of the *we*, like us, those who long for His return. Who the *we* are you can

be also.

You can be as the king in Luke 14:31-32 who became (as we all did ourselves) His disciples by doing what all who are His disciples must do in order to belong

to Him (verse 33). Only in this way can you become one of us — one of the *we* in 1 Thessalonians 4:17. Then we (that could include you also), together with all who have gone before us — we will be taken up to meet him in the air, and so shall we ever be with our Master.³⁴

What we need to know?

The Last Day is the last day of this age. The Last Day is the day the Messiah will return to earth.³⁵ This day will be the beginning of the age when Messiah will restore the kingdom to Israel.³⁶ This will be the day when Messiah begins to restore all things, when He begins to rule from His glorious throne on earth.³⁷ This present evil age comes to an end only when He returns.³⁸ When a nation produces the fruit of the kingdom He will return and establish His kingdom.³⁹ This fruit can only be produced when brothers and sisters are allied together in the same cause, working and living together

*It is too small a thing that
You should be My Servant To
raise up the tribes of Jacob,
and to restore the preserved
ones of Israel; I will also make
You a light of the nations So
that My salvation may reach
to the end of the earth.*

— Isaiah 49:6

in communion (not in division), standing as one Man, one Body, serving one Master.⁴⁰

Messiah will rule here on earth for

³¹1 Thessalonians 5:4-5 ³²Luke 14:32-33 ³³Revelation 19:11-21 ³⁴Revelation 17:14

³⁵Luke 22:18; 1 Corinthians 11:26 ³⁶Acts 1:6 ³⁷Matthew 19:28 ³⁸Matt 24:14; Galatians 1:4; 1 John 5:19 ³⁹Matthew 21:43; 1 Peter 2:9; Hebrews 10:13; Daniel 7:18,27

⁴⁰Proverbs 17:17; Ephesians 4:1-6

a thousand years with His people who have become a kingdom and priests.⁴¹ This is His holy nation, the same nation Isaiah prophesied would be restored⁴² and the same nation as the commonwealth of Israel that Paul reminded the Ephesians they had been grafted into.⁴³ This nation is also the wife of the Lamb⁴⁴ and the twelve tribes that James wrote to in his epistle.⁴⁵ It is the same twelve tribes that Paul spoke of in Acts 26:6-7, who serve God day and night.

It is during Messiah's thousand-year rule on earth that the promise to Abraham is going to be fulfilled. At this time the promise made to Israel will be fulfilled. Israel will be *resurrected*. The dry bones of the natural seed will come up from their graves and return to the land of Israel⁴⁶ at the same time that the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of our Sovereign Yahshua.⁴⁷ At this time the twelve apostles of the Lamb will sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.⁴⁸ Thus the promise to Abraham will be fulfilled — to give him the land from the river of Egypt to the great river Euphrates, the whole land of Canaan. Israel will become a powerful nation and bring about all that God promised to Abraham. This will be fulfilled during our Master Yahshua's millennial reign.⁴⁹

During this thousand years the restoration of all things will come about. Long ago, God promised through His holy prophets that it would happen.⁵⁰ The physical land in the Middle East that was promised to Abraham will be restored to Israel at that time. In that day it will be an enemy-free land and all of its inhabitants will dwell there in peace. But before restoration can come in the next age, res-

toration has to come first to His holy nation in this age⁵¹ — not reformation, not reform, but restoring the very way of life that was in the beginning in Jerusalem after Peter preached on the day of Pentecost.⁵² The restoration of His people can be no other way. That means the church can be no other way. The world needs to see the hearts of fathers restored to their children and the hearts of children restored to their fathers.⁵³ The world must see husbands and wives living together as one, thus restoring families, clans, and tribes to become that holy nation.⁵⁴

The prophet Jeremiah spoke of this restoration of spiritual Israel in this age when God would "restore the fortunes of Jacob's tents, have mercy on his dwelling places — rebuilding the city on her ruins." It is a time when "their *community* will be restored." God promised that "at that time" He will be the God of all the families of Israel.⁵⁵ The Hebrew word *community* in this passage from Jeremiah 30:20 is *Edah*, which means *witness*. This witness spoken of by the prophet Jeremiah is the same witness spoken of by our Master Yahshua as the sign of the end of the age. So, this witness must be restored as a demonstration to all nations before the end of this present evil age can come.⁵⁶

Jeremiah also prophesied that these restored families who make up this witness, the Edah, the true church, will be the ones who "survive the sword" (i.e., government onslaught), "find favor in the wilderness," and will be "given rest [or relief]." This prophecy is talking about the Edah, the woman who flees to the wilderness,⁵⁷ who survives the sword of the Man of Lawlessness and finds relief

or rest on the day our Master Yahshua returns (just as 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10 predicts).

