

A HARMONY OF APOCALYPTIC PROPHECY



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PLEASE NOTE: This harmony emphasizes the names and titles of God and His Messiah. The divine name is indicated in the Scripture passages and indices by the words LORD, LORD, and YHVH. The NASB 1995 phrase “the LORD of hosts” has been replaced in the Scripture text with “[YHVH of armies]”; cf. the NASB 2000, “the LORD of armies.” Also, as warranted by the Hebrew text, the NASB 1995 phrase “Lord God” has been replaced in the Scripture text with “my Lord YHVH.”

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A Collation Of Bible Passages Pertaining To The End Time, The Day Of The LORD,
And The New Heavens And New Earth

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"You have not gone up into the breaches, nor did you build the wall around the house of Israel to stand in the battle on the day of the LORD."

— A rebuke to Israel's prophets, Ezekiel 13.5

"Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire?"
(Jer 2.32) Yet the #BrideOfChrist rarely thinks of her approaching wedding.

— Roderick Graciano, tweet on 17 April 2016

"I could never make sense of the details of God's plan, nor of my place in it, until I had a grasp of the overarching whole. My entire ministry has been shaped by a growing understanding of biblical eschatology."

— Roderick Graciano

Introduction: The Responsibility And Challenge Of Interpreting Apocalyptic Prophecy

The futurist who believes in predictive oracles inspired by the Holy Spirit, and who understands that God has a lasting program for national Israel, will find the apocalyptic prophecies of the Bible stunningly consistent in what they predict. The predictions of different passages, about the future of our world and God's impending interaction with humanity and the cosmos, are complementary or confirmatory. They are never contradictory, nor does one prophecy abrogate another. The more important the prediction of a particular passage, the more other passages provide corroboration — as one would expect from a culture in which all things are to be established by the mouth of two or three witnesses (Mat 18.16; 2Co 13.1; etc.).

Part of the challenge of understanding Bible prophecies about events surrounding the Second Coming of Christ is the sheer volume of information in the Scriptures about that epoch. We can all too easily forget having read a detail in Isaiah, with the result that we miss its echo in Zechariah, or vice versa. Or forget a passage in Micah, and so miss an important nuance in Isaiah. It is in the hope of helping us begin to organize the apocalyptic predictions more systematically in our minds that I continue assembling this harmony of eschatological passages. I have assembled it in canonical order, beginning with a passage from Genesis, and working forward to Revelation, but **I direct the reader to the Index as that which will ultimately make this document useful.**

Perhaps a more fundamental difficulty in understanding Bible prophecy, or at least in coming to agreement with others about its interpretation, is lack of attention given to the presuppositions we bring to the job of hermeneutics. In the name of full disclosure, I list my relevant presuppositions here:

A. The Bible Is A True Record of God's Dealings With Man. If God has really spoken through His prophets, we can expect their reports and their predictions to be accurate and consistent with one another. This means that the Bible stands as its own final authority for interpreting the prophecies within its pages; no non-canonical book or prophet can interpret one biblical passage in a way that conflicts with the teaching of other biblical passages.

B. God Intervenes In Human Affairs. The belief that God does not stand aloof from His creation, but intervenes in human affairs, follows directly upon belief in the truth of the Bible. Among other things, this means that phenomena which we call supernatural (because they involve an introduction of spiritual power into the natural order) are a real and plausible aspect of human existence. Therefore, we need not relegate the supernatural events of the eschatological scriptures to allegory or metaphor. The cosmic signs and wonders, as well as the battles of angels and demons, can actually happen and we must not interpret them as allegorical without a compelling reason to do so.

C. Creation Is The Battleground For A Cosmic War. As part of His holy and eternal plan, God sovereignly permitted both the rebellion of Satan and the fall of man. He has also permitted the ensuing battle for the souls of men that will conclude at the end of the Millennium (the thousand-year reign of Christ described in Rev 20). The release of Satan, after he has once been bound (Rev 20.7), underscores the fact that God is accomplishing deep purposes through the outworking of the cosmic battle between His kingdom and the kingdom of darkness. Therefore, we should not dismiss descriptions of apocalyptic battles as purely metaphorical or as apocryphal and unworthy of a loving God.

D. The Church Includes All The Redeemed Of All Time. As Paul reminds us in the Seven Unities of Eph 4.4-6, there is only one body of believers. The Scriptures refer to this body as the Church, the elect, the saints, the bride of the Lamb, the body of Christ, etc., but it is one flock made up of Jew and Gentile, with one Shepherd (Joh 10.16). The unity of the one body does not negate the cultural distinctions of its members nor the diverse historical contexts of their redemption, but it underscores the one and only basis of their redemption, namely, the expiating sacrifice of Messiah (cf. Act 20.28).

E. God Has Never Renounced His Promises To National Israel. The fact that Jews who do not receive Jesus as Messiah are “broken off” from Messianic blessing (Rom 11.19-20), does not imply that God has renounced His love or His intentions for the Jewish nation, “for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable” (Rom 11.29). In fact, Israel is the test case for God’s promises. God said in Jer 31.35-36 (NASB):

Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for light by day, And the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; The LORD of hosts is His name:

“If this fixed order departs From before Me,” declares the LORD, “Then the offspring of Israel also shall cease From being a nation before Me forever.”

If God were to renounce the nation of Israel before changing the fixed order of the cosmos, we would all question whether any of His promises were secure. Thankfully, the fixed order of the cosmos has not changed, nor has God cast off the Israelites as a people. This fact was powerfully demonstrated in the 20th century by the reestablishment of a Jewish state in the Holy Land. God’s faithfulness to His promises to Israel stands today as one of the most powerful apologetics for the truth of the Bible. The modern nation of Israel is not only a living testimony to God’s faithfulness, but remains a chosen vessel for the outworking of God’s redemptive plan for planet earth. As such, Israel has an important role to play alongside the church in the spectacular upheaval of the End Time (Dan 8.17; 11.35,40; 12.4).

F. Jerusalem Is The Geographical Center Of The Eschatological Scriptures. Not only does Israel retain her calling and special role in God’s eschatological plans, but Jerusalem also retains her status as the city of the Coming King. As Benjamin Newton wrote, “The facts of prophetic history are made by Scripture to revolve around Jerusalem as their centre — and therefore any system of interpretation which violates this cardinal principle will soon find itself lost in inconsistency.” The final battle of the apocalypse will be fought at Jerusalem, and Messiah’s feet will touch down on her Mount of Olives when He descends from heaven (Zec 14.4). Because Jerusalem is the geographical focal point of the eschatological scriptures, we should recognize that prophetic references to “the earth” or “the land” may refer only to the land of Israel, and that references to “the world” probably refer to the “prophetic world,” that is, the known world of the prophets. Unless we have clear indication in the text that the *earth* or *the world* refers to a greater region, we should probably take it as referring to *ha-eretz yisrael*, the land of Israel, or at most the greater Mediterranean world.

G. “The End Of All Things Is At Hand...” It seems sensational to declare that the end is near, but the apostle Peter said it explicitly in 1 Peter 4.7. John, believed to have been the longest-lived of the apostles, also spoke strongly of the near end of the age (1Jo 2.18): “Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen; from this we know that it is the last hour.” Indeed, when John recorded his vision of the apocalypse, he was told (Rev 22.10), “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.”

Were the apostles mistaken, just like modern-day date-setters? After all, nearly two thousand years have passed since they wrote their declarations of impending cataclysm. Were they wrong? Well, first of all, they did not set a date for the end, they only wrote that the end was coming soon. Secondly, they defined what they meant by soon. In 2 Peter 3.8, the apostle exhorted, “But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day,” i.e., *soon* for God can mean a long time for us. Time is relative and we who dwell on earth experience it differently from God who dwells in eternity. Nevertheless, as God considered the entire scope of world history from beginning to end, and the long ages already past compared to the relatively short period that remained in His program for the world, He appropriately declared through His apostles that the end would come soon. And what was true in Peter’s day, certainly rings true in ours. As Paul wrote, “...now salvation is nearer to us than when we first believed. The night is almost gone, and the day is at hand” (Rom 13.11-12). This being the case, we should heed Christ’s words when He tells us in John 9.4, “We must work the works of Him who sent Me, as long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work.” Part of accomplishing those works is to rightly interpret the prophetic Scriptures to our churches and to our world. **May this document aid us in that work of exegesis and proclamation!**

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How To Use This Harmony Of Apocalyptic Prophecy

This harmony consists of four-column charts on each page. The first column (left to right) presents the **head passage**, i.e., the prophecy which will be echoed in the following two columns, and about which notes will sometimes appear in the final column. The **echoes**, from the Old Testament and the New, will sometimes explicitly corroborate the **head passage**, and at other times will only complement it.

The key to using this document is the topical **Index** at the end. The topical Index provides numbers for the pages upon which Bible passages are presented that pertain to the Index entry. Would you like to teach about “the day of the Lord”? The Index entry on **Day Of The Lord** will direct you to pages with a plethora of passages on the subject, sorted according to aspects and events of that day. Would you like to know the names and titles by which the Scriptures speak of the Antichrist? The Index entry on **Antichrist** will take you to the passages that will get you started.

Because this harmony presents the **head passages** *in canonical order*, starting at Genesis and proceeding forward to the Revelation, *generally speaking*, the smallest page number for an Index entry will take you to the Bible passage that provides the earliest biblical mention of the particular topic to which the Index entry refers. In other words, are you interested in the earliest biblical mention of the Antichrist? Find the Index entry on **Antichrist**, then scan the page numbers under the entry. You’ll see that the smallest page number is 1. Go to page 1 and you’ll find the earliest biblical mention of the creature we now refer to as the Antichrist. The reverse will eventually also generally hold true: the largest page number will take you to the last biblical mention of the thing to which the Index entry refers. I say *generally* and *eventually* because some page numbers will take you to an **echo** or a **note**, rather than to a **head passage**, and so may not take you to the earliest or last mention of the item you’re investigating. Also, since the early releases of this document are far from complete, there are many “first” and “last” passages still to be added.

Whether or not you are looking for the earliest or last passage on a given eschatological topic, using the topical **Index** to take you to passages relating to the topic you’re interested in. Examining the passages will help you begin to broaden your knowledge of that topic *and* help you make important connections to related topics. This harmony is a sort of complex listing of cross-references, and I have made extensive use of the cross references in BibleWorks as I have worked on it. Cross-reference lists, however, tend to group random verses together that simply key off of one of the words or phrases in the focal verse, and are not necessarily related *thematically* to the focal verse. This harmony is thematic: it puts the corroborating passages together so their harmony can be seen at a glance.

You can help! The early releases of this document barely scratch the surface of the vast number of Bible passages that, God willing, will eventually be included. In your own studies, you will certainly find harmonizing passages of Bible prophecy that have not yet made their way into this document. **Please email me about the passages you find: roderick@tmin.org**. You will also find errors; please email me about them as well. Please note that the page numbers in the **Index** change every time I work on this document. This means that each new edition I send you will completely replace the preceding edition.

Thanks, everyone! May the Lord Jesus continue to instruct us about His soon coming, and our destiny with Him in the Day of the LORD!

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PROPHECY

The Seed Of The Woman Will Crush The Serpent's Head

Gen 3.14-15 The [YHVH Elohim] said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life; And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

OT ECHOES

Isa 65.25 "The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent's food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain," says the LORD.

Isa 11.4 And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked [one].

Dan 7.11 "Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words which the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire.

NT ECHOES

2Th 2.8-9 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan

Rev 19.20 And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

Rev 20.10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

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A careful study of the Proto-Evangel (Gen 3.14-15) indicates a future "spawn of Satan," referred to as "your seed," who will be in perpetual enmity with Messiah, the "seed of the woman." Messiah will finally and completely vanquish the serpent ("the head") concurrently with destroying the serpent's seed. Thus, from the beginning, the ages-old conflict between the spirit of Christ and the spirit of Antichrist (the "mystery of lawlessness," 2Th 2.7, and "the mystery of godliness, 1Ti 3.16") was predicted, as well as the final victory of the One over the other.

PROPHECY

Wedding Of The Messiah, The Divine Warrior King

Psa 45 [Song of loves] You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever. Gird Your sword on Your thigh, O Mighty One, In Your splendor and Your majesty! And in Your majesty ride on victoriously, For the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; Let Your right hand teach You awesome things. Your arrows are sharp; The peoples fall under You; Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of joy above Your fellows. All Your garments are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia; Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made You glad. Kings' daughters are among Your noble ladies; At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give attention and incline your ear: Forget your people and your father's house; Then the King will desire your beauty. Because He is your Lord, bow down to Him.

OT ECHOES

NT ECHOES

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Cf. Jer 31.38; Amo 9.11; Mic 4.1.

Rev 19.7-11 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he said to me, "These are true words of God." ... And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.

PROPHECY

Jerusalem Physically Raised

Isa 2.1-2 The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the Lord Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it.

Nations Worship In Jerusalem

Isa 2.3 And many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths."

Messiah Judges From Jerusalem

Isa 2.3-4 For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples ...

OT ECHOES

Zec 14.10 All the land will [be] change[d] into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin's Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's wine presses.

Jer 3.17 "At that time they will call Jerusalem 'The Throne of the Lord,' and all the nations will be gathered to it, to Jerusalem, for the name of the Lord; nor will they walk anymore after the stubbornness of their evil heart.

Mic 4.2-3,7 Many nations will come and say, "Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord And to the house of the God of Jacob, That He may teach us about His ways And that we may walk in His paths."

For from Zion will go forth the law, Even the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And He will judge between many peoples And render decisions for mighty, distant nations. ...

NT ECHOES

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Cf. Psa 104.8; Jer 31.38; Amo 9.11; Mic 4.1.

Cf. Psa 22.27; 86.9; Isa 11.10; 60.3; Zec 14.16-19.

Cf. Psa 96.13; 110.6. The amillennial claim that, "God's promises to Israel were conditional and have been transferred to the church because the nation did not meet the condition of obedience to God," (Zuck, p. 231) fails on two counts: (1) the promises are as much to Messiah as to Israel; (2) God foresaw Israel's disobedience and promised to bring about her repentance.

Cf. Testament of Levi 18.2: And then the Lord will raise up a new priest to whom all the words of the Lord will be revealed. He shall effect the judgment of truth over the earth for many days.

PROPHECY

Proud Humbled, Only The LORD Exalted In The Day Of The LORD

Isa 2.11-17 The proud look of man will be abased And the loftiness of man will be humbled, And the LORD alone will be exalted in that day. For [YHVH of armies] will have a day of reckoning Against everyone who is proud and lofty And against everyone who is lifted up, That he may be abased. ... The pride of man will be humbled And the loftiness of men will be abased; And the LORD alone will be exalted in that day ... the idols will completely vanish.

Men Hide In Caves And Holes

Isa 2.19-21 Men will go into caves of the rocks And into holes of the ground Before the terror of the LORD And the splendor of His majesty, When He arises to make the earth tremble. In that day men will cast away to the moles and the bats Their idols of silver and their idols of gold, Which they made for themselves to worship, In order to go into the caverns of the rocks and the clefts of the cliffs Before the terror of the LORD and the splendor of His majesty, When He arises to make the earth tremble.

OT ECHOES

Zec 14.9 ... in that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one.

Isa 13.9-11 Behold, the day of the LORD is coming ... I will also put an end to the arrogance of the proud And abase the haughtiness of the ruthless.

NT ECHOES

Rev 6.15-17 Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

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Cf. Dan 4.37.

Cf. Hos 10.8.

PROPHECY

Jerusalem In Extremity In The Day Of The LORD

Isa 3.1 to 4.1 For behold, the Lord God of hosts is going to remove from Jerusalem and Judah Both supply and support, the whole supply of bread And the whole supply of water ... The Lord arises to contend, And stands to judge the people. The Lord enters into judgment with the elders and princes of His people, ... Your men will fall by the sword And your mighty ones in battle. And her gates will lament and mourn, And deserted she will sit on the ground.

Branch Glorious And Survivors Holy In The Day Of The LORD

Isa 4.2-3 In that day the Branch of the Lord will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth will be the pride and the adornment of the survivors of Israel. It will come about that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy—everyone who is recorded for life in Jerusalem.

OT ECHOES

Zec 14.2 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to the battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.

Jer 33.14-16 'Behold, days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will fulfill the good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 'In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth; and He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth. 'In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell in safety; and this is the name by which she will be called: the Lord is our righteousness.'

NT ECHOES

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Cf. Joe 2.9; Also cf. Luk 21.20 that speaks of the Roman destruction as a foreshadowing of the siege that will immediately precede Christ's coming.

Day Of The LORD prophecies sometimes point to a preliminary fulfillment which foreshadows the ultimate Day of the LORD in the eschaton. Every "Day Of The LORD" is an epoch in which the LORD's holy righteousness is vindicated and He receives the glory that is His due. Every passage about a/the Day Of The LORD has application for both the original audience and today's reader.

Cf. Isa 11.1; 53.2; Jer 23.5;

PROPHECY

Jerusalem/Zion Purged By Judgment And Burning In The Day Of The LORD

Isa 4.4 When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and purged the bloodshed of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and the spirit of burning, ...

Fiery Cloud Canopy Over Zion

Isa 4.5 then the Lord will create over the whole area of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, even smoke, and the brightness of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory will be a canopy.

Darkness And Distress Over The Land

Isa 5.30 And it will growl over it in that day like the roaring of the sea. If one looks to the land, behold, there is darkness and distress; Even the light is darkened by its clouds.

OT ECHOES

Zec 13.8-9 "It will come about in all the land," Declares the Lord, "That two parts in it will be cut off and perish; But the third will be left in it. "And I will bring the third part through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, 'They are My people,' And they will say, 'The Lord is my God.' "

NT ECHOES

Mat 3.11-12 "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. "His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

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Cf. Isa 1.25; Mal 3.3

Cf. Eze 43.1-5 regarding the return of the Shekinah to Jerusalem. This may be the "sign" that God will have placed among the nations who come to Jerusalem (Isa 66.18-19).

Cf. the passages about the darkening of the sun, moon and stars (Isa 13.10; Joe 2.10,31; 3.14-15; Rev 8.12).

PROPHECY

Clash Between Assyria And Egypt In The Day Of The LORD

Isa 7.18-19 In that day the Lord will whistle for the fly that is in the remotest part of the rivers of Egypt and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria. They will all come and settle on the steep ravines, on the ledges of the cliffs, on all the thorn bushes and on all the watering places.

King Of Assyria Will Be Used As A Razor In Day Of The LORD

Isa 7.20 In that day the Lord will shave with a razor, hired from regions beyond the Euphrates (that is, with the king of Assyria), the head and the hair of the legs; and it will also remove the beard.

OT ECHOES

Dan 11.25-27 “He will stir up his strength and courage against the king of the South with a large army; so the king of the South will mobilize an extremely large and mighty army for war; but he will not stand, for schemes will be devised against him. “Those who eat his choice food will destroy him, and his army will overflow, but many will fall down slain. “As for both kings, their hearts will be intent on evil, and they will speak lies to each other at the same table; but it will not succeed, for the end is still to come at the appointed time.

NT ECHOES

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The three-way relationship between Israel, Assyria and Egypt constitutes an important theme in apocalyptic prophecy.

Cf. Zec 10.11.

This is the first reference to the Antichrist as “the king of Assyria.”

PROPHECY

Remnant In The Land Eat Curds And Honey In Day Of The Lord

Isa 7.21-22 Now in that day a man may keep alive a heifer and a pair of sheep; and because of the abundance of the milk produced he will eat curds, for everyone that is left within the land will eat curds and honey.

The Land Desolated In The Day Of The LORD

Isa 7.23 And it will come about in that day, that every place where there used to be a thousand vines, valued at a thousand shekels of silver, will become briars and thorns.

Isa 13.9 Behold, the day of the Lord is coming, Cruel, with fury and burning anger, To make the land a desolation; And He will exterminate its sinners from it.

OT ECHOES

Joe 2.3 A fire consumes before them And behind them a flame burns. The land is like the garden of Eden before them But a desolate wilderness behind them, And nothing at all escapes them.

NT ECHOES

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Cf. Isa 17.9; Luk 21.23; Rev 8.7; 11.18.

PROPHECY

Gloom Over Northern Israel Ends With Appearance Of The Great Light

Isa 9:1-5 But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles. The people who walk in darkness Will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them. You shall multiply the nation, ... They will be glad in Your presence As with the gladness of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For You shall break the yoke of their burden and the staff on their shoulders, The rod of their oppressor, as at the battle of Midian. For every boot of the booted warrior in the battle tumult, And cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire.

OT ECHOES

Mal 4.1-3 For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze," says the Lord of hosts, "so that it will leave them neither root nor branch." "But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall. "You will tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing," says the Lord of hosts.

Zec 14.6-7 In that day there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle. For it will be a unique day which is known to the Lord, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light.

NT ECHOES

Mat 4.12-16 Now when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— "The people who were sitting in darkness saw a great Light, And those who were sitting in the land and shadow of death, Upon them a Light dawned."

Mat 24.27 "For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

NOTES

Matthew confirmed that Isaiah's Galilee prophecy had a preliminary fulfillment in the first coming of Christ. The details of the prophecy, however, have yet to be fulfilled at the *parousia*.

PROPHECY

Child Born Who Will Have Unending Rule On Throne Of David

Isa 9.6-7 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.

OT ECHOES

Isa 11.1-5 Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, ... with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; ... Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, And faithfulness the belt about His waist.

Jer 23.5 "Behold, the days are coming, ... When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land.

Eze 37.24-25 "My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances ... and observe them. "They will live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons and their sons' sons, forever; and David My servant will be their prince forever.

NT ECHOES

Luk 1.31-33 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

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Cf. Psa 45.6-7 which speaks of the divine King Messiah.

