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The first clue we are given is in *Genesis 3:15*, but it really reveals the concluding results of Christ's second coming *to earth*.

This is YAH speaking to Satan through the serpent in the Garden of Eden – **15** “*I will put enmity (open hostility) between you and the woman, and between your seed (offspring) and her Seed; He shall [fatally] bruise your head, And you shall [only] bruise His heel.*” (*Amplified Bible*) Christ's “heel” was bruised when he was crucified. Satan thought that would be the end of him, but he didn't know the full counsel of YAH. Christ will come back to finish the final “bruising of Satan's head” at his second coming. So we will revisit *Gen 3:15* again later in *Part II* of this lesson.

First, let's learn how we get to the end of this age, as we now know it.

Both King Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel had a dream in which YAH showed them the powers/nations of this world that would lead to the return of Christ. They were shown that there would be **four final kingdoms-nations** that would follow each other, ending in the return of Christ and his takeover of the world – and subsequently establishing his own kingdom. Nebuchadnezzar's dream is described in *Chapter 2 of Daniel*: the image made of four types of metal – **Gold – Silver – Bronze – Iron**. Daniel had the same dream in *Chapter 7 of Daniel*: the same four kingdoms described as four different animal creatures – **A Lion with Eagle's Wings – A Bear with 3 Ribs in it's Mouth – A Leopard with 4 Heads and Wings – A Beast Dreadful and Terrible with 10 Horns.** (See image on Page 6) **Four kingdoms and no more** from

Daniel's day until the end of this age. It is plainly stated that there will be no other human “world orders” after these four empires, but the “stone cut out of the mountain without hands” is coming and shall break in pieces those nations (*Dan 2:45*). That **Stone**, Christ, will establish his kingdom and reign for 1,000 years.

Nebuchadnezzar was told his kingdom was the **head of gold** – the **Babylonian Empire**. The strongest kingdom, followed by the Medo-Persians, then the Greeks, lastly the Roman empire.

But these four kingdoms, **in the final form of the 10 toes** of the image, resulting from the Roman Empire, could not consolidate their powers (*made of Iron & Clay*). But at YAH's set time, He will send His son back to earth to put all powers and nations under his control.



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The disciples asked the perfect question of Christ – “Tell us, when shall these things be, and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?” This helps us know what to expect today.

Here is Christ's answer to their questions in **Matt 24**, *Yahushua* describes what will be happening before and at his return – ¹**The destruction of the temple**, which happened in 70 AD, ²**The rise of many claiming to be the Messiah (Anti-Christ)** – an example, our president creating AI picture of himself as the healing Messiah, ³**Wars & rumors of wars**. The *Council of Foreign Relations* high lights roughly 26 major, ongoing, active wars at the writing of this Lesson. ⁴**An increase in famines and earthquakes in various places**. Christ said these were all just the beginning of sorrows. ⁵He tells them in verse 14 – “This

gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” So, we know we are living in the “end-times” as modern technology has made it possible for this gospel to reach around the world. I look at the statistics for just this website alone, and I see it is viewed by people all around the world – Germany, Netherlands, Sweeden, Pakistan, France, Russia, Austria, Romania, Singapore, Nigeria, Kenya and many other places. I always pray that the scattered **true house of Israel** will see these lessons about the returning of *YAH*'s chosen people to Him and realize it's speaking of them.

Then he warns them once they see ⁶the fulfilling of Daniel's prophesy concerning the desecration of the temple (*the Roman General Titus - standing in the holy place*) He

warns them to flee from the city. ⁷Finally in verse 21 he says, “For then shall be **great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, **nor ever shall be.**” So did you notice that it was *Yahushua* who said the Saints would go through **great tribulation**? He told them they would be afflicted, hated, and killed for his name's sake. According to historical accounts, **eleven** of the twelve disciples died gruesome deaths – they lived through the beginnings of the “*Great Tribulation*” of which Christ spoke. John was the only one believed to have died of natural causes imprisoned on the Isle of Patmos. The Christian Church would have you believe everything terrible to happen is going to be in the future. But according to Christ, the *Great Tribulation* starts after his ascension, and there will never be another time like it . . .



