

The End Times

PART 2

Part 1 of **The End Times** study ends during the transition from the period of the Church to that of the Tribulation. The Church has been snatched away to heaven by the LORD to take part in the Marriage of the Lamb and the Judgment Seat of Christ; the Revived Roman Empire has become solidified as a newly recognized nation; Israel has just made a seven-year peace treaty with the supreme leader (the White Horse Rider) of the Revived Roman Empire.

No prophecy about the End Times is so minor that it is dismissed as unimportant!

Such is the case with

THE INHABITATION OF SPACE AND THE OCEAN!

All prophecies found in the Scripture must be fulfilled at the appropriate time. Two such prophecies deal with the LORD's judgment on two groups of people when He returns at Armageddon at the end of the Period of the Tribulation.

Amos says the following about those He will punish at His return.

Amos 9:2-3 Though they dig into Sheol, from there shall My hand take them; and though they ascend to heaven, from there will I bring them down. And though they hide on the summit of Carmel, I will search them out and take them from there; and though they conceal themselves from My sight on the floor of the sea, from there I will command the serpent and it will bite them.

In this passage, Jesus is going to punish four groups of people.

1. Those who dig into the dirt and hide
- ➡ 2. **Those who hide in the heavens**
3. Those who hide on the mountains
- ➡ 4. **Those who hide at the bottom of the ocean**

Problem with Two of the Groups

At this time in the period of the Church, it is impossible for large groups of people to hide in the heavens or at the bottom of the ocean. In a broad sense of the word, if financial resources were allocated to both, it is now possible. We could put a colony of people on the moon; we could put a colony of people deep in the ocean. However, in the narrow sense of the word, technology is not in place for those two locations to be self-sufficient; they will need constant delivery of supplies from earth. Obadiah makes the task even harder.

Obadiah, addressing the topic of the LORD's return, says to the Edomite people the following.

Obadiah 1:3-5 "Though you build high like the eagle, though you set your nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down," declares the LORD.

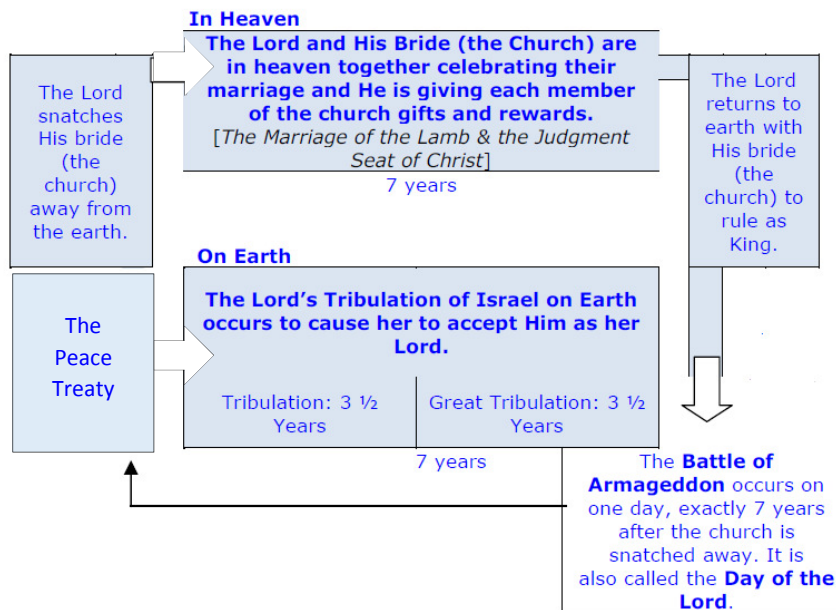
Placing colonies on the moon is one thing, setting up colonies in space among the stars is another. In addition, this prophecy is to the Edomite people. We know them today as the Palestinians who have neither space nor underwater technology. They would have to pay for access to the heavens and the ocean

colonies and as of today, they are limited in their financial resources. Nevertheless, by the time of the end of the Tribulation, some of the Edomites, as well as other wicked people, will be living among the stars and at the bottom of the ocean.

The seven years of Tribulation will not provide enough time for these two tasks to be fulfilled; therefore, both must be put in place, either before or during the transition into the Tribulation.

One More Look at the Overview of the Tribulation Period With Revelation Scripture Layers

Tribulation



Revelation Scripture Layers	The Period of Tribulation	Action
Rev. 5	Worship of the LORD Who Controls the Tribulation	Reveals the LORD in Heaven
Rev. 6	Begins with Seal One Ends with Seal Seven	Reveals Man's Involvement
Rev. 7	144,000 Jews Protected Many Others Martyred	Reveals Protection of Israel
Rev. 8 - 9Seven trumps.....	Reveals Satan's Involvement
Rev. 10	Angel's Special Message to John	Reveals Israel's Future to John
Rev. 11	Two Witnesses Minister 1260 Days	Reveals God's Messengers
Rev. 12	The Woman – Israel	Reveals Satan's Hatred of Israel
Rev. 13	Beast 1 & 2 Introduced 666 Mark Required	Reveals Israel's Enemies
Rev. 14	144,000 Jews Blameless	Reveals the LORD's Choice
Rev. 15 - 16Seven Bowls.....	Reveals God's Involvement
Rev. 17-18	Woman Intro–Apostate Religion–Woman Destroyed	Reveals the LORD's Enemy

Revelation Scripture Layers

Chapters 5 through 18 of the Book of Revelation deal with the Period of the Seven-Year Tribulation. Eleven entities that take part in the Tribulation are presented to John in these fourteen chapters. All eleven entities are in place at the beginning of the Tribulation; three entities survive the Tribulation and enter into the next Kingdom Period; seven entities are destroyed by the end of the Tribulation; one entity delivers a special message to John, the author of the Revelation.