PROPHECY

Having Completed His Work With Zion, God He Will Punish The Arrogant King Of Assyria.

Isa 10.12-19 So it will be that when the Lord has completed all His work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, He will say, "I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria and the pomp of his haughtiness." ... Therefore the Lord, the God of hosts, will send a wasting disease among his stout warriors; And under his glory a fire will be kindled like a burning flame. And the light of Israel will become a fire and his Holy One a flame, And it will burn and devour his thorns and his briars in a single day.

OT ECHOES

Isa 30.27-31 Behold, the name of the LORD comes from a remote place; Burning is His anger and dense is His smoke; His lips are filled with indignation And His tongue is like a consuming fire; His breath is like an overflowing torrent, Which reaches to the neck, To shake the nations back and forth in a sieve, And to put in the jaws of the peoples the bridle which leads to ruin. And the Lord will cause His voice of authority to be heard, And the descending of His arm to be seen in fierce anger, And in the flame of a consuming fire In cloudburst, downpour and hailstones. For at the voice of the Lord Assyria will be terrified, When He strikes with the rod.

Isa 66.15-18 For behold, the Lord will come in fire And His chariots like the whirlwind, To render His anger with fury, And His rebuke with flames of fire. For the Lord will execute judgment by fire And by His sword on all flesh, And those slain by the Lord will be many.

NT ECHOES

Heb 12.26-29 And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven." This expression, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.

NOTES

Cf. Jer 50.18. This was fulfilled in a preliminary way in Isaiah's time (2Ki 19). However, the prophecy looks forward to a **single day** (Isa 10.17) when the power of the Assyrian will be completely ended.

PROPHECY

Remnant Of Israel Will Return To God In The Day Of The LORD

Isa 10.20-22 Now in that day the remnant of Israel, and those of the house of Jacob who have escaped, will never again rely on the one who struck them, but will truly rely on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel. A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God. For though your people, O Israel, may be like the sand of the sea, Only a remnant within them will return; A destruction is determined, overflowing with righteousness.

OT ECHOES

Jer 50.20 'In those days and at that time,' declares the Lord, 'search will be made for the iniquity of Israel, but there will be none; and for the sins of Judah, but they will not be found; for I will pardon those whom I leave as a remnant.'

Eze 6.8-9 "However, I will leave a remnant, for you will have those who escaped the sword among the nations when you are scattered among the countries." Then those of you who escape will remember Me among the nations to which they will be carried captive ...

Mic 4.6-7 "In that day," declares the Lord, "I will assemble the lame And gather the outcasts, Even those whom I have afflicted. "I will make the lame a remnant And the outcasts a strong nation ...

Zec 13.1-2 In that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity. "It will come about in that day," declares the Lord of hosts, "that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they will no longer be remembered....

NT ECHOES

Rom 9.27-29 Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "Though the number of the sons of Israel be like the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that will be saved; for the Lord will execute His word on the earth, thoroughly and quickly." And just as Isaiah foretold, "Unless the Lord of Sabaoth had left to us a posterity, We would have become like Sodom, and would have resembled Gomorrah."

Rom 11.1-5 I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? "Lord, they have killed Your prophets, they have torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they are seeking my life." But what is the divine response to him? "I have kept for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God's gracious choice.

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Cf. Isa 1.9; 4.3; 11.11,16; 17.7-8; Jer 23.3; Zep 3.13. The national revivals under Ezra and Nehemiah (Hag 1.12), and on the day of Pentecost, foreshadowed the spiritual rebirth of the Israelite remnant after Armageddon.

PROPHECY

Spirit Of YHVH Will Anoint Messiah With Wisdom To Rule

Isa 11.1-4a Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And He will delight in the fear of the Lord, And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear; But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth;

Messiah Will Execute Righteousness With The Rod Of His Mouth

Isa 11.4b-5 And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked [one]. Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, And faithfulness the belt about His waist.

OT ECHOES

Isa 32.1 Behold, a king will reign righteously And princes will rule justly.

Psa 45.6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

Psa 2.9 'You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.' "

NT ECHOES

Mat 12.42 "The Queen of the South will rise up with this generation at the judgment and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

2Th 2.8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;

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PROPHECY

World Will Return To Edenic State, And Nations Will Resort To Messiah

Isa 11.6-10 And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them. Also the cow and the bear will graze, Their young will lie down together, And the lion will eat straw like the ox. The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea. Then in that day The nations will resort to the root of Jesse, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples; And His resting place will be glorious.

OT ECHOES

Isa 65.25 "The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent's food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain," says the Lord.

Eze 34.25 "I will make a covenant of peace with them and eliminate harmful beasts from the land so that they may live securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.

Hos 2.18 "In that day I will also make a covenant for them With the beasts of the field, The birds of the sky And the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword and war from the land, And will make them lie down in safety.

Hab 2.14 "For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, As the waters cover the sea.

NT ECHOES

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The prophecy of Isaiah 11.1-10 stretches from the incarnation of Messiah, as a shoot of Jesse, to His destruction of Antichrist ("the wicked one," v. 4) and glorious reign in the Day of the LORD.

Note that Isaiah's prophecy that "dust will be the serpent's food," not only signifies that serpents will no longer prey upon other animals, but also alludes to Gen 3.14 (p. 1) and the eternal humiliation of Satan.

PROPHECY

The Lord Will Recover The Dispersed Remnant Of Israel; Their Regional Sovereignty Restored

Isa 11.11-14 Then it will happen on that day that the Lord Will again recover the second time with His hand The remnant of His people, who will remain, From Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, And from the islands of the sea And He will lift up a standard for the nations And assemble the banished ones of Israel, And will gather the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth. Then the jealousy of Ephraim will depart, And those who harass Judah will be cut off; Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah, And Judah will not harass Ephraim. They will swoop down on the slopes of the Philistines on the west; Together they will plunder the sons of the east; They will possess Edom and Moab, And the sons of Ammon will be subject to them.

OT ECHOES

Isa 27.12-13 In that day the Lord will start His threshing from the flowing stream of the Euphrates to the brook of Egypt, and you will be gathered up one by one, O sons of Israel. It will come about also in that day that a great trumpet will be blown, and those who were perishing in the land of Assyria and who were scattered in the land of Egypt will come and worship the Lord in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

Mic 7.12 It will be a day when they will come to you From Assyria and the cities of Egypt, From Egypt even to the Euphrates, Even from sea to sea and mountain to mountain.

Zec 10.10 "I will bring them back from the land of Egypt And gather them from Assyria; And I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon Until no room can be found for them.

Oba 1.19 Then those of the Negev will possess the mountain of Esau, And those of the Shephelah the Philistine plain; Also, possess the territory of Ephraim and the territory of Samaria, And Benjamin will possess Gilead.

NT ECHOES

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See also, Eze 37.21: 'Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land" Cf. Mic 2.12.

See also Num 24.18 regarding Edom as a possession.

PROPHECY

The Lord Will Recover The Dispersed Remnant Of Israel; Their Regional Sovereignty Restored

Isa 11.15-16 And the LORD will utterly destroy The tongue of the Sea of Egypt; And He will wave His hand over the River With His scorching wind; And He will strike it into seven streams And make men walk over dry-shod. And there will be a highway from Assyria For the remnant of His people who will be left, Just as there was for Israel In the day that they came up out of the land of Egypt.

OT ECHOES

Isa 19.5-8 The waters from the sea will dry up, And the river will be parched and dry. The canals will emit a stench, The streams of Egypt will thin out and dry up; The reeds and rushes will rot away. The bulrushes by the Nile, by the edge of the Nile And all the sown fields by the Nile Will become dry, be driven away, and be no more. And the fishermen will lament, And all those who cast a line into the Nile will mourn, And those who spread nets on the waters will pine away.

Isa 19.23 In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrians will come into Egypt and the Egyptians into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.

Zec 10.11 “And they will pass through the sea of distress And He will strike the waves in the sea, So that all the depths of the Nile will dry up; And the pride of Assyria will be brought down And the scepter of Egypt will depart.

NT ECHOES

Rev 16.12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east.

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The sixth bowl of wrath provides and echo to Isaiah and Zechariah’s prophecies of the Nile drying up, only in that it involves the like drying up of the “competing” Assyrian river, the Euphrates.

PROPHECY

The Day Of The LORD: Sun, Moon And Stars Darkened

Isa 13.10 For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not flash forth their light; The sun will be dark when it rises And the moon will not shed its light.

OT ECHOES

Joe 2.10,31; 3.14-15 Before them the earth quakes, The heavens tremble, The sun and the moon grow dark And the stars lose their brightness. ... "The sun will be turned into darkness And the moon into blood Before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ... Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. The sun and moon grow dark And the stars lose their brightness.

Zec 14.6-7 In that day there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle. For it will be a unique day which is known to the Lord, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light.

NT ECHOES

Rev 8.12 The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way.

NOTES

Joe 2.31 tells us that the sign of the darkening of the sun, moon and stars, like the Armageddon invasion, is the harbinger of the Day of the LORD, and occurs immediately *before* the Day dawns with the coming of the "Sun of Righteousness" (Mal 4.2; cf. Mat 24.29-30). However, the line of demarcation between harbingers and commencement of the day proper tend to blur in the relevant prophecies.

The oft repeated sign of the darkening of the sun, moon and stars, reminds rebellious humanity of God's sovereignty over His creation (Gen 1.14-18), rebukes those who would worship celestial bodies (Deu 4.19), and also serves as a sign of the ultimate humbling of Israel (represented by the sun, moon and stars in Joseph's dream, Gen 37.9-10).

PROPHECY

YHVH Will Punish Leviathan, The Twisted Serpent, The Dragon Who Lives In The Sea

Isa 27.1-6 In that day the LORD will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, With His fierce and great and mighty sword, Even Leviathan the twisted serpent; And He will kill the dragon who lives in the sea.

In that day, "A vineyard of wine, sing of it!" I, the LORD, am its keeper; I water it every moment. So that no one will damage it, I guard it night and day.... In the days to come Jacob will take root, Israel will blossom and sprout, And they will fill the whole world with fruit.

OT ECHOES

Job 26.13 "By His breath the heavens are cleared; His hand has pierced the fleeing serpent."

Isa 44.3-4 'For I will pour out water on the thirsty land And streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring And My blessing on your descendants; And they will spring up among the grass Like poplars by streams of water.'

Hos 14.5-7 I will be like the dew to Israel; He will blossom like the lily, And he will take root like the cedars of Lebanon. His shoots will sprout, And his beauty will be like the olive tree And his fragrance like the cedars of Lebanon. Those who live in his shadow Will again raise grain, And they will blossom like the vine....

NT ECHOES

Rev 20.2,10 And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years ... And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

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PROPHECY

The LORD Comes Down To Wage War.

Isa 31.4-9 For thus says the LORD to me, "As the lion or the young lion growls over his prey, Against which a band of shepherds is called out, And he will not be terrified at their voice nor disturbed at their noise, So will [YHVH of armies] come down to wage war on Mount Zion and on its hill." Like flying birds so [YHVH of armies] will protect Jerusalem. He will protect and deliver it; He will pass over and rescue it. Return to Him from whom you have deeply defected, O sons of Israel.

For in that day every man will cast away his silver idols and his gold idols, which your sinful hands have made for you as a sin. And the Assyrian will fall by a sword not of man, And a sword not of man will devour him. So he will not escape the sword, And his young men will become forced laborers. "His rock will pass away because of panic, And his princes will be terrified at the standard," Declares the LORD, whose fire is in Zion and whose furnace is in Jerusalem.

OT ECHOES

Zec 14.3-4 Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east ...

Isa 42.13 The LORD will go forth like a warrior, He will arouse His zeal like a man of war. He will utter a shout, yes, He will raise a war cry. He will prevail against His enemies.

Zec 12.8 "In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem ...

Isa 2.19-21 Men will go into caves of the rocks And into holes of the ground Before the terror of the LORD And the splendor of His majesty, When He arises to make the earth tremble. In that day men will cast away to the moles and the bats Their idols of silver and their idols of gold, Which they made for themselves to worship, In order to go into the caverns of the rocks and the clefts of the cliffs Before the terror of the LORD and the splendor of His majesty, When He arises to make the earth tremble.

NT ECHOES

Rev 6.15-17 Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

NOTES

The great tribulation is about Israel, and so is called the "time of Jacob's distress" by Jeremiah. The battle of Armageddon is the battle that culminates in the siege of Jerusalem. God's gathering of the nations for judgment is a gathering to the valleys surrounding Mt. Zion. Thus, Isaiah declares Jerusalem the locale of the LORD's furnace of judgment for the wicked and purification for the remnant, and Ezekiel explains why Israel must endure it (Eze 22.18-22): "the house of Israel has become dross to Me; all of them are bronze and tin and iron and lead in the furnace; they are the dross of silver. Therefore, thus says the Lord [YHVH], '... I am going to gather you into the midst of Jerusalem. As they gather silver and bronze and iron and lead and tin into the furnace ... to melt it, so I will gather you in My anger and in My wrath and I will ... melt you. 'I will gather you and blow on you with the fire of My wrath, and you will be melted in the midst of it. 'As silver is melted in the furnace, so you will be melted ...; and you will know that I, the LORD, have poured out My wrath on you.' "

PROPHECY

Reign Of The Righteous King And His Princes

Isa 32.1-5 Behold, a king will reign righteously And princes will rule justly. Each will be like a refuge from the wind And a shelter from the storm, Like streams of water in a dry country, Like the shade of a huge rock in a parched land. Then the eyes of those who see will not be blinded, And the ears of those who hear will listen. The mind of the hasty will discern the truth, And the tongue of the stammerers will hasten to speak clearly. No longer will the fool be called noble, Or the rogue be spoken of as generous.

OT ECHOES

Jer 23.5-6 “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord, “When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land.

“In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, ‘The Lord our righteousness.’

Isa 11.5 Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, And faithfulness the belt about His waist.

Isa 4.6 There will be a shelter to give shade from the heat by day, and refuge and protection from the storm and the rain.

Isa 29.18 On that day the deaf will hear words of a book, And out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see.

Isa 35.5-7 Then the eyes of the blind will be opened And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. Then the lame will leap like a deer, And the tongue of the mute will shout for joy. For waters will break forth in the wilderness And streams in the Arabah. The scorched land will become a pool And the thirsty ground springs of water...

NT ECHOES

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PROPHECY

New Heavens And New Earth

Isa 65.17-20 “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.

“But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem for rejoicing And her people for gladness. “I will also rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people; And there will no longer be heard in her The voice of weeping and the sound of crying. “No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, Or an old man who does not live out his days; For the youth will die at the age of one hundred And the [sinning] one who does not reach the age of one hundred Will be thought accursed.

OT ECHOES

Isa 35.10 And the ransomed of the LORD will return And come with joyful shouting to Zion, With everlasting joy upon their heads. They will find gladness and joy, And sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Isa 51.3 Indeed, the Lord [will] comfort Zion; He [will] comfort all her waste places. And her wilderness He will make like Eden, And her desert like the garden of the Lord; Joy and gladness will be found in her, Thanksgiving and sound of a melody.

Jer 32.41 “I will rejoice over them to do them good and will faithfully plant them in this land with all My heart and with all My soul.

Zep 3.16-17 In that day it will be said to Jerusalem: “Do not be afraid, O Zion; Do not let your hands fall limp. “The Lord your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.

NT ECHOES

2Pe 3.13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

Rev 21.1-4 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer [the] sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”

NOTES

This promise in Isaiah, the first promise of a new heavens and earth, immediately steps back with the idiomatic **כִּי־אָסֵא**, (*but*) *rather*, in order to deflect the reader’s attention to the anticipatory state of *the old earth* during Messiah’s millennial reign. We know that Isa 65.20-25 does not describe circumstances in the new earth because the in the new earth there will be no more death (Rev 21.4).

PROPHECY

Blessings Of The Millennial Reign Foreshadowing The New Heavens And New Earth

Isa 65.21-22a “They will build houses and inhabit them; They will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit. “They will not build and another inhabit, They will not plant and another eat; ...

OT ECHOES

Amo 9.14-15 “Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, And they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them; They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, And make gardens and eat their fruit. “I will also plant them on their land, And they will not again be rooted out from their land Which I have given them,” Says the Lord your God.

Eze 28.25-26 ‘Thus says the Lord God, “When I gather the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and will manifest My holiness in them in the sight of the nations, then they will live in their land which I gave to My servant Jacob. “They will live in it securely; and they will build houses, plant vineyards and live securely when I execute judgments upon all who scorn them round about them. Then they will know that I am the Lord their God.” ’ ”

Isa 62.8 The Lord has sworn by His right hand and by His strong arm, “I will never again give your grain as food for your enemies; Nor will foreigners drink your new wine for which you have labored.”

NT ECHOES

NOTES

What Isaiah describes under the introductory announcement of the new heavens and new earth, Amos describes explicitly as phenomena during the day of the LORD.

Cf. Jer 31.5

PROPHECY

Blessings Of The Millennial Reign Foreshadowing The New Heavens And New Earth

Isa 65.22b-25 ... For as the life-time of a tree, so will be the days of My people, And My chosen ones will wear out the work of their hands. "They will not labor in vain, Or bear children for calamity; For they are the offspring of those blessed by the Lord, And their descendants with them. "It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear. "The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent's food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain," says the Lord.

OT ECHOES

Isa 61.9 Then their offspring will be known among the nations, And their descendants in the midst of the peoples. All who see them will recognize them Because they are the offspring whom the Lord has blessed.

Isa 30.19 O people in Zion, inhabitant in Jerusalem, you will weep no longer. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you.

Zec 13.9 "... They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, 'They are My people,' And they will say, 'The Lord is my God.'"

Isa 11.6-10 And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them. Also the cow and the bear will graze, Their young will lie down together, And the lion will eat straw like the ox. The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain ...

NT ECHOES

NOTES

What Isaiah describes under the introductory announcement of the new heavens and new earth, Isaiah and others describe as phenomena during the day of the LORD.

PROPHECY

The Lord Comes In Fiery Judgment

Isa 66.15-18 For behold, the LORD will come in fire And His chariots like the whirlwind, To render His anger with fury, And His rebuke with flames of fire. For the LORD will execute judgment by fire And by His sword on all flesh, And those slain by the LORD will be many. "Those who sanctify and purify themselves to go to the gardens, Following one in the center, Who eat swine's flesh, detestable things and mice, Will come to an end altogether," declares the LORD. "For I know their works and their thoughts; the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and see My glory.

OT ECHOES

Psa 97.1-3 The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; ... Fire goes before Him And burns up His adversaries round about.

Isa 9.4-5 For You shall break the ... rod of their oppressor, as at the battle of Midian. For every boot of the booted warrior in the battle tumult, And cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire.

Isa 10.17 And the light of Israel will become a fire and his Holy One a flame, And it will burn and devour his thorns and his briars in a single day.

Isa 30.27-31 Behold, the name of the LORD comes from a remote place; Burning is His anger and dense is His smoke; His lips are filled with indignation And His tongue is like a consuming fire; His breath is like an overflowing torrent, Which reaches to the neck, To shake the nations back and forth in a sieve And the Lord will cause His voice of authority to be heard, And the descending of His arm to be seen in fierce anger, And in the flame of a consuming fire In cloudburst, downpour and hailstones. For at the voice of the Lord Assyria will be terrified, When He strikes with the rod.

NT ECHOES

Heb 12.26-29 And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven." This expression, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.

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PROPHECY

Israel Will Endure

Isa 66.19-24 "I will set a sign among them and will send survivors from them to the nations: Tarshish, Put, Lud, Meshech, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have neither heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they will declare My glory among the nations. "Then they shall bring all your brethren from all the nations as a grain offering to the LORD, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem, ... just as the sons of Israel bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. "I will also take some of them for priests and for Levites, ... For just as the new heavens and the new earth Which I make will endure before Me," declares the LORD, "So your offspring and your name will endure. "And it shall be from new moon to new moon And from sabbath to sabbath, All mankind will come to bow down before Me," says the LORD. "Then they will go forth and look On the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm will not die And their fire will not be quenched; And they will be an abhorrence to all mankind."

OT ECHOES

Isa 11.10 Then in that day The nations will resort to the root of Jesse, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples; And His resting place will be glorious.

Mal 1.11 "For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense is going to be offered to My name, and a grain offering that is pure; for My name will be great among the nations," says [YHVH of armies].

Isa 43.5-6 "... I will bring your offspring from the east, And gather you from the west. "I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring My sons from afar And My daughters from the ends of the earth

Eze 34..11-13 "Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. ... "I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own land;....

Isa 65.17 "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.

NT ECHOES

"And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.

2Pe 3.13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

Rev 21.1-4 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer [the] sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

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PROPHECY

Gog and Magog Invasion

Eze 38.1-8 “Son of man, set your face toward Gog of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him and say, ‘Thus says the Lord [YHVH], “Behold, I am against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal. I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them splendidly attired, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them wielding swords; **Persia, Ethiopia and Put** with them, all of them with shield and helmet; Gomer with all its troops; Beth-togarmah from the remote parts of the north with all its troops—many peoples with you. ... After many days you will be summoned; **in the latter years** you will come into the land that is restored from the sword [ESV *from war*], whose inhabitants have been gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel which had been a continual waste; but its people were brought out from the nations, and they are living securely, all of them.

OT ECHOES

Isa 66.19 “I will set a sign among them and will send survivors from them to the nations: Tarshish, Put, Lud, Meshech, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have neither heard My fame nor seen My glory. **And they will declare My glory among the nations.”**

NT ECHOES

Rev 20.7-10 When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. **And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone,** where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

NOTES

Ezekiel 38-39 predicts an invasion of **Israel whose land has been restored from the sword, and had been a continual waste** (Eze 38.8). This is an allusion to *the preceding invasion* of the holy land, namely that of Armageddon, after which God’s glory will be declared to Meshech and Tubal (Isa 66.19).