Matthew 24:1-5

The Beginning of Sorrows – Great Tribulation

WARS



EARTHQUAKES



FAMINES



Recent earthquakes in Venezuela killed 160,000

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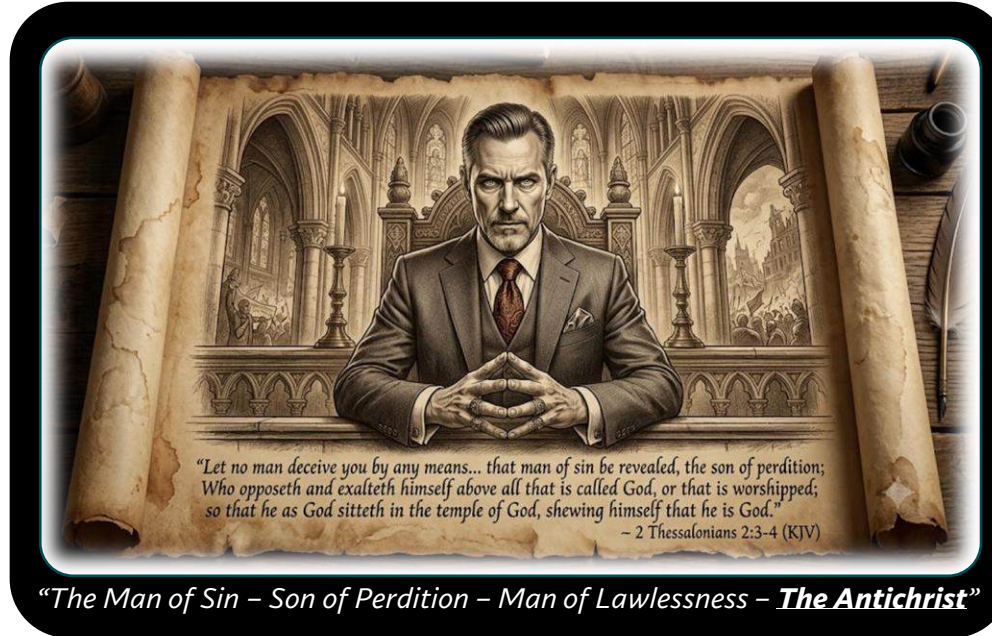
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according to Him. The next worst *time will be **The Day of the LORD***, when *Yahushua* returns.

The term “Great Tribulation” is only used three times in the Bible – first by *Yahushua*, which we just quoted, and then twice in the book of Revelation, and one of those times was when *Yahushua* was speaking to the church at Thyatira about their sins.

But the Christian Church has managed to create a whole doctrine of a **Great Tribulation Period** of 3½ years somewhere in the future, when catastrophic divine judgments and persecution of nonbelievers will occur. I believe just as *Yahushua* said, his disciples entered that time of *Great Tribulation*, and it carried through even until today. According to *Yahushua*, **Israel** goes through *Great Tribulation*, which included the scattering of Israel around the World. This has all been of “Jacob’s Troubles”, which is coming to an end. *(By the way, the Church played a big role in*



Jacob’s tribulations.) Israel will have served and endured all her punishments promised by YAH for her disobedience by the end of the great tribulation. **Next comes the punishment of Edom or the enemies of YAH and Israel**, at the return of Christ.

All the things spoken of by Christ have already come to past, except his return, but there are a few thing in *II Thessalonians* and *Revelation* that are yet in our future. Let’s look at those events. First, Christ spoke of *many* coming and claiming to be him, but *II Thes 2:3-4* tells us there is coming one man in

particular – the “**man of lawlessness**”.
³Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day (the day of Christ’s return) shall not come, except there come a falling away first, **AND that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition** (destruction); ⁴Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called Elohim, or that is worshipped; so that he as YAH sitteth in the temple of YAH, shewing himself that he is YAH.

Verses 9-10 go on to say – “Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan **with power** and **signs** and **lying wonders**, ¹⁰And with all **deceivableness** of **unrighteousness** in them that perish; because they received not the **love of the truth**, that they might be saved.”

I believe we have had a great falling away of many from the faith in these last days. Now I’m looking for the “**man of lawlessness**” to be revealed. Keep your eyes on the leaders that immerge in the world today and look for the one that displays the signs described in the ...

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verses we just cited. We have had leaders to display some of these traits, even today, but none have quite gone so far as to exalt himself above YAH and sit in his place – **not yet**. Keep watching!

In *Rev 7* before the worst, John sees an angel who has a job to do before the end of the tribulation of the Saints: *Rev 7:1-6* says – “... I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, **holding the four winds** of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. ²And I saw **another angel** ascending from the east, **having the seal of the living Elohim**: and he cried with a loud voice to **the four angels, to who it was given to hurt the earth and the sea**, ³Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, **till we have sealed the servants of our Elohim in their foreheads.**”

