

# WAR IN ISRAEL

WHAT DO THE PROPHECIES SAY ?

# THE PROMISED LAND

# Which land was really promised?

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The land shall not be sold for ever: for **the land is mine**; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me.

Leviticus 25:23 (KJV)



# The land of Canaan ?

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<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD had said unto **Abram, Get thee out of thy country,** and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, **unto a land that I will shew thee:** <sup>2</sup> And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: <sup>6</sup> And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. **And the Canaanite was then in the land.** <sup>7</sup> And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, **Unto thy seed will I give this land:** and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

Genesis 12:1-2, 6-7 (KJV)





# What was promised is the renewed Earth

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<sup>8</sup> By faith **Abraham**, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. <sup>9</sup> By faith he **sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country**, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: <sup>10</sup> For **he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.** <sup>13</sup> **These all died in faith, not having received the promises**, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and **confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.**



Hebrews 11:8-10, 13 (KJV)



# THE CITY OF GOD

# Is the Jerusalem of this world the city of God?

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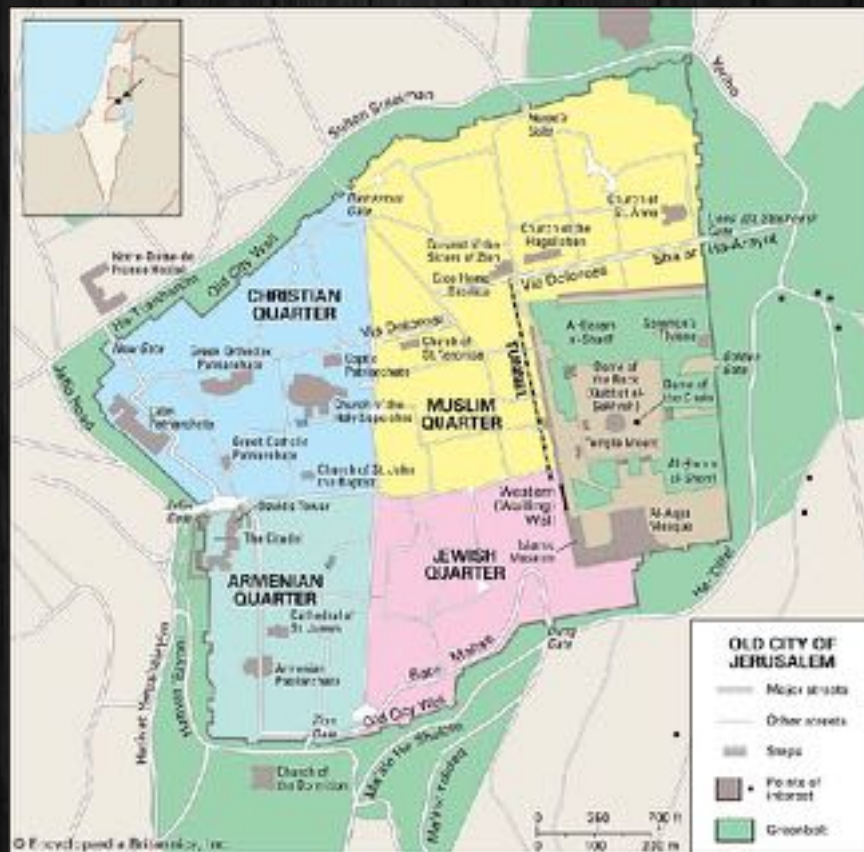
<sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for **Jerusalem's** sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. <sup>2</sup> And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. <sup>3</sup> Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. <sup>4</sup> Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed **Desolate**: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

Isaiah 62:1-4 (KJV)





# Does God reserve this divided city for His people?



# Jerusalem is the city of David: a royal city

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And they brought him on horses: and he was buried at **Jerusalem** with his fathers in **the city of David**.