Ezekiel’s prophecy appropriately includes *both* this allusion to the battle of Armageddon (Rev 19) *and* a full description of the final Gog invasion (Rev 20) because these two invasions form the bookends of the one, thousand-year-long, Day of the LORD. The millennial Yom YHVH begins with one invasion and ends with the other, and in spirit they are the same. Both the invasion of Antichrist and the later invasion of Gog are blatant attempts to confront the visible Messiah of God and throw off His rule (Psalm 2). Both invasions will end with Messiah’s vindication as the true heir of the nations (Psalm 2.18), and fulfill the core message of Ezekiel’s chiiasm: “Then they will know that I AM YHVH,” (Eze 38.23).

PROPHECY

Gog and Magog Invasion (cont.)

Eze 38.9-13 “You will go up, you will come like a storm; you will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your troops, and many peoples with you.” ‘Thus says the Lord God, “It will come about **on that day**, that thoughts will come into your mind and you will devise an evil plan and you will say, ‘I will go up against the land of **unwalled villages**. I will go against those who are at rest, that live securely, all of them living without walls and having no bars or gates, to capture spoil and to seize plunder, to turn your hand against the **waste places which are now inhabited**, and against the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, **who live at the center of the world.**” “Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish with all its villages will say to you, ‘Have you come to capture spoil? Have you assembled your company to seize plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to capture great spoil?’”

OT ECHOES

Eze 5.5 “Thus says the Lord God, ‘This is Jerusalem; I have set her at the center of the nations, with lands around her.

Isa 10.5-6 Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger And the staff in whose hands is My indignation, I send it against a godless nation And commission it against the people of My fury To capture booty and to seize plunder, And to trample them down like mud in the streets.

NT ECHOES

Note: The Gog invasion of Israel, who will be dwelling securely at the end of the millennium, will echo the earlier invasion of Antichrist (the Assyrian of Isa 10) and his hordes.

NOTES

The belief that the invasions of Eze 38-39 and of Rev 20 are two different events arises from failure to note the chiastic structure of the Ezekiel prophecy. The confusion has arisen from reading Eze 38-39 as though it presents a linear chronology, straight through both chapters. Instead, the chiasm is as follows:

- A. Bring Gog and Magog with hooks (38.1-6)
- B. Against the mountains of Israel (38.7-13)
- C. So the nations may know YHVH (38.14-16) with fiery wrath on the Day (38.17-23)
- C. So the nations may know YHVH with fiery wrath on the Day (39.1-8)
- B. Cleansing of the mountains of Israel (39.9-20)
- A. Bring back Israel (39.21-29)

The chronology of Ezekiel 38-39 *is* linear until it begins to curve around at the beginning of ch. 39, finally returning to the promise of Israel’s return to the land, which return necessarily **precedes** their living peacefully in the land in ch. 38.

PROPHECY

Gog and Magog Invasion (cont.)

Eze 38.14-22 'Thus says the Lord God, "On that day when My people Israel are living securely, will you not know it? You will come from your place out of the remote parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great assembly and a mighty army; and you will come up against My people Israel like a cloud to cover the land. It shall come about in the last days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me when I am sanctified through you before their eyes, O Gog."... "It will come about on that day, when Gog comes against the land of Israel," declares the Lord God, "that My fury will mount up in My anger. "In My zeal and in My blazing wrath I declare that on that day there will surely be a great earthquake in the land of Israel. ...the face of the earth will shake at My presence; the mountains also will be thrown down, the steep pathways will collapse and every wall will fall to the ground. I will rain on him and on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, a torrential rain, with hailstones, fire and brimstone.

OT ECHOES

Jer 23.6 "In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, 'The Lord our righteousness.'

Zec 2.5 'For I,' declares the Lord, 'will be a wall of fire around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.' "

NT ECHOES

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NOTES

The Day of the LORD, which is roughly equivalent to the thousand year (millennial) reign of Christ on earth, is bookended by judgments from heaven upon God's enemies. First, Antichrist and his armies is destroyed at the parousia at the beginning of the Day of the LORD. Then, at the end of the Day of the LORD, as the many references to "that day" in Eze 38-39 confirm, fiery judgment falls upon the Gog and Magog armies.

That the Gog and Magog judgment of Eze falls within the temporal boundaries of the Day of the LORD, provides further confirmation that the Gog and Magog invasions of Eze and Rev are one and the same.

PROPHECY

Gog And Magog Invasion (cont.)

Eze 39.1-13 'Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal; I will ... take you up from the remotest parts of the north and bring you against the mountains of Israel. ... "You will fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you as food to every kind of predatory bird and beast of the field. ... I will send fire upon Magog and those who inhabit the coastlands in safety; and they will know that I am the Lord. "My holy name I will make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let My holy name be profaned anymore. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel. ... "That is the day of which I have spoken. "Then those who inhabit the cities of Israel will go out and make fires with the weapons and burn them, both shields and bucklers, bows and arrows, war clubs and spears, and for seven years they will make fires of them. ... "For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them in order to cleanse the land...."

OT ECHOES

Isa 14.24-25 The Lord of hosts has sworn saying, "Surely, just as I have intended so it has happened, and just as I have planned so it will stand, to break Assyria in My land, and I will trample him on My mountains. Then his yoke will be removed from them and his burden removed from their shoulder.

Eze 32.26,30 "Meshech, Tubal and all their hordes are there [in the pit]; their graves surround them. All of them were slain by the sword uncircumcised, though they instilled their terror in the land of the living. ... "There also are the chiefs of the north, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who in spite of the terror resulting from their might, in shame went down with the slain. So they lay down uncircumcised with those slain by the sword and bore their disgrace with those who go down to the pit.

Isa 9.5 For every boot of the booted warrior in the battle tumult, And cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire.

NT ECHOES

Rev 19.17-18 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great."

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PROPHECY

Gog And Magog Invasion (cont.): Scavengers At The Sacrifice

Eze 39.17-20 "As for you, son of man, thus says the Lord [YHVH], 'Speak to every kind of bird and to every beast of the field, "Assemble and come, gather from every side to which I am going to sacrifice for you, as a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh and drink blood. You will eat the flesh of mighty men and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, as though they were rams, lambs, goats and bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan. So you will eat fat until you are gluttoned, and drink blood until you are drunk, from My sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. You will be gluttoned at My table with horses and charioteers, with mighty men and all the men of war," declares the Lord [YHVH].

OT ECHOES

Zep 1.7-8 Be silent before [my Lord YHVH]! For the day of the LORD is near, For the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, He has consecrated His guests. Then it will come about on the day of the LORD's sacrifice, That I will punish the princes, the king's sons, And all who clothe themselves with foreign garments.

NT ECHOES

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The sacrifice prepared by the Lord in Zep 1, and the great supper of God announced in Rev 19 related to the *parousia* and the judgments upon Armageddon invaders. These earlier "sacrifices" foreshadow the final great sacrifice of the wicked "on the mountains of Israel" that will conclude the Gog and Magog invasion at the end of the thousand years.

PROPHECY

The Final Prophetic Kingdoms

Dan 2.40-45 "... there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron; ... it will crush and break all these [preceding kingdoms] in pieces. "In that you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it will be a divided kingdom; but it will have in it the toughness of iron, inasmuch as you saw the iron mixed with common clay. "As the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of pottery, so some of the kingdom will be strong and part of it will be brittle. "And in that you saw the iron mixed with common clay, they will combine with one another in the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, even as iron does not combine with pottery. "In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever. "... you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, ... God has made known ... what will take place in the future

OT ECHOES

Dan 7.7,23 "After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. ...

'The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it.

Isa 9.7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.

Isa 28.16 ... thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, A costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed.

NT ECHOES

Rev 13.1-2,7 Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority. ... It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.

Luk 1.32-33 "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

Heb 1.8 But of the Son He says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, And the righteous scepter is the scepter of His kingdom.

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PROPHECY

The First Three Prophetic Beasts

Dan 7.2-6 Daniel said, "I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. "And four great beasts were coming up from the sea, different from one another. "The first was like a lion and had the wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; a human mind also was given to it. "And behold, another beast, a second one, resembling a bear. And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth; and thus they said to it, 'Arise, devour much meat!' "After this I kept looking, and behold, another one, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

OT ECHOES

Jer 4.7 "A lion has gone up from his thicket, And a destroyer of nations has set out; He has gone out from his place To make your land a waste. Your cities will be ruins Without inhabitant.

Dan 2.38-39 ... You are the head of gold. "After you there will arise another kingdom inferior to you, then another third kingdom of bronze, which will rule over all the earth.

NT ECHOES

Mat 24.31 "And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

Rev 13.1-2 And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.

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Cf. "four corners of the earth," Isa 11.12, and "four winds of the earth," Rev 7.1.

The lion of Jer 4 points to Nebuchadnezzar, but the reference to "that day," Jer 4.9, helps us understand that the Babylonian invasions of 606-586 BC foreshadowed the Armageddon invasion that will usher in the day of the LORD.

PROPHECY

The Fourth Prophetic Beast

Dan 7.7-8,11-12 "After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. "While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth uttering great boasts.

... "Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words which the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire. "As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time.

OT ECHOES

Dan 8.9-11 Out of one of them came forth a rather small horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land. It grew up to the host of heaven and caused some of the host and some of the stars to fall to the earth, and it trampled them down. It even magnified itself to be equal with the Commander of the host ...

Dan 11.36 the king [of the north] will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done.

NT ECHOES

Rev 13.1-2 Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.

Rev 19.20 And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

2Th 2.4 ... who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

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PROPHECY

The Great Beasts Are Four Kings

Dan 7.17-22 'These great beasts, which are four in number, are four kings who will arise from the earth. 'But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.'

"Then I desired to know the exact meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, and which devoured, crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet, and the meaning of the ten horns that were on its head and the other horn which came up, and before which three of them fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great boasts and which was larger in appearance than its associates.

"I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom.

OT ECHOES

Dan 2.44 "In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

NT ECHOES

Rev 22.5 ... the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.

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Cf. Rev 11.7

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PROPHECY

The Fourth Prophetic Beast A Fourth Kingdom

Dan 7.23-27 ...'The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it. 'As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings. 'He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

'But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever. 'Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.'

OT ECHOES

Dan 11.36 "Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods ...

Dan 8.24 ... he will destroy to an extraordinary degree And prosper and perform his will; He will destroy mighty men and the holy people ...

Dan 12.7 I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, as he raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time; and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed.

NT ECHOES

Rev 17.12-13 "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. "These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast.

Rev 13.6-7 ... he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.

Rev 12.14 the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

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Cf. Rev 5.9-10 You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

PROPHECY

The Small/Little Horn Of Gre-cian Heritage

Dan 8.9-14 Out of one of them came forth a rather small horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land. It grew up to the host of heaven and caused some of the host and some of the stars to fall to the earth, and it trampled them down. It even magnified itself to be equal with the Commander of the host; and it removed the regular sacrifice from Him, and the place of His sanctuary was thrown down. And on account of transgression the host will be given over to the horn along with the regular sacrifice; and it will fling truth to the ground and perform its will and prosper.

Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that particular one who was speaking, "How long will the vision about the regular sacrifice apply, ... the transgression [that makes desolate], so as to allow both the holy place and the host to be trampled?" He said to me, "For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored."

OT ECHOES

Dan 7.8 "While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth uttering great boasts.

Dan 9.27 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

Dan 11.31 "Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation.

Dan 12.11-12 "From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. "How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days!

NT ECHOES

2Th 2.4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

2Th 2.9-10 the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

NOTES

Daniel is told that the vision of the small/little horn "pertains to the time of the end" (Dan 8.17,19).

The NASB should be consistent like the ESV by translating with "transgression that makes desolate," rather than "the transgression causes horror."

PROPHECY

The Apostasy Under The Insolent King

Dan 8.23-25 A king will arise, Insolent and skilled in intrigue. "His power will be mighty, but not by his own power, And he will destroy to an extraordinary degree And prosper and perform his will; He will destroy mighty men and the holy people. "And through his shrewdness He will cause deceit to succeed by his influence; And he will magnify himself in his heart, And he will destroy many while they are at ease. He will even oppose the Prince of princes, But he will be broken without human agency.

OT ECHOES

Dan 11.30-32 "... so he will come back and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant. Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation. "By smooth words he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant ..."

NT ECHOES

Mat 24.10-12 "At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold."

Rev 17.14 "These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful."

NOTES

This is the apostasy of 2Th 2.3 (note the definite article). This ultimate apostasy occurs through the corruption of the people by the Man of Lawlessness.

PROPHECY

The Seventy Weeks

Dan 9.24-27 “Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make [expiation] for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place. “So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. “Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. “And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

OT ECHOES

Dan 11.23,28,30-31 After an alliance is made with him he will practice deception ... his heart will be set against the holy covenant, ... he will be disheartened and will return and become enraged at the holy covenant and take action; so he will come back and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant. “Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation.

NT ECHOES

Mat 24.2,6,15-16 ... “Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down.” ... “You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. ... “Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.

NOTES

The prophecy of the 70 weeks refers to Antichrist as “the prince who is to come.” His people would destroy Jerusalem and the sanctuary in ad 70. Since the Roman legions under Titus brought about this destruction, many have assumed that the Antichrist will be Roman (at least in some sense). However, the Jewish historian Josephus reported that in the siege of Jerusalem, “There were also a considerable number of auxiliaries got together, that came from the kings Antiochus, and Agrippa, and Sohemus, each of them contributing one thousand footmen that were archers, and a thousand horsemen. Malchus also, the king of Arabia, sent a thousand horsemen, besides five thousand footmen, the greatest part of whom were archers ...” (*Wars* 3.4.2 (68); cf. 3.1.3 and 3.2.4). In other words, the people who destroyed the city and sanctuary were a multi-national force that included a great contingent of Arabs. **This helps make sense of the many Bible prophecies that point to an Arabian origin of the Antichrist.**

PROPHECY

North Against South, Part 1

Dan 11.21-24 "In his place a despicable person will arise, on whom the honor of kingship has not been conferred, but he will come in a time of tranquility and seize the kingdom by intrigue.

"The overflowing forces will be flooded away before him and shattered, and also the prince of the covenant.

"After an alliance is made with him he will practice deception, and he will go up and gain power with a small force of people.

"In a time of tranquility he will enter the richest parts of the realm, and he will accomplish what his fathers never did, nor his ancestors; he will distribute plunder, booty and possessions among them, and he will devise his schemes against strongholds, but only for a time.

OT ECHOES

Dan 8.23,25 In the latter period of their rule, When the transgressors have run their course, a king will arise, Insolent and skilled in intrigue. ... And through his shrewdness He will cause deceit to succeed by his influence; And he will magnify himself in his heart, And he will destroy many while they are at ease.

NT ECHOES

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PROPHECY

North Against South, Part 2

Dan 11.25-28 “He will stir up his strength and courage against the king of the South with a large army; so the king of the South will mobilize an extremely large and mighty army for war; but he will not stand, for schemes will be devised against him.

“Those who eat his choice food will destroy him, and his army will overflow, but many will fall down slain.

“As for both kings, their hearts will be intent on evil, and they will speak lies to each other at the same table; but it will not succeed, for the end is still to come at the appointed time.

“Then he will return to his land with much plunder; but his heart will be set against the holy covenant, and he will take action and then return to his own land.

OT ECHOES

Dan 8.19 “Behold, I am going to let you know what will occur at the final period of the indignation, for it pertains to the appointed time of the end”.

Dan 11.40 “At the end time the king of the South will collide with him, and the king of the North will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow them and pass through.

Hab 2.3 “For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay.

NT ECHOES

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PROPHECY

North Against South, Part 3

Dan 11.29-35 "At the appointed time he will return and come into the South, but this last time it will not turn out the way it did before. "For ships of Kittim will come against him; therefore he will be disheartened and will return and become enraged at the holy covenant and take action; so he will come back and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant. "Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation. "By smooth words he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display strength and take action. "Those who have insight among the people will give understanding to the many; yet they will fall by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder for many days. "Now when they fall they will be granted a little help, and many will join with them in hypocrisy. "Some of those who have insight will fall, in order to refine, purge and make them pure until the end time; because it is still to come at the appointed time.

OT ECHOES

Num 24.24 "But ships shall come from the coast of Kittim, And they shall afflict Asshur and will afflict Eber; So they also will come to destruction."

Zec 9.8 But I will camp around My house because of an army, Because of him who passes by and returns....

Dan 9.27 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate ...

Dan 12.11-12 "From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.

Zec 9.13 For I will bend Judah as My bow, I will fill the bow with Ephraim. And I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece; And I will make you like a warrior's sword.

Zec 13.9 "And I will bring the third part through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, 'They are My people,' And they will say, 'The Lord is my God.' "

NT ECHOES

Mat 24.2,6,15-16 ... "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down." ... "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. ... "Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.

NOTES

The Kittim are the descendants of Javan (Gen 10.4), and so would fall among the Greek-Latin peoples. The land of Kittim has limited and wider usages. It can refer to all the islands and coastal lands of the Mediterranean or just to the island of Cyprus. 1Ma 1.1 uses the term for Macedonia, the land of Alexander. The Vulgate of Dan 11.30 translates "ships of Kittim" as "trieres et Romani." The Vulgate's interpretation makes sense in light of the End Time conflict between the Beast and Rome, i.e., the Great Prostitute Mystery Babylon.

PROPHECY

North Against South, Part 4

Dan 11.36-41 “Then the king ... will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, “He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any other god; for he will magnify himself above them all. ... he will honor a god of fortresses, a god whom his fathers did not know; he will honor him with gold, silver, costly stones and treasures. “He will take action against the strongest of fortresses with the help of a foreign god; he will give great honor to those who acknowledge him and will cause them to rule over the many, and will parcel out land for a price. “At the end time the king of the South will collide with him, and the king of the North will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and he will enter countries, “He will also enter the Beautiful Land, and many countries will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom, Moab and the foremost of the sons of Ammon.

OT ECHOES

Dan 7.25 ‘He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One,

NT ECHOES

2Th 2.4 ... who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

Rev 13.6 ... he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name

Rev 17.3 And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns.

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PROPHECY

North Against South, Part 5

Dan 11.42-45 “Then he will stretch out his hand against other countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape. “But he will gain control over the hidden treasures of gold and silver and over all the precious things of Egypt; and Libyans and Ethiopians will follow at his heels.

“But rumors from the East and from the North will disturb him, and he will go forth with great wrath to destroy and annihilate many. “He will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas [toward] the beautiful Holy Mountain; yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

OT ECHOES

NT ECHOES

NOTES

The Hebrew of Dan 11.45 says that the King of the North “will pitch ... his royal pavilion between the seas **toward** the beautiful Holy Mountain,” in other words, in the plain between the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea, below and facing Jerusalem. The NASB that reads “between the seas **and** the beautiful Holy Mountain” makes no sense geographically. The ESV, NLT and TNK solve the problem by reading *seas* (plural) as *sea* (singular). However, the LXX, NIVO and KJV have captured the meaning and rendered the location of Antichrist’s camp as “in the holy mountain,” “at the beautiful holy mountain,” and “in the glorious holy mountain,” respectively. This is the geographical position of Antichrist on the brink of the battle of Armageddon, i.e., the battle for Jerusalem.

PROPHECY

Michael The Restrainer

Dan 12.1a “Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will [stand down]. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time ...”

Israel Rescued

Dan 12.1b “...and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.”

Resurrections

Dan 12.2-3 “Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. “Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

OT ECHOES

Dan 10.21 ... there is no one who [supports] me against these forces except Michael your prince.

Jer 30.7 ‘Alas! for that day is great, There is none like it; And it is the time of Jacob’s distress, But he will be saved from it.

Isa 26.19 Your dead will live; Their corpses will rise. You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy, For your dew is as the dew of the dawn, And the earth will give birth to the departed spirits.

NT ECHOES

2Th 2.7 ... only he who now restrains will do so until he [comes] out of the [midst of Israel].

Mat 24.21 “For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.

Rev 7.13-14 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “My lord, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Rev 12.6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Joh 5.28-29 ... an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.

NOTES

In Dan 12.1 the verb should be translated *stand* in the military sense of “stand down.” In 2Th 2.7, the verb *γίνομαι* is middle, not passive: No one is “taken.” See my paper, “The Restrainer,” © 2018.

The eminent Dispensationalist, John F. Walvoord concedes that this verse pictures a post-tribulational resurrection: “Most of the Old Testament passages of which Daniel 12:1-2 is an example do indeed seem to set up a chronology of tribulation first, then resurrection of the Old Testament saints,” (*The Rapture Question*, pp. 153,154.) Walvoord considers this chronology irrelevant to the “rapture question,” however, since in his view the resurrection pictured here only includes OT and “tribulation saints,” and has nothing to do with the Church already raptured.

PROPHECY

Knowledge Will Increase

Dan 12.4 “But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the [time of *the end*]; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase.”

How Long?

Dan 12.6-7 “How long will it be until the end of these wonders?”

I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, as he raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time; and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed.

Prophecy Sealed

Dan 12.9-10 “Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time. “Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand.

OT ECHOES

Dan 8.17 ... I was frightened and fell on my face; but he said to me, “Son of man, understand that the vision pertains to the time of the end.”

Dan 8.13-14 “How long will the vision about the regular sacrifice apply, ... the transgression [that makes desolate], so as to allow both the holy place and the host to be trampled?” He said to me, “For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored.”

Dan 7.25 ‘He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

Hos 1.5 “On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.”