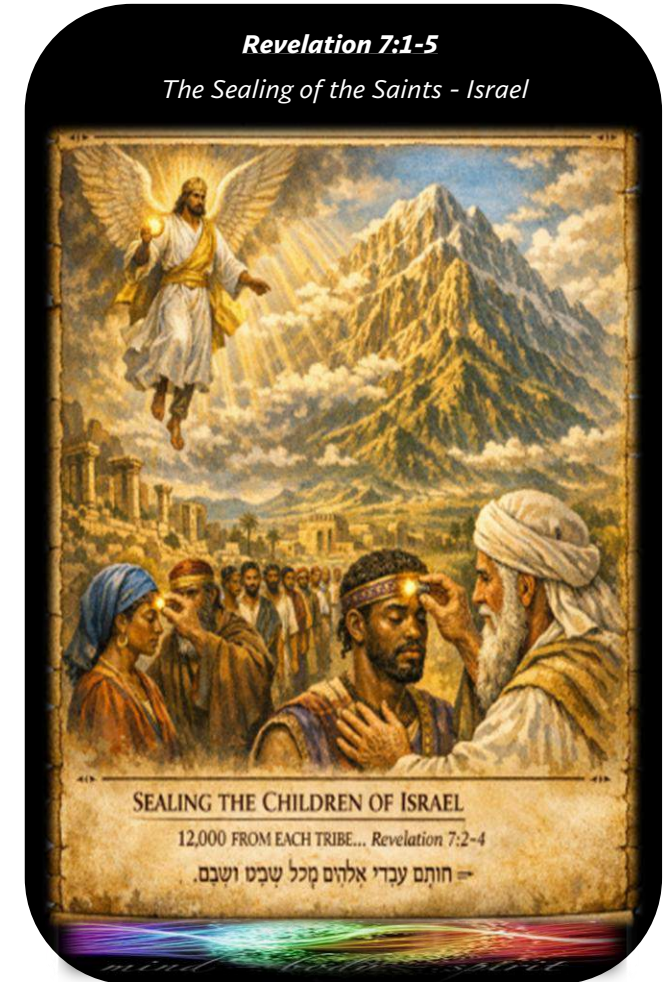
This reveals that the angels in charge of the winds of destruction and war, are told not to do anything until the angel in charge of the “**Seal of YAH**” has sealed all the servants of YAH – in their foreheads.”

This is the last part of *The Great Tribulation*, and the angel says he must “**seal the servants of YAH first**”. Why, because YAH is going to protect them from the judgment that will be executed against the nations of the last divided Roman Empire. I believe this is where YAH begins to separate the wheat from the tares, spoken of in *Mat 13:30*. His reapers will know how to separate us from the tares by the seal of YAH in our foreheads!

So, this part of the judgment is not for Israel. This is what the Apocrypha Book of *II Esdras*

13:23-24 says: “²³He who brings the peril at that time **will himself protect those** who fall into peril, **who have works and have faith in the Almighty.** ²⁴Understand therefore that **those who are left are more blessed than those who have died.**”

YAH Himself, brings the judgment on the world and it is *He* who will protect the elect by sealing them. “He has not appointed us unto wrath, **but unto salvation**”, says *I Thes 5:9*. That’s why the prophet Esdras says those that will be alive are more blessed than those already dead – because they get to see **the great salvation** YAH has provided for Israel. He saves us “from His wrath”. He saves the just in the mist of the punishment of the unjust. David said in *Ps 27:13*, “I would have fainted, **unless I had believed** to see the **goodness of the LORD** in the land of the...”



“...having this seal:
The LORD knows those who are His” (2 Tim 2:19)”

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living.” It is the seal of **YAH** which is the “goodness” of **YAH**, which leads to our salvation and deliverance.

We are not given details about the seal as to what it looks like, but **seals show a sign of ownership and protection of what is inside of something**. So, I believe that those sealed are protected from being deceived by the Antichrist and the last of the Seals, Bowls and Trumpet judgments of **YAH**. Those who are sealed will be seen as very different from everyone else – why because our sealing takes place on the **Day of Atonement**, when **YAH** will not only seal us, but also place his **WORD** in our hearts which will enable us to successfully endure the last days before Christ’s return without submitting to the Antichrist and his evil deeds. This is the beginning of the separation

of the wheat from the tares. There will be a great number of Israel sealed at this time, representatives of the twelve tribes, as stated in *Rev. 7:4-8*. I believe these are the **Elect of Israel**. Notice, **only Israelites** are sealed – no mention of gentiles.

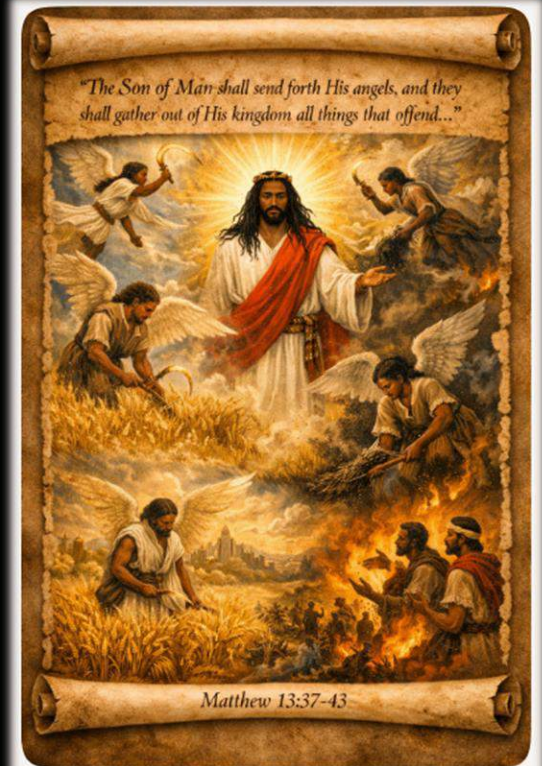
This is when the world will begin to see **the undeniable special favor** of **YAH** on true Israel and must admit we are the people of **YAH**, as described in these verses from - *Zech 8:23* and *Rev 3:9*. None will be able to deny our true identity any longer. This is what Zechariah said would happen: *“²³Thus saith Yahuah of Hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that YAH is with you.”* I believe not