2 Kings 14:20 (KJV)



# Jesus is Heir to the throne of David

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<sup>30</sup> And **the angel said unto** her, Fear not, **Mary**: for thou hast found favour with God. <sup>31</sup> And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name **JESUS**. <sup>32</sup> He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and **the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David**: <sup>33</sup> And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Luke 1:30-33 (KJV)



# His kingdom is not linked to ancient Jerusalem

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<sup>37</sup> O **Jerusalem**, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, **how often would I have gathered thy children together**, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, **and ye would not!** <sup>38</sup> **Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.**

Matthew 23:37-38 (KJV)

**Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world:** if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

John 18:36 (KJV)



# He is now High Priest (King) in heaven

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<sup>19</sup> Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; <sup>20</sup> Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even **Jesus**, made an **high priest** for ever **after the order of Melchisedec**.

Hebrews 6:19-20 (KJV)

For this **Melchisedec**, **king** of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

Hébreux 7:1 (KJV)

<sup>1</sup> Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty **in the heavens**; <sup>2</sup> A **minister of the sanctuary**, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

Hebrews 8:1-2 (KJV)



# Jesus Christ is King of the Jerusalem above: the city of God

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<sup>23</sup> But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. <sup>24</sup> Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is **Agar**. <sup>25</sup> For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to **Jerusalem which now is**, and is **in bondage with her children**. <sup>26</sup> But **Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all**.

Galatians 4:23-26 (KJV)



# Jesus Christ is King of the heavenly Jerusalem: the city of God

But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto **the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,** and to an innumerable company of angels,

Hebrews 12:22 (KJV)



# THE ISRAEL OF GOD



# Not all Israel's descendants are Israelites

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<sup>6</sup> Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. **For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:** <sup>7</sup> Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. <sup>8</sup> That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

Romans 9:6-8 (KJV)



It is those who have faith who are Israelites: children of Abraham.

<sup>7</sup> Know ye therefore that **they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.** <sup>8</sup> And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. <sup>9</sup> So then **they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.**

Galatians 3:7-9 (KJV)



# Jesus Christ is the seed of Abraham, in whom the promises were made

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<sup>13</sup> Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: <sup>14</sup> That **the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ**; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. <sup>15</sup> Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto. <sup>16</sup> **Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made.** He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, **which is Christ.**

Galatians 3:13-16 (KJV)



All those who have faith in Jesus Christ are children of Abraham: children of God

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**26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.** **27** For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28 There is neither Jew nor Greek,** there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: **for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.** **29** And **if ye be Christ's,** then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 3:26-29 (KJV)



# THE GATHERING OF ISRAEL

# Isaiah 11: Prophecy about the gathering of Israel

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## The childhood and youth of Jesus

<sup>1</sup> And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: <sup>2</sup> And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; (cf. Lk 2:40,47,52)

## Jesus' Public Ministry

<sup>3</sup> And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: <sup>4</sup> But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. <sup>5</sup> And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. (Mt 9:4; Mt 23)



# Isaiah 11: Prophecy about the gathering of Israel

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## Conversion (Saul of Tarsus > Paul)

<sup>6</sup> The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. (cf. Ac 9:1-20)

## Apostolic labor

<sup>7</sup> And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. (cf. Isa 7:25 ; 1 Co 9:9, 10)

## Fight against error

<sup>8</sup> And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. (cf. Rom 3:13,14)



# Isaiah 11: Prophecy about the gathering of Israel

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## The beginning of the Christian Church

<sup>9</sup> They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. (cf. Ac 4:32)

## The Gospel to the Gentiles

<sup>10</sup> And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. (cf. Ac 10)





# Isaiah 11: Prophecy about the gathering of Israel

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## The eternal gospel

<sup>11</sup> And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. <sup>12</sup> And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. <sup>13</sup> The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. (cf. Rv 14:6-12)

## Missionary work

<sup>14</sup> But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.



