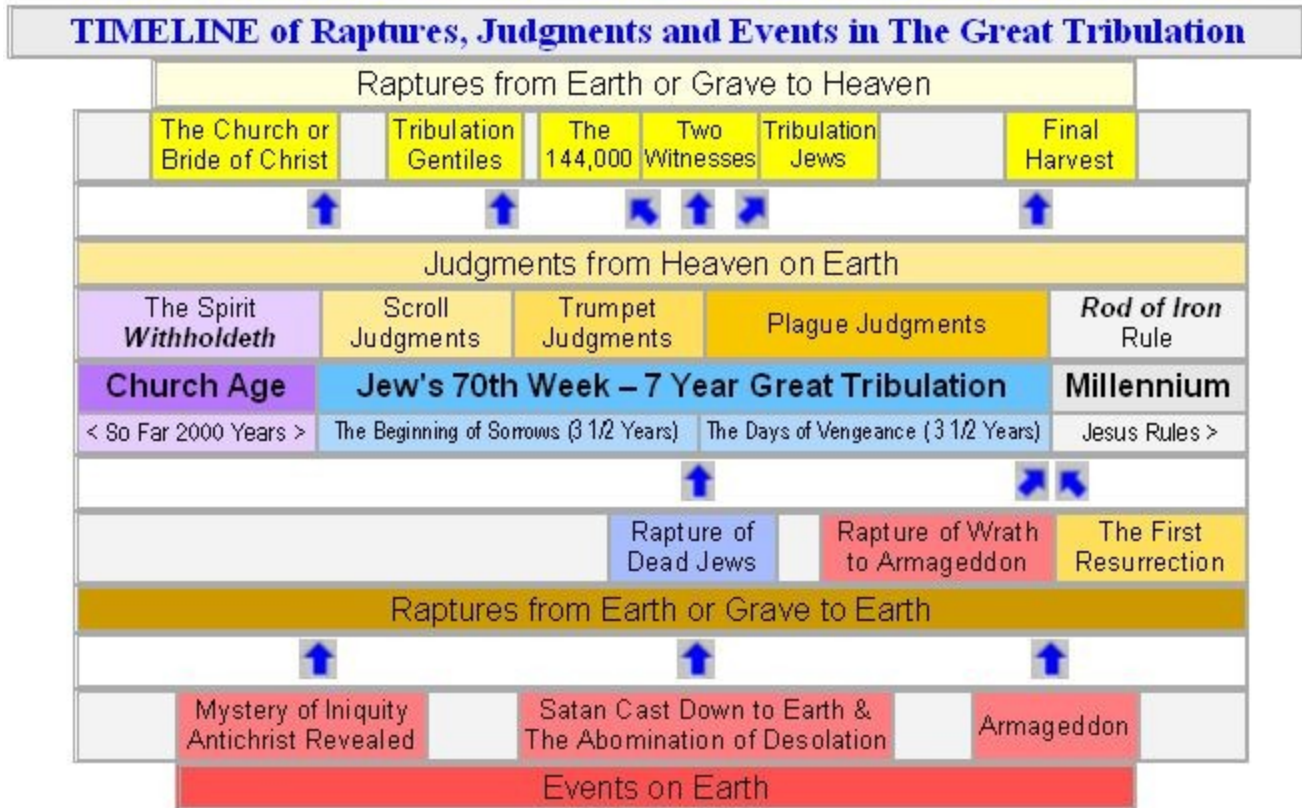


SECTION 9 The Rapture of the Dead Jews to Israel
and The Demise of the Red Horse in The Sixth Seal
Judgment



The Rapture of the Dead Jews to Israel

CHART of 7 Distinguishing Features of The Rapture of the Dead Jews
 X = Certain ? = Uncertain BLANK = Certainly Not

Raptures	From Grave	From Earth	Jews	Gen-tiles	To Earth	To Heaven	Saved
Dead Jews	X	?	X		X		

CHART of The Rapture of the Dead Jews in the Main Sets of Events of The Great Tribulation

Sets of Events	The Beginning of Sorrows	The Abomination of Desolation	The Days of Vengeance	Armageddon
Position		Dead Jews		
Before				

Time to get back to the raptures. The next one on our journey is likely the fifth to occur in The Great Tribulation. I call it The Rapture of the Dead Jews. It's another rapture of only real Jews in the middle of The Great Tribulation and surely before The Abomination of Desolation but likely just after The Rapture of the 144,000 and The Resurrection and Rapture of the Two Witnesses. And it's probably a few weeks before The Rapture of the Tribulation Jews which must occur sixth regardless of the exact order of the previous raptures. Remember this is because of the sequence establishing transitional phrase marking this

rapture in [Revelation 15:5](#).

And remember Gabriel marks the position of The Rapture of the Dead Jews at the midpoint of The Great Tribulation, placing it near the start of ‘the worst time ever’. Gabriel says,

...at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people [the Jews]: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt [Dan 12:1-2](#).

Gabriel indicates that this rapture of Jews from *sleep*—or from *the grave*—occurs very near the start of this *time of trouble* but necessarily before the Jews flee to *the wilderness* so that these raptured Jews will get the same chance at *everlasting life* or *shame and everlasting contempt* as the rest of the Jews that are otherwise *gathered* to Israel. Again, it would be convenient if the Jews could be raptured during the chaos immediately following The Midterm Great Earthquake, and amidst the distraction of that crazy ‘fireworks show’ in the sky *quickly* following. This would all help add to the confusion that may be very helpful to those who escape. And remember this barrage of events should not catch all these newly raptured souls off guard if they get a heads-up from the Two Witnesses during their 3 ½-day spiritual internment immediately beforehand. But we *know* that even when the herald angels fly through the sky and set the record straight, *some* still just won’t get it. And this will surely lead to *shame and everlasting contempt* for *some* of these resurrected Jews.

But to really get a complete picture of this unique rapture we’ll have to go back to the beginning, except not to the beginning of events on the Earth, but inside it. We’ll need to get an idea of everything happening underground. We have talked about most of *the lower parts of the earth* already. But just like all the raptures, we’ll need to place all these subterranean ‘way stations’ in time and space in order to *understand* them. And we’ll see that the various *parts* inside the Earth serve to contain diverse groups and at different periods of time throughout the ages and beyond. And from some of these *parts* spirits can be liberated, but from others this cannot be, at least not to any advantage. And throughout [The Ages of Creation](#) (see again the chart in [SECTION 2](#)) most of humanity will wait in three or more of these *parts* at one time or another, though usually the fewer parts you have to visit the better. But everyone—and I mean all humanity—must spend at least some time in *the lower parts of the earth*.

Let’s warm up with a review and reevaluation of one of these *parts* that we’ve already dealt with, *the bottomless pit*. Like the several other *parts* in the Earth, the Bottomless Pit is a subterranean holding tank or confinement cell. Like the other *parts* it’s really a *prison* and those held there are considered in *captivity*. And of course none of these cells or tanks may be found by physically digging a hole deep enough in the ground. They’re in a spiritual dimension that’s defined by the physical Earth, just like

God's Throne, for example, is in a spiritual dimension defined by some other place way out in space. And this should remind us of Jesus' promise that the time is coming when this present physical **Heaven and earth shall pass away** leaving a **new heaven** and a **new earth**. And this implies that the interior of the New Earth will remain an eternal containment zone for **everlasting punishment** [Mat 25:46](#).

So all these spiritual holding tanks in the Earth contain or keep **captive** certain groups of **spirits** for varying specific purposes and periods. Human **spirits** can only enter these **lower parts** after they die. But their physical 'remains' stay on Earth wherever and however their bodies are disposed of including being scattered to the wind or waves in ashes. But heavenly **spirits**, or **angels** and other spiritual **creatures**, should be able to enter and exit the interior of the Earth without concern for their 'natural forms', assuming they have God's permission to make these transitions. And human **spirits** with God's help can exit the interior of the Earth too. And these group exoduses by human spirits from **the lower parts of the earth** are part of the process that I call raptures. The other part of this process involves these **spirits** being reunited with their revived and transformed physical bodies.

So you could imagine that the human spirit of the Antichrist will be raptured out of The Bottomless Pit. And we also **know** that **the locusts** of The 5th Trumpet Judgment come out of it. Except they won't have to reunite with physical bodies on Earth to do so. And my guess is that that the lion-headed, winged **horsemen** of The 6th Trumpet Judgment come out and go back into The Bottomless Pit just like **the locusts** do. But these 'transitions' made by supernatural beings I would not define as raptures because such **creatures** always keep their bodies and spirits together wherever they go. Still we can see that this particular holding tank, unlike most the others, probably accommodates both human spirits and supernatural beings, although the human spirit of the Antichrist may be a special case in that he may be the only human spirit that ever resides there. An angel clearly identifying the Antichrist tells John,

The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition... [and is the same as] **the beast that was, and is not, and yet is** [Rev 17:8](#).

So I expect all this traveling of the Antichrist includes a trip into the Earth, back out, and finally back in for good. And assuming that the Antichrist remains the same person throughout these transitions, his ascension **out of the bottomless pit** has all the characteristics of a rapture, except that it doesn't involve a group of people.

And again, I **know** of no references that can **prove** any switch of entities. And such a special trip by the human spirit of the Antichrist into **the bottomless pit** puts him temporarily in the place where the **seven** spiritual **kings** along with Satan will also all later temporarily reside. And this seems to be another connection that shows how the Antichrist will be raised to their level—how he is to become a supernaturally empowered human who **is to become the eighth, and one of the seven** [Rev 17:11](#). Another indication of the unique but human nature of the Antichrist is the special immediate

punishment in The Lake of Fire following Armageddon that only he and the False Prophet receive separate from all other humans and also from all other supernatural beings ([Rev 19:19-20](#)).

Also, we can see a specific order of events. From John's timetable we **know** that 1) the **beast** is alive, then 2) dies, then 3) in order to be 'resurrected' **...shall ascend out of the bottomless pit...**, and finally, 4) will **go into perdition...** to his final **everlasting punishment**. So in order for any spirit, human or angelic, to be a candidate for reanimating the dead body of the Antichrist, he must be able, willing, and/or constrained to come **out of the bottomless pit**. And if an angel is going to do the job he must be already down there or will have to make the trip down before **he** emerges. Of course I think the Antichrist's original human spirit will descend into this particular holding tank at this time, as opposed to making the more common trip to **hell**, and about 3 days later **shall ascend out of the bottomless pit** because no angel will want the job to wait in The Bottomless Pit, and after that to be confined in a human's body—let alone accept the inevitable early trip to The Lake of Fire—if they have a choice. And no angel, including Satan, would manifest into the human form of the Antichrist for the same reasons, especially if they had a human stooge to do it for them. But we have seen so far that some nasty creatures will come out of The Bottomless Pit. So you could say it doesn't appear to be a holding tank for human spirits, except that the Antichrist—when it comes to humans—is clearly identifiable after his resurrection as superhuman.

By-the-way, whether **devils** now have free access to **hell** or the Bottomless Pit or not I'm not sure. I have heard testimony that they do from those that have visited such places in spirit and were shortly thereafter resuscitated, and I find no problem with this idea scripturally. In fact I recommend cardiologist Dr. Maurice Rawlings books on the subject, **Beyond Death's Door** and **To Hell and Back**. These works in Dr. Rawlings' Christian perspective offer eyewitness accounts of both Heaven and Hell from people resuscitated from the dead, including reports of the involvement of non-human spiritual entities. But the scriptural testimony about **hell** is enough for me, a place where people are **tormented by flame** ([Luke 16:19-24](#)) and **worm** ([Mark 9:42-50](#); [Isa 66:24](#)—though modern translations omit the worms in Mark's record). And it stands to reason that since Jesus tells us that **angels** escorted the newly preredeemed to their waiting place in **Abraham's bosom** ([Luke 16:20-24](#)), others of them are likely also involved in the trip to **hell** too. And apparently even beyond the trip.

So **the bottomless pit** would seem to be the most appropriate place for the human spirit of the Antichrist to wait for three days while his body is dead on Earth. And I expect that the human spirit of the Antichrist will return to his body from there with the help of Satan and the consent of God. And sure I think Satan could go to the Bottomless Pit in order to pull off a false resurrection. But I don't think he will because he would more likely first enlist one of his spiritual henchmen to do the job—or extract one that may already be down there. But this is not likely either because I expect that all of Satan's ego-driven, principality and power seeking, unscrupulous and ruthless subordinates will see it as unnecessary and inefficient for any of them to perform this service unless God will not allow the Antichrist to be 'resurrected' otherwise. But this is probably also part of the **strong**

delusion God will **send** ([2 Thes 2:11](#)).

Of course it would be a 42-month 'get out of jail free card' if the Antichrist is to be 'possessed' by a spirit already imprisoned down there. But I think Satan could instead simply arrange for the manifestation of a spiritual counterfeit of the human body of the Antichrist and be done with it. I mean this must be what 'ghosts' are—whether appearing transparent in appearance of not—because there ain't no one really getting out of **hell** to make such guest appearances. And I mean that both Satan and God's angels apparently 'materialize' in all kinds of disguised forms including discernibly physical ones. In this way Satan would need no subterranean errand run or any volunteer extraction at all.

Except again, we **know** that 'someone' comes **out of the bottomless pit** for this purpose. And we **know** that **the beast** that **was** afterward **is** again, and that **he** becomes **the eighth...of the seven**. Add to this the fact that the Antichrist and False Prophet are the first to be **cast alive into the lake of fire** [Rev 19:20](#) **a thousand years** before anyone else ([Rev 20:1-10](#)), and I must conclude that no spiritual **prince** would volunteer to take the Antichrist's punishment given a choice. And we will further confirm that when the Antichrist and False Prophet are **cast alive into the lake of fire** at the end of The Great Tribulation, Satan along with his subordinate angelic **host of the high ones** [Isa 24:21-22](#) are instead confined in **the bottomless pit** for **a thousand years** and aren't **cast into the lake of fire** until **the thousand years are expired**—after The Last Rebellion at the end of The Millennium (again [Rev 20:1-10](#)), which we will cover more thoroughly in [SECTION 11](#). And this will confirm that Satan cannot possibly take over the role of the Antichrist because their ultimate ends are clearly distinguishable. And this also appears to confirm that the role of Satan's angels, including all his **princes**, is distinguishable too. But however it goes down, they will all relish their chance to raise hell in The Great Tribulation. And what spiritual **prince** would give up his last chance to raise hell at the end of The Millennium too—as we will see they will—by getting himself thrown into The Lake of Fire at the end of The Great Tribulation?

And it occurs to me that Satan himself, contrary to popular depiction, may have never yet been anywhere inside the Earth. I mean I would expect that he would at least generally avoid the place like the plague until he is forcibly, with a **great chain** [Rev 20:1](#), confined there for The Millennium, unless he makes appearances down there along with his subordinates simply to satisfy sadistic pleasures, assuming God allows such things. I mean I accept that it's possible that the **torments of the rich man in hell** include the mischief of Satan and his angels. Because again, we **know** that human spirits were **carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom** ([Luke 16:22](#)), so we can assume that they are also similarly '**carried**' to both **paradise** and **hell** too. But I don't consider this **proof** of satanic involvement in the **torments of hell**. And I would expect that avoiding the inside of the Earth is the general rule with all of Satan's **princes of this world** [1 Cor 2:8](#).

And in the same way I expect these narcissistic egotists would avoid confining themselves within the human body of the Antichrist when they can manipulate him to their hearts content just as well from the outside, and still have the option of temporarily possessing him whenever it's considered advantageous. This way they would be free to operate in the spiritual realm

while the human spirit of the Antichrist babysits his own body. This also leaves them 'free' at the end of The Millennium to raise hell one last time too. And again, all this makes the best candidate to make the round trip to and from **the bottomless pit** to be the one and only human spirit of the Antichrist himself.

And besides the Antichrist, the spirit of Lazarus that Jesus resurrected must have gone down into and returned out of the Earth, though in this case probably to **Abraham's bosom**. Still, I think in the same way the spirit of the Antichrist will go to wait in **the bottomless pit** until he is returned to his body too. However I should admit I could be wrong, which makes this just my opinion, but an opinion for which I have not seen a better case to oppose it as yet. And I will gladly acknowledge a corrected, improved and expanded **understanding** of all this as soon as it comes to my attention. After all, **continuing** openness to improving your **understanding** of God's Word and proper caution when speaking for God, are the real lessons here.

And speaking of uncertainty, another ambiguity here is that there are clearly several different holding tanks in the **lowest, lower** or **nether parts of the earth** to confuse. Their differences are apparently due to the different 'destinies'—or ultimate destinations if you prefer—of those waiting in them, including whether they will be returning to Earth or going to Heaven, or awaiting final judgment, or waiting on a second chance at life, or simply waiting to be born into the World in the first place. The **bottomless pit** then seems to be a temporary holding tank for entities that can be recalled to the Earth by God or Satan but are ultimately doomed to **eternal damnation**. They seem to be held there to be used by God in His time to help him **'shake the heavens, and the earth...that those things which cannot be shaken may remain'** ([Hag 2:6](#)...[Heb 12:27](#)). And **those things which cannot be shaken** must be the souls of men who in the presences of God's undeniable displays of power and wrath, and in the face of Satan's allowed abominable displays of evil, are provoked—or from God's perspective, **fitted** [Rom 9:22](#)—to make the right choice. So, some entities will escape from **the bottomless pit**, at least temporarily, and enjoy the reprieve from confinement and whatever satisfaction that wreaking vengeful havoc can bring. And the severe affects of their release planned by God will encourage **some** to be **saved**. And this is **'by all means'** the best advantage of this particular **lower part of the earth** designed by God. I mean, like the Apostle Thomas, some people need a little more convincing, and God will not hesitate to provide that kind of persuasion including some that comes right **out the bottomless pit**. Of course we can also see that this **bottomless pit** is part of God's plan to **send...strong delusion** [2 Thes 2:11](#), and evidently part of the Unholy Trinity's 'deceiving' **miracles** ([Rev 13:11-15; 19:20](#)) because it's evidently the backstage to one of the biggest **signs and lying wonders** ever ([2 Thes 2:9](#)).

But apparently there is a place just as deep or even deeper down than the Bottomless Pit. King David sings about it in [Psalm 139](#). And he distinguishes it as one of the **lowest parts of the earth** anyway. The psalm begins with him telling us that God's **knowledge** is 'unattainable' and that there is no place where you can go to escape His presence including in **hell**. David sings,

*Such **knowledge** is **too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there*** [Psalms 139:6-8](#).

And he goes on to tell us about a place where evidently all humans were **made in secret** and **curiously wrought** supposedly all at The Creation of the World, and where each soul waits in a form **yet being imperfect** before we are born. And at our appointed time God **covered us** or put us in our **mother's womb**. So goes the story as relayed in David's song in [Verses 13-16](#).