only will this be the case in the *Millennium*, but also after the Saints are sealed before the return of Christ. I believe following the sealing of the Saints, the great separation of the tares is carried out by the Reapers as described in *Rev 14:14-20*. Also in *Rev 9:4* here are some of the instructions given to the reaping angles: *“⁴And it was commanded them that **they should not hurt** the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; **but only those MEN which have not the seal of YAH in their foreheads.**”* This is the angels plucking out the tares from among the wheat through the judgments of **YAH**, while the Saints are left and protected.

Then **Rev 7:9-17** speak of a great multitude which no man could number from all nations, all kindreds, all peoples, and all tongues standing before the ...



*The Angels First
Shall Gather All that Offends
to cast in the Lake of Fire*



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throne and before the Lamb in heaven. We are told they came out of the great tribulation. There will be many getting saved after the sealing of the Saints and they die/get killed after getting saved.

So, by this, we know that the great tribulation has happened before Christ returns to earth, and the elect of Israel have been sealed to live through that time, but many other believers from all nations have been killed during the tribulation and are in heaven.

After the sealing of the elect of Israel, another great thing that will happen before the return of Christ is the destruction of the nation identified as **"Babylon the Great"**. It is also referred to as **"Mystery, Babylon the Great, The Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth"**. This nation is also depicted as a woman *dressed in purple and scarlet*, decked with

gold precious stones and pearls in **Rev 17:4**. We know John was speaking in a symbolic code to describe an end-times nation that exhibits the same **dominance, corrupt superpower** and **global false religious system** as the ancient city of Babylon with its rampant idolatry, immorality, and persecution of YAH's people. This same woman is seen riding and controlling the scarlet beast-nations with seven heads and ten horns in **Rev 17:3 & Dan 7:7**. John sees this powerful nation being destroyed. How is she destroyed? **Rev 17:16-18** says her demise is YAH's doing through the nations she has been controlling:

16 And the ten horns (powers) which thou sawest upon the beast, **these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.** **17** For **YAH hath put...**



NOTES

Timeline:

- The Divided Roman Empire (Toes of Iron and Clay – the last world empire)

What It Represents:

- The Beast = The European Union
 - ✓ A Coalition of Nations – NATO & the UN nations – both of which are led by the US
- All the political and military powers of the world that unit in the end to destroy Babylon the Great and then fight against the Kingdom of Yahushua (Dan 2:42-45)

False Prophet = False Religious Leader of the world (Rev 16:13 19:20, & 20:10)

The Woman (Mystery Babylon) = Nation w/ strongest Military & Economic Power in the world (Rev 17:5 & 18:2)

The Beast with Seven Heads & Ten Horns

"European Union Nations"

"Babylon the Great"

Rev 17:1-18

Mystery Babylon the Great

False Prophet

"For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication...." (Rev 18:3)

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*in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, **until the words of YAH shall be fulfilled.***

So, this coalition of nations that had formally submitted to the power of the whore-nation, **finally rises up against her and destroys her** with fire – sounds like maybe a nuclear weapon was used. (*Could this be the burning of the tares?*)

I believe this is the beginning of the **Armageddon War**. All major wars in history have lasted for years – war is not a quick occurrence. The war with Russia-Ukraine has already lasted more than 4 years. The war with the US & Israel against Iran was supposed to be quick and easy, and yet it has lasted for more than a year so far, with a very tenuous peace plan in place right now. So will be the Armageddon war, **until Christ gets**

involved. But the destruction of the nation called *Babylon the Great* will be quick. In the 18th Chapter of Rev. it is stated **three times** that the destruction of this nation is accomplished in “**one hour**” - **Rev 18:19** - “*And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! For in one hour is she made desolate.* This timeframe is repeated again and again in verses 10 and 17 of this chapter; it has significance due to the repetition. It may not be a literal one hour, but it is a **quick destruction of this most powerful and influential nation in the world at that time.** I believe just before the destruction of this nation is when the *Saints* will hear the voice of *Yahushua* shout,

“Come up hither” and we are “caught up” in the air to meet him.