God's holy nation, the Edah, are the merry-makers and circle dancers,⁵⁸ forerunners of that coming age. We are the harbingers in this age who overcome all the spiritual enemies that keep this life from being demonstrated to the world. We put our spiritual enemies under the feet of our Master Yahshua. Once these spiritual enemies have been defeated by the royal priesthood and holy nation in this age,⁵⁹ our Master Yahshua will return to establish His Kingdom,⁶⁰ and then the land can be restored to the physical descendants of Abraham in the next age. When He comes back, He will punish those who oppressed His Edah,⁶¹ the restored Twelve Tribes of Israel, and will contend with those who contended with them.⁶²

This full restoration is what we are living for, which will be carried out by the spiritual nation⁶³ that is now being raised up in these last days to bring about the *LAST DAY*. ➡

⁴¹Revelation 1:6; 5:9,10; 20:6; Exodus 19:6

⁴²Isaiah 49:6 ⁴³Ephesians 2:12 ⁴⁴Revelation 21:9,12 ⁴⁵James 1:1 ⁴⁶Ezekiel 37:11-14

⁴⁷Revelation 11:15 ⁴⁸Matthew 19:28

⁴⁹Genesis 15:18; 17:3-8; 18:19

⁵⁰Acts 3:21 ⁵¹Matthew 17:11; Mark 9:12

⁵²Acts 2:37-47 ⁵³Malachi 4:6 ⁵⁴1 Peter 2:9-10 ⁵⁵Jeremiah 30:17 - 31:4 ⁵⁶Matthew 24:3,14 ⁵⁷Revelation 12:1-17 ⁵⁸Jeremiah 30:19; 31:4 ⁵⁹Hebrews 10:13 ⁶⁰Daniel 7:18,27

⁶¹Jeremiah 30:20 ⁶²Isaiah 49:6,25-26

⁶³1 Peter 2:9-10; Revelation 1:6; 5:9-10

Suddenly the Beast suffers a fatal wound. Satan enters into him and brings him back to life, enabling him to perform extraordinary signs and wonders. As the Beast displays himself as God, men everywhere worship him.

European Common Market
forerunner of European Union,
formed to promote trade
and cooperation

1958 AD

Second Vatican Council
Pope John XXIII inaugurates Catholic
participation in the ecumenical movement,
recognizing Protestants as "separated brethren"

1962 AD

**Catholics officially attend the
World Council of Churches**
Ecumenical Movement strengthened

1968 AD

European Union
European nations begin to unify
under a central rule

1993 AD

Pope John Paul II apologizes
to non-Christian religions for wrongs
committed by the Church.

March 12, 2000 AD



The Present

"Roman" empire begins to revive as church and state come together. The increase of travel and knowledge indicate that the Last Day is not far off (Dan 12:4)

(see page 10)

Only the DEAD GO DOWN TO SILENCE

A *cult*, someone once wisely said, is any group you don't like. The *Encyclopedia Britannica* defines it more objectively. It actually has to do with the way people in cults worship their God.

"Cultic worship is so universal in religion that some historians of religion define religion as cult. Cultic worship is social, and this means more than a group worshipping the same deity in the same place at the same time. Cult is structured with a division of sacred personnel (priests) who lead and perform the cultic ceremonies for the people, who are in a more distant relation with the deity. The sacred personnel are designated by the choice and acceptance both of the deity and of the worshipping group. The words and actions of the cultic performance are divided into roles assigned to the leaders and to the worshippers. It is the tendency of cultic worship to replace spontaneity, which it once had, with set and even rigid forms of words and acts. These are preserved by tradition, and they generally have a sacredness that is based on the belief that the directions for cultic worship came ultimately from the deity."¹

So there are several distinguishing features of a cult, namely –

◆ The "cult" worships their God in the same place at the same time. (This is a nearly universal feature of religion.)

◆ The "cult" has set-apart *priests* or *ministers* who stand in a closer relationship to God than the people. (This should not be true of the *royal priesthood* Peter spoke of.²)

◆ These *priests* or *ministers* lead the worship of God, which was once spontaneous, into set or even rigid form of words and acts.

◆ The "cult" believes their form of worship to be from God...even if it is far different than the former, open, lively, participatory worship their "group" began with.

So the typical *clergy* and *laity* distinction of churches today (and not just today, but for many centuries now) makes both Christian and Catholic worship – with their paid and trained *sacred personnel* – truly *cultic*. It all began years ago, when something started to go on in the churches that had never happened before – the people became silent and only the voices of their leaders were heard. Before this, everyone came with something to share, as Paul instructed the Corinthians.³ In his first letter he told them *the outcome of God being among them* would be that *all* would prophesy. *All*, not just the clergy,⁴ would come with a *psalm*, a *teaching*, a *revelation*, and a *tongue* (if there were an interpretation). Both the men and the women could speak, as long as the women wore their head coverings when they prayed or prophesied.⁵ It was a true priesthood of all the believers,

where all could and were expected to speak the very words of God.⁶

Yet for many reasons on the part of both the people and their leaders, something started to happen in the young church even before the first century ended. The church divided into *clergy* and *laity*, and the *laity* were silenced. They were *conquered*. The apostle John, writing at the end of the apostolic age, called these *conquerors* the Nicolaitans:

Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. (Revelations 2:6)⁷

The word Nicolaitan comes from two Greek words, *nikos*, meaning conquest, triumph – victory, and *laos*, people. The Nicolaitans were victorious over the people.⁸ The change that this produced in the Church was profound. The Christian historians also record this change, noting that many even considered it a curse:

"Between the years AD 100 and AD 500, the Christian Church changed almost beyond recognition. ... [At first] The organization of the church was still fluid...there were no creeds to be recited, no set forms of worship... [By AD 500] The worship of the church was entirely liturgical with fixed, set forms of prayer..."