But in Verse 16 we also **learn** something astonishing, that God has prepared in advance a record of all that we are to become, starting with our prebirth **substance** and 'continuing' throughout our lives. David explains,

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

This is another one for the Calvinists and Arminianists to fight over. And by now you might guess that I side with neither, because both presume to limit God's sovereignty. I mean you shouldn't presume to **attain** to God heights of **knowledge** on this matter. And I mean that a Calvinist would say this proves universal programmed predestination, but an Arminianist would insist that the only thing we're talking about for sure here is God's **foreknowledge** about the formation of *members* or body parts, and not necessarily anything like preprogrammed robots. Still, it's plain from this account that He knows us all intimately and in advance. But I **believe** it would defeat His purpose to have a real relationship with us if He controlled us all completely. At the same time I believe He has the ability and the occasional inclination to do so. But we are nonetheless apparently free to make God **angry**, even bring Him to **indignation**, and we are also free to **please** Him or even make Him **laugh**. And by our choices, when we're allowed them, we can. And we can elicit these emotional responses from God because from our perspective these choices really are our own. Either that or we are teased and deceived by the appearance of way too many choices in this life. The point is that God's omniscience in time and space does not force Him to always control things even though He can and sometime does. And there wouldn't need to be a **hell** or **lake of fire** if He insisted on complete control. And I mean that He must make choices too—choices that are in response to ours, especially if He is more interested in true, free-will, love relationships than programmed robots. And I **believe** this is why God has repeatedly **repented** (e.g. [Psa 106:45](#)); and why Jesus **wept** ([John 11:35](#); [Luke 19:41](#)). These emotional responses were certainly not because of helplessness to do anything else about the circumstances. They were divine responses to free-will human choices.

And remember we talked about the reason God made us in [Revelation 4:11](#). This is where the...

...four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, ...saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Surely part of the **pleasure** God gets by creating us comes from our choices. So you could call it all just theatre, except—call me crazy—I **experience** personal interactions with The Holy Trinity. And this isn't just a casual relationship. I mean Jesus has promised to marry me, and anyone else who wants a relationship with Him. And it's not been my **experience** that he's only looking for robotic servants. In fact, Jesus says He's looking for **friends**, and that His **disciples** are his **friends** [John 15:13-15](#). And the first thing Jesus tells His **friends** to do is to **love one another** [John 15:17](#). And God 'commands' us **first** and foremost to...

...love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength... ([Deut 6:5](#); [Mat 22:37](#); [Mark 12:30](#); [Luke 10:27](#))

But we should come to **understand** that such **instruction** is for **babes**. Because the mature are beyond the need of this kind of **instruction** because their relationship with God shows them that,

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness [Lam 3:22 RSV](#).

And I just mean that those who really **know** Him personally no longer need to be commanded to **love** Him. And that those who still need such commandments are in a shameful condition.

Still and after all, and pardon my crude cliché, but everyone **knows** that **The LORD** can do whatever He damn well pleases. I mean it's undeniable that He sometimes forces the issue 'Calvinist style'. And by that I mean that a point comes when people no longer get a choice. In The Great Tribulation when He sends **strong delusion** this will be the case for the majority of the population on Earth. We saw how God will draw out the Anti-Catholics and the Chinese to their doom at Armageddon, and we will see later in this section how He will do the same kind of thing with the Russians and the Muslims. And Paul reminds us that it's...

God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure [Phil 2:13](#).

But you should **understand** that this 'work of God' will not turn out well for most people. Only really a **few**, if they really **love God**, will have **good** results ([Mat 7:13-14](#); [Rom 8:28](#)). And this **good work** of God ([Phil 1:6](#)) applies to **believers** in general, but arguably more so to the ones who are paying better attention. But Peter reminds us that there is no limit to God's love, because He is **not willing that any should perish** [2 Pet 3:9](#). And we **know** God will **draw** most everyone to Himself because of Jesus' work on the

cross ([John 6:44](#); [12:32](#)). And doesn't that mean that most everyone gets a choice? Of course it appears that young children and the unborn can die without one, which I'm sure makes God really angry, though this must be another way He makes the best of bad situations. And if everyone's *members*, or fully **fashioned** body parts, **were** already **written** in God's **book when as yet there was none of them** [Psa 139:16](#), how do you kill anyone before God's preplanned time and purpose?

But the reason I've been trying to drive you 'loopy' on this topic again is that I want you to concede and better **understand** that it is impossible to remain purely a Calvinist or an Arminianist in light of the whole Word of God. Indeed God knows in advance the full end of everyone who comes out of the **lowest parts of the earth**. But He nonetheless somehow lets most of us who enter this World make a lot of our own choices with limited interference and despite the fact that **in him we live, and move, and have our being** [Act 17:28](#). And I expect this state of affairs will continue throughout The Millennium until everyone is born into the World and this tank King David sings about is finally empty. Not long after that all the most important choices will all have been made. But there will be some other important changes that we'll talk about in the last section.

Moving up in the World, elevation-wise, is how I expect we come to the next 'lower part of the Earth' ([Psa 63:1](#); [Isa 44:23](#); [Eph 4:6-10](#)). But here we really find two **parts** connected as a pair of holding tanks, both of which we've already talked about a good deal too. These are the ones Jesus tells us about in the story of **a certain rich man** and **a certain beggar named Lazarus**. We already **know** that after these two die they are split up, one in each tank. Jesus tells us that...

...the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom [or "by his side"] [Luke 16:20-25](#).

So going **into Abraham's bosom** simply means being "with" Abraham in this particular 'lower part of the earth'. And this holding place is separated from where **the rich man** ends up **in hell...in torments**. Still, he is close enough to see and hear **Father Abraham** and **Lazarus** because he calls out to them seeking relief from being **tormented in the flame**. And **Abraham**, having apparently been there a while, explains why this is not going to happen, telling **the rich man** that both he and **Lazarus** have been immovably placed where God has determined each deserves to wait.

Abraham explains the barrier that separates them, telling **the rich man** that,

...between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence [Luke 16:26](#).

From this passage alone we might assume that these divided tanks are just for good and bad Jews. But going back to what Paul and Peter have to add on

the subject, this is not likely their only use. And I think we must conclude that Jesus goes to only one side after he dies on the cross, when **...he went and preached unto the spirits in prison** [1 Pet 3:19](#), that is **'into Abraham's bosom'**. And evidently all that were waiting there unanimously accepted Him as Savior after which **he ascended up on high**, and **he led** these **spirits** in **captivity captive** to Heaven ([Eph 4:8](#)). Once there, He deposits their **spirits** in another apparently even more comfortable 'holding place' that I call **the third heaven** or **paradise** as identified in [2 Corinthians 12:2-4](#).

But by-the-way, it's also popularly taught that **the third heaven** or **paradise** is the entire **kingdom of heaven**, including The Temple on the heavenly Mount Zion and God's **many mansions** [John 14:3](#), and that it's not just the holding place of these **spirits**. This is because some presume that the 'first heaven' is the earth's atmosphere; the second is outer space; and the third is God's spiritual realm somewhere 'within' outer space, or something like that. But because of the account in [2 Corinthians 12:2-4](#), I got the idea that **paradise** is that special holding place for **spirits** in Heaven who are waiting for raptures. I mean it's evidently a place visited by **the spirit** of a guy Paul **knew**—possibly by Paul himself—when 'he' died, leaving his body behind, and later returned to Earth when his body was revived—or resurrected. And Paul said it was **unlawful** to speak about this place, while John seems to speak freely about The Temple in Heaven, which leads me to think that **paradise** is indeed just this special place within **the kingdom of heaven**. Anyway, the ambiguity here, again, is because our view through the **glass** remains a little bit too 'dark' to be sure about it. But however this heavenly waiting place for redeemed **spirits** is properly identified, we can be sure that they're missing their **bodies** because they leave them behind **in the grave** on Earth until they are raptured to rejoin them.

And by-the-way, not long after Jesus takes **the spirits** from **Abraham's bosom** and puts them in **paradise**, God sends **the earnest** of our **inheritance** [Eph 1:14](#)—our "deposit guaranteeing" eternal life—to Earth, which is The Spirit when He comes at **Pentecost** [Acts 2](#), who stays with all those who are **alive** in Christ throughout The Age of Grace.

And since the Resurrection, **the spirits** of those who die in Christ must go straight to **paradise** because Paul tells us that to be **absent from the body** is to **be present with the Lord** [2 Cor 5:6-8](#). And The Spirit will **abide** [1 John 2:27](#) or stay on Earth, and this 'holding place' **with the Lord** in Heaven will continue to fill up with **the spirits** of Christians—while their dead bodies are left behind on Earth—until such time as God will remove The Spirit from the Earth and redeem His **purchased possession** (again [Eph 1:14](#)). He will do so by instantaneously reintegrating and immortalizing the **spirits** and **bodies** of **the dead in Christ...first**, and then by immortalizing those **which are alive**, when we all **meet the Lord in the air** at the unknown or **mystery** end of The Age of Grace ([1 Thes 4:13-18](#), [1 Cor 15:51-54](#)).

And this process must include Gentiles not just from The Age of Grace, but according to Peter's **revelation** at **Cornelius'** house, also God's **accepted** Gentiles from all the **other ages** too. Remember Peter says,

Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons [Acts 10:34](#).

This is why I expect that before Jesus visits and preaches to **the spirits** in **Abraham's bosom**, it's already filled with all of God's **accepted** both Gentiles and Jews, from all the previous **ages** back to Adam and Eve.

And this preaching in the Earth by Jesus and the following procession to Heaven occurred at the end of 69th week of The 70 Weeks Plan of Salvation for the Jews. We **know** this because Daniel tells us that...

...after threescore and two weeks [are added to the previously decreed **seven weeks** making 69 weeks] **shall Messiah be cut off** [or crucified], **but** [certainly] **not for himself** [but **for the sins of the whole world** [1 John 2:2](#)] [Dan 9:24-27](#).

So the evacuation of **Abraham's bosom** happens '3 days' after Jesus is crucified which according to Daniel's **prophecy** marks the end of the 69th week of The 70 Weeks Plan for the Jews. And by the end of the remaining **week** God promises the Jews...

...to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy [Dan 9:24](#).

And evidently it will take the entire 70th week to **finish** and **make an end** of God's plan to **bring in everlasting righteousness** on Earth. This of course is the seven-year **week** of Great Tribulation still to come.

And we now **know** that just after the Resurrection of Jesus or just after The Spirit arrives, this is when we find out about the delay in God's plans for the Jews, and that God has been hiding this planned delay. We find out that God puts the 70th week on hold because of The Age of Grace. And we can see in all of this that it's been quite a long wait for some of these spirits since then. In fact Adam must have waited even longer in **Abraham's bosom** than he's had to so far in **paradise**. And as for the tank adjoining **Abraham's bosom**, no matter how long the wait its occupants must endure, it will surely be **hell**, and with no hope of any real reprieve, but instead the **promise** of much worse accommodations to come.

But **Abraham's bosom** is a holding tank that evidently more than one group will escape from to redemption. I mean since The Resurrection it should be filling up again with Jews that are to be raptured to Israel in the midtribulation Rapture of the Dead Jews. And part of this 'second round' should include Jews who, after they return to Earth a second time in this rapture, die again near the start of The Days of Vengeance. These Jews evidently die twice and are raptured twice in order to be redeemed to stand before God as seen in Revelation 15. And their **spirits** apparently wait to be raptured first in **Abraham's bosom** and second in **paradise**. But there are a couple other groups of Jews coming from this 'second round' out of **Abraham's bosom** who also die twice and are raptured twice except they survive longer into The Days of Vengeance and catch later raptures that we'll cover in [SECTION 10](#) and [11](#). And there are still other participants in The Rapture of the Dead Jews that successfully escape to God's **prepared** safe

haven in **the wilderness**, and other who just successfully hide elsewhere, and survive The Great Tribulation. Their final transformation comes at the end of The Millennium covered in [SECTION 11](#). And there is still another group of these Jews that die twice. However, this last part, possibly numbering half of all the second-round Jews coming out of Abraham's Bosom, winds up one way or another in **shame and everlasting contempt in hell** to await their final transformation at the end of The Millennium too.

You should also notice that I am assuming when Paul says to be **absent from the body** is to **be present with the Lord**—in **paradise**—that this will still apply in the 70th week when it did not in the 69th. Of course technically there were no **dead in Christ** in the first 69 weeks, nor anytime before, because Jesus had not yet died for our sins. Still, I suppose it's possible that it could go either way. Maybe God has planned further separation of certain groups during The Great Tribulation. For example, we'll see that some groups are clearly not invited to The Marriage of the Lamb because they are raptured after this event. And that some will be raptured to Earth, not to Heaven. So I think it's at least possible that God will let a 'third round' wait in Abraham's Bosom for this purpose. And this would not affect their salvation, just their station. Except that Abraham's Bosom seems to be for God-selected, 'pre-saved' **spirits** who don't yet know Jesus, while Paradise or The Third Heaven is clearly for **spirits** who do. But you **know** God isn't against exceptions to the rule. And if you count the Two Witnesses as a separate round coming out of Abraham's Bosom, not to mention as an exception to the rule, there might be as many as six or seven different groups raptured out of this tank altogether. Though I doubt that you can identify them all yet. But if you presume that this many groups will emerge from Abraham's Bosom then you also have to assume that the only saved groups that wait in Paradise for redemption are the Church along with the ones that Jesus personally extracts from Abraham's Bosom after His resurrection. And I doubt this too. I'm guessing instead that all **the spirits of the dead in Christ**, no matter when they die, will wait in Paradise for their various raptures.

But these groups that come out of Abraham's Bosom, however many there are—and counting the Two Witnesses there must be at least three—get ringside seats to **hell**. Surely this must be profoundly affecting. I mean **the rich man** pleaded for his family! So don't you think others **in hell** will plead for theirs? And surely family members see each other across the **great gulf** that separates them. Hey, it's a small World after all. And Jesus indicates that families will be commonly split ([Luke 12:52](#)). How terrible it must be to see all **the spirits** of those who will never escape their horrifying fate. All human spirits that end up **in hell** will only get out to get their day in court to be finally sentenced. And at this time they will be remanded to their ultimate eternal doom. And this temporary **prison of torments** is not near to being filled up yet. It should continue to do so all the way up to the end of The Millennium. But I **promise** that you'll get a chance to peak into hell too, as we'll see in [SECTION 11](#). And we'll have more to say about all this in the next couple of sections.

The two remaining **parts** in the **lower parts of the earth** may not be too dissimilar from the **tormented** side of the 'split-tank' called **hell**. But they are clearly different parts. One is only briefly mentioned in **scripture** as far as I **know**. And it's identified in The Bible by the only once used Greek word,

Tartarus, translated in [2 Peter 2:4](#) in the KJV as **hell**. But this is apparently a special **hell**. Peter describes it as a place where...

...angels that sinned [have been] cast...down to hell, and delivered...into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment.

This holding cell for **angels** for inevitable **judgment** seems to be related to the next verse where Peter apparently gives some context as to why these **angels** are so imprisoned. He seems to imply that it is for the same reason that God...

...spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly 2 Pet 2:5.

So going back to the account of **the flood** in [Genesis 6](#), we find talk about...

...giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

Now since angels, including **Satan**, are also referred to as **sons of God** ([Job 1:6](#); [2:1](#)), it has been supposed that the unnatural union of **the sons of God** and **the daughters of men** produced half-breed, 'angel-human' **giants** which because of **the flood** became disembodied **demons**. And I **believe** this is the case. These are the 'spirits' who, with no bodies of their own, still to this day commandeer—or 'possess'—the bodies of unsuspecting humans. And these would be the kind Jesus **cast out**. And this bodiless type of **unclean spirit** ([Mat 12:43-45](#); [Luke 11:24-26](#)) 'naturally' resists exorcism quite vigorously and prefers long term confinement within a human body, the type of confinement that Satan or other angels would more naturally avoid.

So the story goes that these 'imprisoned angels' in **Tartarus** are the ones who 'fathered' these half-breed, angel-human **giants** before **the flood**. And these angel-human offspring were ultimately separated from their physical bodies when they died in **the flood** becoming 'human-body-dependant' **demons**. The part of their beings that survived **the flood** is only their disembodied spirits that to this day still function best by seeking out—evidently sometimes in droves—a human host to live in and dominate. This is also the explanation for the existence of **giants**—including the offspring of these offspring—all of whom would obviously be considered **mighty men...of renown** not only before **the flood** but also for some time after it.

And I say there were **giants** after **the flood** too because somewhere down the line one of these offspring must have married one of Noah's sons, and survived **the flood**, producing the later **giants** of Old Testament Times, including probably **Nimrod** of the first **Babylon**. We **know** this because it takes up to the time of King David to kill off the last of them during his reign ([1 Chron 20:8](#)). At least it's not until then that **giants** are mentioned no

more. I found 18 references in the Old Testament before the point David finally defeats the offspring of **the giant in Gath**. But their legacy clearly remains in the behavior of **demons** that persistently prey on human hosts—as opposed to **angels** who have no need of such confinement. But ‘demonology’ is not really the focus of this **study**. It deserves a **study** of its own.

Still we can see that this ‘unnatural mess’ is likely why these **angels** are now in **Tartarus** in **chains of darkness** awaiting **judgment**. And this is no surprise because such behavior allowed to go unchecked could defeat God’s whole plan. And like those confined in **hell**, these ‘chained’ in **Tartarus** will ultimately leave empty their ‘dark prison’ for a necessarily brighter future, though I’m sure they would prefer to just remain where they are if they had that choice.

This brings us to the last ‘**prison**’ in **the lower parts of the earth**. Like **hell** it’s also World renowned but is apparently presently empty. You should remember that it’s first two occupants are to be installed at the end of The Great Tribulation, after The Battle of Armageddon, and that it’s to remain mostly empty until the end of The Millennium, until the ‘dematerialization’ of Heaven and Earth. But we’ll save the rest of our discussion about this tank for the next sections.

Next I’d like to further consider those **spirits** who were first in **Abraham’s Bosom**, but are now in **paradise—spirits** waiting to join their **incorruptible** bodies at The Rapture. We **know** some of them were Jews including Abraham, but this group must include many Gentiles too, the first evidently being Abel, son of Adam. And none of these, including the Jews, will participate in the final week of The 70 weeks plan for the Jews, as they will all instead wait to become Christ’s **bride**, as do all those who live or die **in Christ** in this present **age**. But since no one is able to remain sinless but Jesus, how’d these **spirits in prison** that Christ **preached to** get on the good side in the first place? And how did those **in hell** get there? Yes, people were and evidently still are **carried by the angels** to these destinations, but that’s not what I’m talking about. And I’m not so much talking about the judgment of God either, but rather His prejudgment. The point being that John records that God will ‘judge’ **every man according to their works** [Rev 20:12-13](#). So everyone should end up **in hell** if this was all there was to it. Thank God we have a way to avoid **hell** and **judgment** through the sacrifice of Jesus. But did you ever consider that all those who end up **in hell** before The Resurrection never actually got a chance to accept Jesus’ sacrifice for them before they died? So I can only think that God must have anticipated their response. And God must make such prejudgments—both before The Church Age and after. We can see this in that He pre-separates the spirits in **hell** and **Abraham’s bosom** before Jesus dies for our sins much like He does in **hell** and **paradise** afterward. I mean if everyone who died before the Resurrection were all simply **judged... according to their works** they would have all been sent to **hell**. But they weren’t. This implies a ‘predetermined’ choice of God Himself. Chalk one up for the Calvinists. And I suspect this prejudgment may apply to children who die before they are able to make a choice. God could anticipate their choices too. I mean He knows if they are **vessels** of **honour** or **dishonour** before they are conceived in their **mother’s womb**.