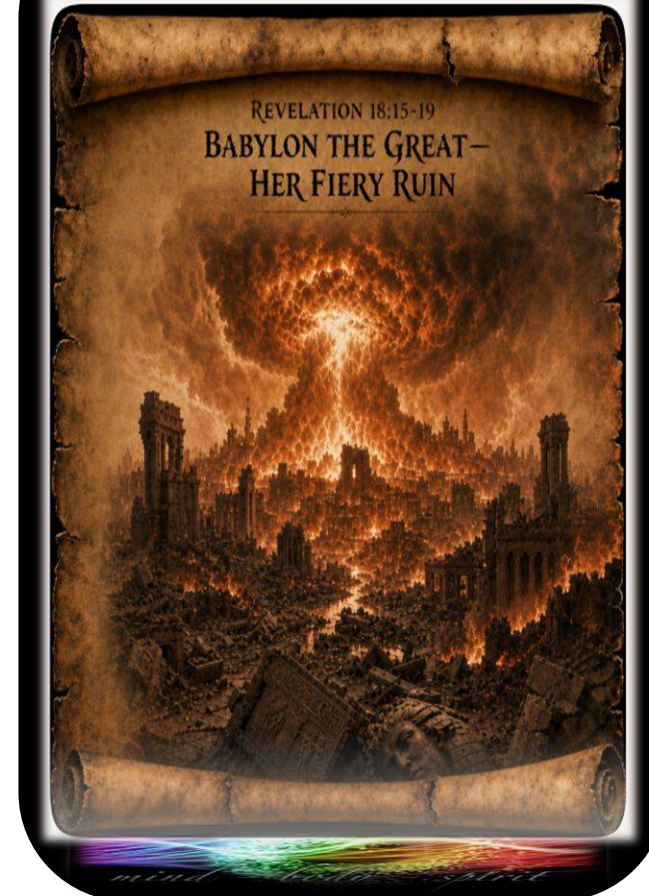
Before the *Day of the LORD* starts with Christ, the most powerful nation in the world will be taken down by the other weaker nations joining together to overcome her, which is all the will of YAH.

SIDE NOTE: What modern-day nation is Babylon the Great?

There are two major schools of thought as to who the nation called *Babylon the Great* is today – **1) Rome** and **2) The United States**. It would make this Lesson much too long to give the support for each of these nations – that will be another *Short Lesson* to come. I will tell you I lean toward the US being “Babylon the Great”, the global political and military power of the world, and that Rome represents the “False Prophet” or the religious leader of the world . . .



Revelation 18:21



“Thus with violence, the great city Babylon shall be thrown down and shall not be found anymore...”

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both of them described in **Rev 19** and **20**. Also remember, the US is a part of the fourth and final kingdom on earth – the **Roman Empire** that has evolved into the western *European Union (EU)* and the Americas, both North and South America. The US was settled (*colonized*) by Europeans who left Europe and settled here. It was called at one time, **British America**. Changing the name of the place did not change the ethnicity of the people settling in the place. *Note that Rev 18:12-13 cites a long list of 28 costly things that are purchased from all the merchants of the world by Babylon. Of that list of goods, the US is the single largest purchasing nation in the world. We are not a manufacturing nation, but we import most of our goods.*

For now, just know, that nation is very quickly destroyed completely

before Christ returns to earth to reign. At the “rapture” (*snatching way*), Christ does not set his feet on the earth, He is in the clouds.

Let's continue, whichever modern-day nation is “Babylon”, just before it is destroyed with fire is when I believe we will hear the **voice of Yahushua like an archangel and the sound of the last trumpet – they will be heard globally: 1 Thes 4:16 - ¹⁶For the LORD himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of YAH...**” What is the command that Christ is going to shout? I believe it is the command he shouts to the two witnesses of **Rev 11:12** – “*And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, **Come up hither**. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud, and their ...*

enemies beheld them.” Who are the two witnesses? They are not two persons, but the two nations of Israel – **Northern & Southern Tribes of Israel**. They will also have special powers to defend themselves and control weather-related events – **Rev 11:5-6** (*Two Witnesses – Isa. 43:10 & 12*)

Both his shout and the trumpet will be heard around the world! The Trumpet will be blown to gather Israel again, as it was at Mt. Sinai when Israel was to meet YAH at the mountain. A blowing of the trumpet was always used for the gathering of Israel. This is what *Yahushua* will do now as described in the last portion of verse 16, which says, “*And the dead in Christ will rise first.*” They are called first.