"Most of these changes came gradually over four hundred years. On

the whole they were for the good and reflected healthy growth on the part of the church. But not all the changes were necessarily for the better. Many today would consider the alliance with the state and the transformation of Christianity into an official religion to be at best a mixed blessing, if not actually a curse. Many would be less than enthusiastic about the pattern of ministry that emerged and about the suppression of the free forms of worship."⁹

To this day the people remain silent in the churches across America, indeed, across all of Christendom. True, they sing when they are supposed to, respond when they are supposed to, give money when they are supposed to, stand up, sit down, file in and file out when they are supposed to. They are led in all these things by their leaders, whom they expect to be closer to God than themselves because they have been educated in the skills of oratory

and doctrine. But they are not told that they are participating in classic *cultic worship*. Nor are they told that this is not what Messiah Yahshua died for.

The people do not know, nor does each generation of conquerors know, that their worship and their faith are built on another foundation than the one Paul and the other apostles laid.¹⁰ It is an ancient practice, but it does not go back to the beginning. 1 Corinthians 14:24-33 is the beginning, where *all* come prepared and have the freedom to speak. They do not know, and their conquerors do not teach them, that their silence in the churches is the ringing affirmation that the Holy Spirit does not dwell there.¹¹ They are not told that only the dead go down to silence before their God.¹² All they know is that this is the way it has always been, so this must be the way it should be.¹³ When the least of the brothers could no longer speak in the gathering and be heard, the Holy Spirit had no more voice

among the people, and He departed.

He will not dwell in silence, nor will He continue to be head over any church where the people lose their outspokenness:

"but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end." (Hebrews 3:6)

Confidence is a very special word here. It is number 3954 in Strong's Greek Concordance of the Bible, and means *freedom of speaking, unreservedness in speech, openly, frankly, free and fearless confidence, cheerful courage, boldness, assurance*. This means if God's people lose their outspokenness in the gatherings, as Paul spoke of in 1 Corinthians 14:24-26, then the Messiah will no longer be head over that house.



¹Encyclopedia Britannica, *Macropaedia*, Vol. 15, page 996 (1979) ²1 Peter 2:9, which is itself the fulfillment of what old Israel never attained to in Exodus 19:5,6. ³1 Corinthians 14:24-28 ⁴There was no such thing as a "clergy" in Paul's day. He had no such concept. The clergy came along because they didn't obey Paul's instructions in 1 Corinthians 14:24-26. The term itself came later when there was only a select group that spoke in church. ⁵1 Corinthians 11:5-10 ⁶1 Peter 4:11 ⁷Also, Revelations 2:15 ⁸Nicolaus, from which Nicolaitan comes, is #3532 in Strong's Greek Concordance of the New Testament. It comes from #3534, *nikos*, and #2992, *laos*. ⁹Tony Lane, *The Lion Book of Christian Thought* (Lion Publishing Company, Batavia, Illinois, 1984), page 8. ¹⁰1 Corinthians 3:10-17 and 2 Corinthians 11:2-4 ¹¹Hebrews 3:6 ¹²Psalms 115:17 ¹³Earle E. Cairns writes in *Christianity Through the Centuries* (Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan), p. 83, that as early as the middle of the second century [around AD 150], worship consisted of several readings from epistles and the prophets, a homily [sermon] by the "president", responsorial prayer by the people [they said "Amen" when they were supposed to], the Lord's supper, and collection of the offering, which was followed by dismissal of the people to their homes. And so it is to this day... The people were silenced, conquered, and so it is to this day...

The
Great
Mystery
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Messiah Yahshua comes in the clouds and calls for His Bride, who has endured in the wilderness until the Last Day. Caught up to meet Him in the air with all those He resurrects, they destroy the combined armies of the world, as well as the remainder of God's enemies. After 30 long days of war, the Earth is finally ready for the new age of peace.

Acts 1:9-11; Rev 12:6; 1 Thes 4:16-17; Rev 19:11-21;
Luke 14:31-33; Zech 14:3-9; Dan 12:11; Isa 2:3-4; Mic 4:2-4



Having received their immortal bodies, His Bride rules with Him on Earth for 1,000 years over the righteous survivors of the nations and their offspring. Mankind's labor restores the whole Earth to what it was like in the Garden and God fulfills His promise to Abraham.

1 Cor 15:51-53; Dan 7:27 (RSV);
Zech 14:16; Matt 19:28; Rev 5:10; Eze 37:14



The End.

A House Divided

*Satan will one day destroy half his house to exalt the other half.
Isn't that a sign of his coming end?*

A house divided against itself cannot stand," is more than common sense. These words of our Master Yahshua were actually one of the most awesome prophecies of the entire Bible – the end of Satan, his finish!

Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself shall not stand. And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself: how then shall his kingdom stand? (Matthew 12:25-26)

And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but he is finished! (Mark 3:26)

There is no way to unlock the mystery of Satan's fall without seeing in the Word of God the two aspects of the world system he will dominate. These two powers will in the end violently oppose one another, because each is filled with Satan's desire to dominate and rule, but only one can. His own schemes to seize control over every aspect of people's lives and souls will actually bring about his end. Our Master Yahshua spoke prophetically that when Satan rises up in one to destroy the other, he is divided against himself, and then he is finished!

What are these two powers? The Bible says the time is coming when the evil one will dominate, through a man, the governments of the world. This coming world dictator is called "the beast" in the Bible. Before he comes, ten kings of great power will arise on the very soil of the ancient Roman Empire. They will appear in the last days to gather the awesome political, military, and economic power of Europe under

one authority. The European Union of today is only a shadow of the might of the coming "Ten Kings." The many nations of the EU will boil down to ten.

Men have long heard of "the Beast." The ten kings have also been thought to be the rulers of some future super-Europe. But these political leaders do not solve the mystery of Satan's divided house that *must* fall, for they are in perfect harmony. The other power is called a "mystery" in the Bible because it has been so little understood. For at the same time the Beast is rising to world prominence there will be another great power on the earth, which is described in the Bible as a *woman*. So great will be her power that it will seem to more than match that of the beast himself. In fact,

numerous and so powerful her numbers can only be described as "*peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.*"¹ Her corrupting influence *affects the entire planet.*²

The kings of the earth committed acts of immorality, and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality.³ And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. (Revelation 17:2-3)

What she represents will be a force so mighty, a people so great, that she will *actually* rule over the kingdoms of the earth! With the spread of democracy the world over, no one will be able to get elected without her support.⁴ The one who rules over her sits enthroned in the city that sits on seven hills.⁵

Many Protestant leaders, from Martin Luther onward, have identified this passage as the Pope's influence, centered in Rome. They did not see themselves as the daughters of this Mother Harlot, however.⁶

And the woman that you saw is the great city which has dominion over the kings of the earth. (Revelation 17:18)



King Nebuchadnezzar's vision of the Beast's empire – the feet of iron and clay

it is she who will make possible his rise to power.

This *Beast*, a man so insensitive to the soul and spirit of man that he might as well be a *beast*, will actually be under the control of this *woman*. She is seen in the Bible as riding *on his back*. This is a picture of the one who is in control, for the one who rides on the back holds the reins. This woman is a body of people so

This dominion is something the Ten Kings will not tolerate any longer than they have to. They will use her influence over the voters to gain office and then resent her influence over them. They will realize what stands between them and ultimate power. They will see the need for one man to stand out from all the rest – one man for the whole world to rally behind. To that man these ten kings

One half of Satan's house is described as a woman wielding great influence and control over the Beast.

will surrender their power and authority and together they will take action.

And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. These have one purpose and they give their power and authority to the beast. (Revelation 17:12-13)

They will secretly plot to remove every other authority than their own. They will break the power of the one who has brought them to power. They will throw off the one who is *riding the back of the beast*. They will turn on her, whom the Bible calls a *harlot*, and burn her with fire, the ancient punishment for a woman who falls into harlotry.⁷

And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire. (Revelation 17:16)

And this is the very beginning of Satan’s house being laid waste as it is divided against itself in the last, climatic moments of the last days of this age. For the mystery is this – he will possess *both* the beast and the woman. They are each in his house.

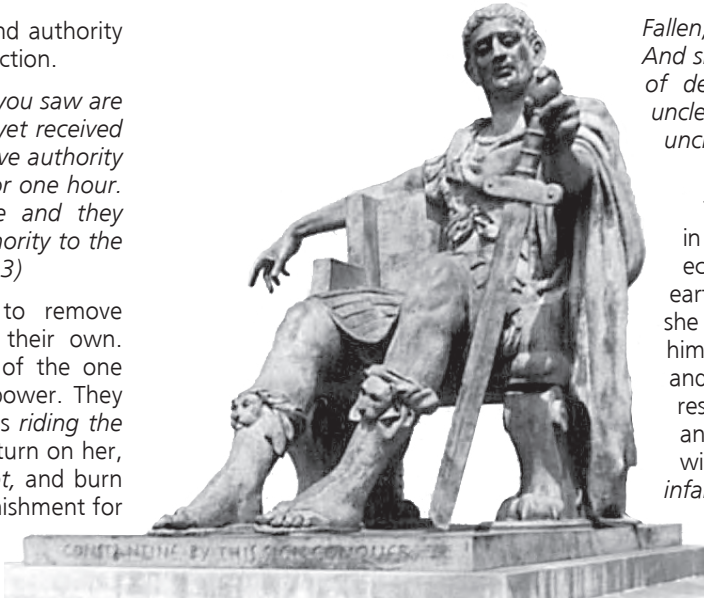
Who is this Woman?