So somehow, before people had a chance to choose or reject Jesus, I **believe** the ones on the good side were put there because God knew that they would choose Jesus when they got the chance, and that this is not something that can be hidden from God. And my hope is that this would apply to anyone who is denied a chance in life to choose Jesus. I call it 'divine anticipation of a redemptive act of free will'. And I mean that most of those who got in on the good side **understood** that they were repentant sinners, so that when Jesus arrived they were ready for Him. But also that there were likely others there too young to be able to recognize this, who God anticipated eventually would. This also fits the description Peter gives of God's pre-**accepted**. Peter identifies such Gentile sinners by their inclinations to 'fear God and work righteousness' ([Acts 10:35](#)). And I expect this implies that before The Age of Grace, if those old enough to recognize their sin nature are to be **accepted** by God, they had to act like it. However many grownup Christians today, though they may think they should behave themselves, believe they don't really have to anymore, because the blood of Jesus alone is sufficient to save them. But what do you think will happen to people who tell you they are 'repentant' for behavior they really have no intention of changing, let alone to others who rarely find occasion to repent?

This brings us to the ones who end up **in hell** before The Resurrection. They obviously didn't 'fear God', nor attempt to 'work righteousness', nor recognized that they were sinners, which, upon their deaths apparently determines their ultimate fates. And it's undeniably 'fate' once you've come to occupy that particular 'tank' as well as most of the others. But two of these six tanks in the Earth—counting the 'split tank' as two—are now occupied by people of 'yet undetermined fates'. Of course the fates of those yet to be born are yet to be determined—at least by the people themselves. And people who are alive today are still 'determining' their own fates. And all this is naturally a part of "Stationism". But you should **know** of another tank presently being occupied where its occupants still have a choice in their ultimate fates. And if you **know** it, you're up to speed and ready to go on. Back up and review otherwise.

Moving ahead in the World, time-wise, I would also like to further consider why this other holding tank of **spirits** of 'yet undetermined fates'—Abraham's Bosom—is no longer empty, even though **to be absent from the body...**[now means] **to be present with the Lord** in **paradise**. We can deduce that this is because it's filling up again, day by day, since the moment after the first batch is spirited out by Jesus. And we can deduce that this time it's only with Jews. These particular subterranean occupants are especially privileged too because they are evidently not limited in their selection by 'divine anticipation of a redemptive act of free will' like their predecessors were. No, they are not yet prejudged in any way, except that they have to somehow pass for God's standard of a Jew. And though God knows all outcomes, I say they are not prejudged while they are down there because they will be given another chance at life and to **choose life** in Jesus.

And their numbers must continue to grow down there as Jews on Earth die and leave behind their **very many** and **very dry bones** until their scheduled midtribulation evacuation. On that day, according to the Prophet Ezekiel, God will **cause breath to enter into** the bodies of this multitude of dead Jews. First God **will lay sinews upon** them, and He **will bring up**

flesh upon them, **and cover** them **with skin**, and **put breath** in them. And he confirms that **these bones are the whole house of Israel** [Ezek 37:1-14](#).

And their **spirits** that will have been waiting in Abraham's Bosom will rise to reinhabit these rejuvenated bodies. And we already **know** why God will give them this second chance. Gabriel tells the Jews that at the midpoint of The Great Tribulation that,

...Michael [shall] stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of... [Daniel's] people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time... [the Jews] shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt [Dan 12:1-2](#).

And God plainly tells the Jews through the Prophet Ezekiel that,

I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel [Ezek 37:12](#).

Again, this evacuation of **graves** and of Abraham's Bosom is in the middle of the 70th week. And this is also when time appears to be up for all 'real Jews' to get to Israel for the privilege and opportunity to finally make their choice. I guess there may even be Jews who die in China one moment but just in time to be revived and raptured to Israel to make their choice the next. God might even cause these kinds of deaths in order to get his people home in time. Of course these exceptionally late deaths may miss the heads-up by the Two Witnesses and in this way be among some of the most confused Jews who materialize in Israel at the midpoint.

But I don't expect all living 'Jews' will make it to Israel. And I can't say whether God will supernaturally transport living Jews at this time. I don't see any evidence for it. But I do expect that all real Jews that die in The Beginning of Sorrows will by this rapture make it to Israel in time. But I also expect that the Antichrist will keep most of his Jewish captives alive in camps, waiting until after this rapture to kill most of them—in case killing them means giving them a means of escape. I have to believe Satan is already considering this anyway. And this must be another reason why Jesus comforts Jews to buck up and **endure unto the end**. Of course all this also implies another heads up for Jews—get to Israel now.

But we also **know** that **some** Jews that make it to Israel don't make the right choice to **flee to the wilderness**. Still we **know** that **some** of these are **blessed**, but only if they **endure unto the end** while being hunted and killed if they can't hide. And still other Jews will join the Antichrist in his **indignation against the holy covenant** and seal their fate. Oh what **strong delusion** there must be in the face of the awesome acts of God at this time. Even with The Rapture of the 144,000 Jews, The Resurrection and Rapture of The Two Witnesses, and the appearance of centuries of dead Jews revived from their graves in The Rapture of the Dead Jews, not to mention all

the spectacles in the sky, **some** Jews still won't get it. And they won't know that all of these events are markers that Israel's is about to be **trodden under foot** in The Days of Vengeance ([Dan 8:13-14](#)). Or looking the other way, these are markers that they are about to lose the security they enjoy in The Beginning of Sorrows, as we are about to further confirm.

The Prophet Zechariah outlines three consecutive stages leading up to and through The Beginning of Sorrows that will culminate in a fourth stage, The Days of Vengeance, and all from the perspectives of God and the Jews. These stages are 1) the overwhelming defense of Israel by the Israelis themselves when **they shall devour all the people round about**, followed by 2) the awesome and overwhelming defense of Israel by God when He will **destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem**, followed by 3) the Jews **revelation of Jesus Christ** which is followed by 4) The Days of Vengeance when 2/3 of the Jews in Israel **die** while 1/3 are saved alive obviously starting at The Abomination of Desolation and continuing to The Seventh Plague Judgment. More specifically, in His layered way, God reveals,

Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem [Stage 1 and 2]. **And in that day** [beginning in Stage 1] **will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.** [And] **In that day** [beginning in Stage 2], **saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness** [Yes, no modern military hardware will be available in Stage 2]. **And** [beginning in Stage 1] **the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the LORD of hosts their God. In that day** [in Stage 1 when Israel apparently has the most advanced military defenses ever known to man] **will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they** [Israel] **shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left** [specifically in the years before the start of The Great Tribulation and up The Sixth Seal Judgment—this is Stage 1]: **and Jerusalem** [as a result] **shall be** [fully] **inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem** [and if they ever build that wall to divide Jerusalem it will come down in Stage 1]... [And] **In that day** [beginning Stage 2] **shall the LORD** [awesomely] **defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem** [especially against Russia and the Muslims in The Sixth Seal Judgment because by then Israel will have lost the capability to defend herself]; **and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them** [at least up to the time of The Abomination of Desolation—the end of Stage 2]. **And it shall come to pass in that day** [Stage 2], **that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And** [in the brief Stage 3] **I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the**

inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced [Jesus], and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. In that day [Stage 3—probably while the whole World rejoices over the death of the Two Witnesses] shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon [Armageddon]. And the land shall mourn, every family apart... Zech 12

And [in Stage 4] it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die [starting at The Abomination of Desolation]; but the third shall be left therein [hiding, yes, but I'm guessing this also includes those who flee]. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God Zech 13:8-9.

First of all be ***patient***. It will take the rest of the section to explain all the clarification I've added to these passages. But I will. And to start with, ***that day*** that is repeatedly mentioned in Zechariah 12 must be in God's perspective. But it's really only a small part of a ***day*** to Him—or a small part of 1000 years. And we are presently only seeing the set up to this time that God is describing—though the actual start is imminent—much more imminent than The Rapture of the Church. This is because most of Stage 1 must go on for some years—maybe decades—before The Rapture of the Church can occur, as you should now be ready to see.

But this is not an easy ***revelation*** because we not only need to bring with us everything we've learned so far, we must also add all these pieces to another puzzle. I mean God presents this ***prophecy*** in his usual transcendent and layered way. And this makes us have to work to make chronological sense of it. But if you know what's going on in Israel and the World, you'll be able to see that none of this is happening yet, because these stages begin with Israel becoming ***a cup of trembling unto all the people round about*** and ***Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people***. And no, in 2009 I don't think they have quite yet become this. But this coming state of affairs is imminent.

And the difference between the first two stages can be seen by who is defending Israel. And sometimes God seems to be referring to both of these stages together. But in cases where God gives Israel the credit for defending herself, this is Stage 1. In others He takes credit Himself; this is Stage 2. Therefore Stage 1 should be a time of unprecedented, undisputed and absolute Israeli modern military superiority over really anyone who might want to attack her. And this surely has not yet begun because of the recent somewhat successful attack of Hezbollah on Israel from Lebanon in 2007, and because of Israel's only temporarily effective campaigns against the unceasing missile attacks from Hamas in Gaza in 2009, and because of the continuing open threats of Israel's annihilation from Iran. And beginning late in 2007 there is the renewed talks of dividing Jerusalem in favor of

establishing a Palestinian state. But this seems less likely now given the failure of the partition-supporting interim Prime Minister, Tzipi Livni, to win enough support in the September 2008 elections to retain leadership. She would have pushed for a divided Jerusalem and created the opportunity for increased attacks on Jerusalem.

Thank God former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin (Binyamin) Netanyahu regained sufficient support in the September elections to become Prime Minister again. He will surely block all plans to partition Jerusalem because he has already predicted increased attacks on Israel if Jerusalem is divided. But I also expect that this must all be part of God's plans for providing the motivation for the eventual deployment of unbeatable defense technology by Israel. And you can see the beginnings of this kind of super technology surfacing today. Such superior defensive capabilities are just around the corner, and with them Israel will turn things around as God has revealed to Zechariah. This will be when...

...the governors of Judah [become] like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left [Zech 12:6a](#).

This is also the time when...

Jerusalem [as a result] shall be [fully] inhabited again in her own place [Zech 12:6b](#).

And this is when, if there is a wall built dividing Jerusalem, it will be torn down uncontested.

But this period is followed by Stage 2, most notably marked by The Sixth Seal Judgment, which is when God will have to...

...smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness; and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people [who attack Israel] with blindness [Zech 12:4](#).

This is a time—as we can see by this description—when modern military technology has become a thing of the past.

And we'll need the rest of this section to more fully develop this sequence of events. But we can deduce that sometime before The Sixth Seal Judgment that modern military defenses and other technologies will no longer be available to Israel for her defense, nor to anyone else to attack her. And I suspect this change from Stage 1 to Stage 2 must mark the arrival of a new partner planet—or the return of one of the previous visitors. And this planet must be responsible for rendering most all modern technology inoperable and probably in more ways than one. But for now technology is still on the rise. And apparently Israel in the future will be able to defend herself like never before. But after that must come a time when only ***the LORD [can] defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem...*** This is when God says, ***I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem*** [Zech 12:9](#). And

surely this time when God Himself defends Israel has not yet come.
And neither really has the time come when...

...the governors of Judah [become] like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left [Zech 12:6a](#).

We **know** this because Israel is still warring over her borders and is still openly threatened with annihilation from all sides. But Israeli-enforced peace is coming soon. And yes, Israel is being defended by God now, but He is allowing Israel to use man-made weapons in the process, though Israel has not yet achieved real security and peace. So 2009 must still be pre-Stage 1. But Israel will establish a time of real peace by her superior technology. After that comes the time when God alone will defend Israel against many **armies** with hordes of riders on horses.

Stage 3 is the shortest stage and happens when Israel finally recognizes Jesus. It's when God says,

I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem [Zech 12:10-11](#).

So evidently sometime after Israel loses the ability to defend herself, and after God awesomely takes up her defense, the Jews finally recognize Jesus is the Messiah. But as we have already discussed, different groups of Jews seem to recognize Him at different times, though this passage in Zechariah seems to indicate that most of them will do so very late in The Beginning of Sorrows. And I'm guessing that each group's recognition helps trigger the recognition of the next. The 144,000 Jews must be the first big group to come to this **revelation** because they are identified as the **firstfruits** of the Jews, **born** and evidently shortly afterward **caught up** to Heaven. But remember that it appears that the 144,000 are raptured near the same time that Satan is **cast out** of Heaven and **cast down** to Earth, which seems to be when he comes down to resurrect the Antichrist. If this is the case, then the 'not yet empowered' Antichrist probably dies about 3 days before the 144,000 are raptured, and he likely dies trying to kill the Two Witnesses. And if the Antichrist tries to kill the Two Witnesses first, this could mean that the Two Witnesses recognize or acknowledge Jesus before the 144,000 and may really give their testimony about him first. Nonetheless, they appear to be the second group of Jews to be redeemed. But one way or another, near the end of The Beginning of Sorrows, it must become fairly common knowledge in Israel that Jesus is the Messiah, and this will be the cause of widespread **great mourning** in Israel. And the best time for this appears to be when the rest of the World is distracted with rejoicing over the death of the Two Witnesses.

But Jesus indicates that there will be some Jews who will be imprisoned or killed in Israel in The Beginning of Sorrows because they recognize Jesus long before most of the rest of the Jews. And the Messianic Movement—Jews who **believe** in Jesus—is growing in Israel even today. Of course these **believers** should disappear in The Rapture of the Church. But their disappearance, as well as other awesome early spectacles in The Beginning of Sorrows, apparently wake up at least a few other Jews early on. But since Jesus promises us that these ‘early risers’ in Israel will be either killed or imprisoned, I’m guessing that this will limit their ability to disseminate the Gospel, at least until The Midterm Great Earthquake sets some of the ones that survive free. Then maybe some of them will lead the way to Petra.

This brings us to Stage 4 in Zechariah’s **prophecy**. Like the previous stages, it’s described by God in a Jewish perspective. And it’s an account of The Days of Vengeance. Specifically, God gives us the body count of Israeli Jews along with the fate of the survivors. He tells us that at the end of The Days of Vengeance only a **third** of Israel **shall be left therein** alive, and the rest of the Jews **shall be cut off and die** [Zech 13:8](#). And God promises that He...

...will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God [Zech 13:9](#).

But there’s a lot of confusion in this for me. I mean it occurs to me that the Jews that escape **to the wilderness** actually leave the country. But I’m still guessing that they’re included in this **third**. And of course they must eventually somehow return to Israel alive. So I suppose this **third** refers to the Jews that **flee** plus the few that stay in Israel and somehow survive. And I also find it confusing that I can’t tell whether the rest who are **cut off and die** are all **lost**. Because it occurs to me that some of these will ‘**die**’ with a faith in Christ while some others will not. I mean The Rapture of the Tribulation Jews occurs early in The Days of Vengeance and seems to be included in these ‘**cut off**’ Jews. And others throughout the remainder of The Great Tribulation will also be ‘**cut off and die**’ with their faith intact and make later raptures. So do these percentages only apply to mortals and mortalities, or do they apply to immortals and immortality too?

Or to put it another way, I’m not sure whether God is talking only about physical life and death or also about spiritual life and death. Read [Zechariah 13:8-9](#) and mull it over. If God is talking only about physical life and death here, more than a **third** must actually be redeemed, because some that die will be redeemed. But if He is talking about spiritual life and death, some of the final ‘**third**’ must be redeemed by physically dying—unless this ‘**third**’ doesn’t include the Jews that **flee** the country, then there may really be more than this ‘**third**’ again. And surely those who die without a faith in Christ are ‘**cut off**’ from eternal life. But we should also remember that those who die are surely ‘**cut off**’ from stations that other Jews and Gentiles can reach by surviving. Are you confused yet? I mean there are more than just two possible interpretations here. But we’ll consider all this further in the next

sections. And I can tell you we're still missing some important precepts developed in the remaining sections that we'll need to resolve this confusion. But I'll give you a hint to put on the back burner. Adding the perspective of Stationism naturally changes all perspectives that do not include it. And we have accomplished our goal here. We have raised some good questions to **work** with.

Moving on to other confused perspectives, let me ask another question. Do you think it's easier to be saved in The Age of Grace with the help of The Ministry of The Holy Spirit, or in **other ages** when The Spirit is **out of the way**? Of course the **strong delusion** God will **send** during The Great Tribulation will make it harder. But other than that, do you think it's harder in **ages** without The Spirit at **work** like He is now? I think a case can be made for that—I guess I just did. But I don't think it's necessarily tougher outside The Age of Grace to get saved, just different. It's a difference between the **revelation** of God by **his Spirit** or by **his mighty hand**.

The Spirit of God is now actively, persuasively and persistently convicting us of our sins more or less behind the scenes. Those that become calloused to The Spirit by actively, persuasively and persistently choosing to resist Him are doomed to **everlasting punishment**. Paul teaches that God eventually 'gives' **them over to a reprobate mind** [Rom 1:21-32](#), and such reprobates no longer have any hope, let alone the desire, to recover from their condition. And I mean that from a human perspective, a person's fate can become sealed before death. But again, such a person really has to actively, persuasively and persistently work to get there. And The Spirit has many more ministries to try to prevent this from happening than just convicting us of sin. And it's really impossible to tell who is beyond help—except for God.

But things were different before The Age of Grace. Then God's active, persuasive and persistent attempts to get man to acknowledge his sinfulness were more in his face. He would humble the strongest of nations with His power, convicting them of their sinfulness and convincing them of his **love** for them by His outrageously awesome spectacles of destruction, deliverance and/or provision. And this is what He will be doing again in The Great Tribulation.

Think about it. Imagine you witnessed God part the sea in front of you. Or destroy an army in front of you. Or miraculously feed you. While all the while an earthshaking planet raged in the sky above. Or on the other hand, suppose you somehow survived a number of plagues that in a matter of days absolutely leveled your 'world-ruling' nation, and all just like that pesky **prophet** of God said it would happen. God doesn't do such things just to show off. He does them to **destroy the wicked** and **redeem** His people. And He does so more than just convincingly. While **the children of Israel** are still in Egypt God says,

...I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments [Exod 6:6](#)

So in the face of such spectacles, unless you already have a hopelessly **reprobate mind**, you can't help but reconsider your behavior, and respect the God of such incredible **wonders**. And by His heaven-and-earthshaking

methods, you can recognize that it's not only out of **anger**, but also out of **love** that God has **thundered in the heavens** because He is a **deliverer** to **all them that trust in him** ([2 Samuel 22](#); [Psalm 18](#)). But **understand** that in the coming Great Tribulation that the **thunder** of God's voice in the Heavens will need to be heard louder and more persuasively than ever before, because it's for all those who failed to respond to the more gentle persuasion of The Spirit in The Age of Grace.

