

## **THE END TIME**

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### **Section 1 - Preamble**

The End Time itself is a bit of a puzzle. The Scriptures mention a number of events that will occur in it, but the nature, sequence, and timing of them are not at all clear. Before I address the End Time, I need to address a few other things, the reason for which will become apparent.

### **Section 2 - Israel of the Spirit and Israel of the Flesh**

The New Testament speaks of two Israels. It makes an important distinction between *Israel of the Spirit* and *Israel of the Flesh*.

#### **Subsection 2A - Israel of the Spirit**

The Scriptures indicate that *Israel of the Spirit* consists of all Jews and Gentiles who accept God's Son as the Promised Messiah. The faithful believers recognize that the New Covenant has replaced and supersedes the Mosaic Covenant entirely. They (a) look forward to spending eternity in the *New Jerusalem* that will descend to Earth after the end of the current age and (b) worship God in the *Temple of the Holy Spirit* in their hearts. They are (a) the fruitful branches in the *Cultivated Olive Tree*, who are the *Faithful Remnant of Israel*, and whom God leaves there, and (b) the fruitful branches of the *Wild Olive Tree*, who are Gentiles, and whom God removes from the *Wild Olive Tree* and grafts into the *Cultivated Olive Tree*.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Subsection 2B - Israel of the Flesh**

The Scriptures indicate that *Israel of the Flesh* consists of all Jews who reject God's Son as the Promised Messiah. They (a) ignore the New Covenant entirely and (b) believe that the Mosaic Covenant is still in force. They (1) regard the return of the Jews to the Promised Land as a

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<sup>1</sup> Romans 11.

fulfillment of (a) God's promise of land in perpetuity in the Abrahamic Covenant, but not (b) God's promise of national restoration in the New Covenant, (2) tend to give their political allegiance to the State of Israel instead of their own nations, and (3) look forward to worshipping God once again in a physical temple in Jerusalem, which leads them to approve of and even support the current movement (a) to reconstruct the *Temple of Solomon* on the Temple Mount and (b) to resume animal and bird sacrifices to atone for sin there.<sup>2</sup> Many of them even look forward to helping Messiah rule the world from His throne in Jerusalem. They are the unfruitful branches that God removes from the *Cultivated Olive Tree*.<sup>3</sup>

### **Subsection 2C - The Future Apostates**

Not all professing Christians are faithful believers. Some of them are Dispensationalists who hold that the Mosaic Covenant and the New Covenant currently coexist and that, while Messiah will rapture the saints on His 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent, His 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent will follow soon thereafter when He comes to rule the world from a throne in Jerusalem for a thousand years. They also tend to approve of and even support the current movement to rebuild the *Temple of Solomon* and resume animal and bird sacrifices to atone for sin.

Dispensationalists' key mistake is not paying sufficient attention to the Scriptures regarding the following:

- The uniqueness and sufficiency of Messiah's crucifixion to atone for the sins of mankind. Although there is no verse that specifies that Messiah's death on the cross at Golgotha was a *one-time, all-sufficient, never-to-be-repeated* sacrifice to atone for the sins of mankind, this point is made continually throughout the New Testament. Clearly, any further sacrifices of animals and birds ignores God's sacrifice of his Son and represents the most egregious affront to God that mankind could devise.
- The rending of the veil in front of the Holy of the Holies in the Temple at the precise moment of Messiah's death at Golgotha, which is described in Matthew 27:51,<sup>4</sup> and which occurred at the ninth hour (3:00 pm) on Passover 33 AD. Clearly, the Shekinah Glory - i.e. God's presence - departed from the *physical* Herodian Temple in Old Jerusalem and entered the *spiritual* Temple of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all faithful believers, who will live in the New Jerusalem in the next age..
- The "strong delusion" that God sent into the world to test the faithfulness of people who profess to have accepted Messiah as their Lord and Savior, which is described in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12.<sup>5</sup> The delusion undoubtedly involves (1) the antichrist's claim to be

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<sup>2</sup> An effort to accomplish this objective is already underway. See Randall Price's Ready to Rebuild - The Imminent Plan to Rebuild the Temple the Last Days Temple (1992), The Coming Last Days Temple (1999), and The Temple and Bible Prophecy - A Definitive Look at Its Past, Present, and Future (2005).

<sup>3</sup> Romans 11.

<sup>4</sup> "And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent" (KJV Matt 27:51).