So who is this *woman* who will have such great power and come to such a terrible end? To understand this, we will have to see that she was once far different than the world power she has so often lusted for. She was once a pure young woman, a virgin betrothed to another man:

For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin. (2 Corinthians 11:2)

She began her life as the church begun by the apostles in the first century so long ago. She was promised to the Son of God, who will still one day have a people so faithful and loyal to Him that they can be called *His* bride.⁸

When still a young woman she began to listen to another *spirit* which led her astray from the pure and simple devotion to her king. Soon, simple obedience was



The Emperor Constantine

no longer simple to her, and the pure gospel she received from the apostles became altered until she had received “another Yahshua.”

But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully. (2 Corinthians 11:2-4).

This other gospel was much, much easier to bear, and in time became much, much more attractive to the peoples of the world. Within a few centuries of Messiah, her stature and charms got the attention of the Roman Emperor Constantine. He was the kind of man who ever since held a special attraction for her: dominating, ruthless, powerful, and able to manipulate both politics and religion to achieve his (and her) own ends. This embrace forever changed this *young woman*. She became the church that would embrace every other ruler who came along, virtually without exception. Later, her daughters, the Protestant denominations, would imitate her in this.⁹ (See the Time Line.) She started to become what only the world in the last days would see in its fullness:

Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! And she has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird. (Revelation 18:2)

The day is coming, as it has in the past, when this Christian ecumenical church will gain great earthly power — so great that she will control the world dictator himself. His lawless nature will resent and hate her moral and spiritual restraint. In the mounting tension and danger of her last days, she will not be able to give up her *infallible decrees* of the past without losing all her credibility and moral authority.

The apostle Paul long ago warned the faithful ones not to think Yahshua would return until Satan’s house had divided against itself:

Don’t let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God’s temple, proclaiming himself to be God. (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)

Through the Man of Lawlessness (the Beast), Satan will destroy the woman riding on his back, thus destroying a major portion of his house. All the saints of the Most High who are in the wilderness, in the streets of the cities preaching the eternal gospel, and those with our Master Yahshua will rejoice greatly as the smoke of her torment goes up forever.¹⁰ For her guilt has piled as high as heaven because of all the murderous and adulterous deeds she has done throughout history. Finally she will reap what she had sown. ➡

¹Revelation 17:15 ²Revelation 18:23
³Revelation 18:3 ⁴Ezekiel 38 and 39
prophecy of the destruction of Russia and her allies, nations that will never submit to either her persuasion or his authority.
⁵Revelation 17:9 ⁶Revelation 17:5 ⁷Leviticus 21:9 ⁸Revelation 19:7-8 ⁹Although mother and offspring would disagree over outward aspects of worship and doctrine, which was really nothing more than what kind of clothing each would wear before the world. ¹⁰Revelation 18:20; 19:3

Political, military, and economic power comprise the other half of his house, backing the man known as the Beast.





Although the Bible describes it in terms of its stones, walls, and gates, in reality the Unshakable Kingdom is a people with enduring character, unbreakable unity, and an uncompromising message of hope...

This mystery has not been revealed to me for any wisdom residing in me more than in any other living man, but for the purpose of making the interpretation known to the king, and that you may understand the thoughts of your mind.

— Daniel 2:30

Some people scoff at the intense interest given to end-time prophecies recently. “People always get hysterical around the turn of a millennium.” And maybe they’ve got a point. The times we live in could make a person fearful. Think about the social, moral, and economic problems that face people today. Over 50 million people have contracted the AIDS virus, and 5½ million are being added yearly to the total. That’s one issue that makes the world a little tense. And people feel insecure when they hear about tampering with the genetic makeup of plants and animals, or violating the structure of atoms. And since roughly half of all marriages end in divorce and growing numbers of couples don’t even bother making a commitment to stay together, people tend to worry about the future of society.

The reality is, there never has been

a time like this. Even when a nation or empire was in decline, or verging on moral collapse, there was always another society standing by, ready to take over when it fell. This is the only time in over 4000 years that a global civilization and a global culture have been within man’s reach. Within a generation, the whole earth could very likely be united in a federation of governments, much like the European Union is today. And many people fear that when this coming civilization falls, it’s going to take everything down with it.

So there are good reasons why men are looking to Bible prophecies for direction. People want to have something secure and unchanging to put their confidence in. The world is mutating much too fast for them to keep up, and they have no assurance that most of the changes are for the better. They want to know how it’s all going to turn out, and they’ve heard that the prophets in the Bible have been right. Haven’t many of their predictions already come true?

The Fall of the Statue

The prophet Daniel is a good example of a man whose words are trustworthy. 2,600 years ago, he interpreted a dream

for a Babylonian king. The focus of the dream was a huge statue with a gold head, a chest and arms of silver, a bronze belly, iron legs, and feet and toes of iron mixed with clay. From this dream, he predicted a succession of empires which would dominate the earth. And history has proven him right. The Babylonian, Persian, Greek, and Roman Empires followed one another, corresponding exactly to the statue, especially the legs of iron, which depicted the eastern and western halves of the Roman Empire.¹

As for the feet and toes of iron mixed with clay, many scholars have imagined that this would be a revival of the Roman Empire in a modified form. These speculations carry weight, because Roman law and culture undergird all of Western civilization. The essence of Rome is like a seed waiting to sprout. The West is obsessed with a united world because they still remember the tremendous economic and military success that the Roman Empire enjoyed in its heyday – the “Roman Peace.”