And I should remind you that Velikovsky's research suggests that the interacting atmospheres of planets in God's previous efforts to get mankind's attention evidently stirred up enough smoke and dust to obscure the view of His celestial handiwork from many perspectives—at least some of the time. Nevertheless, John shows us that throughout The Great Tribulation suchlike spectacles will cause people to **hide from the face of God** ([Rev 6:16](#)), and he saw in advance how **the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not** ([Rev 9:20](#), [16:9](#)), and that against all reason they **blasphemed God** ([Rev 16:9,11,21](#)), because they all **know** that it's God who brings all these **wonders** on the Earth. And we **know** the events are overwhelmingly awesome because Jesus says,

Men's hearts [will be] failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken [Luke 21:26](#).

And don't forget that God delivered the Jews out of Egypt...

...by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors... [saying] **Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside him** [Deut 4:32-39](#).

And this is what God will do again in The Great Tribulation, except even more so. And men will **know** that these incredible **wonders** come from God.

But when another planet accosts the Earth like in the past, this time it will surely be seen approaching by the whole World before it arrives. And in this modern 'age of reason' you might expect that before things start to fall apart—and with the help of modern mass communications and propaganda—that the World will be led to think that they 'understand' the physical causes of the judgments that follow, even in the midst of unbelievably stirring and shaking exchanges. Except we shouldn't forget that right off the bat there will be those irritating and likely well-publicized Two Witnesses keeping score for God. Still, the difference this time around is that we are now experiencing—as Gabriel promised Daniel we would—the time when **knowledge shall be increased** [Dan 12:4](#). And by this I mean that in previous ages some have 'understood'—even documented—the comings and goings of these 'planet-gods', but they did so without our **increased** modern **knowledge**. So in the past they chalked it up to false gods—all surely with Satan's help. And these planet-gods, including Venus, Mars, the Sun and the Moon, became the inspiration for many false religions. But in these modern times with modern paradigms, it would seem that modern people would be more inclined to

chalk up these ‘acts of God’ to really, really astronomically unlucky, long-shot ‘accidents’ involving just natural physical laws. But again, John’s record tells us that, generally speaking, that this will not be the case. Instead, where the Unholy Trinity isn’t getting away with taking the credit, the World will generally be forced to blame God.

And again, during The Plague Judgments John tells us that most people...

...blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory [Rev 16:9](#).

So God’s judgments must be about as persuasive as The Spirit of God—just in another way. The displays of His power and control must be so awesome that the mind of modern man will be convinced that these spectacles come by **the hand of God**. And some, thank God, will recognize this as **the love of God** too. And you should **know** that He sometimes expresses His ‘tough love’ this way.

And all this will be adding to God’s past spectacles that still influence the behavior of **the godly**—as well as **the ungodly**—to this very day. Indeed this is no cosmological accident. You have to **understand** that there have been many such ‘world-renowned, earthshaking, awesome, destructive and supremely-respect-building’ spectacles administered by God throughout all of the **other ages** that have more than adequately provided this **godly** influence—a different kind of influence than we **experience** now in **the dispensation of the grace of God...by the Spirit**. And this former and future more overt influence of God to get man to repent of his sins is what [The Ages of Creation study](#) will be all about. And this brings us to how God will minister to His people, the Jews, in The Great Tribulation.

God **promises** His awesome personal defense of the Jews in The Great Tribulation in [Psalms 91](#). And surely this **promise** is most remarkably kept starting in Stage 2 when it is God alone who defends Israel in The Beginning of Sorrows against all the nations who attack her. And this **promise** is also the **comfort** from God that,

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

With all hell breaking loose around them, the Jews will be as safe as can be in Israel in The Beginning of Sorrows. And God alone will protect them in the latter half of it. Psalms 91 is not just a general **promise** but also a prophetic account of this coming protection. Yes, these **promises** must apply to lots of occasions where God has come to Israel's defense, but its best application will be in The Sixth Seal Judgment. This is when God will need to protect Israel from all these things at once—and when Israel will not be able to defend herself anymore. And God will protect the Jews He 'gathers' to Israel up until The Abomination of Desolation. After that He will protect the ones who recognize Jesus, but especially those who **flee to the mountains** and **into the wilderness** where He will protect them throughout The Days of Vengeance in a sanctuary **prepared** by Him.

And we can now see this special protection of God—including the protection Zechariah describes throughout these four stages—is all still yet to begin. And this places The Rapture of the Church even further away. This is because The Rapture won't take place until late in Stage 1. And Stage 1—the period of Israel's uncontested, self-won security—may last decades. And remember that I'm no **prophet**. But by **rightly dividing the word of truth**—as anyone who will **continue in the word** and will **study to show themselves approved unto God** can—I can tell you that The Rapture will not be imminent until Israel is finally absolutely secure and at peace within her borders and with her neighbors. And you should be able to better **understand** how I'm speaking for God about all this in the next subsection.

The Demise of the Red Horse in The Sixth Seal Judgment

Next we're going to talk about one of the coming 'world-renowned, awesome, earthshaking, destructive and supremely-respect-building' spectacles of God that are slated to occur early in The Great Tribulation. As usual it's all about the protection of the Jews. And we are now ready to confirm this event as the one that marks the transition from Stage 1 to Stage 2. This spectacle involves the biggest attack on Israel ever—unless you see **Armageddon** as an attack on Israel, which I don't. And Psalms 91 shows us how the overwhelming forces that are involved are completely defeated by God as they attempt to surround and attack Israel. These future invaders will experience the most awesome defense of Israel ever.

And there are other **scriptures** that tell us about the condition of Israel's economy and their status in the World just before this event occurs. They will also help us specifically identify **all the nations** that to no avail attack Israel at this time. Particularly, they will tell us details about the economy and status of Russia, and pretty much the same about many Southwest Asian and North African Muslims countries, and even some about The U.S. and their allies who will evidently interject their protests into this conflict centered in The God Zone. And we will **learn** how in the strictest Calvinistic sense just how deeply God can get involved in war. I mean, no one will really have any choice in the matter.

A lot of this story about God's most spectacular defense of Israel in The

Beginning of Sorrows is given to us by God through the Prophet Ezekiel. In the first six verses of [Chapter 38](#) he identifies the many countries that will presume to attack Israel early in The Great Tribulation when they will believe her to be defenseless. The principal perpetrator and ring leader of this attack is **Gog**. Everyone, including present day Israelis themselves, identify **Gog** as 'the ruler of Russia'. **Gog** apparently means 'king'. And this king lives **in the land of Magog**, and he is also called **the chief prince** of the kingdoms **of Meshesh and Tubal**, and is further identified in other translations as "the chief prince of Rosh". God tells us about a future attack of **Israel** by **Gog**, saying,

And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes [Verses 15-16](#) (see also [Ezek 39:1-2, 7](#)).

Now since this conclusion that **Gog** is the ruler of Russia is so widely accepted, and so much so in Hebrew speaking Israel that you can regularly see Russia referred to in their daily Hebrew newspapers as "**Rosh**", and since Russia in modern times has always been the chief provider of weapons to the Muslim World against Israel, and since there is plainly no other country that could fit the part better than Russia—including her northern geography—we'll leave it at that. **Gog** is 'the ruler of Russia'.

Former career KGB officer and present Prime Minister of Russia—former President of Russia—and **Time** Magazine's 2008 "Man of the Year" because of his leadership of Russia's present remarkable resurgence, is Vladimir Putin. And it should be no surprise that he's taken a lot of heat worldwide recently for accusations of draconian tactics against those who would voice opposition to the newly revived communist bent to his regime. And many of these voices of opposition are being silenced rather quickly, even far outside the country as you may have heard. It leads me to believe that there won't be anyone who will be able to do anything to quell this revival of communism in Russia, because it's really God who is raising it up. Indeed this must be part of God's plan. But the purpose God has in mind for Russia will probably not come to pass as soon as these circumstances might lead you to think, as we will see.

In [Verse 4](#) we see just how deeply God can get his **hooks** into a nation like Russia. And the **LORD** may very well be speaking to Putin, assuming he's still in charge of things for years to come—a reign as long as Fidel Castro's would probably be sufficient—or God may be speaking to one of Putin's successors, when He says,

I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour,

even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords.

It's clear that this pull to war is all God's doing. **Gog** will be as helpless about engaging Israel as a fish on a hook. And this is how God makes plain that He is taking all of the credit for Russia's decision to attack Israel. He will irresistibly bait her with **temptations**—just like He will later bait China to attack the vulnerable Antichrist Kingdom by drying up the **Euphrates**. In this **same** way He will 'tempt' Russia to lead this attack on Israel. He will somehow make the Jews appear to be all of a sudden recognizably defenseless, and I expect this defenselessness will come about just as quickly as the **Euphrates** is dried up. And since these 'hook-drawn' events happen not too long after the extremely deadly 4th Seal Judgment, God likely adds **famine** and **pestilences** to the **temptations** involved, making it so that anyone who can pick up a **sword** will be really hungry for **spoil**. And shortly before The Sixth Seal Judgment, Russia should be plenty hungry for it.

And here again we see the clues to the kind of warfare that will be used in this attack. And because of the nature of the attack, you might first think that it takes place back in Biblical times, except that we will easily see that such an attack has never happened before. This event is too spectacular and identified in too much detail to have been overlooked in history. And it's a popular conclusion that this is a future event. But in this age of modern warfare it's also popular to reduce Ezekiel to the 'primitive man' perspective. I mean it's commonly assumed that Ezekiel is just doing his best to describe modern military hardware and WMD's using ancient terms. But Ezekiel plainly describes a war that **will** include an **army** with **horses and horsemen**, and soldiers with body **armour, shields** and **swords**, and also **bow** and **arrows** ([Ezek 39:3](#)). And the descriptions of destruction here seem to better match what God has done in the past, and not really what modern man might do in the future, that is, unless you're already aware of what God has done in the past, and can follow all the clues, because then you can **understand** that God is really **the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever**, and that man will often be limited to these options too.

And it's not hard to see that Russia will not be the only nation lured into this attack. God tells us that there are many presently Muslim countries that will willingly join Russia. Of course nowadays the Muslims are always looking for revenge against Israel and attack them anytime they think they can get away with it—including frequent suicide missions. But so far these efforts have proved not to be enough to bring Israel down. In fact I would expect that even the flood of armies described in Ezekiel 38-39 would also be defeated by Israel's defenses given the prophetic projections of her ever-improving modern defense capabilities. But this defense of Israel will be acknowledged by all **the heathen** to be by **the hand of God**. So this attack must be at a time when Israel and everyone else no longer have modern military capabilities, making this type of **storm** attack irresistible. And I mean this attack is not made or defended by nuclear or modern man-made weapons of any kind. It's made by **many people** against numerically defenseless Israel. But God, who must be speaking to faithful Israeli Jews during this attack, says,

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

And surely this **comfort** God offers Jews will apply in this worst ever **storm** attack described by Ezekiel. But adding Zechariah's perspective, we can see that it cannot involve Stage 1 modern manmade defenses. And I don't mean that Israel's Stage 1 defense of herself will not be impressive and undeniably effective. I just mean God's Stage 2 defense of Israel will be much more impressive.

But those who sometimes forget that God doesn't need man's help might suppose that Russia could employ a satellite-based network capable of producing EMP's—electromagnetic pulses—to disarm everyone's technological defenses in order to get away with such an **storm** attack. This is not likely because by this point I don't see any room for such satellites in Earth's orbit anymore due to the recent positioning of a satellite-eating planet in close proximity to the Earth. And I'm guessing that this planet will induce its own incredible but natural EMP exchanges with the Earth—disabling technology worldwide—working as part of God's plan to provoke Russia and the Muslims into thinking they can get away with attacking Israel. And surely this planet will provide all the other more familiar Biblical phenomena occurring during this attack too.

Such an irresistible 'low-tech **storm** attack' against Israel also fits the time when it occurs in The Beginning of Sorrows. It must be when Russia is again hungry for **spoil**, after she first finishes reconquering her former holdings, and evidently after the devastating **plagues** of The Fourth Seal Judgment. And it's also likely before The Second Egyptian War, before Russia is taken out of the Antichrist's way. So this attack fits perfectly during The Sixth Seal Judgment as the totality of this **study** confirms.

There are also some good reasons why a planet to planet EMP is likely God's primary provocation for this attack. First, 'temptation' for this attack cannot come because of the disarray after The First Great Earthquake of The Sixth Seal Judgment because we will see that this earthquake occurs during this attack. This **great earthquake** is part of God's defense of Israel. But an earlier occurring EMP is certainly one thing that could cause the Russians and Muslims to think they can get away with a massive foot and horseback attack on what they perceive to be a technologically and numerically defenseless Israel.

And **Gog** is not likely to attack if he thinks Israel could defend herself even better than she can today. And **Gog** would not use an **army** with...

...horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords...

...if they still had modern capabilities. He would only do so if both he and the Israelis were reduced to what we would now consider ancient defenses which would leave Israel vastly outnumbered. And a God-sent planetary EMP could possibly facilitate all this.

Also, we saw how The U.S and their allies successfully back down the Antichrist with warships in the Mediterranean. This seems to place The

Second Egyptian War before this supposed EMP. But if The U.S. can get some of her WWII warships out of mothballs and operational—or simply retrofit and adapt newer ships rendered dead in the water by the EMP—then this Second Egyptian War could occur after this attack of Russia and the Muslims on Israel. And it makes sense that the Antichrist would be emboldened to attack and spoil Egypt if God has already rendered Russia and the entire Muslim World helpless in their attack on Israel. And Egypt at this time would appear to be the next best accessible **spoil** for The Antichrist Kingdom.

It also makes sense that that The U.S. could provide a formidable sea defense in the Mediterranean, even after the EMP, protecting defenseless Egypt across the sea from the Antichrist's then Europe-centered kingdom. But it also makes sense The U.S. could do nothing but voice their protests against the earlier even more massive land-based attack by Russia and the Muslims against Israel, because The U.S. would have no way to stand in the way of such a **storm** attack.

So Russia may very well be taking advantage of a planet to planet EMP that disables everyone when they and the Muslims attack Israel. But we **know** that their coming is part of the **strong delusion** sent by God that brings them out. He makes them think that they can get away with spoiling Israel. And if it's an EMP that renders all technology useless and tempts Russia to attack Israel, it will be awesomely provided by God. I imagine it could occur when the Earth 'catches' its new companion planet, leading not too long thereafter to The First Great Earthquake in The Sixth Seal Judgment. And I also see how God uses this planet to defend Israel from Russia's attack, and how this devastation of Russia and the Muslim World is followed by the Antichrist's attempted Second Egyptian War when he mistakenly thinks he can spoil Egypt, not expecting to find anyone else in his way.

But certainly all of these events must be near the middle of The Beginning of Sorrows. And whatever Russia's and the Muslims' reasons for the return to this old style of warfare, it will not succeed. And however Israel is disarmed, surely her defenselessness is God's 'fishhook', and only He will be in a position to stop the attack. But there's more to say about the likelihood of God's incredible planet to planet EMP—or EMP's—in due course.

The Muslim nations involved in this future attack on Israel are clearly identified for the most part. [Verse 5-6](#) specifically name...

Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them... [and] Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands.

Persia probably includes all of present day Syria, Iraq, Iran, and possibly even Pakistan and Afghanistan and maybe even the several other Muslim-majority countries to the north presently huddled near the eastern shore of the Caspian Sea. Most of these nations play an adversarial role against Israel and will likely join in on the attack.

Also there will be the help of **Gomer** and **the house of Togarmah of the north quarters**. In [Genesis 3:10](#), **Togarmah** is listed as the son of **Gomer** making him the grandson of **Japheth**, son of **Noah**. My encyclopedia tells me that the descendants of **Togarmah** are the Turkish-speaking peoples and tribes that live in the neighborhood of the Black and Caspian Seas. But it

also indicates that the traditions of two other smaller countries in this region, Georgia and Armenia, believe that they descended from this people too. However over 80% of Georgians are members of the sacrament-and-liturgy-driven Georgian Orthodox Church and over 95% of Armenians are members of the similarly driven Armenian Apostolic Church—this time the founders professed to be Thaddeaus and Bartholomew, respectively. So these two countries will instead likely lean to the whims of the Antichrist, while predominantly Muslim Turkey seems sufficient and most likely to fill these shoes.

Some have also suggested that **Gomer** is now represented by Germany. And Germany has been sympathetic overall to Muslims against Jews in recent history. But with Germany surrounded by and filled with Catholics, she will much more likely side with the Antichrist. As for Georgia and Armenia, they may participate by first being assimilated by Russia, though they will inevitably later more naturally fall in line with the Antichrist. But really the same goes for all the Muslim countries near the southern border of Russia, except they may not fall in line so easily.

Russia and these northern predominantly Muslim countries will naturally draw on the help and Muslim leadership to the south of Israel—especially from **'Ethiopia'**. And at this time we should expect that **'Ethiopia'** must be controlled by **the king of the south**, who must control most all of Northeast Africa. So this region is obviously not just present day Ethiopia, but primarily **Egypt** and probably also includes the significantly Muslim countries of Sudan, Eritrea, Djibouti and Somalia. But ongoing inter-tribal rivalries within these Northeast African countries seem to show that more time is needed before a sufficiently dominant faction will arise that could help lead any attack on Israel. But we **know** that Gabriel in Daniel 11 implies that this region of Northeast Africa will again become a leader of the Muslim World—something like it was during The Six Day War against Israel in 1967—except this time even richer and more powerful. We **know** this because **Egypt** will eventually build and field **a very great and might army** [Dan 11:25](#). And this **army** will be able to contend with the Antichrist Kingdom in Europe early in The Beginning of Sorrows. But it must also be a major player in the attack with Russia on Israel.

And it's no surprise that **Libya** will also join the Russians and their Muslim neighbors in this attack. We already **know** that after The Third Egyptian War ([Dan 11:40](#)) that both the **Libyans and the Ethiopians** will cozy up to the Antichrist ([Dan 11:43](#)). But this must be after he conquers all of North Africa and after he 'scatters' the Jews in Israel ([Dan 11:41](#)). And the Antichrist will be able to dominate North Africa and Southwest Asia at this time because Russia will have become a nation that no one will want to cozy up to anymore.

And other North African and Southwest Asian Muslim countries may be involved in the attack on Israel in The Sixth Seal Judgment too. The more that participate in this attack, the better it will eventually work out for the Antichrist because for their efforts these nations will only eliminate or diminish themselves as rivals that he must later content with.