NT ECHOES

Rev 12.14 the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

Rev 11.2 “Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months.

Rev 22.10 “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.

NOTES

In Dan 12.4, the phrase should be “the time of the end” (ESV), *not* “the end of time” (NASB). Cf. Dan 12.9.

The language of this verse echoes that used in connection with David’s misguided ordering of a census. I infer that the knowledge that “will increase” is demographic data that will help totalitarian regimes control their populaces. *This* knowledge increase has now occurred, thanks to the internet, cctv, etc.

PROPHECY

The 1,290 and 1,335 Days

Dan 12.11-13 “From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.

“How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days! “But as for you, go your way to the end; then you will enter into rest and rise again for your allotted portion at the end of the [days].”

OT ECHOES

Dan 9.27 “And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

Dan 8.11 It even magnified itself to be equal with the Commander of the host; and it removed the regular sacrifice from Him, and the place of His sanctuary was thrown down.

Dan 11.31 “Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation.

NT ECHOES

Mat 24.15-16 “Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.

NOTES

The phrase at the very end of Daniel should be “the end of the days” (ESV), not “the end of the age” (NASB). While the two ideas may be synonymous, this final phrase has the prophetic days of the immediate context in view.

PROPHECY

The Armageddon Invasion

Joe 2.1-9 Blow a trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm on My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, For the day of the Lord is coming; Surely it is near, A day of darkness and gloom, A day of clouds and thick darkness. As the dawn is spread over the mountains, So there is a great and mighty people; There has never been anything like it, Nor will there be again after it To the years of many generations. A fire consumes before them And behind them a flame burns. The land is like the garden of Eden before them But a desolate wilderness behind them, And nothing at all escapes them. ... With a noise as of chariots They leap on the tops of the mountains, Like the crackling of a flame of fire consuming the stubble, Like a mighty people arranged for battle. Before them the people are in anguish; All faces turn pale When they burst through the defenses, They do not break ranks. They rush on the city, They run on the wall; They climb into the houses, They enter through the windows like a thief.

OT ECHOES

Zec 12.3,9 "It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it. ... And in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

Zec 13.8-9 "It will come about in all the land," Declares the Lord, "That two parts in it will be cut off and perish; But the third will be left in it. "And I will bring the third part through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, 'They are My people,' And they will say, 'The Lord is my God.' "

Zec 14. 2 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to the battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.

NT ECHOES

Rev 16.13-16 And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty. ... And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.

NOTES

In the Zechariah passages we see that God has His own sovereign purposes for gathering the nations against Jerusalem. **From the book of Revelation we note the demonic motivation and energizing of the invasion.**

Joel 2.2, "There has never been anything like it, Nor will there be again after it To the years of many generations," alludes to the thousand years between Armageddon and the invasion of Gog and Magog.

PROPHECY

Armageddon Invasion: Sun, Moon And Stars Darkened

Joe 2.10-11 Before them the earth quakes, The heavens tremble, The sun and the moon grow dark And the stars lose their brightness. The Lord utters His voice before His army; Surely His camp is very great, For strong is he who carries out His word. The day of the Lord is indeed great and very awesome, And who can endure it?

Armageddon Invasion: YHVH Will Remove Northern Army

Joe 2.18-21 Then the Lord will be zealous for His land And will have pity on His people. The Lord will answer and say to His people, "Behold, I am going to send you grain, new wine and oil, And you will be satisfied in full with them; And I will never again make you a reproach among the nations. "But I will remove the northern army far from you, And I will drive it into a parched and desolate land, And its vanguard into the eastern sea, And its rear guard into the western sea. And its stench will arise and its foul smell will come up, For it has done great things." Do not fear, O land, rejoice and be glad, For the Lord has done great things.

OT ECHOES

Isa 13.10 For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not flash forth their light; The sun will be dark when it rises And the moon will not shed its light.

Zec 14.6-7 In that day there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle. For it will be a unique day which is known to the Lord, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light.

NT ECHOES

Rev 8.12 The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way.

NOTES

Joe 2.31 tells us that the sign of the darkening of the sun, moon and stars, like the Armageddon invasion, is the harbinger of the Day of the LORD, occurring immediately *before* the Day dawns with the coming of the "Sun of Righteousness" (Mal 4.2). However, the line of demarcation between harbingers and commencement of the day proper tend to blur in the relevant prophecies.

PROPHECY

Outpouring Of God's Spirit Implicitly Antecedent Of The Day Of The LORD

Joe 2.28-30 "It will come about **after this** That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions. "Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. "I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, Blood, fire and columns of smoke.

Sun Turning Dark, Moon To Blood, Harbinger Of The Day Of The LORD

Joe 2.31-32 "The sun will be turned into darkness And the moon into blood Before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. "And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the Lord Will be delivered; For **on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem There will be those who escape,** As the Lord has said, **Even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.**

OT ECHOES

Isa 13.10 For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not flash forth their light; The sun will be dark when it rises And the moon will not shed its light.

Zec 14.6-7 In that day there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle. For it will be a unique day which is known to the Lord, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light.

NT ECHOES

Act 2.17-19 'And it shall be in the last days,' God says, 'That I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, And your young men shall see visions, And your old men shall dream dreams; Even on My bondslaves, both men and women, I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit And they shall prophesy. 'And I will grant wonders in the sky above And signs on the earth below, Blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke.

Act 2.20-21 'The sun will be turned into darkness And the moon into blood, Before the great and glorious day of the Lord shall come. 'And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Rev 8.12 **The fourth angel sounded,** and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way.

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The chronology of Joe 2 begins with the warning of the invading army in the Day of the LORD, continues with a call to repentance (Joe 2.12), then with the promise that God will intervene (Joe 2.18), and a call to rejoice in renewed prosperity from God (Joe 2.23). Joe 2.28 does not say precisely, "after this," as in the NASB, but uses the more ambiguous Hebrew, "afterward." The following context shows that the chronology has backtracked to a time *before* the day of the LORD.

In the NASB, the phrase "those who escape," in Joe 2.32, translates a singular noun, perhaps better translated "a remnant."

PROPHECY

The LORD Roars From Zion

Joe 3.16-21 The LORD roars from Zion And utters His voice from Jerusalem, And the heavens and the earth tremble. But the LORD is a refuge for His people And a stronghold to the sons of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, Dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain. So Jerusalem will be holy, And strangers will pass through it no more.

And in that day The mountains will drip with sweet wine, And the hills will flow with milk, And all the brooks of Judah will flow with water; And a spring will go out from the house of the LORD To water the valley of Shittim.

Egypt will become a waste, And Edom will become a desolate wilderness, Because of the violence done to the sons of Judah, In whose land they have shed innocent blood.

But Judah will be inhabited forever And Jerusalem for all generations. And I will avenge their blood which I have not avenged, For the LORD dwells in Zion.

OT ECHOES

Amo 1.2 “The Lord roars from Zion And from Jerusalem He utters His voice; And the shepherds’ pasture grounds mourn, And the summit of Carmel dries up.”

NT ECHOES

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PROPHECY

The Day Of The LORD A Day Of Gloom And Catastrophe

Amo 5.18-20 Alas, you who are longing for the day of the Lord, For what purpose will the day of the Lord be to you? It will be darkness and not light; As when a man flees from a lion And a bear meets him, Or goes home, leans his hand against the wall And a snake bites him. Will not the day of the Lord be darkness instead of light, Even gloom with no brightness in it?

Darkness At Noon And Lamentation In The Day Of The LORD

Amo 8.9-10 It will come about in that day," declares the Lord God, "That I will make the sun go down at noon And make the earth dark in broad daylight. "Then I will turn your festivals into mourning And all your songs into lamentation; And I will bring sackcloth on everyone's loins And baldness on every head. And I will make it like a time of mourning for an only son, And the end of it will be like a bitter day.

OT ECHOES

Joe 2.1-2 Blow a trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm on My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, For the day of the Lord is coming; Surely it is near, A day of darkness and gloom, A day of clouds and thick darkness.

Zep 1.15 A day of wrath is that day, A day of trouble and distress, A day of destruction and desolation, A day of darkness and gloom, A day of clouds and thick darkness ...

Zec 12.10-11 "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn. "In that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem

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NT ECHOES

Rev 8.12 The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way.

Mat 27.45 Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour.

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The Day of the LORD will be darkness for the unrepentant (cf. Isa 59.9), but not for the righteous (Isa 60.1-3).

Cf. Isa 59.10; Mar 15.33; Luk 23.44. **The day of Christ's crucifixion was rife with signs of the Day of the LORD.** The redemptive death of Christ was a prerequisite for that Day.

PROPHECY

God Restores House Of David In The Day Of The LORD

Amo 9.11 "In that day I will raise up the fallen booth of David, And wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its ruins And rebuild it as in the days of old ...

Israel Permanently Restored To Their Land

Amo 9.14-15 "Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, And they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them; They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, And make gardens and eat their fruit. "I will also plant them on their land, And they will not again be rooted out from their land Which I have given them," Says the Lord your God.

OT ECHOES

Isa 11.1 Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit.

Eze 37.24-28 "My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances and keep My statutes and observe them. "They will live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons and their sons' sons, forever; and David My servant will be their prince forever. "I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever. "My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people. "And the nations will know that I am the Lord who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forever." ' ' "

Isa 60.21 "Then all your people will be righteous; They will possess the land forever, The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be glorified.

NT ECHOES

Rom 11.25-27 a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob." "This is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

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Cf. Psa 37.11,22. Supersessionism has fallen out of favor since the holocaust, but the thinking persists among some that God wiped His hands of ethnic Israel because of their rejection of the Messiah and His kingdom, and now all OT promises to the nation must be spiritualized and fulfilled for and in the church. This is absurd on at least two counts: (1) God's promises to Israel as a nation involve His foresight of their unbelief and rebellion, and are based upon His promise to bring them to repentance; (2) the promises to national Israel are as much about the Messiah as they are about Israel; to break or reinterpret these promises mean *not fulfilling* promises to and about Christ.

See also Mic 4.4: Each of them will sit under his vine And under his fig tree, With no one to make them afraid, For the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

PROPHECY

Nations Streaming To The LORD

Mic 4.1-4 And it will come about in the last days That the mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains. It will be raised above the hills, And the peoples will stream to it. Many nations will come and say, "Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD And to the house of the God of Jacob, That He may teach us about His ways And that we may walk in His paths." For from Zion will go forth the law, Even the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And He will judge between many peoples And render decisions for mighty, distant nations. Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they train for war. Each of them will sit under his vine And under his fig tree, With no one to make them afraid, For the mouth of [YHVH of armies] has spoken.

OT ECHOES

Isa 2.2-4 Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. And many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths." For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.

Jer 3.17 "At that time they will call Jerusalem 'The Throne of the LORD,' and all the nations will be gathered to it, to Jerusalem, for the name of the LORD; nor will they walk anymore after the stubbornness of their evil heart.

Zec 14.10 All the land will [be] change[d] into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site ...

NT ECHOES

Rev 15.4 "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; For all the nations will come and worship before You, For Your righteous acts have been revealed."

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Also:

Psa 22.27 All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations will worship before You.

Psa 86.9 All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, And they shall glorify Your name.

Jer 16.19 O LORD, my strength and my stronghold, And my refuge in the day of distress, To You the nations will come From the ends of the earth and say, "Our fathers have inherited nothing but falsehood, Futility and things of no profit."

Hos 2.18 ... And I will abolish the bow, the sword and war from the land,...

Zec 14.16 Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, [YHVH of armies], and to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

Zec 3.10 'In that day,' declares [YHVH of armies], 'every one of you will invite his neighbor to sit under his vine and under his fig tree.' "

PROPHECY

The LORD Will Reign In Mt. Zion

Mic 4.6-10 "In that day," declares the LORD, "I will assemble the lame And gather the outcasts, Even those whom I have afflicted. "I will make the lame a remnant And the outcasts a strong nation, And the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion From now on and forever.

"As for you, tower of the flock, Hill of the daughter of Zion, To you it will come — Even the former dominion will come, The kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem.

"Now, why do you cry out loudly? Is there no king among you, Or has your counselor perished, That agony has gripped you like a woman in childbirth? "Writhe and labor to give birth, Daughter of Zion, Like a woman in childbirth; For now you will go out of the city, Dwell in the field, And go to Babylon. There you will be rescued; There the Lord will redeem you From the hand of your enemies.

OT ECHOES

Zep 3.19 Behold, I am going to deal at that time With all your oppressors, I will save the lame And gather the outcast, And I will turn their shame into praise and renown In all the earth.

Jer 31.7-8 For thus says the LORD, "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, And shout among the chief of the nations; Proclaim, give praise and say, 'O LORD, save Your people, The remnant of Israel.'

"Behold, I am bringing them from the north country, And I will gather them from the remote parts of the earth, Among them the blind and the lame, The woman with child and she who is in labor with child, together; A great company, they will return here.

Isa 24.23 Then the moon will be abashed and the sun ashamed, For [YHVH of armies] will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, And His glory will be before His elders.

Psa 2.6 "But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain."

NT ECHOES

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PROPHECY

Nations Gathered Against Zion

Mic 4.11-13 “And now many nations have been assembled against you Who say, ‘Let her be polluted, And let our eyes gloat over Zion.’ “But they do not know the thoughts of the LORD, And they do not understand His purpose; For He has gathered them like sheaves to the threshing floor.

“Arise and thresh, daughter of Zion, For your horn I will make iron And your hoofs I will make bronze, That you may pulverize many peoples, That you may devote to the LORD their unjust gain And their wealth to the Lord of all the earth.

OT ECHOES

Isa 41.14-16 “Do not fear, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel; I will help you,” declares the LORD, “and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel. “Behold, I have made you a new, sharp threshing sledge with double edges; You will thresh the mountains and pulverize them, And will make the hills like chaff. “You will winnow them, and the wind will carry them away, And the storm will scatter them; But you will rejoice in the LORD, You will glory in the Holy One of Israel.

Joe 3.2 I will gather all the nations And bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, ...

Zep 3.8 “Therefore wait for Me,” declares the LORD, For the day when I rise up as a witness. Indeed, My decision is to gather nations, To assemble kingdoms, To pour out on them My indignation, All My burning anger; For all the earth will be devoured By the fire of My zeal.

NT ECHOES

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PROPHECY

The Humble Inherit The Land

Zep 3.8-12 “Therefore wait for Me,” declares the LORD, For the day when I rise up as a witness. Indeed, My decision is to gather nations, To assemble kingdoms, To pour out on them My indignation, All My burning anger; For all the earth will be devoured By the fire of My zeal. For then I will give to the peoples purified lips, That all of them may call on the name of the LORD, To serve Him shoulder to shoulder. From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia My worshipers, My dispersed ones, Will bring My offerings.

In that day you will feel no shame Because of all your deeds By which you have rebelled against Me; For then I will remove from your midst Your proud, exulting ones, And you will never again be haughty On My holy mountain. But I will leave among you A humble [sing.: עֲנִי] and lowly people, And they will take refuge in the name of the LORD.

OT ECHOES

Joe 3.2 I will gather all the nations And bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, ...

Isa 19.18 In that day five cities in the land of Egypt will be speaking the language of Canaan and swearing allegiance to [YHVH of armies]...

Psa 22.27 All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations will worship before You.

Psa 86.9 All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, And they shall glorify Your name.

Zec 2.11 “Many nations will join themselves to the LORD in that day and will become My people....”

Psa 37.10-11 Yet a little while and the wicked man will be no more; And you will look carefully for his place and he will not be there. But the humble [pl.: עֲנָיִם] will inherit the land And will delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

NT ECHOES

Mat 5.5 Blessed are the gentle [pl. עֲנָיִם], for they shall inherit the earth.

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Also:

Isa 54.4 “Fear not, for you will not be put to shame; And do not feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced; But you will forget the shame of your youth, And the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.

PROPHECY

The LORD In The Midst Of The Rejoicing Remnant Of Israel

Zep 3.13-17 “The remnant of Israel will do no wrong And tell no lies, Nor will a deceitful tongue Be found in their mouths; For they will feed and lie down With no one to make them tremble.”

Shout for joy, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away His judgments against you, He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; You will fear disaster no more.

In that day it will be said to Jerusalem: “Do not be afraid, O Zion; Do not let your hands fall limp. The LORD your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.

OT ECHOES

Jer 30.10 ‘Fear not, O Jacob My servant,’ declares the LORD, ‘And do not be dismayed, O Israel; For behold, I will save you from afar And your offspring from the land of their captivity. And Jacob will return and will be quiet and at ease, And no one will make him afraid.’

Eze 34.11-16 For thus says the Lord [YHVH], “Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out.... I will care for My sheep and will deliver them from all the places to which they were scattered ... I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the streams, and in all the inhabited places of the land. I will feed them in a good pasture, and their grazing ground will be on the mountain heights of Israel. There they will lie down on good grazing ground and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.... I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken and strengthen the sick

Mic 4.4 Each of them will sit under his vine And under his fig tree, With no one to make them afraid,....

NT ECHOES

Rev 14.3-5 ... the one hundred and forty-four thousand ... these are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. And no lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless.

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See also:

Isa 12.1-6 Then you will say on that day, “I will give thanks to You, O LORD; For although You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, And You comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid;”

Cry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Isa 44.21-23 “Remember these things, O Jacob, And Israel, for you are My servant; I have formed you, you are My servant, O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me. I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud And your sins like a heavy mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.”

Shout for joy, O heavens, for the LORD has done it! Shout joyfully, you lower parts of the earth; Break forth into a shout of joy, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it; For the LORD has redeemed Jacob And in Israel He shows forth His glory.

Isa 60.21 “Then all your people will be righteous; They will possess the land forever, The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be glorified.

PROPHECY

God Will Gather And Restore The Exiles Of Zion

Zep 3.18-20 "I will gather those who grieve about the appointed feasts — They came from you, O Zion; The reproach of exile is a burden on them. Behold, I am going to deal at that time With all your oppressors, I will save the lame And gather the outcast, And I will turn their shame into praise and renown In all the earth

"At that time I will bring you in, Even at the time when I gather you together; Indeed, I will give you renown and praise Among all the peoples of the earth, When I restore your fortunes before your eyes," Says the LORD.

OT ECHOES

Mic 4.6-7 "In that day," declares the LORD, "I will assemble the lame And gather the outcasts, Even those whom I have afflicted. "I will make the lame a remnant And the outcasts a strong nation, And the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion From now on and forever.

Zec 2.8-9 For thus says [YHVH of armies], "After glory He has sent Me against the nations which plunder you, for he who touches you, touches the apple of His eye. For behold, I will wave My hand over them so that they will be plunder for their slaves....

Jer 33.7-9 'I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel and will rebuild them as they were at first. I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned against Me and by which they have transgressed against Me. It will be to Me a name of joy, praise and glory before all the nations of the earth which will hear of all the good that I do for them, and they will fear and tremble because of all the good and all the peace that I make for it.'

NT ECHOES

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PROPHECY

YHVH Shakes Heaven And Earth

Hag 2.6-9 "For thus says [YHVH of armies], 'Once more in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land. I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory,' says [YHVH of armies]. 'The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine,' declares [YHVH of armies]. 'The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,' says [YHVH of armies], 'and in this place I will give peace,' declares [YHVH of armies]."

Hag 2.21-23 ... 'I am going to shake the heavens and the earth. I will overthrow the thrones of kingdoms and destroy the power of the kingdoms of the nations; and I will overthrow the chariots and their riders, and the horses and their riders will go down, everyone by the sword of another.'

'On that day,' declares the [YHVH of armies], 'I will take you, Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, My servant,' declares the LORD, 'and I will make you like a signet ring, for I have chosen you,' " declares [YHVH of armies].

OT ECHOES

Isa 30.27-28 Behold, the name of the LORD comes from a remote place; Burning is His anger and dense is His smoke; His lips are filled with indignation And His tongue is like a consuming fire; His breath is like an overflowing torrent, Which reaches to the neck, To shake the nations back and forth in a sieve, And to put in the jaws of the peoples the bridle which leads to ruin.

Isa 66.10-12 "Be joyful with Jerusalem and rejoice for her, all you who love her; Be exceedingly glad with her, all you who mourn over her, ... For thus says the LORD, "Behold, I extend peace to her like a river, And the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream

Eze 38.19-20 "In My zeal and in My blazing wrath I declare that on that day there will surely be a great earthquake in the land of Israel. The fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all the creeping things that creep on the earth, and all the men who are on the face of the earth will shake at My presence; the mountains also will be thrown down, the steep pathways will collapse and every wall will fall to the ground.

NT ECHOES

Heb 12.26-29 And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven." This expression, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.

Rev 6.12-14 I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

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See also:

Zec 14. 13 It will come about in that day that a great panic from the LORD will fall on them; and they will seize one another's hand, and the hand of one will be lifted against the hand of another.

PROPHECY

The Lord Will Defend And Save Zion In The Day Of The LORD

Zec 9.12-16 Return to the stronghold, O prisoners who have the hope; This very day I am declaring that I will restore double to you. For I will bend Judah as My bow, I will fill the bow with Ephraim. And I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece; And I will make you like a warrior's sword.

Then the LORD will appear over them, And His arrow will go forth like lightning; And the Lord [YHVH] will blow the trumpet, And will march in the storm winds of the south.

[YHVH of armies] will defend them. And they will devour and trample on the sling stones; And they will drink and be boisterous as with wine; And they will be filled like a sacrificial basin, Drenched like the corners of the altar. And the LORD their God will save them in that day As the flock of His people; For they are as the stones of a crown, Sparkling in His land.

OT ECHOES

Isa 40.2 "Speak kindly to Jerusalem; And call out to her, that her warfare has ended, That her iniquity has been removed, That she has received of the LORD's hand Double for all her sins."