It is easy to see how the current movement toward world unity will bring about the feet of iron mixed with clay, ending with ten iron-and-clay toes.² Even now, forces are at work to unify all the orga-

nized religions for the purpose of making them a dominant political force in the world. When this Ecumenical Movement succeeds, the governments of all nations will see a need to incorporate the influence of religion as a stabilizing force in society. This mixture of the iron of government and the clay of religion will resolve itself into a federation of ten world leaders. Many people, even within Christianity, see this much about Daniel’s predictions. What they do not understand, however, is the end of this vision.

The Mystery of the Stone

In the dream, a stone was mysteriously being hewn out of a huge mountain. Without human hands, it was chipped away, little by little, until it broke free and plummeted toward the statue, striking it on the feet. The iron and clay mixture

shattered, and the entire statue fell and disintegrated. Then a mighty wind came up, blowing away the dust, until no trace was left of the once-mighty statue. Only the stone remained. Then, amazingly, that stone grew into a huge mountain which filled the earth.

Fifth century Roman Catholic theologian Augustine claimed that this stone was the Catholic Church, and that it had already become the mountain that filled the whole earth.³ What Augustine failed to realize, however, was that the Catholic Church had not removed every trace of the Roman Empire, but was instead preserving it. In fact, the Roman Church was the beginning of the clay mixing with the iron, which will become the one-world empire of the last days.

Daniel made it clear that the stone is not a religion, but a kingdom.⁴ And it is not just any kingdom, but *the* kingdom which the God of heaven will set up in the days of “those kings” – the ten kings of the world federation represented by the toes of the statue. This can only happen at one time in history – the last days of this age. Obviously so, because when the Stone Kingdom falls on the toes, it brings this age to an end.

The relentless progress toward

religious and political unity that is now driving the Western world shows that we are clearly in the beginning stages of that

In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever. — Daniel 2:44

federation of kings. Once again Daniel’s interpretation of the dream is proving trustworthy. So we must also be living at the time when God is beginning to cut the Stone Kingdom out of the mountain of the world.

Not Subversive

Daniel said that this Stone Kingdom will not be left for another people. It will endure forever because it is completely separate from the society of the end times. This is the meaning of the stone being cut out of the mountain. Those who make up this kingdom are hewn out of the world, not by human effort, but by a divine act.

Many groups are forming today, tak-

The iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed all at the same time, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. — Daniel 2:35



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ing their cues from such prophecies as Daniel and the book of Revelation. They are taking steps to isolate themselves from the corruption they see in society, and even to arm themselves for a conflict with the emerging one-world order. The FBI estimates that there are hundreds of such private armies in the United States alone. These survivalist groups think that by stockpiling weapons and supplies, they can make it through the collapse of the present society and take over. But what they do not see is that, contrary to prophecy, they are trying to cut themselves out of the mountain with human hands.

Such alternative societies are based on reactions to the current culture, hatred of other races or religions, and even insane plans to force a confrontation with the "antichrist government." But their efforts will prove to be futile. Those who are subversive will be surrounded and disarmed, or perhaps even destroyed. And others will be assimilated back into society – as many have been already. A movement based on mere reactions to moral decline will not stand. Subversive or reactionary groups cannot overthrow the current order because they are still connected to its source. They are still

controlled by the same spirits that control the society that they are reacting to. The whole world lies in the power of the evil one.⁵ So the only society that will be able to endure is one that comes out from under the control of the spiritual forces that work in the unseen realm.

This is how the Stone Kingdom will bring an end to the kingdoms of this world – not through subversive activity against those kingdoms, but through overcoming the spiritual forces that control them. Those in the Stone Kingdom have been given power over the unclean spirits that stir up fear and hatred and greed and pride and every kind of selfish desire and self-centered thought.

The Radical Solution to Sin

The Stone Kingdom does something truly radical. It lays the axe to the root that has caused the downfall of every civilization since the beginning. That root is self-life. Self-life is the true meaning of the often-misunderstood term *sin*. Those who choose to follow the King of this kingdom choose to put self to death. This is called repenting. When they repent, their King lavishes on them a costly gift called forgiveness. Forgiveness causes something supernatural to spring up in

their souls known as *love*. This love is not just a good feeling, it is a good *motive*. This supernatural love causes them to do good things – kind things – that shine brightly to those around them. And those who see what they are doing start work in the unseen realm.

It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth. — Isaiah 49:6

to appreciate the God who made them. They start to believe that the Creator is good and kind and wants to help them out of the predicament they are in.

The prophet Isaiah predicted that this kingdom would take the form of the *restored tribes of Jacob*. He said it would be a light to the nations, and would carry God's salvation to the end of the earth.⁶ This is what Messiah was referring to when He predicted that the good news of the kingdom would be proclaimed to set the evidence before all the nations, and then the end would be able to

come.⁷ He also said that when this nation produced the fruit of the coming age, then the government of that age would be turned over to them. Then He added, "...on whomever this stone falls it will scatter him like dust."⁸ This is a clear reference to the Stone Kingdom in Daniel's prophecy.