Still there will be a few Muslim countries on the Arabian Peninsula who either openly protest this Russian attack or simply will not participate. And some think that some of this dissent also comes from certain Northeast

African nations. This makes sense in that Ethiopia and Eritrea are presently both about half 'Catholic' if you include Oriental Orthodox Church membership—a church that predictably chooses the Apostle Philip as its founder (see [Act 8:5-40](#)). By-the-way, I should repeat that any of these claims of the Catholic or Orthodox Churches of specific 'apostolic succession' only fraudulently establish their credibility, but these false claims evidently also make for powerful churches. So the strength of 'Catholics' in these countries might place them among those that protest Russia's attack if they can get the upper hand—like they will in Europe. I mean it may be more likely that the Catholic and Oriental Orthodox Churches of Ethiopia and Eritrea will get their act together than that the Muslim factions surrounding them will—except in this case we can't ignore that these 'Catholics' are surrounded by a lot of Muslims. But it should be on the Antichrist's mind not to let these supporters of his go to waste. So I expect they may eventually assist in the Antichrist's mop up of the region—unless they are overwhelmingly slaughtered. Then, they will at least be more motivation for the mop up.

And we will get to more of the specifics of which countries are the best candidates to join the vocal opposition against this grand assault on Israel a little later. For now you can be sure that whoever supports or dissents, Satan and the Antichrist will try to take the credit for God's awesome work in repelling this **storm** of an attack. They will surely try to spin it as the defeat their enemies and the protection of their supporters. But we will also see that they can have only limited success with this strategy at best.

In [Verses 7-12](#), God gives us an overview of the marching orders for Russia and their Muslim accomplices and identifies His involvement too. He also begins to identify Israel as the target and begins to speak to their situation at the time of the attack. In Verse 7 God tells Russia that her responsibility to these Muslim countries **that are assembled unto** her is to be **a guard unto them**—their leader and protector. You could say that Russia has been playing this role since before Israel became a nation—providing the Muslim World with weapons and tactical supervision for all their wars against Israel. And in this future invasion Russia will again be running the show except this time she will be 'mobilizing' her own entire army to participate in the attack too.

In Verse 8 God confirms that this attack will take place in the distant future from the time of Ezekiel's **prophecy**, specifically, **After many days**. And though Israel has miraculously defended herself several times in recent history, we are obviously still looking for events as spectacular as the ones described in this **prophecy**. We are also looking for Israel to reach a level of security that is unprecedented. And in this still necessarily future period, we'll be expecting that both Russian and Muslim troops will...

...come into the land that is brought back from the sword [or "recovered from war"], and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

So we can see this time to be approaching. But it's not here yet. Certainly **the land** that has been reoccupied by **Israel** was a **waste** land from the time they left it to the time they got it back. And certainly Jews from around the World are in the process of being **gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel**. And surely **Israel** is being **brought forth out of the nations** to prominence, (Beware—modern translations alert!). This process begins after WWI when they become a new British colony in 1919—initiated by the Balfour Declaration—and accelerates after WWII after they declare themselves an independent nation in 1948.

And this return of Jews to Israel is observably still going on today. My guess is that it doesn't really end until that very last Jew dies near the end of The Beginning of Sorrows, which should be just in time to be resurrected and transported from Abraham's Bosom to **Israel** where the rest of the surviving Jews will be **gathered** in order for them to choose their fates. But most Jews that die between The Resurrection and the end of The Beginning of Sorrows that end up in Abraham's Bosom should die before the start of The Great Tribulation. So they'll miss this revealing Russia-led attack and the rest of God's awesome and heart-changing ministry to Jews during The Beginning of Sorrows. And this leads me to think that these Jews raptured into the chaos in Israel at the end of The Beginning of Sorrows—likely at The Midterm Great Earthquake—will need the subterranean preaching of the Two Witnesses to have any clue to what is going on. Of course they will also have the second-hand reports that surely are continuously coming down to them by those dying along the way. I mean do you think these dead Jews won't talk? (Read with a New York-Jewish accent if you can.) But however it goes, God's purpose will be to **reveal** Himself to His people. He will persuade His people one way or another that He is their Father, and finally that Jesus is His Son.

But there are a couple other required conditions described in Verse 8 that are plainly still developing. At the time of the attack, Israel and its people are described to be...

...the land that is brought back from the sword [or "recovered from war"]**...and they shall dwell safely all of them.**

And I mean you could say that Israel is in the process of being **brought back from the sword** where they will eventually be able to **dwell safely all of them**, but at this point I have to say they haven't fully reached such a condition. Starting at the Annapolis Summit, November 27, 2007, new negotiations arranged by The U.S. were restarted for Israel to reconsider giving back all the land they gained since their independence in 1948 for which their Arab neighbors would promise peace. This at least tells us there is still not yet peace or safety. But should these negotiations 'succeed', this can only result in a further delay in the coming peace and security of Israel because such concessions have always only resulted in intensified attacks on Israel, certainly not in more security or peace. Only stunning and overwhelming displays of military superiority by Israel can possibly bring the kind of peace to this region described by Ezekiel. And evidently Israel has not yet provided a convincing enough display of this kind. But if you **know** what to **watch** for, you can see that Israel is working on these kinds of incredibly advanced defense systems now. I envision from technology

presently being developed that Israel will one day soon be able to detect any weapon and threat, and not only stop it but destroy the source as appropriate, and with astounding efficiency, making the hope of any attack futile, at least until God Himself disarms her.

And surely Ezekiel's **prophecy** makes clear that Muslims will never stop hating Israel. And surely the peace that exists before Russia's attack must come by Israel's overwhelming ability to defend herself. So this Stage 1, pretribulation and early tribulation period is when modern, man-made technology must play a significant role. But when Russia and her accompanying **bands...storm** Israel on horseback with **shields** and **swords**, this can only be a good strategy because The Technological Age has come to an end. And this is likely due to the arrival of that technology-disabling planet in the sky that God uses, among other purposes, to draw Russia and the Muslims out against Israel. But again, disabling everyone's modern strategic defense capabilities must mean disabling Israel's too, but it also means that God intends to show the World how spectacularly he can defend His people all by Himself from then on.

But a massive planet to planet EMP in The 6th Seal Judgment would not be soon enough for Russia and the Muslims to prepare for such an attack. So I expect it will occur at least by the 4th Seal Judgment. Such a complete and immediate shutdown of technology would make war accessible to everyone formerly held back by modern strategic defenses. It would become more a numbers game, where the consequences of **famine** and **pestilence** provoke war for survival. And a globe to globe EMP in a period when people are starving would provoke the kind of worldwide war that Jesus describes in The Beginning of Sorrows. So after the Antichrist and Russia consolidate control in their regions, this seems to me to be the time when **Gog** gets this idea that he can get away with attacking Israel on horseback—an idea he evidently would have not considered possible before. And God will evidently respond to this attack with The First Great Earthquake, and He will certainly get everyone's attention.

So before the start of The Great Tribulation I'm expecting some super technological weapons and defenses to be developed in Israel. But I'm not just expecting them to be developed. I'm expecting one or more overwhelming displays of this force that will finally bring a period of peace that will exist in Israel until the point when the whole World is rendered technologically helpless. And this will draw out the Russians and Muslims, but also likely all the **war** released in The 4th Plague Judgment too. Of course such Israeli military superiority will make it easier for the Antichrist to negotiate an international peace treaty too. In this Stage 1 period before the start of The Great Tribulation, because of Israel's invulnerability, peace will be the only option. And it will be the only thing the Antichrist has to use against them.

And since this is one of the points I promised to **prove** in the introduction, let's go through it one more time. Anyone who knows anything about 'Middle East Muslims' know that peace in that region is not possible until either Israel is destroyed or she is so militarily superior that attacking her is unthinkable. And think about if Israel had lasers or other weapons that could track and shoot down any incoming missile or aircraft, and also somehow simultaneously retaliate by tracking chemical or thermal trajectories back to

their original launch points and destroy them too. Betcha these kinds of defenses in Israel are a matter of time. Then, even pesky Hezbollah and Hamas 'over-the-wall' missile attacks would prove useless and self-destructive. And Israeli cities should eventually have everywhere-present sensors that could simultaneously distinguish any bomb chemicals, high levels of anxiety, and even a person's DNA. And suchlike detection and identification technologies will make even suicide bombing virtually impossible.

Of course these specifics are speculative but I've read in scientific periodicals that most of these kinds of technologies are already in development. And unquestionably, for Israel to survive and **dwell safely** they must convince their neighbors that there is no hope of any kind of success in attacking them. And this will necessarily require a display of Israel's vastly superior, technologically advanced both offensive and defensive military prowess.

And **Gog** will have no idea that he can defeat Israel until these defenses of Israel's are disabled during some of the awesome displays of God's prowess. And God will render Israel defenseless so that only He will be able to defend her. Again, this view places the arrival of a planet in the sky that will somehow disable the World's technological capabilities sometime before this attack by Russia and the Muslim World. And again, the time of this attack coincides with The First Great Earthquake of The 6th Seal Judgment because we will see that God will use this earthquake to defend Israel during the attack. And a previously occurring EMP would be the opening for **Gog** . He will think he can **storm** Israel with numbers because the only thing left to fight with will be numbers. And we **know** that by The 6th Seal Judgment God will reduce the best conventional military offensives to **riders** on **horses** with **shields** and **swords** from then on.

In any event, this time when Israel is **brought back from the sword** and living **safely** must be a time when they have survived passed a period of wars to a time when the threat of them has passed. And Israel has not yet reached this period of peace and safety by this writing, and I don't expect they will anytime real soon. This is another glaring reason why The Rapture of the Church will also not likely occur anytime real soon either. My present perspective leads me to guess that we'll need to give it another decade or two. But there is more detail to talk about relating to this **prophecy** that will improve this perspective.

Looking back over the detail of the rise of the Antichrist and his kingdom provided by Gabriel in Daniel 11, we can see how it fits into John's allegorical vision of The First Seal Judgment—the first judgment 'opened' by Jesus in The Great Tribulation. Johns sees...

...a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

This **white horse** , released upon the World by Jesus, is most likely the Antichrist. And his rise to power involves him going **forth conquering, and to conquer** . First of all he will be involved with **conquering** his own kingdom which in this case should be mostly a persecution of Protestants and

Jews. Next, besides continuing to persecute Protestants and Jews, he will double-cross the Muslims in his kingdom—likely violating a behind the scenes non-aggression pact between Catholics and Muslims—and in the process provoke **Egypt** and the rest of The Muslim World. And in this early stage of The Beginning of Sorrows Israel must still be militarily superior to everyone, so the Antichrist will not think to attack them yet.

In The Second Seal Judgment and in the same way Jesus releases Russia to go on a campaign of military expansionism too. John records,

...there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword [or great military power] [Rev 6:4](#).

So evidently right after the Antichrist takes control of his empire, **Gog** will begin to retake his—the former U.S.S.R. And evidently not long after **Gog** finishes reestablishing himself, his ‘powerful’ but hungry nation will be provoked by God to **take a spoil** in ‘suddenly defenseless’ Israel.

Now surely the Antichrist’s **white horse** rides throughout The Great Tribulation, becoming much more powerful in the second half. But it looks like the **red** horse doesn’t ride beyond The Sixth Seal Judgment. And the remaining descriptions in Ezekiel 38-39 seem to show that God’s planet-powered judgments must bring absolute defeat to this **great** military power at the time of her attack on Israel. The point is that if the rising **white** Antichrist Empire and the rising **red** Russian Empire are the most significant ‘horses’ in the race **to take peace from the earth** in The God Zone, and if the **white horse** isn’t the first to attack Israel, then it must be the **red** one that does. And surely Russia—through her evidently initially successful expansionist wars—will cause many to **kill one another**. And if God didn’t stop her at The Sixth Seal Judgment she might otherwise be unstoppable—at least in the God Zone. So God’s actions at this stage should turn out to be to the Antichrist’s advantage. I mean otherwise, Russia would eventually come after him.

The ‘low-tech **storm** attack’ is described in [Verse 9](#). God convinces the Russian and Muslim troops to...

...come like a storm, [and] thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee.

From this description it’s no wonder that any dissenting nations will only be able to complain. And this would even be difficult for a militarily superior Israel to defend against. But it will not be for God. He’s got ‘smart weapons’ that will necessarily put all of man’s efforts to **shame**. And undoubtedly, **the Lord GOD...shall also** [make these things] **come to pass...**

In [Verse 10](#) God tells us that He **shall** [make] **things come into** [Gog’s] **mind, and** [make him] **think an evil thought**. This takes ‘thought police’ to a whole other level. But we already **know** that God admits that He does **create evil** [Isa 45:7](#). And sometimes you have to take it on faith that He does it for **good** reasons. But not so much this time. Here you can see for yourself that God will use the **evil** He puts in **Gog’s mind** against him, and

for the **good** of Israel.

In [Verses 11-12](#) God reveals the **evil** plan that He will implant in **Gog's** head. He makes **Gog** think and then...

...say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.

Here we see more detail about Israel's coming time of strength, peace and safety, but also of prosperity and **rest**. We see again that they will **dwell safely**, but this time we see this 'safety' will be accomplished in **unwalled villages** and **without walls**, and where **neither bars nor gates** will be needed for security. Again, this indicates further advanced technology than is seen today—where Israel's security **walls** will no longer be needed for protection! And we can expect that not only Israel's former **desolate places** will be gone, but that Israelis will prosper with an abundance of **cattle and goods**.

In the last century we have already seen the worst part of this **latter days** journey of theirs. It started with the Balfour Declaration of 1919 when the Jews finally got back access to their land. And they have come a long way. But again, they're plainly not there yet. The land is clearly no longer **desolate**, and it's now one growing in **cattle and goods**. But now Israel plainly does not **dwell safely...without walls**. In fact Israel has recently built hundreds of miles of the most formidable boarder security walls ever built. And they are specifically to protect Israelis from the Muslims terrorist just on the other side. And security **walls** are still being built everywhere in Israel. For example, at the time of this writing, Israel is building a 26 foot (8 m) concrete wall around the city of Bethlehem as this city is now in Palestinian control and a continuing terrorist threat (**TIME**, December 31, 2007, p.13). All such walls in Israel are for security because there is no peace. And at this point there can be nothing near 'safety' without them. So plainly the time for this attack by Russia and the Muslims is still a ways off. Israel must improve her defensive and security capabilities to the point where no one will have any hope of attacking her. And these coming capabilities will not require security **walls** to be effective.

So what must happen before this **prophecy** can be completely fulfilled is that these **walls** must be torn down! And before that Israelis will need a flawlessly effective way to defend themselves—so effective that no one will any longer presume to try to attack her. But many of the surrounding Muslim radicals are persistent to say the least. This is why I say that things must get worst before they will get better. Israel may have to repeatedly demonstrate their coming invulnerable defenses on stubborn Muslim radicals, both at short and long range, before they will take the hint. And only then can the peace begin. And demonstrations like this are not necessarily immediately in sight. At best I can only say that we may be near the end of the wall-building stage.

In fact, remember that along with the presently ongoing 'road to peace' plan—the negotiations to give the pre-1948 holdings of Palestine back to the Muslims—is also talk of building another 'Berlin wall' dividing Jerusalem. Indeed if East Jerusalem is 'given back' to the Palestinians so they can establish their new capital there, another wall would seem a necessity. And clearly we're before the time when such a wall is built, let alone very close to the time that the presently nearly 500-mile-long Israeli border security wall comes down. I mean there will need to be a lot of walls torn down once it's deemed 'safe' to do so, and just tearing them all down is going to take some time.

And it should be a good while after this that **Gog** and his **bands** will **come...**

...To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell [safely] in the midst of the land [without walls, and having neither bars nor gates].

Again, because of The 4th Seal Judgment the World will be hungry. And all nations will be looking for **spoil**. And at this time no nation will be stronger than Russia. And also at this time no nation will be so seemingly vulnerable but so rich in **cattle and goods** as Israel.

In [Verse 13](#) we see the dissenting complainers. These are the ones that will bring the 'vocal opposition' against this attack. The first of these protesters are **Sheba, and Dedan**. My encyclopedia says the location of **Sheba** is disputed. Some say it's present day Ethiopia (and Eritrea). And we have already made the 'half Catholic' case for protestors in this region. Others say it's present day Yemen on the southwestern end of the Arabian Peninsula. But this disagreement leads me to think that some may be confusing **Sheba** with **Seba**. These are both descendants of **Ham** and his son **Cush** [Gen 10:6-7](#). And these names also appear in the line of **Shem** too. The **Sheba** in the line of **Shem** is named in [Gen 10:28](#). He is the son of **Joktan**. And maybe it's the **Seba** in the line of **Shem** in [Psalms 72:10](#) where both **Sheba and Seba** are mentioned together. Here they are implied to be **kings** that are both roughly east of Solomon's kingdom in Israel. This would seem to be on the present day Arabian Peninsula.

And it's apparently because of such distinctions that some also place '**Sheba**' near the Persian Gulf more in the center of present day Saudi Arabia. For this perspective see the [Map of THE WORLD AS KNOWN TO THE HEBREWS ACCORDING TO THE MOSAIC ACCOUNT](#) on the following page. But **understand** I only take this map as another man's 'studied' guess, though he surely made an honorable effort to sort it all out from **scripture**. In the process he found two locations for '**Seba**' and three for '**Havilah**'. This again is because **scripture** tells us that both **Shem** and **Ham** have descendants named '**Seba**' and '**Havilah**' as the map indicates. But this kind of duplication on the map is not only because of identically named descendants in different lines. It's also because of migration or expansion. Still, **scripture** records that both **Ham** and **Shem** have descendants named **Sheba** while there is only one **Sheba** on the map. And the one on the map is

identified as the descendant of **Ham** (highlighted in yellow) who is also the son of **Cush** [Gen 10:7](#). However on the map in the line of **Shem** we also find **Joktan** [Gen 10:25](#) who is the father of the other **Sheba** [Gen 10:28](#).

But there is more confusion we need to address. Maybe you noticed that sometimes **'Ethiopia'** (or **Cush** in the Hebrew) encompasses **'Egypt'** (or **Mizraim** in the Hebrew— brother of **Cush** [Gen 10:6](#)) and that sometimes it appears to be the other way around (e.g. [Gen 2:13](#) vs. [Dan 11:25, 42-43](#)). And other times **'Ethiopia'** is described as separate from **'Egypt'** just as these two brothers are distinct. In these cases **Ethiopia** is south of **Egypt**

(e.g. [Ezek 29:10](#)) evidently including present day Sudan and Ethiopia.