Isa 61.7 Instead of your shame you will have a double portion, And instead of humiliation they will shout for joy over their portion. Therefore they will possess a double portion in their land, Everlasting joy will be theirs.

Zec 12.8-9 "In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one who is feeble among them in that day will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the angel of the LORD before them. "And in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

Isa 31.5 Like flying birds so [YHVH of armies] will protect Jerusalem. He will protect and deliver it; He will pass over and rescue it.

Isa 62.3 You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, And a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

NT ECHOES

Mat 24.31 "And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

1Th 4.16-17 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout [of command], with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

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PROPHECY

Jerusalem A Cup Of Reeling

Zec 12.2-5 "Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah. "It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it. "In that day," declares the Lord, "I will strike every horse with bewilderment and his rider with madness. But I will watch over the house of Judah, while I strike every horse of the peoples with blindness. "Then the clans of Judah will say in their hearts, 'A strong support for us are the inhabitants of Jerusalem through the Lord of hosts, their God.' not be magnified above Judah.

OT ECHOES

Psa 2.1-3 Why are the nations in an uproar And the peoples devising a vain thing? The kings of the earth take their stand And the rulers take counsel together Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, "Let us tear their fetters apart And cast away their cords from us!"

Isa 51.22-23 ... "Behold, I have taken out of your hand the cup of reeling, The chalice of My anger; You will never drink it again. "I will put it into the hand of your tormentors, Who have said to you, 'Lie down that we may walk over you.' ... "

Joe 3.2; 12-13 I will gather all the nations And bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, ... Let the nations be aroused And come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat, For there I will sit to judge All the surrounding nations. Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, tread, for the wine press is full; The vats overflow, for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

NT ECHOES

Luk 21.20 ... when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near.

Rev 19.19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

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Cf. Psa 48.1-6; 75.8; Isa 13.4; 34.2; Dan 2.34-35,44-45.

Cf. Zec 14.2-3 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to the battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle.

PROPHECY

The LORD Defends Jerusalem

Zec 12.6-9 "In that day I will make the clans of Judah like a firepot among pieces of wood and a flaming torch among sheaves, so they will consume on the right hand and on the left all the surrounding peoples, while the inhabitants of Jerusalem again dwell on their own sites in Jerusalem. "The Lord also will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem will not be magnified above Judah. "In that day the Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one who is feeble among them in that day will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the angel of the Lord before them. "And in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

OT ECHOES

Oba 1.18 "Then the house of Jacob will be a fire And the house of Joseph a flame; But the house of Esau will be as stubble. And they will set them on fire and consume them, So that there will be no survivor of the house of Esau," For the Lord has spoken.

Isa 10.16-17 Therefore the Lord, the God of hosts, will send a wasting disease among his stout warriors; And under his glory a fire will be kindled like a burning flame. And the light of Israel will become a fire and his Holy One a flame, And it will burn and devour his thorns and his briars in a single day.

Isa 66.15-18 For behold, the Lord will come in fire And His chariots like the whirlwind, To render His anger with fury, And His rebuke with flames of fire. For the Lord will execute judgment by fire And by His sword on all flesh, And those slain by the Lord will be many.

Joe 3.2; 12-13 I will gather all the nations And bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, ...

NT ECHOES

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Cf. Amo 9.11; Jer 30.18. Also, Zec 14.11 People will live in it, and there will no longer be a curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in security.

Cf. Zec 9.15-16 The Lord of hosts will defend them. And they will devour and trample on the sling stones; And they will drink and be boisterous as with wine; And they will be filled like a sacrificial basin, Drenched like the corners of the altar. And the Lord their God will save them in that day As the flock of His people; For they are as the stones of a crown, Sparkling in His land.

Cf. Joe 3.16 The Lord roars from Zion And utters His voice from Jerusalem, And the heavens and the earth tremble. But the Lord is a refuge for His people And a stronghold to the sons of Israel.

Cf. Isa 31.5 Like flying birds so the Lord of hosts will protect Jerusalem. He will protect and deliver it; He will pass over and rescue it.

PROPHECY

Mourning As For An Only Son

Zec 12.10-13 "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn. "In that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo. "The land will mourn, every family by itself; the family of the house of David by itself and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Levi by itself and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself and their wives by themselves; all the families that remain, every family by itself and their wives by themselves.

Zec 13.1 "In that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity.

OT ECHOES

Amo 8.9-10 It will come about in that day," declares the Lord God, "That I will make the sun go down at noon And make the earth dark in broad daylight. "Then I will turn your festivals into mourning And all your songs into lamentation; And I will bring sackcloth on everyone's loins And baldness on every head. And I will make it like a time of mourning for an only son, And the end of it will be like a bitter day.

Eze 7.16 Even when their survivors escape, they will be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, each over his own iniquity.

NT ECHOES

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PROPHECY

False Prophets And Unclean Spirits Removed From The Land

Zec 13.2-5 "It will come about in that day," declares the Lord of hosts, "that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they will no longer be remembered; and I will also remove the prophets and the unclean spirit from the land.

"And if anyone still prophesies, then his father and mother who gave birth to him will say to him, 'You shall not live, for you have spoken falsely in the name of the Lord'; and his father and mother who gave birth to him will pierce him through when he prophesies.

"Also it will come about in that day that the prophets will each be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies, and they will not put on a hairy robe in order to deceive; but he will say, 'I am not a prophet; I am a tiller of the ground, for a man sold me as a slave in my youth.'

OT ECHOES

Hos 2.17 I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, So that they will be mentioned by their names no more.

Eze 36.25 "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

Isa 2.18 ... the idols will completely vanish.

Mic 3.7 The seers will be ashamed And the diviners will be embarrassed. Indeed, they will all cover their mouths Because there is no answer from God.

NT ECHOES

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PROPHECY

The Third Part Of Israel Brought Through The Fire

Zec 13.8-9 "It will come about in all the land," Declares the Lord, "That two parts in it will be cut off and perish; But the third will be left in it. "And I will bring the third part through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, 'They are My people,' And they will say, 'The Lord is my God.'"

The Battle On The Day Of The Lord

Zec 14.1-2 Behold, a day is coming for the Lord when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you. For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to the battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.

OT ECHOES

Eze 13.5 "You have not gone up into the breaches, nor did you build the wall around the house of Israel to stand in the battle on the day of the Lord.

NT ECHOES

Rev 16.13-16 And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty. ... And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.

NOTES

Both Ezekiel and Zechariah knew that the Day of the LORD would be inaugurated, not by just any battle, but by The Battle. John called it "the war of the great day of God." We know it as the Battle of Armageddon.

PROPHECY

The LORD Will Fight From The Mount Of Olives

Zec 14.3-5 Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south. You will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!

OT ECHOES

Ex 15.3 “[YHVH] is a warrior; [YHVH] is His name.

Isa 31.4 ... So will [YHVH of armies] come down to wage war on Mount Zion and on its hill.”

Isa 42.13 The Lord will go forth like a warrior, He will arouse His zeal like a man of war. He will utter a shout, yes, He will raise a war cry. He will prevail against His enemies.

NT ECHOES

Act 1.10-12 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away.

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PROPHECY

The Plague Upon Armageddon Invaders

Zec 14.12-15 Now this will be the plague with which the Lord will strike all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem; their flesh will rot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth. It will come about in that day that a great panic from the Lord will fall on them; and they will seize one another's hand, and the hand of one will be lifted against the hand of another. Judah also will fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the surrounding nations will be gathered, gold and silver and garments in great abundance. So also like this plague will be the plague on the horse, the mule, the camel, the donkey and all the cattle that will be in those camps.

OT ECHOES

Hag 2.21-22 'I am going to shake the heavens and the earth. 'I will overthrow the thrones of kingdoms and destroy the power of the kingdoms of the nations; and I will overthrow the chariots and their riders, and the horses and their riders will go down, everyone by the sword of another.'

NT ECHOES

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This section is given out of the biblical order in this harmony, only for the sake of continuity in the narrative about the battle for Jerusalem (the battle of Armageddon).

PROPHECY

The Unique Day

Zec 14.6-11 In that day there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle. For it will be a unique day which is known to the Lord, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light.

Living Waters From Jerusalem

And in that day living waters will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter.

YHVH Will Be King

And the Lord will be king over all the earth; in that day the Lord will be the only one, and His name the only one.

No Longer A Curse In Jerusalem

All the land will [be] change[d] into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin's Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's wine presses. People will live in it, and there will no longer be a curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in security.

OT ECHOES

Amo 8.9 It will come about in that day," declares the Lord God, "That I will make the sun go down at noon And make the earth dark in broad daylight.

Isa 13.10 For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not flash forth their light; The sun will be dark when it rises And the moon will not shed its light.

Mal 4.2 "But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall."

Eze 47.1-12 Then he brought me back to the door of the house; and behold, water was flowing from under the threshold of the house toward the east, for the house faced east. And the water was flowing down from under, from the right side of the house, from south of the altar...

Isa 2.2 (& Mic 4.1) Now it will come about that In the last days, The mountain of the house of the Lord Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it.

NT ECHOES

Rev 22.5 And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them...

Rev 22.1-3 Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him ...

Rev 20.7-9 When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

NOTES

Zechariah 14.7 says regarding the Coming Day of the Lord that "it shall be day-one." This phrase could mean it will be:

1. A **single** day (Isaiah 9.14).
2. A time of **continuous** day-time, no night.
3. A singular, i.e., **unique** day.
4. A **particular** day (Mark J. Boda).
5. A **never ending** day (HALOT).
6. **For one day** (cf. Gen 33.13) that there will be neither day nor night.
7. **Day One**, with the nuance of recreation after the current luminaries have dwindled or gone out in Zec 14.6 (Mark J. Boda; cf. Gen 1.5).

See also:

Isa 2.11-17 The proud look of man will be abased And the loftiness of man will be humbled, And the Lord alone will be exalted in that day.

Rev 11.15 Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."

PROPHECY

The Nations Worship The LORD

Zec 14.16-21 Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths. And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, there will be no rain on them. If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no rain will fall on them; it will be the plague with which the Lord smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths. This will be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

In that day there will be inscribed on the bells of the horses, "HOLY TO THE LORD." And the cooking pots in the Lord's house will be like the bowls before the altar. Every cooking pot in Jerusalem and in Judah will be holy to the Lord of hosts; and all who sacrifice will come and take of them and boil in them. And there will no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts in that day.

OT ECHOES

Isa 66.23 "And it shall be from new moon to new moon And from sabbath to sabbath, All mankind will come to bow down before Me," says the LORD."

Psa 86. 9 All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, And they shall glorify Your name.

Zec 2. 11 "Many nations will join themselves to the LORD in that day and will become My people. Then I will dwell in your midst, and you will know that [YHVH of armies] has sent Me to you.

Eze 46.20 He said to me, "This is the place where the priests shall boil the guilt offering and the sin offering and where they shall bake the grain offering, in order that they may not bring them out into the outer court to transmit holiness to the people."

Zep 1.11 "Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar, For all the people of Canaan will be silenced; All who weigh out silver will be cut off.

NT ECHOES

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PROPHECY

Olivet Discourse: Beginning Of Birth Pangs

Mat 24.3-8 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming [παρουσίας], and of the end of the age?"

And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many. "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. "But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

OT ECHOES

Dan 7.13-14 "I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him. "And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and men of every language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed.

Dan 12.13 ... as for you, go your way to the end; then you will enter into rest and rise again for your allotted portion at the end of the [days].

Jer 14.14 Then the Lord said to me, "The prophets are prophesying falsehood in My name. I have neither sent them nor commanded them nor spoken to them; they are prophesying to you a false vision, divination, futility and the deception of their own minds.

Jer 10.10 But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth quakes, And the nations cannot endure His indignation.

NT ECHOES

Mat 13.39-43 ... the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels.

"So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. "The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father."

1Jo 2.18 and 4.3 Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour. ... every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

Rev 6.4 And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.

NOTES

As we trace the Greek word *parousia* (παρουσία = royal coming) through the NT, we see that **this is the coming** Jesus taught His disciples about on the Mount of Olives, and also the coming Paul taught the Thessalonians about in 1Th 4.14-18. The unity of the comings in these two passages is further confirmed by the command to the angels and the blast of the divine trumpet (Mat 24.31 and 1Th 4.16)

PROPHECY

Olivet Discourse: Tribulations, Preaching, Then The End

Mat 24.9-14 “Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. “At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. “Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. “Because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will grow cold. “But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved. “This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

OT ECHOES

Mic 7.2-6 The godly person has perished from the land, And there is no upright person among men. All of them lie in wait for bloodshed; Each of them hunts the other with a net. Concerning evil, both hands do it well. The prince asks, also the judge, for a bribe, And a great man speaks the desire of his soul; So they weave it together. ... Do not trust in a neighbor; Do not have confidence in a friend. From her who lies in your bosom Guard your lips. **For son treats father contemptuously, Daughter rises up against her mother, Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; A man’s enemies are the men of his own household.**

NT ECHOES

Mat 10.22 “You will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.

Joh 15.20 “Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you ...

Joh 16.2 “They will make you outcasts from the synagogue, but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God.

1Ti 3.12 Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

Rev 2.10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Rev 14.6 And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people

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PROPHECY

Olivet Discourse: The Great Tribulation

Mat 24.15-22 “Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. “Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. “Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. “But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! “But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. “For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. “Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

OT ECHOES

Dan 11.31 “Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation.

Dan 12.11 “From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.

Jer 30.7 ‘Alas! for that day is great, There is none like it; And it is the time of Jacob’s distress, But he will be saved from it.

Dan 12.1a “Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will [stand down]. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time ...”

NT ECHOES

Rev 7.13-14 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?”

I said to him, “My lord, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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PROPHECY

Olivet Discourse: False Christs And False Prophets

Mat 24.23-28 Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe him. "For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. "Behold, I have told you in advance. "So if they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go out, or, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe them. "For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming [παρουσία] of the Son of Man be.

"Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather."

OT ECHOES

Zec 9.14 Then the LORD will appear over them, And His arrow will go forth like lightning; And the Lord God [adonai YHVH] will blow the trumpet, And will march in the storm winds of the south.

Job 39.27-30 "... the eagle mounts up ... he spies out food; His eyes see it from afar. "His young ones also suck up blood; And where the slain are, there is he."

NT ECHOES

2Th 2.9-10 ... that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

Luk 17.34-37 "I tell you, on that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other will be left. "There will be two women grinding at the same place; one will be taken and the other will be left. ... And answering they said to Him, "Where, Lord?" And He said to them, "Where the body is, there also the vultures will be gathered."

Rev 19.17-18 an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great."

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PROPHECY

Olivet Discourse: The Son Of Man Appears

Mat 24.29-31 “But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

“And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.

“And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

OT ECHOES

Isa 13.9-10 ... the day of the LORD is coming ...For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not flash forth their light; The sun will be dark when it rises And the moon will not shed its light.

Joe 2.10, 31; 3.14-15 Before them the earth quakes, The heavens tremble, The sun and the moon grow dark And the stars lose their brightness. ... “The sun will be turned into darkness And the moon into blood Before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ... the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. The sun and moon grow dark And the stars lose their brightness.

Zec 14.6-7 In that day there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle. ...

Zec 12.10-12 “I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn. ... The land will mourn, every family by itself ...

NT ECHOES

Act 1.9-11 ... He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”

Rev 1.7 Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him.

1Th 4.16-17 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout [of command], with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord

NOTES

The “sign of the Son of Man” is His battle ensign, consisting of a pole with crossbar, and some banner of animal figure (or both) mounted upon it. Not that when the Assyrian (AKA Antichrist) falls, “his princes will be terrified at the standard,” (= ensign; Isa 31.9).

Apparently, the “shout of command” mentioned in 1Th 4.16 is Christ’s command to the angels to gather the elect (Mat 24.31). Cf. Isa 42.13.

PROPHECY

Olivet Discourse: Like In The Days Of Noah

Mat 24.36-42 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

“For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. “For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

“Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. “Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.

“Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.

OT ECHOES

NT ECHOES

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Act 1.7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs [*or seasons*] which the Father has fixed by His own authority

Luk 17.26-32 “And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. “It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. “It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed. “On that day, the one who is on the housetop and whose goods are in the house must not go down to take them out; and likewise the one who is in the field must not turn back.

“Remember Lot’s wife.”

PROPHECY

The Son Of Man Like Lightning In His Day, Leaving Not Doubt That He Has Come

Luk 17.22-24 And He said to the disciples, “The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. “They will say to you, ‘Look there! Look here!’ Do not go away, and do not run after them. “For just like the lightning, when it flashes out of one part of the sky, shines to the other part of the sky, so will the Son of Man be in His day.

Normal Activities On The Day Of The Son Of Man’s Apocalypse

Luk 17.26-30 “And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: they were eating, they were drinking, ... until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. “It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, ...; but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. “It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.

OT ECHOES

NT ECHOES

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1Co 1.7-8 so that you are not lacking in any gift, awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mat 24.38-39 “For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

1Th 5.3 While they are saying, “Peace and safety!” then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.

We learn in the gospels and epistles of the NT that **the Day of the LORD is “the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

In spite of great portents, many — if not most — unbelievers will be going about their “business as usual” right up to the moment Christ appears. People will simply not understand the signs of the time (cf. Mat 16.1-3).

PROPHECY

The Son Will Raise Up Believers On The Last Day

Joh 6.40, 44,54 “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.” ... “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. ... “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

Resurrection On The Last Day

Joh 11.24 Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”

Words Of Jesus Will Judge Unbelievers On The Last Day

Joh 12.48 “He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.”

OT ECHOES

Dan 12.2 “Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

NT ECHOES

Rev 20.4 Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

NOTES

Resurrections bookend the millennium (which is tantamount to the day of the LORD, Rev 20.4-5; 13-15; cf. Joh 5.29; Dan 12.2; Act 24.15). Hence, we infer that it (the Day of the LORD) is what Jesus referred to as “the last day,” Joh 6.44.

PROPHECY

God Pours Out His Spirit In The Last Days

Act 2.17-19 'And it shall be in the last days,' God says, 'That I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, And your young men shall see visions, And your old men shall dream dreams; Even on My bondslaves, both men and women, I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit And they shall prophesy. 'And I will grant wonders in the sky above And signs on the earth below, Blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke.

Act 2.20-21 'The sun will be turned into darkness And the moon into blood, Before the great and glorious day of the Lord shall come. 'And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

OT ECHOES

Joe 2.28-30 "It will come about after this That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions. "Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. "I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, Blood, fire and columns of smoke.

Joe 2.31-32 "The sun will be turned into darkness And the moon into blood Before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. "And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the Lord Will be delivered; For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem There will be those who escape, As the Lord has said, Even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.

NT ECHOES

Rev 8.12 The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way.

NOTES

Peter interprets the "afterward" of Joe 2.28 as meaning "in the last days." We can define Peter's "last days" as the epoch between the first outpouring of God's Spirit and the day of the LORD, an epoch tantamount to "the times of the Gentiles" (Luk 21.24).

PROPHECY

A Fixed Day When God Will Judge The World Through A Man

Act 17.30-31 “Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”

OT ECHOES

Psa 9.7-8 But the LORD abides forever; He has established His throne for judgment, And He will judge the world in righteousness; He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity.

Psa 98.9 ... He is coming to judge the earth; He will judge the world with righteousness And the peoples with equity.

Isa 11.2-4 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear; But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.

NT ECHOES

Joh 5.22-30 “For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. “For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man. “Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment. “I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

NOTES

Cf. Act 10.42; Rom 2.16; 14.10; 2Co 5.10; 2Ti 4.1. Judgments bookend the millennium (which is tantamount to the day of the LORD, Rev 19.1-2; 20-21; 20.11-15). We infer, therefore, that the Day of the Lord and the Day of Judgment are one and the same.

PROPHECY

A Day Of Glory And Honor, Wrath And Indignation

Rom 2.5-8 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who will render to each person according to his deeds: to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation. [Isa 30.27-31]

OT ECHOES

Job 21.30 "For the wicked is reserved for the day of calamity; They will be led forth at the day of fury."

Psa 110.5-6 The Lord is at Your right hand; He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath. He will judge among the nations, He will fill them with corpses, He will shatter the chief men over a broad country. The Lord is at Your right hand; He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath. He will judge among the nations, He will fill them with corpses, He will shatter the chief men over a broad country.

Zep 1.14-15 Near is the great day of the Lord, Near and coming very quickly; Listen, the day of the Lord! In it the warrior cries out bitterly. A day of wrath is that day, A day of trouble and distress, A day of destruction and desolation, A day of darkness and gloom, A day of clouds and thick darkness,

NT ECHOES

Rev 6.16-17 and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

NOTES

There is no definite article before the word *day* (ἡμέρα) in Rom 2.5, but it is not the Greek article that makes a term definite, but the term's context. The context of this passage marks the day in view as *the day* (as in the NASB), and so we recognize a reference to the day of judgment, i.e., the day of the LORD.

Once again we see that the Day of the LORD is a multi-faceted day that cuts two ways, depending on one's relationship with the LORD.

PROPHECY

God Will Judge Secrets Through Jesus Christ On The Day

Rom 2.16 ... the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

OT ECHOES

Ecc 12.14 For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

NT ECHOES

Act 10.38-42 Jesus of Nazareth ... [God] ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead.

Act 17.30-31 "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

2Co 5.10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

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PROPHECY

The Day Will Reveal By Fire Each One's Work Of Discipleship

1Co 3.11-15 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

1Co 5.5 I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Eph 4.30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

OT ECHOES

Zec 13.9 "And I will bring the third part through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, 'They are My people,' And they will say, 'The Lord is my God.' "

Mal 3.2-3 "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. "He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the Lord offerings in righteousness.