Paul goes on to tell the rest of the resurrection order- **¹⁷“Then...**



"I am the Resurrection & the Life"



"Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live" - John 11:25

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we who are alive, who are left, *will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the LORD in the air, and **so we will always be with the LORD.***

I Cor 15:50-54 adds a little more info – “Behold! I tell you a mystery. **We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,** ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and **the dead will be raised imperishable,** we shall be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and **this mortal body must put on immortality.** ⁵⁴When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: **“Death is swallowed up in victory.”**

So how does the LORD get this great gathering of Israel done? *Mat 24:31*

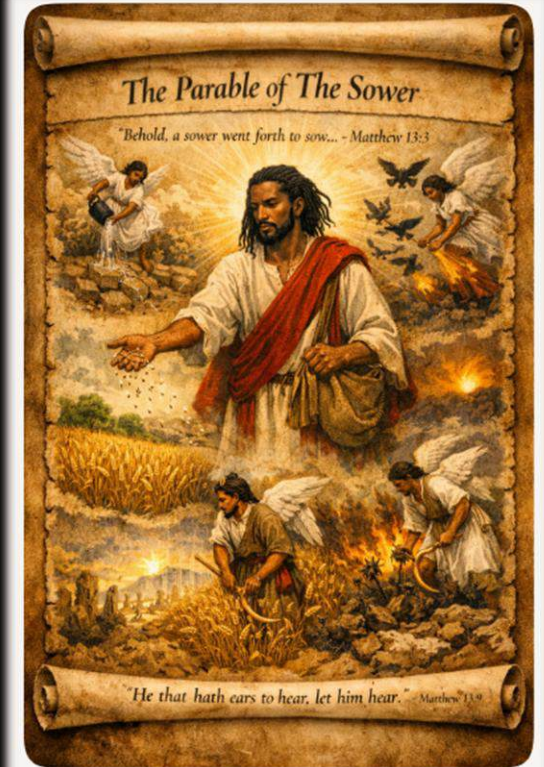
says, “And he **will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and *they will gather his elect* from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” **This is the resurrection of the “Elect” of Israel only.** Also this represents the resurrection of the valley of dry bones in Ezekiel 37: ¹²Thus says YAHUAH: Behold, **I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people.** And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, **when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.** ¹⁴And **I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land.** Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”**

Also, remember the parable of the Tares and the Wheat? What did

Christ say was gathered first – the tares are gathered first. This is how Christ explained the parable: ³⁷**...He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;** ³⁸**The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom;** but the tares are the children of the wicked one; ³⁹The enemy that sowed them is the devil; **the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.** ⁴⁰As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of the world. ⁴¹The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; ⁴²And **shall cast them into a furnace of fire:** there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.”



The World – The Son of Man



The Children of the Kingdom –
The Children of the Wicked One –
The Devil – The Reapers. ...

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Here is a look at what the OT has to say about the rapture or “catching away” of Israel. Jer 12:14-15 says: **14**Thus says the LORD regarding all My evil neighbors (Gentile nations) who strike at the inheritance which I have granted to My people Israel, “Behold, I will uproot them from their land and I will uproot the house of Judah from among them. **15**”And it shall come about that after I have uprooted them, **I will return** and **have compassion** on them; and **I will bring them back again, each to his inheritance and each one to his land.**” (Amp Bible)

These two verses describe the two steps of the separation of the “**wheat and tares**” - First the tares are taken and then the wheat is gathered. Jeremiah says that YAH will “uproot” the gentile nations that have troubled Israel, from their own land. This is the -

gathering of the tares. Then he says he will “uproot” the house of Judah from among them. **So, the tares are uprooted to be destroyed**, but **Judah is uprooted and “caught up to meet Him in the clouds.”** **AND THEN**, he says he will take Judah back to their own inheritances in the promised land of Israel. The last two verses in this chapter speaks to what will happen after Israel is back in their homeland – we will discuss those verses in Part 2 of this lesson.

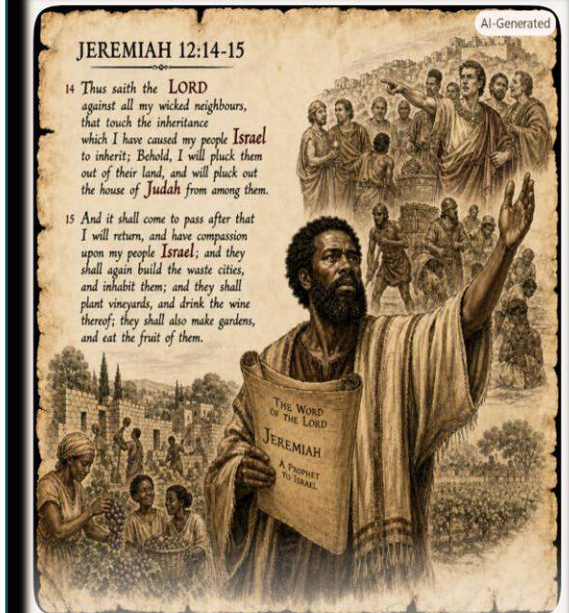
Here is what Isaiah 26:14 had to say about the tares: “The (wicked) dead **will not live** (again), **the spirits of the dead will not rise and return**; Therefore, you have punished and destroyed them, and you have wiped out every memory of them.”