The kingdom of God will be taken away from you, and be given to a nation producing the fruit of it. And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust.

— Matthew 21:43-44

This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come.

— Matthew 24:14

These tribes of Jacob will be standing on an unshakable foundation. The God of heaven will give them a way of life that does not pass away, a way of life that can be passed on from generation to generation. This is what eternal life is. It is not just some religious belief about

going to heaven after you die. Eternal life is the life that will fill the earth like a mountain in the next age. It will be raised up in this age like a stone cut out of the world.

As the restored tribes of Jacob live in obedience to the commands of the Messiah, they will demonstrate the life that Israel was always meant to live. They will exhibit a culture that does not come from the world around them and is not a reaction to it. Their way of doing business, their art and music, and the festivals that celebrate their dependence on their Creator will be given to them from above and will have a radically different quality from the culture that surrounds them.⁹ Every part of their life will be focused toward the goal of being worthy to be that Stone Kingdom.

Even their obedience to the divine command that Israel should let their land rest one year out of every seven¹⁰ – a command which Israel of old never obeyed¹¹ – will prepare them to live a life that does not depend on buying, selling, planting, or harvesting.¹² And they will be able thus to endure in the wilderness for the 1260 days¹³ until the Jubilee, when Messiah returns and the whole earth is delivered back to its rightful Owner.¹⁴

This then is the message of the prophets for the end times. Daniel, Isaiah, and our Master Yahshua all point to the one life, the one culture, the one kingdom that will survive. If men derive any other message from the prophets and use it as an excuse for pursuing a course of their own invention, their plans will perish. It does not matter if they react militantly against the governments of this world or try to influence and dominate those governments – their agenda will perish. Only those whose life is based on love, who live the demonstration of the coming age, will endure. Whoever is truly looking to the prophets for direction – for a way out of the destruction and corruption of today – will only find it in this unshakable kingdom.¹⁵ ➡

¹Daniel 2:36-40 ²Daniel 2:41-43
³Augustine, *In Answer to the Letters of Petilian*, Book Two, Chapter 38, paragraph 90 ⁴Daniel 2:44-45 ⁵1 John 5:19 ⁶Isaiah 49:6 ⁷Matthew 24:14 ⁸Matthew 21:43-44
⁹Colossians 2:16-17 ¹⁰Leviticus 25:1-10
¹¹2 Chronicles 36:21 ¹²Revelation 13:17
¹³Revelation 12:6,14 ¹⁴Revelation 11:15;
Isaiah 61:2; Luke 4:19 ¹⁵Hebrews 12:28-29

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dream and Daniel's
prophecies, see the articles
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Our Master hung there on the cross with His body bleeding and beaten beyond recognition. He choked and gasped for air as the searing pain shot to the core of His being. Shock waves shuddered down His frame. The crowd watching Him jeered and mocked, defiantly calling out, "Come down from there if you are the Son of God!"

Many had died at the hands of the Romans claiming to be the Messiah but this case was different. It was more than just the execution of another cult leader.

These men were crucifying what He stood for as well. "Come down from there," they mockingly said again, "and we will believe in you," not realizing and not caring that they wouldn't have.¹

They couldn't know the deep love that motivated this perfect man to make the most costly personal sacrifice that would ever be made throughout all eternity. All they were thinking about was themselves, and how He had offended their sense of righteousness, as they hurled contempt and hatred at Him.

His peace and composure during the shameful ordeal astonished those few on-lookers who were saddened by the greatness of His suffering. They noticed that the tenderness they'd always seen in His eyes was still there.

Even His disciples had fled the scene, as the pressure became more and more real in their own lives. The mocking crowd taunted Him; "You saved others, now save yourself!" They didn't know He was at that moment receiving the penalty they deserved for their sins and their insolent, presumptuous attitudes.

Only a few who were standing there that day appreciated the awesome self-control this humble man was exercising. Even though they didn't fully understand what was going on, they could sense that He knew what He was doing. That knowledge lifted Him above the shame of His nakedness and the pain of His broken body. Then it happened. His last breath was released with a great cry of submission. Like the lambs of old, the sacrifice of His life had been thoroughly inspected and found blameless. His face set like flint and His

final conscious thought to please His Father, He was what a lamb could never be, a willing sacrifice for sin.²

At that moment, the unimaginable weight of the sin of the whole world crushed the spirit in His body down, down into the center of the earth. As His soul was ripped from the broken shell of His body, the pain He had been experiencing did not let up. The crushing sense of distance and alienation from His Father in heaven grew greater and greater.

Our Master Yahshua the Messiah

In the agony of death He received the just penalty for the accumulated selfishness and wickedness of the entire human race.³ And He did more than that too. Through facing death and overcoming the fear of its loss and suffering, He took away its power forever.