NT ECHOES

1Pe 1.6-7 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ ...

2Co 1.14 ... we are your reason to be proud as you also are ours, in the day of our Lord Jesus.

NOTES

The the Day of the LORD will bring times of testing and refining. For Christian believers, the Day will reveal by fire whether they themselves (1Pe 1.6-7) and those whom they discipled are faithful (1Co 3.11-15). For ethnic Israel, it will reveal their inclination (or lack thereof) to call upon the God of Israel and embrace His Messiah.

Cf. 1Co 1.8; 2Co 1.14.

The scroll of Revelation is a deed of redemption, revealing what must occur for the Redeemer to take possession of the inheritance. Rev 5.1 I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals.

PROPHECY

God's Work Perfected In Believers In The Day Of Jesus Christ

Phil 1.6,10 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. ... that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; ...

OT ECHOES

Psa 57.2 I will cry to God Most High, To God who accomplishes all things for me.

Psa 138.8 The Lord will accomplish what concerns me; Your lovingkindness, O Lord, is everlasting; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

NT ECHOES

1Co 1.7-8 ... awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Th 5.23-24 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

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Cf. Phil 2.16.

The many NT references to "the day" that is coming as the day of Jesus makes us realize that the apostles understood Jesus as the One to whom the many OT prophecies of the day of the LORD pertain. It is absurd, therefore, for Christians to remain ignorant of the vast OT teaching regarding the day of the LORD as though that topic were irrelevant to our faith.

Also, recognizing the identity of the OT day of the LORD with the NT day of our Lord Jesus Christ should persuade us of the fundamentally eschatological nature of the story of Jesus.

PROPHECY

Coming With And Meeting Jesus At His Coming

1Th 4.14-17 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming [παρουσίαν] of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord

OT ECHOES

Zec 14.5 ... Then the Lord, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!

Isa 26.19 Your dead will live; Their corpses will rise. You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy, For your dew is as the dew of the dawn, And the earth will give birth to the departed spirits.

Dan 12.2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

Joe 2.11 The Lord utters His voice before His army; Surely His camp is very great, For strong is he who carries out His word. The day of the Lord is indeed great and very awesome, And who can endure it?

NT ECHOES

Mat 24.31 He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

1Th 3.13 ... at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

2Th 2.1 ... with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him ...

1Co 15.51-52 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

NOTES

If we wish to understand what we call “the Second Coming” of Jesus, we must study it by what the NT calls it, i.e., the *parousia* (παρουσία: I suggest Logos Bible Software users create a visual filter for the Greek lemma of this word; <Lemma=lbs/el/παρουσία>). This is the term in 1Th 4.15 and Mat 24.3, translated *coming*. As we trace the NT teaching on the *parousia*, we see that it is at this event, not some event prior, when believers are caught up to join “the Lord in the air.”

PROPHECY

The Day Of The LORD Comes As A Thief

1Th 5.2-6 ... [the] day of [the] Lord will come just like a thief in the night. While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.

2Th 1.6-10 ... it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to give relief to you who are afflicted ... when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed....

OT ECHOES

Isa 13.8 They will be terrified, Pains and anguish will take hold of them; They will writhe like a woman in labor, They will look at one another in astonishment, Their faces aflame.

NT ECHOES

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PROPHECY

The Day Of The LORD: Apostasy And Man Of Lawlessness First

2Th 2.1-3 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ...

Man Of Lawlessness Blasphemes, Claims Deity

2Th 2.4 ... who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

OT ECHOES

Dan 11.30-32 "... so he will come back and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant. Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation. "By smooth words he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant ..."

Isa 14.13-14 "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'

Dan 11.36 "Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; ...

NT ECHOES

Mat 24.10-12 "At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold."

Rev 13.4-6 ... "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?" There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven.

NOTES

2Th 2 is about the revelation (apocalypse, vv. 3,6,8) and coming (parousia, v. 9) of the Antichrist.

Cf. Dan 7.25.

PROPHECY

Man Of Lawlessness Will Be Revealed When No Longer Restrained

2Th 2.6-8 And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he [comes] out of the [midst]. Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; ...

May Of Lawlessness Comes With Deceptive Satanic Activity

2Th 2.9-12 ... that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

OT ECHOES

Dan 12.1 "... at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will [stand down]. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. ..."

Isa 11.4b-5 And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked [one]. Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, And faithfulness the belt about His waist.

Ex 7.22 But the magicians of Egypt did the same with their secret arts; and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the Lord had said. Cf. Ex 8.7.

Deu 13.1 "If a prophet ... arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,' you shall not listen to the words of that prophet ...; for the Lord your God is testing you ..."

NT ECHOES

1Jo 4.3 every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

Rev 19.10 ... And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

Rev 13.2 And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.

Mat 24.24 "For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect."

NOTES

I propose some improved translations from the NASB text in brackets: the passive "is taken" in 2Th 2.7 should be the middle voice "comes"; in the same verse, the word "way" should be "midst," referring to the midst of Israel; in Dan 12.1, Michael does not "arise," but "stands" in the military sense of "stands down" (from guarding Israel), which explains why tribulation ensues, and the no-longer-restrained Antichrist is revealed. The "restraining one" is referred to in both the neuter (2Th 2.6) and the masculine (2The 2.7) genders because both the angelic army and their general (Michael) are in view.

With the "mystery of lawlessness" revealed in the Antichrist, contrast 1Ti 3.16, "the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory."

PROPHECY

Jesus Christ Is Coming In Clouds

Rev 1.7 Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

OT ECHOES

Dan 7.13 "I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him.

NT ECHOES

Mat 24.30 "And then the sign [ensign] of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.

Mat 26.64 Jesus said to him, "You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Act 1.9-11 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

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PROPHECY

Overcomers Will Rule The Nations With Christ's Authority

Rev 2.26-27 'He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations; and he shall rule [shepherd] them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces, as I also have received authority from My Father ...

OT ECHOES

Isa 32.1-2 Behold, a king will reign righteously And princes will rule justly. Each will be like a refuge from the wind And a shelter from the storm, Like streams of water in a dry country, Like the shade of a huge rock in a parched land.

Dan 7.27 'Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.'

NT ECHOES

2Ti 2.12 If we endure, we will also reign with Him...

Rev 5.9-10 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book [scroll] and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

Rev 20.6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

Rev 22.3-5 There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.

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See also the parable, Luk 19.15-19:

"When he returned, after receiving the kingdom, he ordered that these slaves, to whom he had given the money, be called to him so that he might know what business they had done. "The first appeared, saying, 'Master, your mina has made ten minas more.' "And he said to him, 'Well done, good slave, because you have been faithful in a very little thing, you are to be in authority over ten cities.' "The second came, saying, 'Your mina, master, has made five minas.' "And he said to him also, 'And you are to be over five cities.'

PROPHECY

People Hide Themselves From The Great Day Of Wrath

Rev 6.15-17 Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

OT ECHOES

Isa 2.19-21 Men will go into caves of the rocks And into holes of the ground Before the terror of the Lord And the splendor of His majesty, When He arises to make the earth tremble. In that day men will cast away to the moles and the bats Their idols of silver and their idols of gold, Which they made for themselves to worship, In order to go into the caverns of the rocks and the clefts of the cliffs Before the terror of the Lord and the splendor of His majesty, When He arises to make the earth tremble.

Zep 1.15 A day of wrath is that day, A day of trouble and distress, A day of destruction and desolation, A day of darkness and gloom, A day of clouds and thick darkness ...

Nah 1.2-6 A jealous and avenging God is the Lord; The Lord is avenging and wrathful. The Lord takes vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies. Mountains quake because of Him And the hills dissolve; Indeed the earth is upheaved by His presence, ... His wrath is poured out like fire And the rocks are broken up by Him.

NT ECHOES

Luk 23.28-30 But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. "For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' "Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.'

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PROPHECY

Satan Bound For A Thousand Years

Rev 20.1-3 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

OT ECHOES

Isa 24.21-22 So it will happen in that day, That the LORD will punish the [*rebellious* angels] of heaven on high, And the kings of the earth on earth. They will be gathered together Like prisoners in the dungeon, And will be confined in prison; And after many days they will be punished.

Isa 27.1 In that day the LORD will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, With His fierce and great and mighty sword, Even Leviathan the twisted serpent; And He will kill the dragon who lives in the sea.

NT ECHOES

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Cf. Jud 1.6.

Note the equivalence of the “thousand years” in John’s Revelation to the “many days” in Isaiah’s prophecy. The OT prophets had long known that there would be a lengthy reign of Messiah on earth, but not until the Revelation was the length of that reign specified as lasting a thousand years. Cf. the “many days” of Eze 38.8. Cf. also the “His days” of Jer 23.6.

PROPHECY

The Thousand-Year (Millennial) Reign With Christ

Rev 20.4-6 Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection.

Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

OT ECHOES

Ex 19.5-6 ‘... if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’

Isa 32.1-5 1 Behold, a king will reign righteously And princes will rule justly. Each will be like a refuge from the wind And a shelter from the storm, Like streams of water in a dry country, Like the shade of a huge rock in a parched land.

Dan 7.18,22,27 ‘... the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.’ ... the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom. ... ‘Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.’

NT ECHOES

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PROPHECY

The Gog And Magog Rebellion

Rev 20.7-10 When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

OT ECHOES

Eze 38-39 "Son of man, set your face toward Gog of the land of Magog, ... and say, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal. I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, ... a great company with buckler and shield, all of them wielding swords; Persia, Ethiopia and Put with them, all of them with shield and helmet; Gomer with all its troops; Beth-togarmah from the remote parts of the north with all its troops—many peoples with you. ... After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come into the land that is restored from the sword, whose inhabitants have been gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel ... "You will go up, you will come like a storm; you will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your troops, and many peoples with you. ... It shall come about in the last days ... I will rain on him and on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, a torrential rain, with hailstones, fire and brimstone"

NT ECHOES

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When the Lord returns, the land around Jerusalem will be leveled into a plain, in order to accommodate the multitudes who will come to worship the Him. The largest camp city of all time, "the camp of the saints" will arise on that new plain.

Cf. Zec 14.10-11: All the land will [be] change[d] into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin's Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's wine presses. People will live in it, and there will no longer be a curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in security.

PROPHECY

The Great White Throne

Rev 20.11-15 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

OT ECHOES

Psa 102.25-26 "Of old You founded the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. "Even they will perish, but You endure; And all of them will wear out like a garment; Like clothing You will change them and they will be changed.

Dan 7.9-10 And the Ancient of Days took His seat; ... His throne was ablaze with flames, ... Thousands upon thousands were attending Him...The court sat, And the books were opened.

Psa 6.12 And lovingkindness is Yours, O Lord, For You recompense a man according to his work.

Jer 17.10 "I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give to each man according to his ways, According to the results of his deeds.

Isa 25.8 He will swallow up death for all time, And the Lord God will wipe tears away from all faces, And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth

NT ECHOES

Mat 24.35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

2Pe 3.10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

Act 17.31 "... [God] has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

Mat 16.27 "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every man according to his deeds."

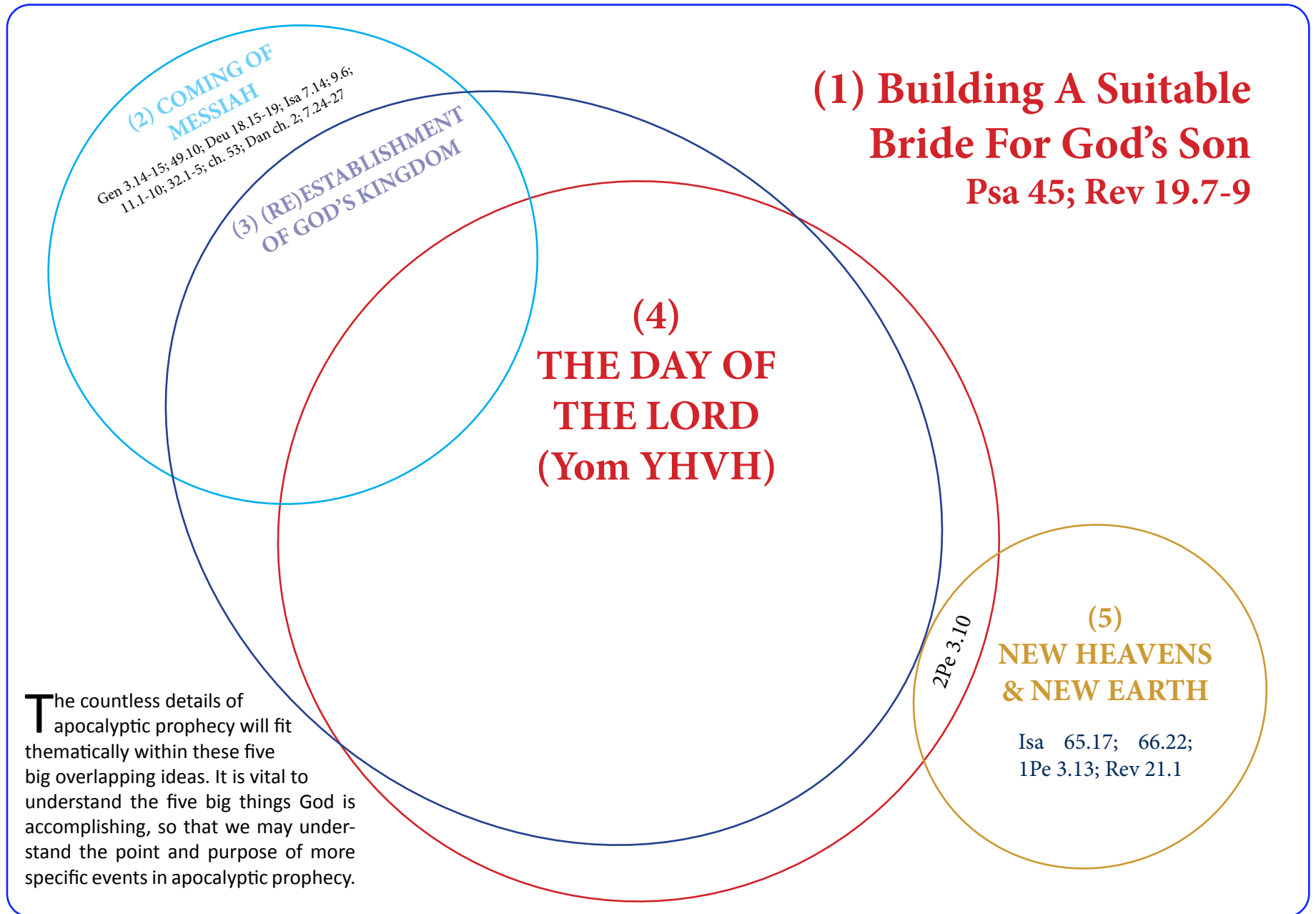
Rom 2.5-6 ... the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who will render to each person according to his deeds ...

2Co 5.10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

NOTES

Cf. Dan 12.1 ... at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.

Appendix 1: The Five Big Ideas Of Biblical Eschatology



The countless details of apocalyptic prophecy will fit thematically within these five big overlapping ideas. It is vital to understand the five big things God is accomplishing, so that we may understand the point and purpose of more specific events in apocalyptic prophecy.

Appendix 2: The Theology Of The Bride

THE THEOLOGY OF THE BRIDE STATED

The reason for all creation is the overflow of the Father's love for the Son. The expression of the Father's love for the Son will be multiplied through the building (cf. LXX of Gen 2.2 with GNT of Mat 16.18) of a suitable, corporate bride, who loves much for having been forgiven much (cf. Luk 7.47). The preparation of the bride (Rev 19.7) involves the Father's love being perfected in her (1Jo 4.12) as she learns deep obedience to the greatest commandment (Mat 22.37-38), and does all things for God's glory (1Co 10.31) in order to attract others to the heavenly Bridegroom (Rev 22.17). In this theology, Eve is the archetypal bride, Israel is the prototype of the corporate bride, and the Church is the bride in her fullness who absorbs the other two.

THE THEOLOGY OF THE BRIDE IS BASED UPON THESE TRUTHS:

1. God has no inherent lack or deficiency.
2. God is inherently relational, i.e., a Trinity.
3. God is love (1 John 4.16).
4. The Father loved the Son before the foundation of the world (John 17. 24).
5. The eternal Son of God became man without ceasing to be God (John 1.1-3,14).
6. The greatest commandment is not to glorify God, but to love God (Matthew 22.37-38). Scripture commands us to do all things for God's glory (1 Corinthians 10.31), but this mandate is ancillary to the greater commandment.
7. Among all His creatures, God created only one species in His relational image (Genesis 1.26-28).

THE THEOLOGY OF THE BRIDE DEPENDS UPON:

1. Monotheism (contra pagan polytheism).
2. An inherently relational God (taught by biblical Trinitarianism, but downplayed by Economic Trinitarianism, and contra Hinduism and Islam).
3. A God who is love personified (1 John 4.16).
4. A God-Man who is unique among all other human beings (cf. John 3.29-30; contra Gnosticism and New Age).
5. Christocentrism (contra Secular Humanism).
6. Creatures made in God's relational image (contra Darwinism).
7. A high view of marriage (contra Gnosticism; contra post-modern sexual ethics).

Appendix 3: The Cumulative Fulfillment of Bible Prophecy

Biblical prophecy is often fulfilled by a series of cumulative events. Not infrequently, multiple events will combine, over a long stretch of time, to fulfill a biblical prophecy. This does not mean that biblical prophecies have double or hidden meanings. Willis J. Beecher¹ attempted to express this principle by speaking of a generic prophecy “which regards an event as occurring in a series of parts separated by intervals, ... in other words a prediction which, in applying to the whole of a complex ... event, also applies to some of the parts.” A. Berkeley Mickelsen speaks of a “typological prediction” that “refer to something prior to New Testament times although it finds its highest application of meaning in the events, people, or message of the New Testament. The betrayal of Christ for thirty pieces of silver is an example of this kind of prediction (Mat 27.9-10; Zec 11.12-13). In Zechariah it was the prophet himself, acting as a shepherd for his people in [God]’s place, who was evaluated for thirty pieces of silver.”²

Perhaps a better way to understand prophetic fulfillment is to see it as a process like the painting of a picture. One event may supply the background of the painting, another some of the foreground setting, but the picture is not finished, i.e., the canvas is not fulfilled as intended, until the primary subject of the picture is finally painted into the foreground. Zechariah’s prophecy of the thirty pieces of silver provides a good example of this process; the prophecy of the virgin-birth, Isaiah 7.14, supplies another. The virgin-birth prediction began to be fulfilled by the birth of the prophetess’ son in Isa 8.3. It was not finally fulfilled, however, until the virgin birth of Jesus (Mat 1.23). Thus, we find the same “process” at work in the fulfillment of a prophecy as in the fulfillment of a type:

type ⇒ antitype ⇒ fulfillment

Let’s state it this way:

prophecy ⇒ pfⁿ¹ ⇒ pfⁿ² ... ⇒ fulfillment^Ω

In this formulation, **pf** stands for a preliminary fulfillment leading up to the completion of the process with the omega fulfillment.

The typological and prophetic patterns of fulfillment have direct application in interpreting the apocalyptic predictions concerning the antichrist and the abomination of desolation. Daniel predicted both the antichrist (implicitly) and the abomination of desolation (explicitly). Many commentators see a fulfillment of these predictions in the profanation of the temple by Antiochus IV “Epiphanes” in 167 B.C. 1Ma 1.54 supports their interpretation: “On the fifteenth day of Chisleu, in the one hundred and forty-fifth year, they erected a desolating sacrilege upon the altar of burnt offering.” However, Jesus Christ, in AD 30 spoke of the “abomination of desolation” as yet future (Mat 24.15). We solve this puzzle by recognizing that Antiochus IV did fulfill Daniel’s prophecy, but as an *ἀντίτυπος*, i.e., a corresponding type, that yet looked ahead to an ultimate fulfillment in the one whom Paul called “the man of lawlessness” (2Th 2.3-4), i.e., the final Antichrist.

Remembering that the fulfillment of biblical prophecy can occur as a process will keep us from discarding end-time prophecy as something that has already been fulfilled by events in history and has no relevance for the future. Likewise, as we learn how future events mirror past and present realities, eschatology will help us understand what we already possess as believers in Christ.

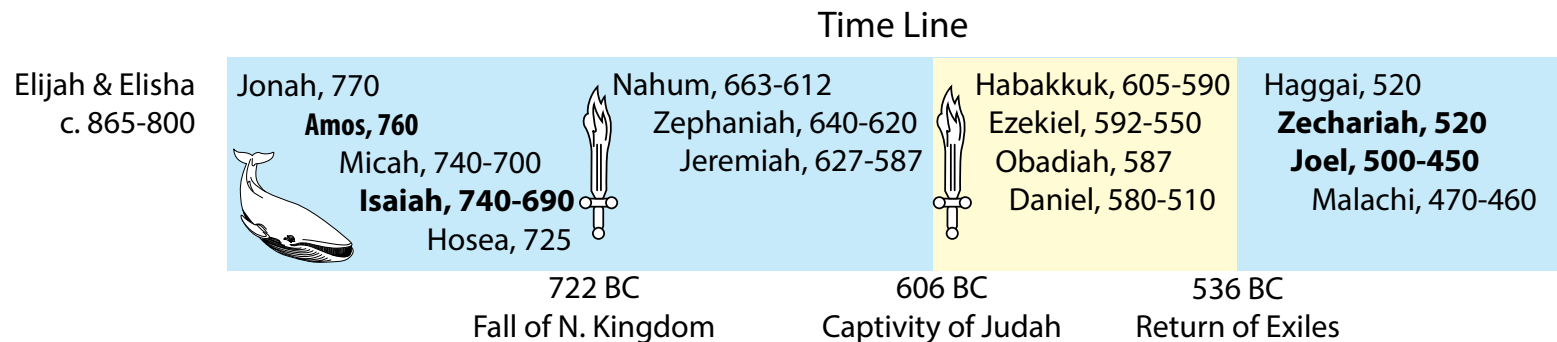
1 From *The Prophets And The Promise*, quoted in Bernard Ramm, *Protestant Biblical Interpretation*, (Baker, Grand Rapids, 1970), p. 252.