# Isaiah 11: Prophecy about the gathering of Israel

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## Delivering trouble time

<sup>15</sup> And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod. <sup>16</sup> And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt. (cf. Dn 12:1; Jr 30:7)



# The gathering of Isaiah 11 is not physical

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Joshua V. Himes



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# The gathering of Isaiah 11 = the unity of God's people in faith

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[...] Grievous wolves were now about to enter in, not sparing the flock. The church was not then rising and advancing to that perfection in unity contemplated in the text, but was about to be torn by factions and distracted by divisions. The apostle knew this; consequently he must have looked beyond the great apostasy, to the period of the **gathering of the remnant of God's people**, when he said, "**Till we all come into [margin] the unity of the faith.**" Ephesians 4:13. Hence the gifts that were set in the church have not yet served out their time. EW 140.2



# A WORLD WAR AGAINST JERUSALEM

# There will be a world war against Jerusalem

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I will also **gather all nations**, and will bring them down **into the valley of Jehoshaphat**, and will **plead with them** there **for my people** and for my heritage **Israel**, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

Joel 3:2 (KJV)



# But when will this global war against Jerusalem take place?

<sup>8</sup> And shall go out to deceive **the nations** which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to **gather** them **together to battle**: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. <sup>9</sup> And **they went up** on the breadth of the earth, and **compassed** the camp of the saints about, and **the beloved city**: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

Revelation 20:8-9 (KJV)



# On His return, Jesus brings His people to Himself

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<sup>16</sup> For **the Lord himself shall descend from heaven** with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and **with the trump of God**: and **the dead in Christ shall rise first**: <sup>17</sup> **Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds**, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (KJV)

<sup>51</sup> Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,  
<sup>52</sup> In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump**: for the trumpet shall sound, and **the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed**.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (KJV)





# Then he chastises the godless nations ...

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<sup>11</sup> And I saw heaven opened, and behold **a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True**, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. <sup>13</sup> And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called **The Word of God**. <sup>14</sup> And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. <sup>15</sup> And **out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.**

Revelation 19:11, 13-15 (KJV)



to the point where there are no living humans left on Earth

**20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.** **21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.**

Revelation 19:20-21 (KJV)



# Then the millennium begins, during which the saints (in heaven) judge the wicked

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<sup>1</sup> And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup> And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, <sup>3</sup> And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. <sup>4</sup> And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. <sup>5</sup> But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Revelation 20:1-6 (KJV)



After 1000 years, the heavenly Jerusalem descends to Earth

And I John saw the holy city, **new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven**, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Revelation 21:2 (KJV)



Then the wicked dead are resurrected and assemble to attack the new Jerusalem before being definitively destroyed

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7 And when **the thousand years** are **expired**, **Satan** shall be **loosed** out of his prison, 8 And shall **go out to deceive the nations** which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to **gather them together to battle**: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9 And **they went up** on the breadth of the earth, and **compassed** the camp of the saints about, and **the beloved city**: and **fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them**. 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Revelation 20:7-10 (KJV)



# CONCLUSION

# Excessive physical violence brought about the end of the old world

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<sup>13</sup> And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. <sup>14</sup> Make thee an ark [...]

Genesis 6:13-14 (KJV)



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Excessive physical violence will bring about the end of today's world

**But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**

Matthew 24:37 (KJV)



# The child of God must not be involved in this violence

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<sup>52</sup> Then **said Jesus** unto him, **Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.** <sup>53</sup> Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

Matthew 26:52-53 (KJV)

<sup>36</sup> **Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world:** if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

John 18:36 (KJV)



But he must do violence to himself in order to enter the kingdom preceding that of glory: the kingdom of grace.

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Let us therefore come boldly **unto the throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:15-16 (KJV)

And from the days of John the Baptist until now **the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence**, and **the violent take it by force**.

Matthew 11:12 (KJV)

<sup>13</sup> Wherefore take unto you **the whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having your loins **girt about with truth**, and having on the **breastplate of righteousness**; <sup>15</sup> And your feet **shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace**; <sup>16</sup> Above all, taking the **shield of faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. <sup>17</sup> And take the **helmet of salvation**, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God:

Ephesians 6:13-17 (KJV)



# Conditions of access to the new Jerusalem

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**14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.**

**15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.**

Revelation 22:14-15 (KJV)



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MATTHEW 16:3





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