But here is what he says about Israel – **19**”**Your dead will live; their dead bodies will rise. You**

who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy! For your dew is a dew of (celestial) light, And **the earth will give birth** to the spirits of the dead. **21**Listen carefully, **the LORD is about to come out of His** (heavenly) **place** to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their wickedness; The earth will reveal the (innocent) blood shed upon her and will no longer cover her slain.

Daniel 12:1-3 also speaks of the “rescue” of Israel – “At that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the children of your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; **but at that time your people, everyone who is found in the Book of Life will be rescued.** **2**Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground shall awake to everlasting life, and

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some to shame and everlasting contempt.” **Notice, some will be ashamed** of what they didn’t do to upbuild the kingdom. But they themselves are saved.

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This purging of the tares started with the judgments coming from the opening of the *Seals*, the *Bowls* the *Trumpets*; the sealing of the Saints (*the Elect of Israel*) and culminating with the destruction of *Mystery Babylon*. The wicked are destroyed and the righteous are left but saved out of the mist of the destruction. The last part of the purging of the tares will be completed at the actual return of Christ to the earth. He will burn them (either through the fires of war, as he did with Babylon the Great) or with the fire that proceeds from his mouth, which we will talk about in *Part II*.

To summarize, at the catching-away (rapture), when Christ appears, he does not come alone. Scriptures state he comes with “**all His Holy Angels**” – Matt 25:31 “*When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the holy angels with Him....*” 2 Thes 1:7 – “*...when the LORD is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels.*” **AND**, he also brings others with him - who are they? 1 Thes 4:14 – “*... Even so YAH will bring with Him those who sleep in Yahushua.*” and Jude 1:14 says, “*...Behold, the LORD comes with ten thousands of His saints.*” Christ is going to



bring with him, the souls of those departed believers so they can be united with their new resurrected, glorified bodies. And with the **loud trumpet blast** (*which calls all the righteous Israelites to a meeting*) they will all be changed from mortal to immortal in a flash. All the newly resurrected, immortal Saints who had died before his return **and** the changed living Saints will be “snatched up” to meet Him. As we all meet Him in the air, I believe this is where we watch the destruction/burning of Babylon the Great. **Our salvation is sure!**

What happens next? I believe this is when the Saints will appear before the “Bema Seat of Christ” **to have our works evaluated and rewarded** – **Graduation Day!** This is what 1 Cor 3:12-15 says: ¹²Now if anyone builds on this foundation with **gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw**, ¹³each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because **it will be revealed by fire**; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, **he will receive a reward**. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned, **he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, . . .**”

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The Bema Seat Judgment is strictly for the **Saints included in the First Resurrection**. There is no issue of salvation – it has already been secured by faith in Christ. It is different from the final **Great White Throne Judgment**, where both **damnation** and **rewards** are administered. We will discuss that judgment in **Part II** of this lesson.

But at the **Bema Seat** each of the Saints appears before Christ, where our true character, motives, actions, and choices are openly revealed and examined in the holy light of Christ's gaze. The quality of our fruits as followers of Christ is tested as if by fire. All the actions and works that fail the **test of righteousness** will be burned and counted as a loss or unprofitable to the upbuilding of the kingdom. They melt away, and each of us will receive our reward based on only that which **remains** after the testing. **The rewards we receive will reflect what we will be doing in the Millennial & Eternal Kingdoms of YAH.**

Yahushua said in **Mat 25:21** – ‘His lord said unto him, **Well done, good and faithful servant;**

you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’

There is also a brief scene in heaven told in **Rev 14:2-5** describing the **raptured** (caught-up) Israelites represented by the 144,000. It says: **²And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. ³They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. ⁴These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to Yah and to the Lamb. ⁵And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of YAH.”**

While in heaven, after the rapture, the Saints sing a song of redemption that only they were able to sing, because only they had experienced the things they sang about – a new level of salvation.

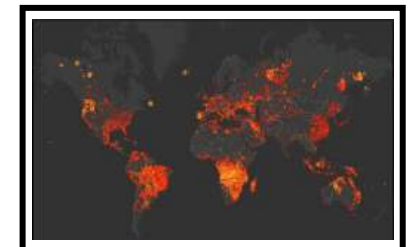
The Bible does not tell us how much time passes between the rapture and the return of Christ with the Saints to the earth, but when we return with Christ to the earth, the **Elect** of Israel will have already been given their assignments, which will be in line with their rewards.

So what's next? The coalition of nations that destroy **Babylon the Great**, then turn their attention to fight the Lamb of YAH. **Rev 17:14** says, “**They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is LORD of lords and KING of kings...**” Let's meet at **Part II – The Day of the LORD** for the rest of the story.