2 A. Berkeley Mickelsen, *Interpreting The Bible*, (Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, 1963), p. 300.

Appendix 4: Dating The Prophets & Their Prophecies

Passages in the books of prophecy are infamously difficult to date. Even if the prophet provided dating information for his time of ministry (as in Isaiah 1.1; Amos 1.1), liberal commentators have difficulty accepting that the prophets spoke accurately of events *that had not yet occurred*. Hence, commentators and theologians of our time have chopped the book of Isaiah into three parts (or at least two), each part supposedly written by a different and later prophet than the original Isaiah. Nevertheless, for those of us who believe in a God who is intimately involved in the affairs of man, there is no difficulty in believing that the prophets spoke of strategic, redemptive events before the fact. This does not simplify the challenge of dating the individual prophecies, though!

While scholars continue to debate the timeline for the Old Testament prophets, the general consensus with regard to the times of their ministries looks something like this:



To interpret the books of prophecy, we must discern, to the best of our ability, when they originated with respect to three key events:

1. The fall of the northern kingdom of Israel and the dispersion of the northern ten tribes of Israel by the Assyrians (722 BC).
2. The captivity of Judah and subsequent destruction of Jerusalem and exile of the remaining population to Babylon (606-586 BC).
3. The return of the Jewish exiles from Babylon (beginning in 536 BC).

With regard to Joel's prophecies, for example, it is highly significant that his prophecies were given after the Jewish exiles had returned from Babylon (during or after the times of Ezra and Nehemiah). We must note, however, that the debate regarding the dating of Joel continues. Pohlig says, "Most contemporary scholars ... give definite or tentative support to placing Joel in postexilic times, perhaps in the fifth century BC [e.g., Crenshaw], or between 445 BC and 343 BC. ...," and ISBE supports this postexilic date on the basis of Joel's many quotations of earlier prophets. On the other hand, D. A. Garrett, in the *Dictionary Of The Old Testament: Prophets*, opines, "a late preexilic date, perhaps in the seventh century BC, is preferable."

Appendix 5: Correlating The Beasts & Kings of Daniel & Revelation

	NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S IMAGE	DANIEL'S BEASTS	THE RAM AND THE GOAT	KINGS OF THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH	THE BEAST OF REVELATION
Babylon	Head of Gold (Dan 2.32,28)	Winged Lion (Dan 7.4)			
Media-Persia	Chest of Silver (Dan 2.32,29)	Devouring Bear (Dan 7.5)	Ram (Dan 8.20)		
Alexander/Greece	Thighs of Bronze (Dan 2.32,39)	Four-headed Leopard (Dan 7.6)	Goat (Dan 8.21)	Mighty King (Dan 11.3-4)	
Greek Kings			Four Horns (Dan 8.22)	Kings of North & South (Dan 11.4-20)	
Rome	Legs of Iron (Dan 2.33,40)	Monstrous Beast (Dan 7.7,23)			Federal Beast (Rev 13.1-2)
End-Time Federation	Feet of Iron and Clay (Dan 2.33,41-43)	Ten Horns (Dan 7.24)			Ten Horns (Rev 17.12)
Antichrist		Little Horn (Dan 7.8,24-25)	Little Horn (Dan 8.9-12,23-25)	Despicable Person (Dan 11.21-45)	Beast Man (Rev 13.18)
Christ	Conquering Stone (Dan 2.34-35,44-45)	Coming Son of Man (Dan 7.13-14)			Lamb (Rev 5.6; 17.14)

Appendix 6: The 70 Weeks of Daniel

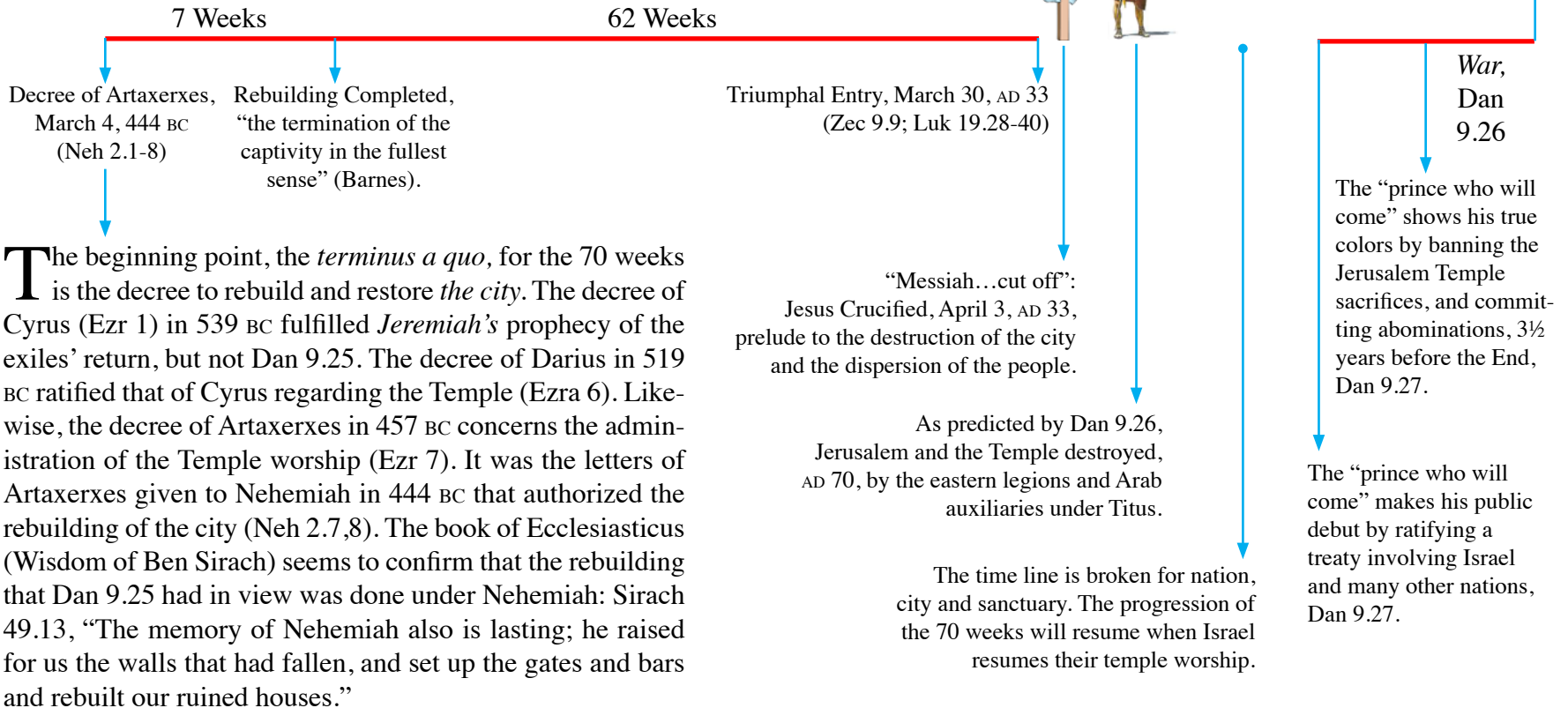
“Know and understand this: **From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem** until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens,’ and sixty-two ‘sevens.’ It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. — Dan. 9.25

“Seventy weeks have been decreed *for your people and your holy city*, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy place. Dan. 9.24

69 (7+62) Weeks
 69 x 7 = 483 Years
 483 x 360 = 173,880 days

THE END
Dan 9.26

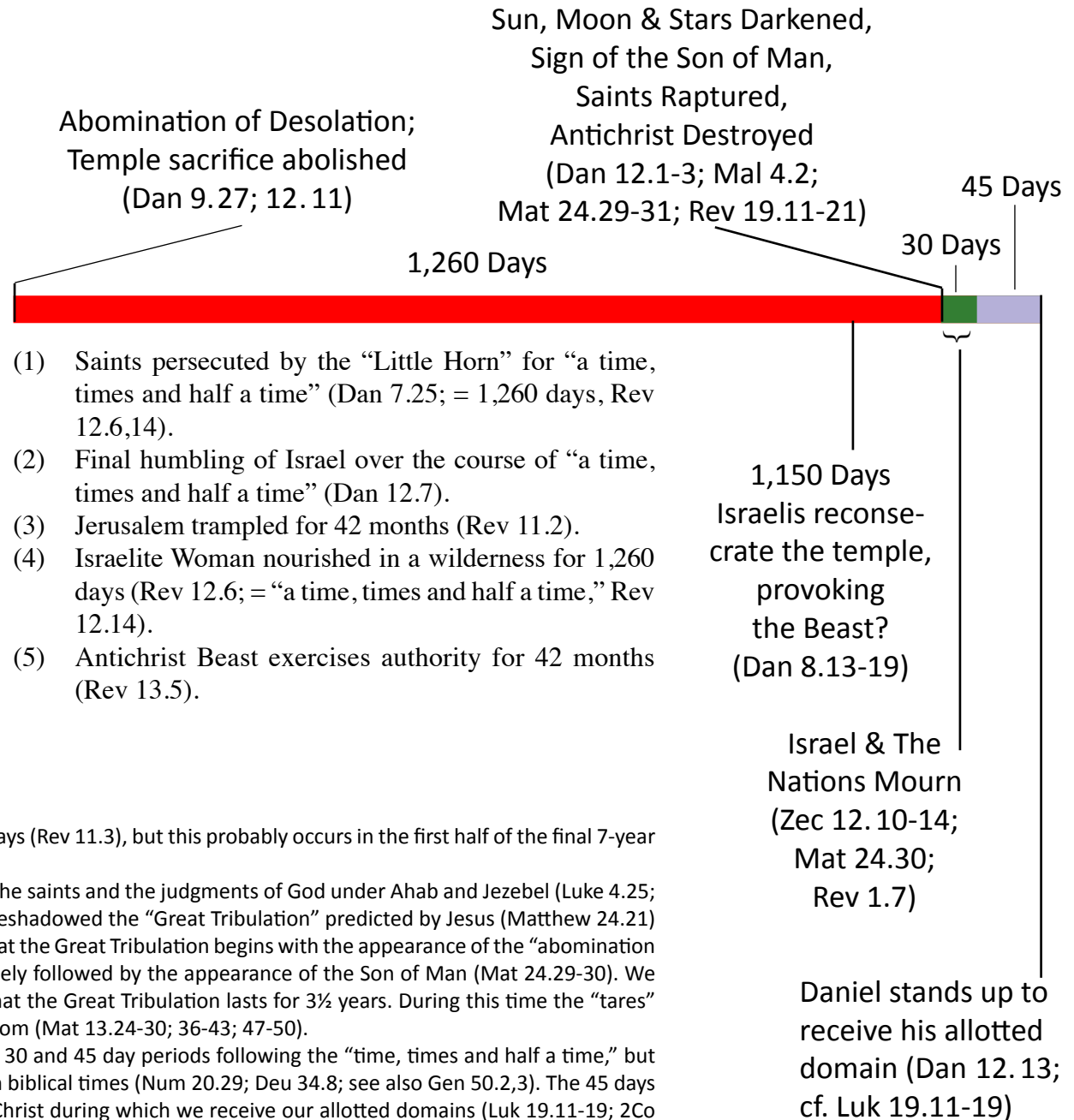
Times of the Gentiles,
 Luk 21.20-24; Rev 11.2;
 cf. Gen 15.16; Rom 11.25



The beginning point, the *terminus a quo*, for the 70 weeks is the decree to rebuild and restore *the city*. The decree of Cyrus (Ezr 1) in 539 BC fulfilled *Jeremiah’s* prophecy of the exiles’ return, but not Dan 9.25. The decree of Darius in 519 BC ratified that of Cyrus regarding the Temple (Ezra 6). Likewise, the decree of Artaxerxes in 457 BC concerns the administration of the Temple worship (Ezra 7). It was the letters of Artaxerxes given to Nehemiah in 444 BC that authorized the rebuilding of the city (Neh 2.7,8). The book of Ecclesiasticus (Wisdom of Ben Sirach) seems to confirm that the rebuilding that Dan 9.25 had in view was done under Nehemiah: Sirach 49.13, “The memory of Nehemiah also is lasting; he raised for us the walls that had fallen, and set up the gates and bars and rebuilt our ruined houses.”

Appendix 7: The 1,335 Days of Daniel 12.12

From the End of the Daily Sacrifices
to the Reign of the Saints



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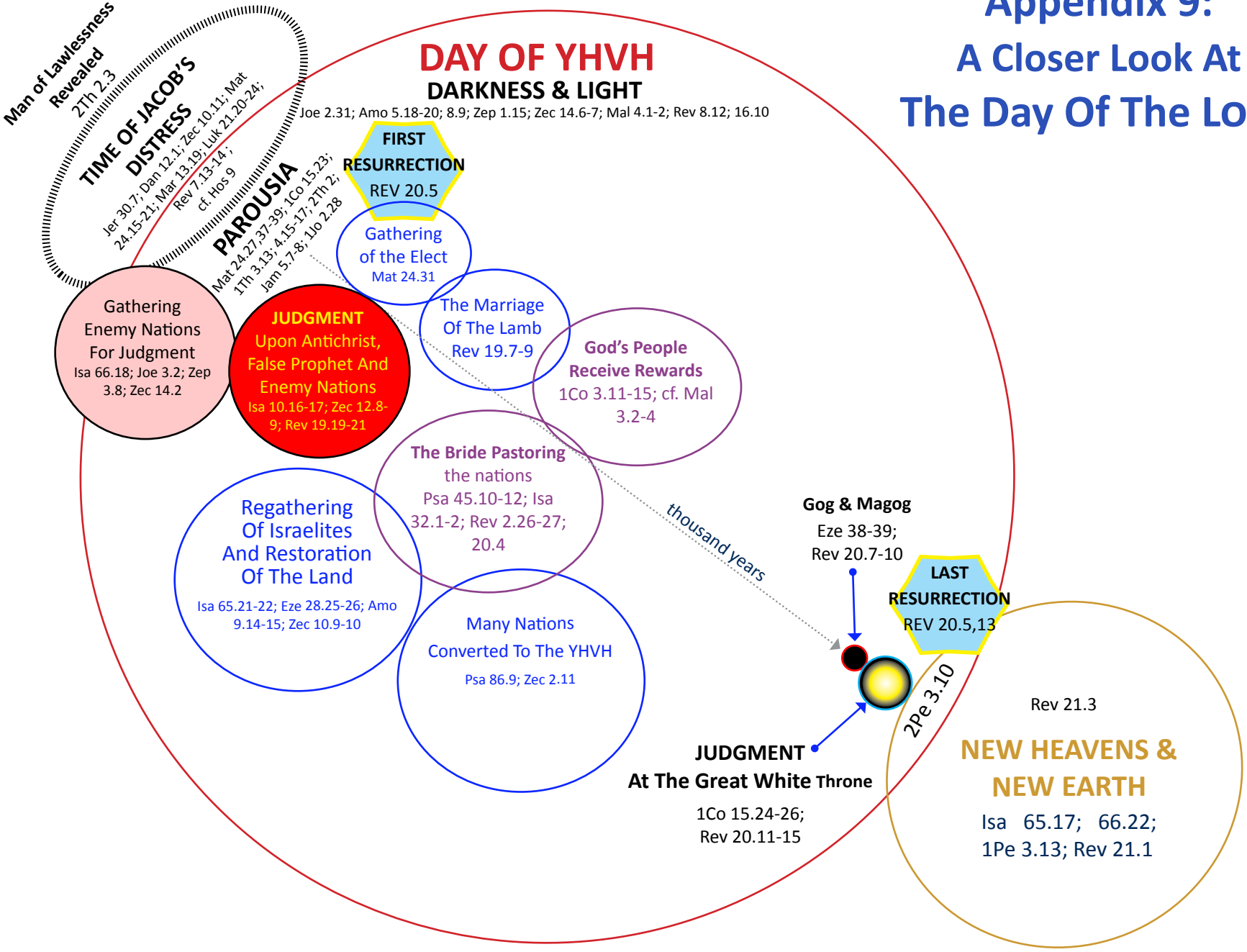
- The Two Witnesses also prophesy for 1,260 days (Rev 11.3), but this probably occurs in the first half of the final 7-year week.
- The 3½ years remind us of the tribulation of the saints and the judgments of God under Ahab and Jezebel (Luke 4.25; James 5.17). The reign of Ahab and Jezebel foreshadowed the “Great Tribulation” predicted by Jesus (Matthew 24.21) and Daniel (Dan 12.1). Jesus explicitly taught that the Great Tribulation begins with the appearance of the “abomination of desolation” (Mat 24.15-21) and is immediately followed by the appearance of the Son of Man (Mat 24.29-30). We know by comparison with Daniel, therefore, that the Great Tribulation lasts for 3½ years. During this time the “tares” and “bad fish” are gathered out of God’s Kingdom (Mat 13.24-30; 36-43; 47-50).
- We’re not explicitly told the character of the 30 and 45 day periods following the “time, times and half a time,” but 30 days was the length of a mourning period in biblical times (Num 20.29; Deu 34.8; see also Gen 50.2,3). The 45 days will probably be the period of the tribunal of Christ during which we receive our allotted domains (Luk 19.11-19; 2Co 5.10; Rev 2.26-27).

Appendix 8: Differing Views Of Antichrist & His Restrainer

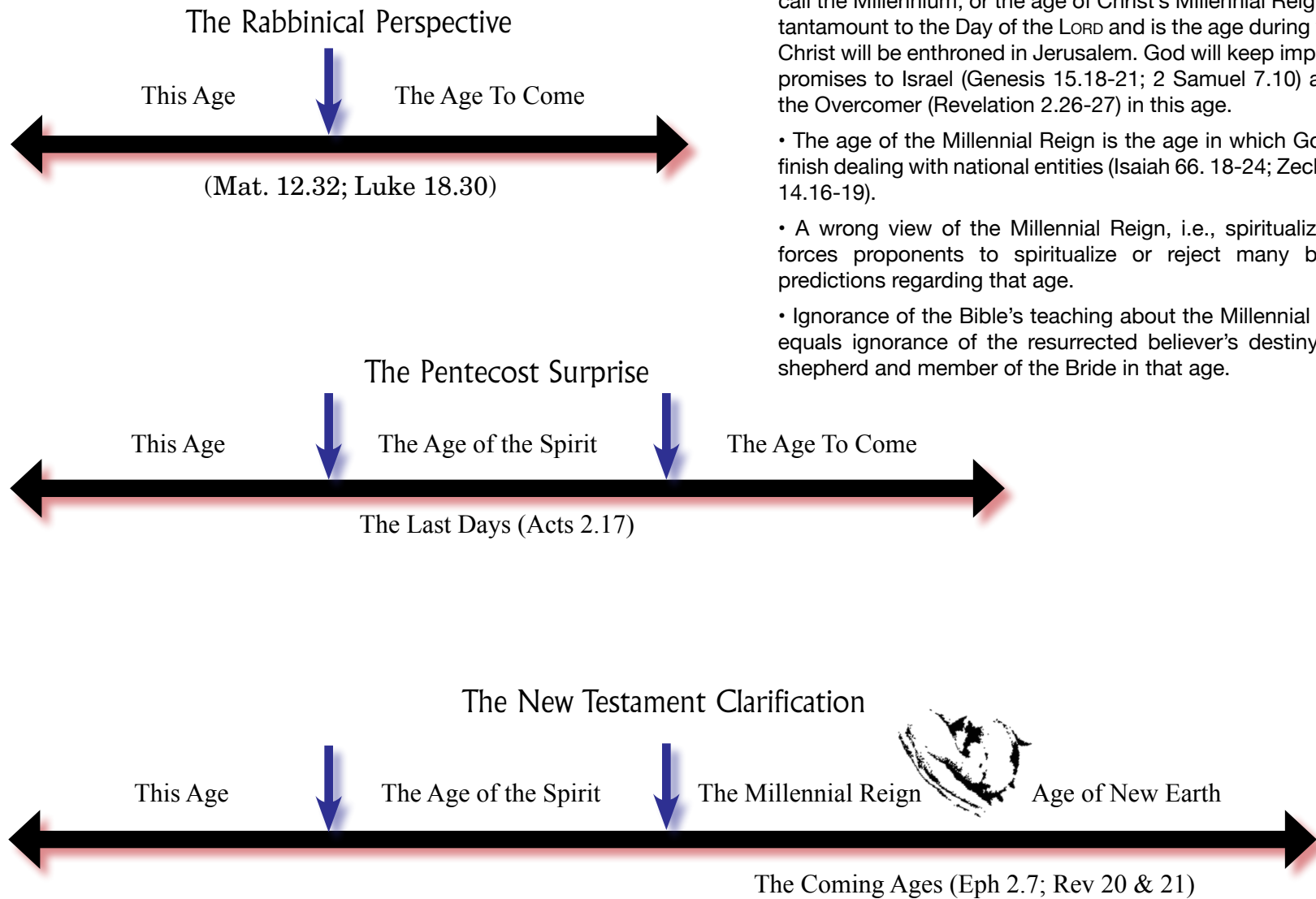
Adapted, with additions, from Kim Riddlebarger's *The Man Of Sin*, Baker, 2006.