<sup>5</sup> "2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be

a Christian, (2) the antichrist's promotion of the movement (a) to rebuild the Temple of Solomon and (b) to resume animal and bird sacrifices to atone for sin there, and (3) the antichrist's ratification of a treaty between the UN and Israel that authorizes the Israelis to do so.<sup>6</sup>

As a result of the above mistake, many professing believers will become (a) increasingly focused on Messiah's ethnicity and (b) decreasingly focused on Messiah's divinity and Gospel. They may end up believing that, since "All Israel will be saved,"<sup>7</sup> they need not present the Gospel to their unbelieving Jewish relatives and friends. If they become unwavering Dispensationalists, they will (a) join the Great Apostasy, and (b) be numbered among the Lost by God. (Almighty God, have mercy upon them and deliver them from that fate. *Amen.*)

### **Section 3 - Is the Reoccupation of Palestine a Fulfillment Prophecy?**

Many Jews and Christians regard (a) the return to Palestine of many Jews in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries (b) the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, and (c) the repossession of Jerusalem by the Israelis during the Six-day War in 1967 as the beginning of the End Times. I do not for a few reasons.

#### **Subsection 3A - New Covenant superseded previous, restricted covenants**

The promise of a land of their own to the Jewish people was made to Abraham, the founder of Israel of the Flesh in the form of a covenant,<sup>8</sup> the 2<sup>nd</sup> Abrahamic Covenant,<sup>9</sup> and was confirmed four times, the last of which was given to Moses, to whom he also delivered the Mosaic Covenant.<sup>10</sup>

Because the Mosaic Covenantal Period ended with Messiah's Crucifixion in 33 AD, and time since then has been part of the New Covenantal Period, which will end with what is called the End Time, I do not regard the reoccupation of Palestine as a fulfillment of End Time prophecy.

#### **Subsection 3B - The unknown hour of the End of the Age**

The Scriptures do not indicate when the end of the Current Age will occur. According to Messiah, only the Father knows the timing of the End of the Age (Matthew 24:36, Mark 13:32).<sup>11</sup> Nonetheless, Messiah told his disciples in the Oliver Discourse to pay attention to the

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revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (KJV 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12).

<sup>6</sup> The antichrist will be the Secretary-General of the UN at the time.

<sup>7</sup> Romans 11:26.

<sup>8</sup> See my essay "3-God's Ten Covenants" in the Introductory Documents section on my website, [abiblicalview.com](http://abiblicalview.com).

<sup>9</sup> It was the 4<sup>th</sup> divine covenant and the 1<sup>st</sup> restricted covenant. It was unconditional.

<sup>10</sup> It was the 6<sup>th</sup> divine covenant and the 3<sup>rd</sup> restricted covenant. It was conditional - it is introduced with the conditional formula, "If ye will obey my voice...then ye shall be a peculiar treasure."

<sup>11</sup> There are two possibilities here. (1) Jesus the man is speaking about God, who is His father in Heaven or (2) God-the-Son, the 2<sup>nd</sup> person of the Trinity, is speaking about God-the-Father, the 1<sup>st</sup> person of the Trinity. Commentators are puzzled by Jesus' statement that only His Father knows the hour of the Parousia because all three persons of the

Signs of the Times so that they would not be surprised by His 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent. The Signs of the Times will indicate the approach of the end.

### **Section 4 – JH Speculations re the End Time**

Regarding the End Time, **I must emphasize that what follows here is pure speculation on my part.**

- The End Times started c. 1925 with the appearance of a movement (a) to rebuild the Temple of Solomon on the Temple Mount and (b) to resume animal and bird sacrifices in it to atone for sin. It was hardly noticed by anyone.
- The Fall of Babylon in Jeremiah 50-51 will probably occur next.<sup>12</sup> Since I believe that Babylon-the-Great in Jeremiah is probably a symbol for the USA, which (a) has exported its ungodly culture and commercialism to all the nations and (b) has meddled in their affairs continually. Thus, I also believe that the UN Headquarters in NYC will fall as well.

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trine Godhead are regarded as omniscient. There is a simple explanation for it. Each of the three persons of the Godhead possesses his own mind, and they do not necessarily share all their thoughts with one another. God-the-Father conceived of Creation and put the design and script for it in the Decrees of God, which is the Book with Seven Seals that the apostle John saw God-the-Son take from the right hand of God-the-Father during John's visit to the throne room of God (see Revelation 5). Subsequently God-the-Son and God-the-Holy Spirit, who do only what the God-the-Father tells them to do in the Decrees of God, (a) made and energized or animated Creation and its creatures in conformance with the Father's design and (b) are now sustaining and managing them in accordance with God-the-Father's script. If God-the-Son does not know the hour of the Parousia, God-the-Father did not put it in his instructions.