The problem is that if Ezekiel's Sheba is somehow in or near 'Ethiopia', it will be hard to positively identify exactly where. Except again, it would seem likely that the apparently Cushite but undeniably Catholic descendants in this region would

side against Russia and the other Muslims assuming they survive at all. But maybe you remember that some of the descendants of Ham are 'curse'd' by Noah while the descendants of Shem are 'blessed' by him (Gen 9:20-27). This leads me to think that it's the descendants of

Shem—somewhere on the Arabian Peninsula— who are the ones who will join

the vocal dissent against this attack. And this might be the region on the southernmost corner of the Arabian Peninsula which in this case is the land of Seba or present day Yemen. Then again, remember that Sheba is distinguished from Seba in [Psalms 72:10 and both](#) apparently somewhere east of Israel. And the Sheba that is connected to Dedan [Gen 10:7 is supposedly also an area on the present day Arabian Peninsula](#) but more on the Persian Gulf. And this region was supposedly settled by the descendants of both Ham and his son Cush as indicated on the map.

But really there's another obvious reason why any group of Muslims on the Arabian Peninsula—even in North Africa—would oppose the intrusion of the entire Russian Army into their neighborhood. It would be because they don't trust the Russians. Any Muslim country would and should be attacked after Israel is finished off, Russia will next come after them. So Sheba today may be any part of the Arabian Peninsula, or possibly part of North Africa. And we have at best only narrowed down our candidates for Sheba

and Dedan and Ethiopia. By-the-way, all the origins of the World are found

in Genesis 10. They all descend from Noah's sons Shem, Japheth or Ham.

And even if these tribes are correctly placed and identified on the Map of THE WORLD AS KNOWN TO THE HEBREWS, tribes grow, shrink and migrate over time for a variety of reasons. For example, Velikovsky—as well as some Bible scholars—deduce that the Assyrians migrate down and spoil Egypt—meeting Moses and his people on the way—because the damage done in Assyria during The Plagues of Egypt must have been worse than the devastation in Egypt. And if you add to migration the population fluctuations imposed by changing political boundaries over time, then all we have so far is a margin of uncertainty. So digging up the past probably can't give us answers we can depend on. We must instead expect to rely on the clues that come from anticipating the present day motives of those who would protest such an attack on Israel by Russia—like Catholics in present day Ethiopia or Muslims who would naturally be distrustful of Russia. However, surely a lot of good work went into producing this map, and we should follow up on all the lead from all investigations on this topic. And adding together investigations of the past and the present, someone should be able to redraw this map and bring it up to date. Or maybe someone has. By-the-way, the map comes from the Historical **T**

But there is at least one certainty. **Egypt**, the prominent first rival of the Antichrist Kingdom according to Daniel, must really be the same as **Ethiopia**, one of the aggressors against Israel according to Ezekiel. Also the identity of dissenting **Dedan** is more certain because this region is paired with **Sheba**. Of course they may have separated or merged since Old Testament times,

but my encyclopedia says **Dedan** likely set up camp on the Arabian Peninsula near The Persian Gulf. And this is near where some say **Sheba** did too which makes this location most credible. And this would make both **Sheba** and **Dedan** present day Saudi Arabia—likely including The United Arab Emirates (The U.A.E.). And I would guess these Muslims would protest this attack despite the fact that they are Sunni Muslims and commonly anti-Semitic. Again, they should object simply because they would see themselves as defenseless in the face of the larger Russian army after Israel falls. And Arabian Peninsula countries like Saudi Arabia that have for a long time now relied on The U.S. for defense are less likely to trust Russia. And if **Sheba** and **Dedan** are now represented by Saudi Arabia and The U.A.E., then Oman and Yemen on the end of the Arabian Peninsula—whoever they are—are not likely to want to parade across Saudi Arabia to join in on the attack either. But we are looking for likely protestors who are able to get the World's attention. I like Saudi Arabia for this reason too.

Also we should suspect that Jordan—formerly **Edom, and Moab, and... Ammon** [Dan 11:41](#)—where Petra is located, will not be participating either. We already **know** from Daniel 11 that this region will not be able to be touched by the Antichrist. And the Jews likely flee to this region. So I would guess then that Jordan will not join this attack on Israel. They may, however, be too close to the action to vocally complain. But Saudi Arabia, The United Arab Emirates, Oman, and Yemen, and probably the Persian Gulf peninsula state of Qatar, and the island state of Bahrain, will likely join the chorus of complaints against Russia and the other Muslim aggressor states—with Saudi Arabia likely screaming the loudest.

And I guess Kuwait could go either way. But since it's on the wrong side of the Persian Gulf—and probably by then defenseless—it will not likely escape assimilation by **Persia** in such troubled times. I mean the Antichrist Kingdom, Russia and China shouldn't be the only totalitarian governments expanding their holdings in The Beginning of Sorrows. And remember I also suspect the consolidation of Catholic Central and South America under some tyrant like Hugo Chavez, or possibly one of his successors.

But God tells Ezekiel of another group of nations in protest over this attack. It's **the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof**. Now we already **know** something about these **merchants of Tarshish**—how their **ships** became a generic term for large, long-voyage, usually merchant but also possibly warships. These nations are also referred to as **young lions**, meaning plainly that they are relatively young—compared to **Sheba** and **Dedan** for example—but militarily strong nations that are able to attack their enemies and defend themselves against the best there is—just like **young lions** are both the best at attacking prey and defending themselves against all other predators. So by the process of elimination, The U.S. must be the chief predator-defender among these so-called **merchants** that reside a long voyage away from The God Zone. But the fact that there is evidently more than one of these **young lions** brings me to another reconsideration.

I said that The U.K. would likely be the source of the greatest resistance to the formation of the Antichrist Kingdom because of their overwhelming Protestant bent, but that since they're already so strongly connected with its predecessor, The E.U., they will likely succumb to the Antichrist in the

process of the development of his kingdom. I think this is true, but there could be a question of when. I mean the question should be raised as to whether The U.K. will fall in line immediately. And this is because of the image and actions of these **merchants of Tarshish**. What we are apparently talking about here is a 'distant' opposing alliance. And this alliance must be opposed to both the Antichrist-Catholic and the Russian-Muslim alliances. And though The U.S. must be the biggest part of this third alliance, we still should be able to identify at least one more significant ally on her side.

The British Empire had its own height of glory called Pax Britannica. It was often said that 'the Sun never set on The British Empire'. And The U.S. is one of her children as are many nations around the World. And I think that nations such as these because of their traditional charitable Protestant bent, after The Rapture of the Church, will likely be newly 'resupplied' with baby Christians who will more likely survive The Great Tribulation in the greatest numbers. And this view of mine is not so much racist as an expectation based on current demographic and political trends. And I think it's the natural alliance of suchlike countries that I expect God is referring to here.

But I wouldn't consider most of England's offspring really to be '**lions**' like The U.S. and The U.K. could be considered to be. Australia and Canada, for example, both arguably 'children' of the British Empire, are certainly not prominent military powers, but have supported The U.S. and The U.K. in the past, and I believe would again if not overwhelmed with China and/or their own Catholics. And all this leads me to think that The U.S. and The U.K. are these **young lions**. It's certainly true that The U.S. and The U.K. are among the younger great nations in the World. And their ships, both for war and merchandise, are among the largest and most numerous in the World. Surely no nation's reach is further than either of these two predominantly Protestant and appropriately called **young lions**. I see no better candidates by a process of elimination anyway.

So I think it's it very likely that the overwhelmingly Protestant U.K.—probably not including Catholic Ireland—could resist the popular Antichrist long enough to again side with The U.S. to vocally complain about the ensuing atrocity that will be attempted under Russia's direction against Israel. And evidently not long after that I think they will again support The U.S. with warships—like they are now doing in the Persian Gulf—except this time to blockade the way of the Antichrist at a point when he thinks he's safe to mop up Egypt and the rest of the Muslim World. And it follows that this wipeout of Russia and the Muslim World makes the Antichrist think he has a green light to attack Egypt. And initially the Antichrist won't need the U.K. because he will have plenty of eager mainland European Catholic support. And he shouldn't miss any 'across-the-channel', reluctant support from Protestant England early on.

However I expect that Protestant England, Scotland and Northern Ireland should again become occupied in quite a squabble with Antichrist-supported Catholic Ireland just like they were throughout most of the 20th century. And if you don't know about the I.R.A.—the Irish Republican Army—you need to look it up. But I'm guessing that at least England and Scotland will hold their own and partner with The U.S. for a good part of The Beginning of Sorrows. Nevertheless, for interfering with the Antichrist's plans these **young lions**

will eventually be overcome by him—the U.S. more likely with the help of China, and their southerly Catholic neighbors, and The U.K. evidently more directly by the Antichrist Kingdom itself. But it will surely be a matter of time, one way or another, before the Antichrist will be able to undermine both American and British efforts to resist him. Still I say, “Go PIHO’s!” And may many be born into The Kingdom of God in the process.

From all this we can also deduce that should either The U.S. or The U.K. already have ships in the Persian Gulf or in the Mediterranean Sea at the time of the Russian-Muslim attempted inundation of Israel, it will be of no consequence. Up to this point I’m guessing that they will still be dealing with their own problems anyway—including possibly frantically trying to retrofit a fleet of EMP disabled ships. So I don’t think they will have ships ready in time for this attack. And even if they did, with WWII warship capability at best, they could not expect to offer any real resistance to such a land based **storm**. But they will evidently be able to blockade a later attack across the Mediterranean by the Antichrist.

So let’s recap. The reference to **the young lions** that are **the merchants of Tarshish** demands at least a couple of **lions** that fit this description. Again, by deduction no other nations fit these paw prints better than The U.S. and The U.K. All other nations of consequence have other parts to fill. The U.S. and The U.K. must be these foolhardy, long-voyage **merchants** and top-predator **lions** that join in the vocal resistance against the Russian and Muslim attack on Israel, and shortly thereafter also have big enough **ships of Tarshish** afloat and positioned in **Chittim** waters to defend the then vulnerable Muslim World against the Antichrist’s poised attack. Again, in Daniel 11 we see that the Antichrist’s focus will be on **Egypt** because they evidently are the best source of **spoil**. But these **young lions** will succeed in turning the Antichrist back home **grieved** [Dan 11:30](#). Still, and generally speaking, we also **know** that when it comes to the Antichrist, ‘resistance is futile’, though not anywhere near as futile as trying to resist God. Such adventures into futility even Gene Roddenberry never imagined.

By-the way, and speaking of demographic and political trends, let’s add a manufacturing and production trend. I’m guessing that The U.S. and The U.K. will have retrofitted naval capability at this time because of their ingenuity. I don’t know how or if they will be able to get mothballed WWII battleships back into the water without modern machinery available—assuming there are still any left in mothballs. Maybe they’ll mostly only be able to revive, adapt and retrofit newer EMP-killed boats. And certainly boats in the water are more likely to survive **great** earthquakes. And I expect the boats that repel the Antichrist must survive all kinds of disasters. And I’m guessing that large sailing ships will become quite valuable too, especially if they have cannons. The point is that this alleged coming incredible EMP between the Earth and another red planet—that should fry most everything powered electronically—will not keep the stronger nations from getting some of their boats back to maybe a WWII level of operations. And big boats will be required for The Second Egyptian War, probably just passed the midpoint of The Beginning of Sorrows. And there must still be a good number of boats left even after **the third part of the ships** in the oceans are **destroyed** in The 2nd Trumpet Judgment ([Rev 8:9](#)). And sea transportation, if not warships, also figure into the details of The Great Tribulation very late into The Days of Vengeance. In

The 6th Plague Judgment some big boats must still be in use to transport soldiers across the Atlantic to Armageddon. And I'm guessing a lot of them will still be in operation early in The Millennium to transport people who survive The Great Tribulation to Jerusalem for the annual Feast of Tabernacles, as we will see in [SECTION 11](#).

And I hope that some of those big, old-school, WWII, steam-powered boats will still be around that they can break out of mothballs from wherever they keep them. But I hear that just like WWII veterans, they are fading fast too. And this could be partly why The U.S. and England don't show up with any boats until The Second Egyptian War. They simply may not be able to get enough 'warships' operational until then. And this could be why they can only protest at the time of Russia's attack, if not simply because of the futility of trying to stop such a land **storm** without modern weapons.

Now this kind of a defense of Israel by God in The 6th Seal Judgment reminds me of a couple of programs I saw on **The Science Channel**. One had lots of scientists talking about the sensational topic of what we could do about a 'large meteor' threatening to strike the Earth and what would happen if it did. Besides the mass devastation similar to what they said killed the dinosaurs, they also said that there would be a massive worldwide EMP that would disable all but very hardy electrical devices. Of course this is the effect of a hard or inelastic collision with a comparatively very small but very fast moving asteroid. But in The Great Tribulation we're talking instead about a cushioned magnetic and gravitational field collision with a planet of comparable size to the Earth. And I predict that one of the effects of such a soft or elastic collision of the force fields of two generally earth-sized electromagnets would include worldwide, electronics-debilitating EMP's, and that their continued close proximity should cause severe 'signal interference' in all forms of electromagnetic transmissions. That would be radio, TV, cell phones—everything—and especially satellites transmissions as the satellites themselves would likely all be gone within 'an orbit'.

But I don't really have to predict these results myself. Another program I saw showed a computer graphics representation based on photos of Jupiter from the Galileo Orbiter spacecraft. The presentation was of a quite vigorous electromagnetic exchange. It showed an enormous bolt of lightning that shot out from Jupiter to one of her own planet-sized moons. So it's no wonder that Jupiter—or Zeus—has long held that kind of reputation. And Velikovsky and I will have much more to say about this in the next **study**. Go to <http://solarsystem.nasa.gov/galileo/gallery/jupiter-lightning.cfm> for some real pictures of Jovian lightning. These real pictures were taken by the Galileo Orbiter spacecraft. The computer graphics presentation I saw on **The Science Channel** is more 'shocking' than these NASA pictures, but they have another satellite on the way to Jupiter now and are hoping to get some better ones. But they will certainly not get any as good as the ones you can get in this **study**. So forget high-tech weapons beyond the early Seal Judgments. If an EMP is not the main reason for their elimination—I mean besides worldwide infrastructure-debilitating earthquakes—any other means will be God's doing too. Are you getting the picture?

The remainder of Ezekiel 38-39 is not fantastic science fiction. It is awesomely fantastic science non-fiction, and it's the heart of the **prophecy**. Here is where we will see pictures that are far more fantastic than could ever

be taken by any NASA space probe. And this is where God can be expected to produce some more of His same old ‘world-renowned, awesome, earthshaking, destructive and supremely-respect-building’ spectacles as He has in the past. The only difference is that He **promises**, amazingly enough, that this final round will be even more fantastic than ever before. But as usual these spectacles come with a message. And I expect that this particular message will be His best emphasized message ever—besides possibly Armageddon. I mean these particular spectacles in The 6th Seal Judgment will be more than sufficient to notify everyone in Heaven and Earth—and beyond a very large, say, planet-sized shadow of a doubt—that there is a God in the Heavens, and that He is on side of Israel. And this is plainly the major theme of this **prophecy** as it’s repeated several times in it. Again, the purpose of this necessarily overwhelmingly awesome spectacle is specifically to make abundantly clear that God supports Israel against all enemies. Read through these two chapters and count how many times God repeats Himself on this point. I mean, the point is that He’s going to make it pretty plain.

God starts this more detailed account of these spectacles with the sign that occurs just before they are to begin, saying,

Therefore, son of man [Ezekiel], prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it? [Verse 14](#)

Here **God** is questioning **Gog** rhetorically. He’s implying that the time of this attack on Israel will be more than obvious because it comes following a period of time when Israel has just as obviously been ‘dwelling safely’. And it’s also just as obvious that this time has not yet even started. But this is another way that the faithful in Israel and all the rest of the World can **know** the end has come—or has not yet come. They can **know it** because of the conspicuously secure state of affairs that must exist in **Israel** sometime before this attack by Russia and the Muslims. And these safe conditions as described by God in this **prophecy** must also exist a while before The Rapture of the Church can take place. And The Rapture can’t occur until **Israel dwelleth safely** for a while because this period of Israel’s indisputable strategic supremacy must last considerably longer than the about 1½ to 2 years between The Rapture and this attack in The 6th Seal Judgment. And I mean that Israel must become clearly the best defended World superpower long before The Rapture of the Church can occur.

And remember this is Ezekiel’s **prophecy** to the Jews. Faithful Jews worldwide **know** this **prophecy** only too well. They should now **know**—because they are presently building ‘security walls’—that it’s not yet fully **the time of the end** for them. But they should also **know** that making themselves safe will bring it to pass, and that ‘wall-building’ is a step toward that. Wall-building will buy them the time they need to develop the technology they need to become even more secure. And when they get there they will no longer need walls. Surely now Israel is working on these kinds of super defenses—defenses that will eventually allow them to tear down their security walls and still **dwelt safely all of them**. And these walls must come down sometime before The Rapture of the Church, because it makes no sense that they would feel safe enough to tear them down in The

Beginning of Sorrows.

So it's In [Verse 14](#) that God tells us that the time for this attack will be obvious. It will be obvious because He says it's **when my people of Israel dwelleth safely**. And how will they **know** when they're really finally safe? It's when even **Gog** will **know** that he can have no hope of attacking Israel. The time is coming when Russia's leaders would have to be 'MAD' to attack Israel because the best result they could expect would be 'mutually assured destruction'—assuming they could even get a strike in against Israel at all. But God is not only indirectly telling us about the time when **Gog** will **know** that attacking Israel is futile, He is also directly telling us about the time when such an attack becomes irresistible.

From [Verse 15](#) on God tells us about the time when **Gog** recognizes that Israel has all of a sudden become seemingly hopelessly defenseless. This is when God says to him,

...thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts...against my people of Israel.

Again, apparently the time when Israel is invincible will be just as obvious as when she becomes vulnerable. And **Gog** will surely **know it** when this change occurs too. And I'm guessing that a global EMP will be the main cause of this sudden change because The First Great Earthquake doesn't occur until during **Gog's** attack.

Also in Verse 15 we get more detail identifying the Russian led forces that...

...come...out of the north parts...and [with] many people..., all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army.

This **mighty army** must be bigger than the **very great and mighty army** of **Egypt's** first king who is deposed in the earlier bloody civil war instigated by the Antichrist. And I'm guessing this earlier First Egyptian War is a necessary **evil** to get all the participating Muslim aggressor nations solidly on the side of the Russians—an alliance they eventually hope to use against the Antichrist. Remember in Daniel 11 when the Antichrist and the new Egyptian king **speak lies at one table** supposedly negotiating peace? Yeah, it makes sense that Egypt's real intentions at this time involve an alliance with Russia against first Israel and then the Antichrist—then against each other. And the plan would work in either Gog's or Egypt's favor except that attacking Israel is attacking God.

And I should pause to say here that these observations from Ezekiel's **prophecy** seem to further establish the order of events. But there is still speculation involved. And it could be that further speculations will change our views yet again, but they should at least improve them. And I can't promise it won't involve more 'wild goose chases'. You should **know** by now they're part of the natural progression of The Word of God. There is, however, one promise I can absolutely guarantee I will never fail to keep in this **study** or at any other time in my life. I can promise I'm fallible. And I guarantee you that any even meaty **study** is at best 'state of the art', and

not possibly flawless and undoubtedly improvable in time with your help and God's. So from this point we can only push forward together with this new, state-of-the-art order of events in the natural progression of The Word of God by The Ministry of The Spirit of God.