Source	Time Of Appearance	Distinctive Ideas
Church Fathers (Irenaeus, Hippolytus)	Many antichrists will appear, but the Antichrist is yet future (cf. 1Jo 2.18).	Antichrist will be an apostate Jew and false Messiah. He will appear after the fall of the Roman Empire in a rebuilt temple in Jerusalem.
Dispensationalism (John Walvoord, Hal Lindsey, Tim LaHaye)	Many antichrists will appear, but the Antichrist is yet future (cf. 1Jo 2.18).	Antichrist is presently restrained by the Holy Spirit , but he will appear during the 70th week of Daniel (see Dan 9.24-27), after the rapture. He will make a treaty with Israel at the beginning of the seven-year tribulation period. He will reveal his true identity in a rebuilt temple in Jerusalem, and break the treaty.
Historicism (Reformers, Westminster Confession of Faith)	Antichrist is the current pope, or the papacy as an office.	The temple mentioned by Paul in 2Th 2.4 is the church. The harlot Babylon (Rev 17) is the Roman Catholic Church. Antichrist is restrained by the preaching of the gospel .
Preterism (B. B. Warfield, Ken Gentry)	Many antichrists (false teachers) present throughout the course of this age. The beast of Rev 13 was Nero and the Book of Revelation depicts events of the first century, mostly already fulfilled.	Jesus Christ returned in judgment upon Israel in AD 70, closing the end of the Jewish age. Paul's reference to the temple in 2Th 2.4 is to the Jerusalem temple that was destroyed in AD 70. Antichrist was restrained by the Jewish commonwealth or the Roman Empire .
Reformed Amillennialism (Geerhardus Vos, Anthony Hoekema)	Many antichrists (false teachers) appear throughout the course of this age. A final Antichrist is yet to come in the form of state-sponsored heresy and the persecution of the church.	The temple of 2Th 2.4 is the church, not the Jerusalem temple. Antichrist's appearance is tied to a time of great apostasy. [Here, Riddlebarger refers us to Rev 20.1-10.] The Antichrist phenomenon is restrained by the angel of Revelation, the providence of God, or the preaching of the gospel .
Roderick Graciano	Many antichrists have arisen; the Antichrist will yet emerge from the area of ancient Assyria (Isa 14.4-25).	In 2Th 2.4 Paul speaks of the Jerusalem temple. The harlot Babylon (Rev 17-18) is the city of Rome, Italy. Antichrist is restrained by the archangel Michael and his angel army (Cf. Dan 12.1).

Appendix 9: A Closer Look At The Day Of The LORD



Appendix 10: The Expanding Timeline Of Progressive Revelation



Understanding The Age To Come

- What the rabbis called “the age to come” is what we commonly call the Millennium, or the age of Christ’s Millennial Reign. It is tantamount to the Day of the LORD and is the age during which Christ will be enthroned in Jerusalem. God will keep important promises to Israel (Genesis 15.18-21; 2 Samuel 7.10) and to the Overcomer (Revelation 2.26-27) in this age.
- The age of the Millennial Reign is the age in which God will finish dealing with national entities (Isaiah 66. 18-24; Zechariah 14.16-19).
- A wrong view of the Millennial Reign, i.e., spiritualizing it, forces proponents to spiritualize or reject many biblical predictions regarding that age.
- Ignorance of the Bible’s teaching about the Millennial Reign equals ignorance of the resurrected believer’s destiny as a shepherd and member of the Bride in that age.

Appendix 11: The Correlation Between The Olivet Discourse And The Revelation

The Olivet Discourse Eschatological Outline

<i>Witness & Persecution</i> <i>Luk 21.12-18</i>	<i>Beginning of Birth Pangs</i> <i>Mat 24.5-8</i>	<i>Daniel's Final Week</i> <i>Mat 24.15-25</i>	<i>Christ's Parousia</i> <i>Mat 24.27-31</i>
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The Revelation Expansion

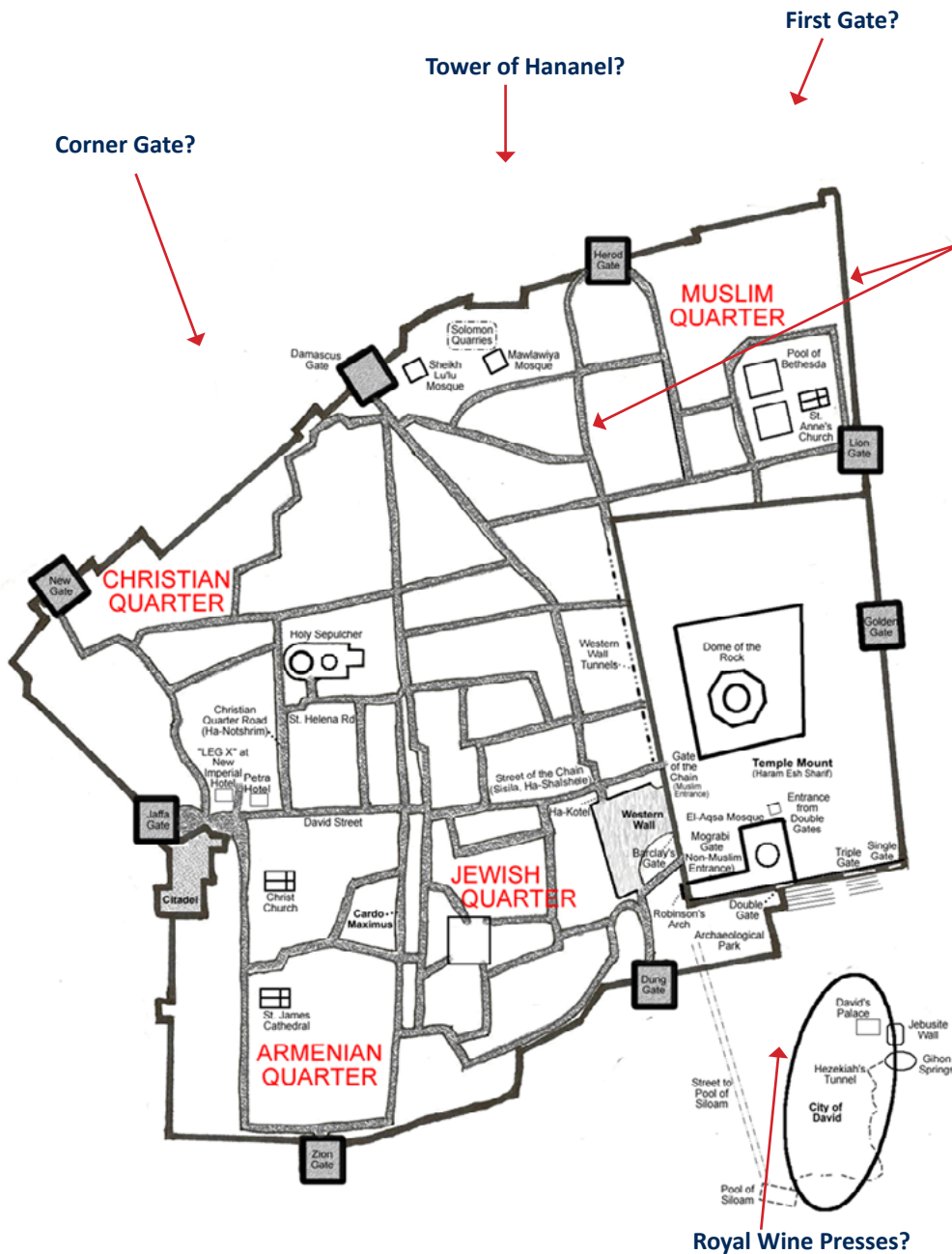
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Appendix 12: Diverse Groups Dealt With At The Parousia

In the Middle Ages, many in Christendom seem to have believed in a very simple eschatology: Christ would descend from heaven, destroy all the wicked on earth, take all the righteous to heaven, *end of story*. There was no sense that any life on earth might continue, and that there might be diverse groups of people on planet earth, each of whom Christ would deal with differently, at the parousia. Even today, Christians are sometimes surprised to learn that a vast population of mortal human beings will continue to populate the earth after Christ's coming. This does not imply a "second chance" for Anti-Christians, false Christians and those who consciously reject Christ and the gospel before His coming, but many as-yet unevangelized people will come to faith in Christ, after His coming, during His thousand-year reign on earth.

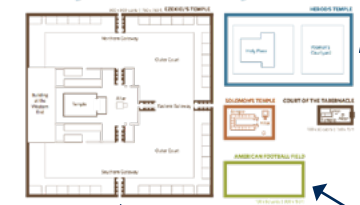
1.	Deceased Christians	Resurrected, raptured, rule	1Th 4.13-18; Isa 32.1-5
2.	Christians Still Living	Gathered, changed, raptured, rule	1Co 15.51-52; Rev 22.3-5
3.	False Christians (Hypocrites)	Thrown into the fire	Mat 13.24-30,36-43; 24.51
4.	Antichrist & False Prophet	Thrown into Lake of Fire	Rev 19.20
5.	Anti-Christians	Killed & tormented	Rev 14.9-11;19.21; 2Th 2.12
6.	The 144,000	Sealed, brought to repentance, sent to evangelize	Zec 12.10-13.1; Isa 66.19; Rev 7.3-8
7.	The Diaspora (Woman clothed in the Sun?)	Protected in wilderness, then brought to Jerusalem	Isa 66.20,21; Zec 14.16-19; Rev 12.6,14
8.	Armageddon Survivors	Worship King YHVH	Zec 14.16-19
9.	Unevangelized Gentiles	Accompany Jews to seek YHVH in Jerusalem	Zec 8.20-23
10.	Satan	Bound for 1,000 years	Rev 20.2
11.	Gospel Rejectors	Suffer God's wrath	Mat 12.41; Joh 3.36;12.48; Rom 1.18; 2.8
12.	Children	Enter the earthly kingdom	Mat 18.3; Mar 10.14-15

Appendix 13: Jerusalem Exalted



Zechariah 14.10-11 tells us that, at the Lord's coming, the mountainous region around Jerusalem will sink, forming a plain, while the old city will remain on its foundation and rise (or appear to rise) in elevation. Jerusalem's gates and towers, familiar to the people of Zechariah's time, can only be located approximately today, but the landmarks mentioned by Zechariah essentially describe the northern and southern boundaries of the old walled city as it currently stands. Most of that ancient city, particularly its Temple Mount (Moriah), will remain as the location of the new temple described by Ezekiel 40-45.

Temple Size Comparisons



Herod's temple complex, the temple complex of the first century, had much smaller courtyards than Ezekiel's future temple, though the future temple sanctuary (the temple proper) will have roughly the same footprint.

The size of a football field for comparison.

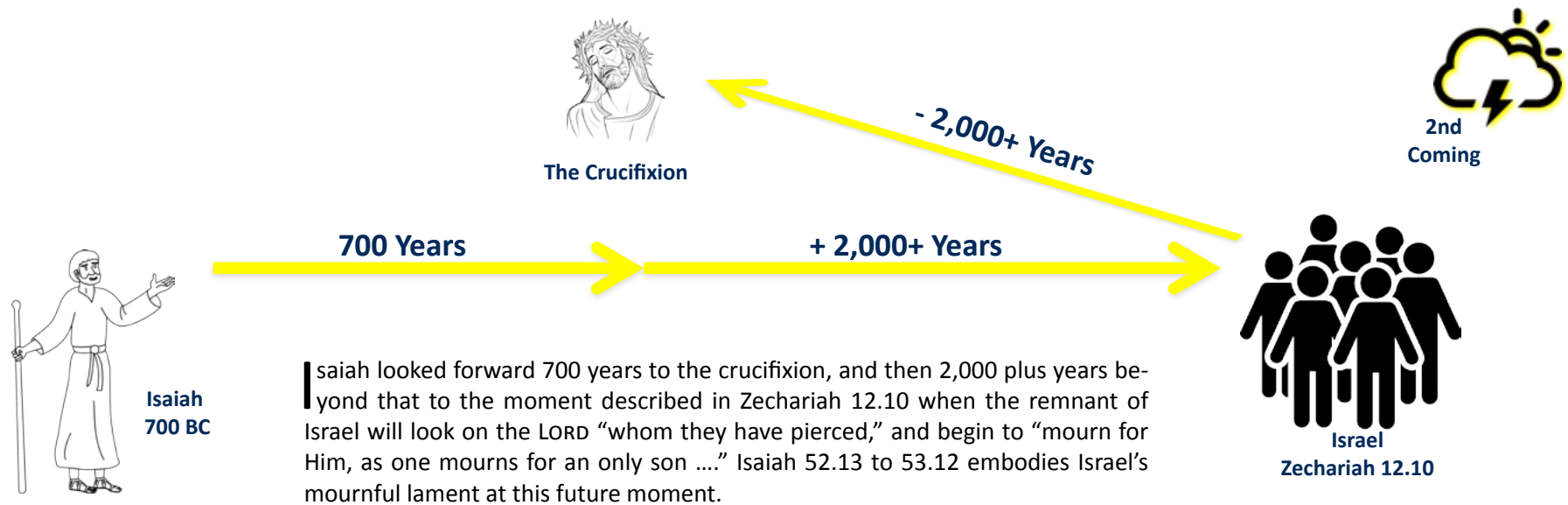
Ezekiel's temple complex, shown here approximately to scale, will fit on the existing temple-mount platform, but will require removal of the Dome of the Rock.

Royal Wine Presses?

Appendix 14: Israel's Mourning Lament At Christ's Second Coming

The apocalyptic Scriptures predict repeatedly that the Day of the LORD will be a day of mourning for Israel. It will certainly be a day of mourning over sin in general, but more specifically, it will be "like a time of mourning for an only son" (Amo 8.9-10). Zecariah makes the prediction of mourning more specific as to its focus: "they will look on Me [YHVH] whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, **as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.** In that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem ..." (Zec 12.10-11). Israel, and particularly the surviving inhabitants of Jerusalem, will weep over the LORD (YHVH) Himself, and over their collective culpability in failing to perceive and receive Him as their Messiah, Jesus Christ.

Isaiah focused the prediction of Israel's mourning further in predicting some of the content of the nation's lament. We have that part of their lament recorded as an amazing prophecy in Isaiah 52.13 to 53.12. We have usually read this passage as a prediction of Christ's death and (implicit) resurrection, and it is that, but careful analysis reveals that the prophecy *looks ahead* to Israel *looking back*!



Appendix 15: The Rahab-Leviathan Predictions

Revelation 12.9 tell us that at some point,

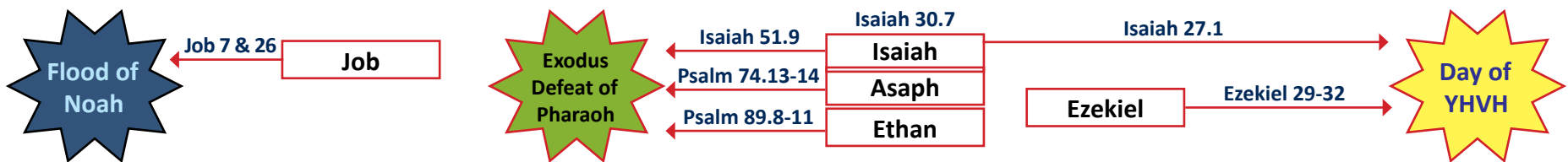
the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

We see that Satan goes by various names in Scripture, and his names in the Revelation overlap with two other names in the OT, the names Rahab and Leviathan. Job 26.13 speaks of the fleeing serpent as Rahab; Isaiah 27.1 calls him Leviathan. Isaiah 27.1 also calls Leviathan “the dragon who lives in the sea”; Isaiah 51.9 calls this (sea) dragon Rahab.

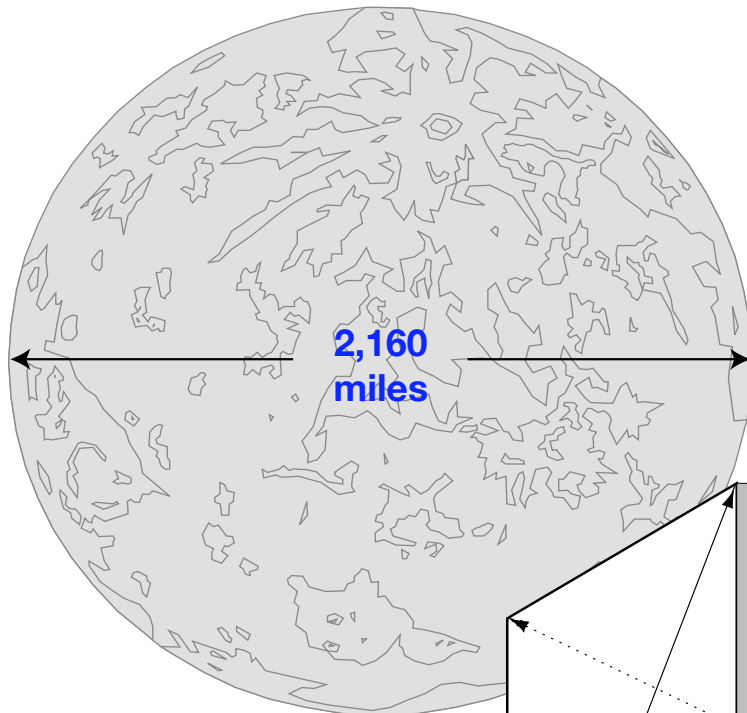
We can summarize all the OT biblical references to Rahab-Leviathan as follows:

- Rahab is identified with the Dragon once (Isa 51.9), and with the Serpent once (Job 26.12-13).
- The Dragon is identified with Leviathan twice (Psa 74.13-14; Isa 27.1), and with the Serpent once (Isa 27.1). (Dragon = Serpent once again in Rev 12.9.)
- Thus, Rahab is also identified with Leviathan (and the Serpent) by virtue of Rahab’s identification with the Dragon (Isa 51.9).
- Rahab is identified with Egypt once (Isa 30.7), but Egypt/Pharaoh is identified with the Dragon twice (Eze 29.3-8; 32.2-15), thus forming a strong connection between Rahab the Dragon and Egypt/Pharaoh.
- Rahab is identified with the Sea three or four times (Job 26.12-13; Psa 89.9-11; Isa 51.9; possibly Job 9.8-13).
- The Dragon is identified with the Sea four times (Psa 74.13-14; Isa 27.1; 51.9; Eze 32.2-15).
- The Serpent is connected to the Sea twice (in both the Serpent/Rahab/Leviathan passages: Job 26.12-13; Isa 27.1; but cf. Amo 9.3).
- Leviathan is connected with the Sea four times (i.e., in all of its instances: Job 41; Psa 74.13-14; Isa 27.1; 30.7).
- Thus, a strong connection exists between Rahab and the Sea. The three-way connection between Rahab, Egypt and the Sea has to do with the climactic battle of the Exodus at the Red Sea, and also with the military-economic power of the Nile delta, where the rivers of Egypt meet the Mediterranean Sea.

The varied passages relating to Rahab-Leviathan all had a contemporary application for their original audiences, of course. At the same time, the allusions of these passages looked backward to the Exodus (and possibly to Noah’s flood), or forward to the Day of the LORD, when God will finally kill the dragon (Isa 27.1). I see in these passages also a faint connection to the dragon standing on the seashore and calling up a multi-headed monster from the sea, Rev 13.1. All of these passages reassure God’s people of His sovereign power over the monstrous entity of evil, and His intent to rid the earth of it.

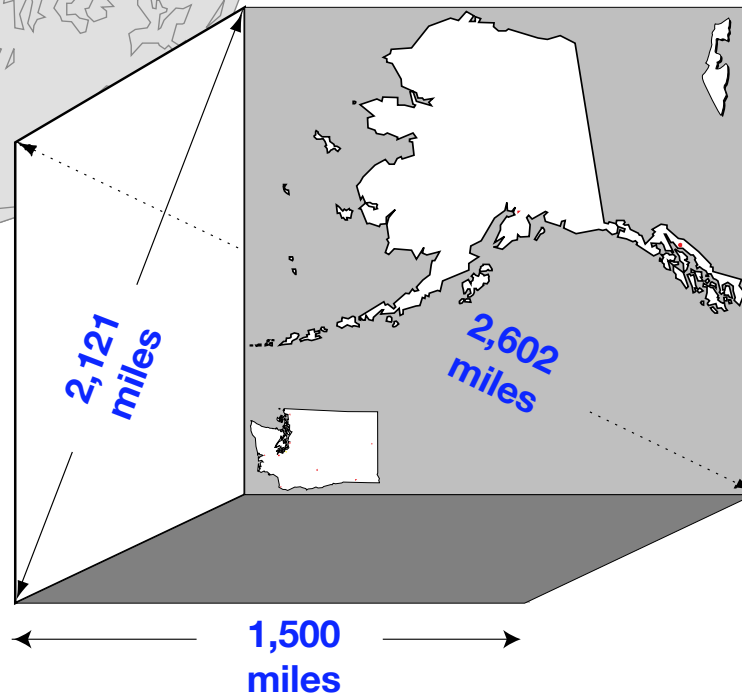


Appendix 16: The Size Of New Jerusalem (Revelation 21.16)



The dimensions of the New Jerusalem compared to the Moon, approximately to scale.

- The surface area of the earth = 197,272,000 sq. miles.
- The land area of the earth = 49,318,000 sq. miles.
- Surface area of a cube-shaped New Jerusalem, total of all six faces = 13,500,00 sq. miles.
- If the city were divided into floors, with the ceiling of each floor 1 mile high, New Jerusalem's floor space would = 3,375,000,000 sq. miles, or 68 times the land area of the earth.



On this front face of the cube, note the relative land mass areas of the state of Alaska, USA, the state of Washington, USA, and the nation of Israel (upper right corner).

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