<sup>12</sup> One of the great prophecies in the Bible is in Jeremiah 50-51. Jeremiah was God's "prophet to the nations," and he devoted two full chapters in his book to the fate awaiting Babylon. This prophecy has always given some trouble biblical commentators because its description of the city does not fit into what we know about ancient Babylon, which played a major role in the history of the ancient Hebrews. Jeremiah describes the city as follows: (a) it has a mother that was "sore confounded" (verse 50:23); (b) it is "the hindermost of the nations" (verse 50:12); (c) it is "the hammer of the whole Earth" (verse 50:23), (d) it is inhabited by "mingled peoples" (verse 50:37); (e) it is a "golden cup in the Lord's hand" (verse 51:7); (f) it makes "all the earth drunken...[and...mad]" (verse 51:7); and (g) it dwells on "many waters" (verse 51:13). On the other hand, the USA fits the foregoing description to a "T:" (a) its mother England has been sore confounded ever since World War II; (b) it is the most recent of the major nations in history, founded just under 250 years ago; (c) it is the mightiest nation in history, dominating the world with its military and economic power; (d) it is inhabited by a mingled people, immigrants from every nation on earth; (e) it is far and away the richest nation in history; (f) it has exported its ungodly culture and commercialism to nearly every nation on earth; (g) it dwells amidst the Great Lakes and the Saint Lawrence seaway to the north, the Atlantic Ocean to the east, the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean to the south, and the Pacific ocean to the west, In my opinion, Jeremiah may have been addressing the USA of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. If he was, the USA will be destroyed suddenly and utterly in an hour. In conclusion, I would add that the major problem with identifying Babylon in the Book of Jeremiah with the USA today is that Babylon-the-Great in the Book of Revelation clearly does not refer to the USA. Nonetheless, while Babylon in the Book of Jeremiah may not be a direct reference to the USA today, it still serves as a warning that the USA is following in the footsteps of Ancient Babylon and will probably suffer the same fate. (In reaching the above opinion, I owe much to S. Franklin Logsdon's Is the U.S.A. in Prophecy?, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI, 1968.)

- If the UN Headquarters in NYC is destroyed, I believe (a) that it will be reconstructed in Israel and (b) that the pope will be elected Secretary-General of the UN. As I have already pointed out, the Antichrist is the Roman Papacy, of which the pope is its head.
- The UN will require everyone on the planet to receive the Mark of the Beast, which I suspect will consist of nano-chips that are injected into the bloodstream and bear a unique, 18-digit number in the form of XXXXXX-XXXXXX-XXXXXX - i.e. 666. Thereafter, the UN will control who is and who is not authorized (a) to be employed, (b) to use a bank account, (c) to own real estate, and (d) to buy & sell in the market place.<sup>13</sup>
- A Treaty between the UN and Israel will be negotiated by the pope (the man of perdition) that will permits the Jews to (a) seize the Temple Mount, (b) to raze the Dome of the Rock, (c) to rebuild the Temple of Solomon, and (e) to resume animal and bird sacrifices to atone for sin.
- The Demons of War will be loosed when the Jews (a) seize of the Temple Mount, (b) raze of the Dome of the Rock, and (c) reconstruct the Temple, thereby driving the Arabs and their allies into a frenzy of hatred toward Israel.
- A second instance of the Abomination of Desolation will occur when the Jews resume the sacrifice of animal & birds in the new, physical temple, in which God's Shekinah Glory will not dwells, because the Shekinah Glory now resides in a spiritual temple in the hearts of God's people - i.e. Spiritual Israel.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent of Messiah at a future time which is unannounced and as surprising to Mankind as was (a) the Flood in Noah's time or (b) the break into a home of a thief in the middle of the night. It will include the Parousia, the General Resurrection, the Rapture of the Saints, Armageddon, and the Destruction of the Old Heavens and the Old Earth.
- The Day of Judgment will occur, on which all men will be called to account. (Matthew 10:15, 11:22,24,26, 12:36, Mark 6:11, 2 Peter 2:9, 3:7, & 1 John 4:17).
- The Marriage of the Lamb will occur (Revelation 19:7).
- God will create New Heavens and a New Earth.
- New Jerusalem will descend to the New Earth (Revelation 3:12, 21:2).

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<sup>13</sup> China is already exercising this kind of control over its citizens with a primitive form of the system which I have described.