In [Verses 16-17](#) we get another picture of the 'low-tech **storm** attack', **as a cloud to cover the land**. And we get another specific reference that this assault will occur late in God's plan, or more specifically, **in the latter days**, which must be another way to say **the time of the end** ([Dan 8:17](#); [11:40](#); [12:4, 9](#)). And the new information God connects here to these repeated facts (are you feeling the burn?) is that even **the heathen** will get what is going on. They will **understand** that **the Lord GOD** has defeated **Gog** in **Israel**. And God tells us that this is more repetition too because evidently other **prophets of Israel** speak of this—which begs further **study**, doesn't it?

[Verses 18-19](#) simply inform us that God is very angry with Russia's presumptuous attack on Israel. This is despite the fact that God put this **evil thought** in Gog's head in the first place. And this must mean that **Gog** and all who follow him must nonetheless experience making a choice. And God will evidently hold them responsible for these choices. At the same time God must also be using them in their hopelessly reprobate condition. We **know** God uses those who have **received not the love of the truth** to **make known the riches of his glory** to those who **from the beginning** [are] **chosen...to salvation** ([2 Thes 2:10-13](#); [Rom 9:22-24](#)). And I guess it would be a pity to let the reprobate go to a complete waste when they can be used for our **examples** [1 Cor 10:6](#) and **for our learning** and **patience and comfort** [Rom 15:4](#). Or as Paul would say,

Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come [1 Cor 10:11](#).

Now when God gets **angry**, this is when you would expect to start to see some of those 'world-renowned, awesome, earthshaking, destructive and supremely-respect-building' spectacles. The descriptions of these events begin in [Verse 20](#) starting with an emphasis on the 'world renowned' and 'earthshaking' effects. God says,

... the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

In other words, there goes the bulk of the World's heavy infrastructures. And with the order of events we've constructed so far we can place this event in Revelation too. This is plainly one of three **great earthquakes** described in Revelation, but it must be the first one at The 6th Seal Judgment. We can deduce this simply because the one at the midpoint is for the purpose of dividing Jerusalem before the Jews scatter, not for protecting them from attack. And it cannot be the last one because that close to Armageddon it

would instead involve **the kings of the east** [Rev 16:12](#) who will be coming across the dry **Euphrates** riverbed—not Russia from **the north parts**. But we'll consider this last and greatest **great earthquake** further in [SECTION 10](#).

So this **great shaking in the land of Israel** [Verse 19](#) that occurs during this **great** attack by Russia and its **bands** on Israel—also obviously having worldwide effects—must occur during the **great earthquake** described during The 6th Seal Judgment ([Rev 6:12-17](#)). The evidence presented so far is sufficient for this conclusion, but as usual the better evidence is in the totality of this **study**.

We should also remind ourselves here that all of these **great** earthquakes are connected to God's efforts to 'encourage' those who will only respond to 'extreme persuasion', and these same will ultimately thank Him for both this intense urging and also for His equally unbelievable restraint. Through this incredible display of power God will be able to lead some to the right conclusions. But we must also **understand** that those who respond in this way will be relatively **few**. Because most others who survive this First Great Earthquake—who are already unreachable because of a hopelessly **reprobate mind**—will increasingly follow the remaining contenders to World domination. For most this will be either the Antichrist or whoever is leading China. However **the young lions** will still have a thing or two to say about how things will go down. And **Egypt** will rally the Muslims in one last desperate attempt to defeat the Antichrist. But within another year or so after this 'earthshaking' event, The U.S., Russia and the Muslims won't be among the 'power players' anymore.

And at the end of The Beginning of Sorrows—after this **great shaking in the land of Israel** and after The Trumpet Judgments—the Antichrist will 'open' **his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven** [Rev 13:6](#). And after these **wonders** John records that in general humankind still **repented not of the works of their hands** [Rev 9:20](#), and that **the nations** only become **angry** with God for His efforts ([Rev 11:18](#)). And throughout The Plague Judgments attitudes only tend to get worse. John reports that in the middle of them that **men blasphemed God** [Rev 16:21](#) despite all His restraint and trouble. Of course all this shows that most **know** that God is behind it all. But I still suspect that Satan will try to take credit wherever he can—though He will be forced to assign a lot of the blame to God.

And we can also see in Ezekiel's account of this **great shaking** that God gets most of the blame. Ezekiel tells us that **the heathen** can see that God is behind it ([Verse 16](#)). And this matches John's account in The 6th Seal Judgment. He reveals a similar worldwide reaction during a **great earthquake** when,

...the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the

mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? [Rev 6:12-17](#).

The similar global reaction of awe and respect for God in this first **great earthquake** is heard when ‘everyone’ says, ***hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*** Up to this point in The Beginning of Sorrows there will have been **war, famine and pestilences** in historically unprecedented proportions and likely some unrivaled **earthquakes** too. And all this must be partially the result of the initial interactions—including an enormous EMP or two—with the planet God has thrown from somewhere out in space and caught with the Earth. But The 6th Seal Judgment most obviously suggests that this planet is at work for God’s purposes. At this time, because of the evidently dramatically awesome nature of this display of His power, the whole World must acknowledge that God **on the throne** and Jesus **the Lamb** are responsible for this **mighty** spectacle.

So in both John and Ezekiel’s accounts we have a unique situation where it’s reported that ***all the men that are upon the face of the earth*** are in such awe of God that their unavoidable reflex is to acknowledge and respect Him. And both accounts describe the same kind of global ‘mountain-moving’ judgment taking place. And you should see more and more that these two accounts together provide a picture similar to some of God’s past performances in **other ages**.

And in [Verse 22](#) we see an expression of God’s fury comparable to John’s account. We also see that this fury involves the same ‘bad weather forecast’ too. And again, these meteorological conditions cannot just be of the extreme, solely Earth-generated variety. God **promises** a downpour of...

...pestilence and with blood...[that He] will rain upon him [Gog], and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones [not burning], fire, and brimstone [burning].

So we also have strikingly similar horrific cosmic storms. The only difference is that John is not quite as specific in his account. He does not mention that this global **rain of stones** is apparently more **overflowing** in some places, and intermittently mixed with **blood** and/or **fire**. And we will delve even more specifically into this phenomenon in the next **study**. But the first step is to believe God can target such judgments precisely how, when and where He wants to. And you need to see that John’s account is less detailed and a more general World report, while Ezekiel’s is more focused on Israel. And by all the clues you should also see that both accounts are of The 6th Seal Judgment occurring close to halfway through The Beginning of Sorrows, and that they are part of the **fearful sights and great signs...from heaven** that Jesus speaks of on The Mount of Olives.

By-the-way, we may be seeing here that God is somehow ‘administering’ **pestilence** by extraterrestrial means too. This was apparently also the case in one or two of The Egyptian Plague Judgments, and maybe also once when the Jews were wandering in the wilderness. So the **pestilences** of The 4th Seal Judgment may be initiated by this means too. And this could be another indication that the red companion planet arrives in time for The 4th Seal Judgment.

But it also occurs to me that this planet may be the cause of The Third Seal Judgment too. In that judgment we apparently see the collapse of the World’s economy—find it in Revelation 6. But in it we see no destruction of any kind except for what may be still ongoing with the newly begun **white** and **red** revolutions. And I mean this apparently non-violent sudden collapse of the World’s economy may be the result of a massive global EMP. And I mean the first effect of such a pulse would be worldwide economic collapse. Remember the Y2K scare? It would be much worse than the worse case scenario of that. And an EMP this early would give Russia and the Muslims the time they should need to prepare their new strategy of attack—you know, round up enough **horses** and learn to ride them, etc.

And before we go on let’s review these early wars of The Beginning of Sorrows, now that we have identified them all, and have a better idea where they all might fit. First the Antichrist uses the aggravated Catholics in Europe to initiate his ‘take three—get ten’ coup of Europe. Let’s call it The New European Catholic Revolution—this begins with The First Seal Judgment. Following that but mostly concurrently, Russia evidently similarly forces several former Soviet Bloc nations back into her fold. Let’s call this The Second Russian Communist Revolution—it’s begins with the Second Seal Judgment. And both of these consolidations of regional power may at least involve the real threat of WMD’s, but nothing too devastating because we’re talking about their home territories. And I suspect China will be up to the same thing in her region, troubling the U.S. in the process. Let’s call that The Second Chinese Communist Revolution. Certainly this contender to World domination will be doing her best to expand early in The Beginning of Sorrows too but out of view of The God Zone. Also troubling the U.S. at this time should be a consolidation of power in Catholic Central and South America who may be aided by China, Russia and the Antichrist Kingdom to some extent. Let’s call this The American Catholic Revolution. Finally we are also seeing the presently ongoing but disjointed various Muslims jihads which will be a continuing irritant to Catholics in Europe. And they will remain a significant threat until Catholics become sufficiently aggravated and the Antichrist takes over in Europe. And I expect that they should also increasingly become an irritant in The U.S. until Catholics there start to subdue them too. Again, WMD’s may play a role in the early stages of all of these revolutions, and you could say that all these players are already preparing for them.

And by the time that the first king in Egypt is overthrown in a civil war with the help of the Antichrist in The First Egyptian War, the threat of WMD’s may still be available—or not. I mean Egypt—and possibly Venezuela—may develop nuclear weapons programs between here and there. Or they may simply be the nations that are able to take the earliest advantage of the EMP. But certainly by the time Russia is ready for its grand attack on Israel, WMD’s

will no longer be available to anyone because this is surely part of the rationale for this attack. It's how God will draw Russia **out** from her **place in the north parts**. And it's probably how He draws out many other nations too.

I also assume that it's sometime after The 6th Seal Judgment that the Antichrist will attempt his second attack on Egypt, The Second Egyptian War, because then both Russia and the Muslims will be vulnerable, but The U.S. and her allies by then should be ready to intercede. These **young lions** should be sailing and hopefully also steaming their old-school and/or retrofitted boats to the Mediterranean Sea by then.

The last wars of The Beginning of Sorrows begin once these other revolutions have played out somewhat. When The Chinese Communist Revolution is completing the consolidation of power in that region, and when The American Catholic Revolution has The U.S. on the defensive and struggling, then the European Catholics in the Antichrist Kingdom will be free to mop up the Southwest Asian and North African Muslim World. This is the Third Egyptian War probably during The 6th Trumpet Judgment. And this **whirlwind** war should immediately proceed all the midterm events in Israel ([Dan 11:40-41](#)). Of course during The 6th Trumpet Judgment the worst warriors of all time emerge. They are the spiritual creatures sent by God to slay **the third part of the earth**. And it may be that these horrible monsters will help the Antichrist by not significantly interfering with his plans—another step where God may facilitate **evil** in order to lure it's practitioners to their ultimate destruction. Either that, or maybe all these revolutions get thinned out more or less equally by God's monsters.

From God's perspective given in Revelation we first see the riding of the **white horse**, then the **red** one. These contenders to World domination are the only two we first see because they are the only ones operating in The God Zone early in The Beginning of Sorrows. But I guess you could look at it another way. Maybe this single **white horse** represents the Worldwide Catholic Revolution. After all, won't the Antichrist and the Pope be leading all 'Catholics' everywhere really? And maybe this single **red** one suggests some kind of treaty between China and Russia who together lead their subordinates in the Worldwide Communist Revolution, at least until Russia is taken out and China is left to carry on without her. Indeed these two sides, the **white** and the **red**, could be seen as the main contenders for World domination throughout The Great Tribulation—the **white** one masquerading as a religious revolution and the **red** one as a coldly political and atheistic one. And China—a **red** power—should still have the biggest army and be the odds-on favorite contending for World domination come **Armageddon**. And this gives us more reason to think that when the Antichrist Kingdom is tested on her eastern and northern borders early in The Days of Vengeance ([Dan 11:44](#)) that this is China's first attempt at expansion westward. Ezekiel and Daniel also give us clues of the **trouble** The U.S. and probably the U.K. take on in The Beginning of Sorrows. They evidently will choose not to remain isolationist. And they will have some success in The Beginning of Sorrows but evidently will be overwhelmed by the end of it. And certainly the current behavior of all these players is consistent with these future scriptural roles.

So which is it? Are the **white** and **red** revolutions in Revelation 6 God Zone-focused—only specifically referring to Russia and Europe—or are they a

global representation of The Worldwide Catholic Revolution under the Antichrist and the Pope and The Worldwide Communist Revolution under both China and Russia and later just China? I think it's both. God sees all things from all perspectives after all. And it's our failure to do so that leads to misinterpretation.

But surely Russia is a top player among the communist nations let go early by God to **take peace from the earth** in the **red** revolution. And **the chief prince of** Russia will be God's Manchurian candidate to attack Israel. And Russia obviously won't directly attack the budding Antichrist Empire. So her early efforts must instead involve regaining the lost, mostly non-Catholic territories of the former Soviet Union. She would also naturally threaten and intimidate the rest of the World in the same manner she did throughout most of the 20th Century. In fact she already appears to be gearing up for this again. Except this time I'm expecting she'll become a little more chummy with China and her allies.

And these leading factions of the **white** and **red** revolutions will probably be able to get a long way toward consolidating power in their own regions before they lose modern conventional and nuclear capabilities. And in the earliest Seal Judgments of The Beginning of Sorrow apparently only The U.S. and probably The U.K. will be using their strategic capabilities to try to hinder both **white** and **red** expansion. But they evidently will only likely succeed in protecting themselves, and only for a while. This is the time when all those mostly Muslim nations huddled north of Iran and east of the Caspian Sea which used to be part of The Soviet Union should come into focus by Russia again. Being predominantly Muslim, they should easily enough be convinced to join in the fight against the Jews. The question is on which side. I'm guessing that Russia's early expansion will keep these northernmost Muslim countries out of The First Egyptian War, and that all of Eastern Europe will be shaking in their shoes. After all, these countries will be caught between the **white horse** released by God to go out **conquering, and to conquer** and the **red** one who is allowed **to take peace from the earth** and **kill with a great sword**. And both these revolutions will greatly expand before they are finally wiped out by God. And from this perspective the **white** and **red** revolutions never really get a decisive advantage over the other before they are lured together, tortuously incapacitated, then destroyed by Jesus.

So it appears that both a 'revived Roman Empire'—The Antichrist Empire—and 'a revived Soviet Union' will be on the rise throughout most of the first half of The Beginning of Sorrows. But evidently in The 6th Seal Judgment the 'revised Soviet Union' will overstep their boundaries and be annihilated by God, and this will be acknowledged by every living creature on Earth. And evidently Satan and the Antichrist will be too smart for this blunder. They will **know** that anyone that touches Israel up to this time will be destroyed by God. And they will **know** that they can only seduce Israel to defeat herself from within. This seditious campaign that intensifies after The Second Egyptian War will create **indignation against the holy covenant** [Dan 11:30](#), and by The Abomination of Desolation will convince a majority of cheering Jews to invite the Antichrist into Israel, and then into their Temple, after which he will immediately turn on them. This is when many of God's faithful must flee and even more will be killed.

But I should reemphasize that the order of a couple of these **wars and**

rumors of wars [Mat 24:6](#) is speculative. For one thing it could be that Russia will join the U.S. and her allies in The Mediterranean Sea Blockade to stand in the way of the Antichrist when he threatens Egypt in The Second Egyptian War. This will be at a time when the Antichrist has already divided and conquered about half of Egypt's army by instigating a civil war. So maybe this is enough incentive for him to attempt an attack on Egypt even before the attack on Israel. Or it could be that Russia still has ships left to put in the Antichrist's way even if her ground forces are already wiped out. Whichever the case, remember that one of the reasons almost anyone attacks anyone else in this chaotic period will be for the **spoil**. And not as much for greed as hunger. But I doubt that the Antichrist will try an attack outside of Europe before God takes Russia's **great sword** away from her. And it appears he will have enough to do consolidating power in Europe until after The 6th Seal Judgment anyway. And there shouldn't be much to **spoil** in Russia immediately after she is destroyed as we will see. And the first indication we have that the Antichrist expands to **the north** and **the east** is after he has transplanted himself in Israel after the start of The Days of Vengeance.

But if the Antichrist Kingdom is hungry enough early on, he may decide he has already dealt a serious enough blow to Egypt in The First Egyptian War, and may think that no one will interfere if he tries to take them. And if Russia is not yet destroyed I would guess that she would likely help stand in the way. And this could lead to enough solidarity with the Muslim World so that they all decide to unite with Russia against Israel shortly thereafter. So the difference in this scenario is that it puts The Second Egyptian War before the Russian and Muslim attack on Israel. But again, I don't like this scenario as much because the alliances and motivations are less believable to me. It seems a lot more risky for the Antichrist, and it seems to cram way too much in front of The 6th Seal Judgment, though I suppose it's possible.

But we **know** that in The 6th Seal Judgment in the middle of The Beginning of Sorrows that Russia and the aggressor Muslim nations are wiped out by God. And we **know** that The Second Egyptian War must fit somewhere near this time too. Again, I lean to the idea that Russia and most of the entire Middle East is taken out by God first because this kind of vulnerability would be the most tempting to the Antichrist, and this would leave the defense of the Muslims to the PIHO's, who would as usual defend them mainly because of their fear for the World's stability. And the PIHO's alone seem the most likely defenders of the Muslims because surely somehow they will already be occupied with China, and likely also in their own region, so that the Antichrist would least expect their interference. And before God takes the Muslims down, I would expect they could defend themselves against the Antichrist in their home territory, and with or without the Russian Navy's assistance. And I don't expect Gog would stick his neck out except for easy pickin's and hoggishly selfish motives.

As for the U.K., I should add that even now they are finding themselves on the cutting edge of a Protestant vs. Muslim European 'civil war'. This may seem to be a connection that will draw them into an alliance with nine other necessarily more Catholic Antichrist Kingdom 'provinces'. But since The First Egyptian War is likely 'stirred up' by a double-cross against Muslims in Europe, the Antichrist will likely first persecute mostly Protestants and Jews.

And the overwhelming majority of PIHO's left in England and Scotland after The Rapture—with WMD's still available to protect themselves—probably won't fit into the Antichrist's early gameplan. So for the U.K., it doesn't really come down to whether they will succumb to the Muslims, because they won't. It comes down to when and how they will succumb to the Antichrist and the Pope.

In any case, there will be enough big boats floating in The Mediterranean Sea to stop the Antichrist's attempt to attack Egypt whether this happens before or after the annihilation of the majority of the Russian and Muslim forces. And this isn't a wild goose chase because we have been careful not to confuse **truth** with speculation, and because it's clear we're not done asking, seeking, knocking and watching for that indisputable **proof** of the exact order of all these **wars and rumors of wars**. At this point I consider it enough that we have identified them, discerned their approximate order, and raised a lot of good question in the process.