The Drying Up of the Euphrates River

2026 Wild-Fires Around the World



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END NOTES:

It is impossible for me to discuss every event that scriptures say will happen before the return of Christ in this SL, but I have discussed many of the main events. But here is a list of other events we should keep a watch for:

1. Continued **spiritual, moral and societal decline and decay** (2 Tim 3:1-5)
2. The **Euphrates River** dries up to prepare the way for the armies to gather at Armageddon – **6th Bowl Judgment**. (Rev 16:12-16) *Scientists say it has decreased to almost half of its normal flow and by 2040 it could be dried up completely.*
3. More than **370 million acres** have burned by **wild-fires** around the world this year alone – **1st Trumpet Judgment**. (Rev 8:7)
4. The **mark of the beast** is received and must be exhibited in order to buy or sell (Rev 13)
5. Hail and fire mixed with blood fall from heaven, burning a third of the trees and all green grass – **1st Trumpet Judgment**. (Rev.8:7)
6. A **massive burning object**, like a mountain, is thrown into the sea, turning a third of the oceans to blood – **2nd Trumpet Judgment** (Rev 8:8-9)
7. A third of the **sun, moon, and stars** are **darkened** due to cosmic disruptions – **4th Trumpet Judgment** (Rev 8:12)

His Second Coming – Not as a Suffering Savior . . .



. . . but a Conquering Warrior King!!!

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1. The last of the four world empires that will be standing at the return of Christ is the current one – ***The Divided Roman Empire***, of which the US is a part of today.
2. Six of the events that *Christ* said would happen and “*then will come the end*” have all already happened or are occurring daily. So, we are surely in the ***time of the end***. But on YAH’s time clock – not ours.
3. We are currently living in the seventh event Christ described as a time of “***Great Tribulation***” which started after his ascension and continues until today.
4. According to scripture, **the Saints will live through that time of “great tribulation”** and not be “raptured” out of it as the Christian Churches teach.
5. Revelation named things that must happen which have not yet happened –
1) *The sealing and protection of the Israelite Saints* – (**Note:** *Just as the death angel knew not to kill the first-born in a household that displayed the sign of the blood on the door-posts during the Passover*), **2)** *Yah’s words written in our inward parts and the New Covenant being fulfilled*, **3)** *The world will then acknowledge that we are the real Israelites* when they see Yah is with us, and many other events unlike anything seen before.



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6. Once the Elect of Israel are sealed, the judgments worsen, but the Elect of Israel will be able to endure **without being deceived** by the Anti-Christ.
7. A great multitude will be saved during the *Great Tribulation* **from all nations**, but after the sealing of the Saints (*Israel*), *which makes them subject to death*.
8. All the events of the **Seals**, the **Bowls**, and the **Trumpet** Judgements of Revelation carry out the separating of the wheat from the tares by the angels of YAH in charge of this task. Christ and the angels will finish this separation when returns to earth in the end of the **Armageddon War**.
9. The nations and rulers of the world will do as YAH directs, "*for He has put in their hearts to do as he directs*" (Rev 17:7).
10. The last great event to happen before Christ returns to gather the "Elect" is the destruction of the wicked nation of "*Babylon the Great*", which will be destroyed by a coalition of weaker nations, which once gave their power to it.
11. The merchant (seller) nations around the world mourn the destruction of Babylon because that rich nation was the chief buyer of their goods. Rev 18:11 says – "*the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; **for no man buyeth their merchandise anymore.***" - The only mourn the loss of business.



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12. Christ does not set foot on earth at the resurrection of the dead and the “catching away” (rapture) of the Saints just before the destruction of Babylon the Great. We all meet him in the air in the clouds.
13. **Isaiah 43:10 & 12** calls Israel YAH’s “two witnesses”. These are the two witnesses of *Rev 11:12* who are resurrected and caught up to heaven – the “*elect*” of both the **Northern** and **Southern** Kingdoms of Israel. Not two persons.
14. We will **not all die** – but we **will all be changed**: Our bodies goes through a change and **transformation**:
 - Perishable - gives way to **imperishable** (not subject to decay - without end)
 - Mortality - gives way to **immortality** (flesh & blood – a new spiritual nature)
 - Death - gives way to victory (the overcomer – eternal life)
15. After the resurrection and catching away – the **Saints appear before the Bema Seat of Christ** to have **our works evaluated** and **receive rewards**, which will be connect to our position and work in the millennium and eternity. Others whose works were judged to be nonprofitable to the kingdom, will suffer eternal shame.
16. The **coalition of nations that destroyed Babylon the Great, next turn their attention to attacking Israel**. The hatred of Israel and “Babylon the Great” has already started as today’s world events unfold before our eyes.



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