As He came up out of the depths of the earth, He knew there would be those who would care enough about what He'd done for them to obey whatever He would tell them to do. These would be the ones He would entrust the keys to — the keys He'd taken from the evil prince who rules the fallen world, the keys to death and Hades.⁴

He knew how to unlock the prison of self-centeredness and death within man. His message on earth had been clear, very clear, but His words only had their full effect in those who fully trusted Him. Those who had known Him told others what He had said so they could also be unlocked from their prison. The love that dwelled in the hearts of this small group forbid them from doing anything less than sharing everything they had. They didn't even want to consider that anything belonging to them was their own. Seeing one another's needs, they shared their meals, their homes, and their very lives.⁵

It was in all these ways that they were dying to themselves. Just like He had died

on the cross, they were dying to all the things that had motivated them before to make their own lives better, but had only left them separated and lonely. Nothing gave them greater joy than to experience the exact same life that He had on a daily basis. This was the bloom of their first love. Lost, hopeless humans beings were attracted to this amazing life of togetherness and wholeness. In the communities of Yahshua the Messiah they were set free from the dark, personal

prison of self-centered existence they'd been trapped in. These early disciples proved they had the keys and that they could unlock the doors for others as well.⁶ They proved that God was in their midst by the love and unity they had.

Yet as the Church grew, strife, immorality, and greed took over until they were hopelessly divided by the very things He had died to do away with.⁷ Those same evil spirits that tested their Master had come to test His people; and they hadn't completely trusted, not the way He had trusted His Father. They didn't realize they were losing their first love. They didn't even know they had lost the keys.

But the story doesn't end there... There is Good news! Today, right now those same keys are once again on the earth, because there is a people who are obeying His word again. Those who have received the keys truly believe He is able to reach all the way down to where man is lost, lonely, and suffering.

How tragic it would be for anyone to be like those who mocked and laughed at Him saying, "Come down!" not knowing He had already come down. The King of Kings came to bring His Kingdom down to the earth, into men's lives — if they would let Him. ➔

¹ Matthew 27:40-42 ² Luke 23:46

³ 2 Corinthians 5:21 ⁴ Revelation 1:17-18

⁵ Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-37, 6:1-7,

¹ Thessalonians 2:14 ⁶ Matthew 16:19

⁷ 1 Corinthians 1:10-13; 3:1-3; 6:4-11; 11:18-21; 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1; 11:2-4; 11:13-15; Galatians 1:6-8; 5:15-21; Ephesians 6:24; 1 Timothy 6:3-10; 2 Timothy 2:26-3:7

*Yahshua is the Hebrew name of the Son of God. It is what His foster father Yoceph (Joseph) and His mother Miriam (Mary) called Him when He was born, as recorded in Luke 1:31 and Matthew 1:21. The footnote for this verse in the NIV New Testament reads: *Jesus is the Greek form of Joshua*. This is also what He called Himself when addressing Saul (Paul) on the road to Damascus. He spoke not in Greek, but in the Hebrew language (Acts 26:14-15). In Hebrew, as in old English, there is no "J" sound, and the name is more accurately rendered *Yahshua*. It means, "I am powerful to save," since it is constructed from *Yah*, the name of the Father (Psalm 68:4, KJV — "...by His name *Jah*", also as in Hallelujah, "Praise Yah"), which means "I AM," and *shua*, which means "power and authority to save" (John 5:43; John 17:11 in the NIV is very clear). We call Him *Yahshua* because that truly is His name.

EDAH — The word for community in Hebrew is **edah**, which also means beehive. This word portrays the way a group of people or hive of bees live and work together with a common identity. Bees live a selfless life of devotion to the bee kingdom. They have no concern for themselves but only for the hive and the constant production of honey. So it is with those who are in the communities of God.

Like a Beehive

Have you ever watched a beehive? It is fascinating seeing thousands of little bees working together to produce honey. As you come near the hive, you can hear an exciting buzz as they go about the many tasks necessary to keep the hive alive. The workers are responsible to collect nectar and guard the hive. The young bees keep the hive in good condition, feed the larvae, and support in other household chores. There is never a dull moment in the busy life of a little bee.

This is much like the life that we have. No matter what we do, we love to do it together. Daily we gather to thank our Master for His salvation, and to hear Him speak to us through one another. This gathering keeps alive a genuine love and care for each other. As we work, we take advantage of the daily situations, guarding ourselves from the selfishness and pride that would come in to separate us and take away our love. Our children are a vital part of our life. We not only educate them, but we work with them to accomplish the simple tasks necessary to maintain a family life. Our life is not a dull routine of chores, but is full of the warmth that comes from the sweet fellowship of friends speaking their hearts to one another, celebrating the Sabbath every week, and participating in weddings and festivals.

But there are a few things that differ in our life from that of a beehive. One is that we are not driven by instinct or controlled by something separate from our own will. Each of us is here because we chose to leave behind our own separate lives to increase the life of this hive. Our life is not enclosed like the hive of a bee, nor do we have a stinger to harm any uninvited guests. We welcome anyone to experience our life with us. Please come and see what it is like to be part of a beehive of people expressing the warmth and love of our Creator. ❀

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