But likely the biggest problem ahead of us will be that there are way too many good **teachers of prophecy** who have for way too long had a foot, maybe even a whole leg, way too far down their throats when it comes to such topics. And I'm afraid the condition is so severely chronic for some of them that they may no longer be able to pull them out and find more solid footing. But such deep-throated foot extractions must occur sooner or later. It's part of the natural progression of The Word of God, and absolutely required in order to **grow in prophecy** as well as in The Word of God in general. And naturally in The Millennium, everyone will know what went down, and such conditions will be remedied. But you must see how this will be quite embarrassing for the more chronic cases. Fortunately for the less chronic conditions, **prophecy** can be a less afflicting and instead good therapy for **disciples** to gain the skill inevitably necessary to purge the mouth and throat as needed.

But I'm expecting that the final cure will start with a plague of cats. Yes, because I'm expecting an epidemic of 'cat got your tongue' syndrome. And I expect the ability of these feline critters to maneuver around lodged feet to get at and silence tongues will be amazing. But really it will not be the cats—no really—it will be the dumbfoundingly spectacular nature of The Great Tribulation that will be the cause of this condition—I mean especially among the redeemed. But we're not through with our view of the worldwide spectacles by **GOD** against **Gog** and **his bands**. Here are some more previews of this surely flabbergasting coming attraction.

You may have noticed that we passed by [Verse 21](#). This is where Ezekiel records,

I will call for a sword against him [Gog] throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother.

Now this is an old tactic of God's too. And this is obviously not talking about Jews fighting with Jews, but Russians and Muslims fighting with other Russians and Muslims. This is what happens in the famous story about **Gideon**. God leads **Gideon** and his 'chosen' 300 Israelites to defeat the

many tens of thousands of Midianites and Amalekites. The number of this vast army of these **children of the east** is described to be...

...like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude [Judges 7:12](#).

But,

...the LORD set every man's sword against his fellow [Judges 7:22](#)

So in this 'battle' God confuses them so they all fight against each other. And the Midianites and Amalekites fight with other Midianites and Amalekites till they all retreat in panic and are finally chased across the Jordan River. There both **princes of the Midianites** are killed ([Judges 7:25](#)). And this is something like what God will be up to when the Russians and the Muslims also **kill one another**. In this future 'battle', somehow again **every man's sword shall be against his brother**. They will mistakenly think they are fighting the Israelites.

Chapter 38 ends with a declaration by God that as a result of this **mighty** judgment...

...many nations...shall know that I am the LORD [Verse 23](#).

And this will be the cause of **some** being **saved**. And because of these **wonders** some of these will also gain the fortitude that will be necessary to resist **the mark** with **the patience and faith** of a true **saint** of God. In Chapter 39 God reveals how Israel and the World will come to **know** Him through this one-sided war, and gives us other details of this rout.

We get the casualty report in [Verses 2-5](#). God tells us that all but **the sixth part** of the forces of **Gog** and his Muslim allies will **fall upon the open field**. We also **learn** in these verses—and from other verses layered throughout the chapter—that this battle will produce more 'bird feed' than any other battle up to that point. God, like Tarzan I guess, calls all the carrion birds, the meat-eaters, to come eat the flesh off all these slain (see also [Verses 17-20](#)). And this will evidently be help that the Israelites will need because in the following **seven months** clean-up operation they will still be able to make a mountain out of what the birds don't want. And this new 'manmade' formation will be called the **valley of Harmongog** or the Valley of Mount Gog (see also [Verses 11-16](#)). And you might imagine that this might be too much for just the birds within flying distance. So maybe God will have to rapture carrion birds worldwide to Israel in order to get the job done quickly enough. But when it comes to God's 'bird buffet bonanzas', we'll see that there is a bigger bird feed to come, which we'll get to next section.

In [Verse 6](#), Gog's luck goes from disastrous—5 out of 6 soldiers dead—to nightmarish. And like what we see in John's account of The 6th Seal Judgment, here we see also in Ezekiel's account how it's not going so well for the rest of the World either. God says,

I will send a fire on Magog [Russia], and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles [or the continents or “coastlands”]: and they [the whole World] shall know that I am the LORD.

This is targeting. Primarily God is going to dump fire on Mother Russia. And no, not nuclear bombs. Remember he didn't need that kind of help in the past so he won't in the future either. And he's plainly used planets in our solar system for such purposes before so he evidently has future plans to do this again. Somehow he'll again use the locked interacting atmospheres of Earth and another planet to dump on Russia and the Muslim aggressors, and also on ***them that dwell carelessly in the isles***—and a common conclusion is that ***the isles*** means 'the continents'. Though evidently God doesn't dump on those who are 'awake' or are 'waking up', but only on those that ***dwell carelessly***.

And you should ***know*** by now that God really can '***sever between***' the ones he wants to dump on, and the ones He doesn't, amazingly well. And the devastation on those he wants to dump on is evidently overwhelming. I mean it evidently takes the rest of The Great Tribulation and some time beyond to ***burn all the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears*** dropped by dead soldiers in Israel. Specifically, God says in [Verses 9-10](#) that it will take ***seven years*** to ***burn the weapons*** left on the ground from this 'battle'. This must mean that most Jews only get to use this temporary source of fuel for about 1 ½ to 2 years during the second half of The Beginning of Sorrows and for another year or two at the beginning of Millennium, and that Gentiles will get the rest during The Days of Vengeance while most Jews wait in the refuge ***prepared of God***, or hide, or are killed. Then again, some Jews ***that dwell in the cities of Israel*** could be available, marked and enslaved to ***burn the weapons*** during The Days of Vengeance, as well as available for anything else slaves might be used for.

And by-the-way, I have heard talk of machine guns and other weapons made of combustible metals so they can be destroyed if necessary. First of all, I don't think Russia could afford to equip such a ***storm*** of Muslims with such expensive weapons. And even if they could afford the cost of such weaponry, we must remember that this is just another Hitler/Stalin-like arrangement. And the Russians must know that the Muslims will only cooperate with them to a point. So they wouldn't want them too well armed. But even more conclusive is Ezekiel's descriptions of the ***weapons*** used in this attack. These would be...

...the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears.

And these would easily be made of mostly combustible materials.

In [Verses 7-8](#) God explains that this spectacular event is the culmination of His plans to reintroduce Himself to Israel. And it's when Israel also recognizes—in a purely Jewish way—their long lost God, ***the Holy One in Israel***. And God reiterates in [Verse 22](#) that because of this event,

...the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day and forward.

But I don't think this event causes many of them to recognize yet that God has a Son and that His name is Jesus. This **revelation** will happen a little later.

From [Verse 23](#) on **the Lord GOD** explains that the meaning of this event will be so plain that even **the heathen shall know** that this is part of the culmination of God's plan. In particular,

...the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed.

And they will **know** it is God that...

...caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen.

But they will also **know** that by God's **mercy** the Jews will be...

...gathered...out of their enemies' lands [and] gathered...unto their own land [and 'dwell'] safely in their land.

And they will **know** that they were then made to appear vulnerable so that God could **magnify** Himself defending them in this coming 'world-renowned, earthshaking, awesome, destructive and supremely-respect-building' event.

So it's going to be some reunion. But Gabriel tells us that near the time of this spectacle a newly throttled-down Antichrist will mount his seditious **indignation against the holy covenant** campaign. And we **know** he'll have a good measure of success with it. But this campaign can only have so much success, because in [Verse 29](#) **the Lord God** also says that in the process of this mighty outpouring of His power,

I have [also] poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel.

And again, I **understand** this in a '70th week' sense. That this is where the 'real' **house of Israel**—the ones slated for **everlasting life** and not the ones doomed to **shame and everlasting contempt**—will recognize and acknowledge their Father, God, but not yet His son. But to coin a variation on a **promise of God**, and to whomever it applies, I say, greater is He that is in **the house of Israel**, than he that will then be in the World.

At this point it's also worth reassessing a special group of Jews that Jesus speaks of in His discourse on the Mount of Olives, the ones who receive special persecution in The Great Tribulation. These are the faithful Christian Jews in Israel. They are the few Jews who early on **know** the true identity of their Messiah. And they emerge very early in The Great Tribulation. According to Jesus, they're identified by their persecution by other Jews in Israel. And He seems to indicate that the rise of their persecution may even precede The Rapture of the Church. Speaking to these Jews who **know** Him, Jesus says,

...Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven. But before all these, they [Jews who don't know Jesus] shall lay their hands on you [Jews who do know Jesus], and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. And it shall turn to you for a testimony. Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. But there shall not an hair of your head perish. In your patience possess ye your souls [Luke 21:11-19](#).

These Jews that are **hated of all men for Jesus' sake** must be relatively few in number and evidently will have no one they can trust. And since their persecution starts **before** most everything else that happens in The Beginning of Sorrows—even before **Nation shall rise against nation** when The First Seal Judgment is opened—then this persecution could begin sometime **before** The Rapture of the Church. In fact there is evidence that persecution of Messianic Jews in Israel has already begun in 2008. Google “persecution of Messianic Jews” and you can see for yourself that such persecution in Israel has recently “increased” including a bombing and a burned-down Christian Mission where in both cases no arrests were made by the Israeli authorities.

Matthew and Mark give similar accounts of Jesus' counsel to these special Jews. And Gabriel offers another perspective, saying,

And such [Jews] as do wickedly against the covenant shall he [the Antichrist] corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. And they that understand among the people shall instruct [and evangelize] many [when the time comes]: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days. Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen [helped] with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed [Dan 11:32-35](#)

So you might call these special Jews God's 'third team' of ministers in Israel—the other two being the Two Witnesses and the 144,000. But again, I don't expect that many in this 'third team' will be in a position to evangelize about Jesus very much during most of The Beginning of Sorrows. And I expect the Two Witnesses and the 144,000 will only lead a revival of Judaism in Israel, until they along with this 'third team' finally lead an explosive Christian revival among Jews in Israel just before The Abomination of Desolation.

But I also expect that the early persecution of Protestants and Jews in the Antichrist Kingdom and in other Catholic domains—and likely in all domains—will be quite intimidating to Israel. And this should provoke some strong persecution of Christian Jews in Israel throughout The Beginning of Sorrows. I mean when contenders to World domination turn on Protestants and Jews worldwide, Jews in Israel who don't **know** their Messiah will evidently succumb to the extreme pressure to incarcerate and kill those who do. And this period of peak persecution of Jews against Jews in Israel must start **before** God's 'get reacquainted' party with His people. I mean **before** that Russian and Muslim blowout barbeque where **fearful sights and great signs...from heaven** will definitely be on the menu. But I take it that after it's over, and everyone in Israel is sitting around campfires singing "Cum ba ya", this won't mark any slowdown of Jew on Jew persecution. Instead I expect that this huge transitional judgment of God for Jews to closely coincide with the beginning of the Antichrist's campaign to increase such persecution. But still, such a cathartic, life-changing encounter with the 'world-renowned, earthshaking, awesome, destructive and supremely-respect-building' power of God must turn a good number of Jews in the right direction too—I mean back to Judaism.

So in the middle of The Beginning of Sorrows when the destruction of Russia and her armies, and of the Muslim armies, and of many others who **dwell carelessly** around the World, brings the exaltation of God in **the house of Israel**, then the persecution of Christian Jew in Israel will be in full stride. But this will also be a rebirth of sorts for Israel—or more appropriately, their conception. And in fact the 'sealing' of the 144,000 immediately follows this grand spectacle. And this astounding intervention by God for Israel must be perceived by Israelites as badly needed and timely because leading up to this event the Jews must **know** they have become defenseless and increasingly hated throughout the World. So morale must be getting pretty bad up to this point. But this deliverance of Israel by God can only be a temporary reprieve. This is because it's probably too quickly followed by the Antichrist's preempted Second Egyptian War. And even if this is already past too, then the Antichrist's new campaign to shrink the ranks of faithful Jews in Israel should be starting to gain momentum. Indeed the idled Antichrist should be able to quickly turn the attention of many Jews toward frustrating the Godly vigor of the truly **faithful** ones.

Also, just as I see no reason for all weapons to be burnt before the end of The Great Tribulation—or even by just Jews—so I also see no reason why all the judgments of God must be uniformly spaced. In fact, we already **know** that they are not. We **know** The Seventh Seal Judgment is only '**half an hour**' and that The Fifth Trumpet Judgment is **five months**—two months longer than the 'average'. So for example, in a scenario where The Seal Judgments wrap up within the first year leaving 2 ½ years for The Trumpet Judgments, the undesignated Seal Judgments would average less than two months each and the undesignated Trumpet Judgments over four. And maybe the Jews in Israel will need their rescue to arrive sooner. And God may need to make Himself **known** to Israel a little earlier to make it possible for them to keep the **faith**. But it's all about God applying the perfect escalating pressure on not just the Jews but also on the whole World in order to draw people back to Himself. So, though a compacted first set of

judgments could add to the escalating effect, the increasing intensity of the judgments themselves seems to accomplish this well enough too. Still, and whatever the schedule, I would expect some kind of ordered numerical symmetry or pattern to God's plan.

And I don't think we need the Russian's help in The Mediterranean Sea Blockade to stop the Antichrist. And I don't think the Antichrist would even try to mop up Egypt unless Russia and the rest of the Muslim World were already disabled. Go U.K! Go U.K! I mean I do hope England makes it to the Mediterranean Sea for the honor and privilege of performing this very important work of God. And it would be natural for The U.S. and The U.K. to see the urgent need to hold back the Antichrist after 5/6 of the armies of Russia and the Muslim aggressor nations have just been wiped out. This is natural because there are so many PIHO's in the U.S. and The U.K. which should mean lots of post-Rapture conversions. And clearly the Antichrist's gamble that The U.S. is already sufficiently distracted and too far away to get involved will not pay off.

And remember an earlier planet to planet EMP will give the strongest strategic advantages to countries with larger populations or alliances. With this in mind it's even more unlikely that the Antichrist will try his second campaign against Egypt with Russian's army still intact and right next door. I mean attacking southward toward Egypt at a time when modern defenses are no longer available would leave his eastern flank irresistibly vulnerable to the Russians. And there is also the fact that the Antichrist feels free to start his campaign of **indignation against the holy covenant** in the middle of 'Muslim territory' right after The U.S. and company back him down. This implies that the armies of the Muslims in The God Zone must already also be out of the way—I mean except for the remains of a lot of bird-eaten bones and the weapons they carried with them to the battlefield.

Also, it occurs to me that no one would be better than a former Patriarch of Babylon to organize a campaign in Israel against Israel. I mean besides Satan and his princes, he should be best at getting things done in this region. And while he is infiltrating Israel, I expect he will also be working on undermining The U.K. And at the same time he would be helping the Catholics in the Americas put the U.S. in retreat—as I expect the expanding Empire of China should also be doing. And when The U.S., The U.K., and Israel are sufficiently destabilized, the Antichrist will have nothing left to slow Him down—except for some major interference from judgments of God. Though I expect it's possible that the colossal army of creatures in The Sixth Trumpet Judgment will be more of a help to the Antichrist than a hindrance.

And once the Antichrist is free to wreak havoc, things don't go so well for most of the Jews. Remember God gives us a casualty report for Jews in The Days of Vengeance through the Prophet Zechariah. Two thirds live and one third dies ([Zech 13:8-9](#)). But there is uncertainty about who the real players are in this tally, because there is more uncertainty about whether God is reckoning in mortal or spiritual terms, or both. But there is something else we **know** about the real players because they are also identified by God to Ezekiel near the end of Chapter 39. Here God makes clear that only Jews who are in Israel by The Sixth Seal Judgment can be redeemed as 'real Jews'. God says,

Then [at The First Great Earthquake of The Sixth Seal Judgment] **shall they** [both **the heathen** and **Israel**] **know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there** [Verse 28](#).

So by the time of this judgment God promises that all 'real Jews' will have been **gathered...unto their own land** and that He will have **left none of them any more... among the heathen**. But I also expect that some 'real Jews' will be waiting in Abraham's Bosom who won't **experience** The Sixth Seal Judgment, and who more likely get their heads up from the Two Witnesses, and who will instead arrive in Israel near the end of The Trumpet Judgments. And I'm assuming that other 'real Jews' who remain **scattered** around the World and survive beyond The 6th Seal Judgment must die before the midpoint if they are to be **'gathered'** by God to Israel by way of Abraham's Bosom. So at the end of Ezekiel 39, God must be talking about living 'real Jews' who must arrive in Israel by The 6th Seal Judgment, not about the dead ones who arrive via Abraham's Bosom before the midpoint. And that missing both these cutoffs makes you a Gentile.

And when **...the people of the prince that shall come** [the Antichrist] **shall destroy the city and the sanctuary** [Dan 9:26](#) all the Jews in Israel will have been there for at least half of The Beginning of Sorrows, except for the newly raptured ones Gabriel seems to indicate have just arrived. This is why I say that Jews who don't make it to Israel one way or another in time must opt out of God's plan for Jews and become as Gentiles, because He will have **gathered** all his people **unto their own land** of Israel by The Sixth Seal Judgment, leaving **among the heathen...none of them any more there**—at least **none of them** that survive. Nevertheless, the people of the World will hate 'Jews' in any form and no matter where they are, but especially the ones that believe in Jesus ([Mat 24:9](#)). But God's designation of Jew or Gentile not only depends on where you are but also on your perspective, and it can get more than a little complicated. Still, seeking God's perspective always brings more clarity. And this is our goal in the remaining sections.

As the clock grins down toward The Abomination of Desolation, and apparently before God restarts the blasting of His precisely targeted big guns at the Earth in The Days of Vengeance, the Antichrist will mop up and clean out Egypt in The Third Egyptian War. And he will likely top that by getting himself killed trying to kill the Two Witnesses in Israel. But a few days later, newly empowered, he'll kill them, and in short order also every 'Jew and Protestant' he can get his hands on, probably including a lot of relatively defenseless Muslims too, especially those and anyone else who won't take his **mark** and worship his **image**. And maybe some of these Jews who **endure unto the end** are included in this fortunate **third** Zechariah tells us about. Or maybe they're part of the less fortunate other **two parts** instead. It depends on the perspective, doesn't it? Whichever the case, in this process Gabriel tells us the Antichrist will immediately **overthrow many nations**. And from then on, and for as long as he is allowed, his primary goal will be to separate as many 'Jews and Protestants' from their heads as possible. And

when this ***indignation against the holy covenant*** is complete, his 42 months will be up too. But throughout these ***days of vengeance*** there will be true Christian Jews and Protestants who ***endure unto the end***, and who must ***know*** their God, and at least ***know*** that whenever and however they are eventually reunited with Him, it will be a joyous reunion. And we'll talk more about of these various happy get-togethers in the remaining sections. And as for the 'real Jews' who escape the clutches of the Antichrist and make it to that safe place ***prepared of God***, we'll talk more about them in the next sections too.