Even though the LORD presented each entity to John in separate stories, each story covers the entire period of the Tribulation and each intermingles with the stories of the other entities. All are important and all act as layers upon each other to tell the whole story of the seven years of the Tribulation.



Summary and Harmony of the Tribulation Period

The First Three and a Half Years

With all the transition events that will need to take place to enter the Tribulation Period identified as well as all the entities that will participate in the seven-year proceedings, we can now summarize and harmonize the parts into one story.

Tribulation

Dan. 2, Dan. 7,
Dan. 8, Dan 11, 2
Thess 2, Rev 6;
Mat. 24, Luk 2, Zec
5.



Seal 1



Beast 1



Beast 2

Rev. 17, 2 Thess 2,
Zec 5, Gen 25, Mal.
1, Rom. 9, Dan 7



One Flag of Islam
Today



Israel's treaty with the leader of the Revived Roman Empire will be in place. The leader will gain his power and position because of the influence of the cleric of the apostate religion that will dominate the ten nations that make up his empire. He will present himself as a diplomat, the White Horse Rider who offers the nation of Israel protection and relief from her years of attack that began in 70 AD at the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. Although he will appear to be trustworthy, his war wounds gained while killing three presidents in his rise to power indicate that peace may not be his main agenda.

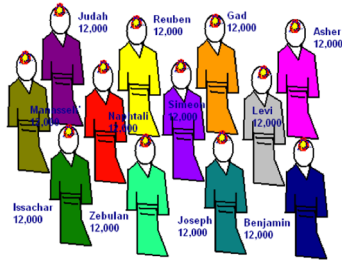


The religion that will back the leader/beast of the Revived Roman Empire is symbolized by the idolatrous woman who "sits on many waters", "seven mountains" and "many cities", meaning she controls more countries and empires than just the Revived Roman Empire. She will come out of the "seven mountains" that had controlled the Babylonian land – Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persian, Greek, Roman Empire and then the Revived Roman Empire. She is the great apostate religion who began in the area known as Babylon where a temple was established to her in Mecca. The descendants of Ishmael dominated the area in that day and most of her followers are his descendants and those of his son-in-law Esau, the brother of Jacob. With Esau's descendants composing the majority of her religion and Jacob's descendants comprising the nation of Judaism, it is clearly a continuation of the constant struggle between the two nations that were conceived in the womb of Rebecca and foretold to be in constant battle. In that struggle, the LORD said, "Jacob I have loved, Esau I have hated." The LORD hates this apostate religion. Today, she is called Islam. She has spilled the blood of many saints through the ages and she will kill many during the seven years of the Tribulation. She will ride the Revived Roman Empire hard with the White Horse Rider as the head over the ten countries that comprise his empire and the seven vice-presidents under him. She will have had

"Jacob I
have loved,
Esau I have
hated" says
the LORD.

Joel 1, Rev. 7, Mat 24, Rev. 11, Zec. 4,

total control of all the leaders and people of the Revived Roman Empire well before its formation. She will be the one who will give the White Horse Rider his initial power to rule as long as he will wage war against the Lamb of God. Secretly, the White Horse Rider will hate the idolatrous woman. He will hate all religions.



With the signing of the treaty, Israel will let down her guard and concentrate on planting crops for her people. She will continue to act self-sufficiently and fail to accept the LORD as her Savior.

Nevertheless, the LORD will select 144,000 Jews, 12,000 from each original tribe and place a seal of protection on them. They will belong to Him and no one can harm them.



Prophecy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth

In addition, the two witnesses of the LORD will arrive to preach the Gospel to Israel. They will minister for the next 1260 days (three and one-half years). No one will be able to harm them during their ministry. They will have power over all nature and during their ministry, they will kill everyone who tries to attack them. Israel will hate them; the world will hate them. At the end of the first year, as

Israel's crops begin to mature, the two witnesses will send four kinds of locusts to devour the vegetation. To make things worse, the witnesses will stop the rain for the remainder of their ministry and nothing will grow. They will also render the water in the streams and rivers undrinkable. It will be a tragic blow to the economy of Israel; it will also be a tragic blow to the other nations affected by the lack of rain and drinkable water. In fact, the inhabitants of the world will hate the witnesses. Nevertheless, the LORD will continue to call Israel to come to a solemn assembly before Him and she will refuse. She will turn to all the other nations of the world for help instead of the LORD; no nation will help her; she will be a stench in their nostrils.

Rev. 6, Mat. 24, Zech 2, Eze. 38, Joel 2, Dan. 12, Zec. 14, Eze 39



Seal 2



Some time near the end of the first three and one half years, the king of the north who will control the land areas called Magog, Rosh, Meshach and Tubal will turn his eyes toward Israel. She may be starving from a lack of food, but she will not, by any means, be poor. She will have great wealth and resources and the king of the north will desire to capture her. His

name will be Gog. These areas are not unknown to the Bible student today; they are clearly identified in Scripture and placed on maps in most Bibles. No speculation is needed; Magog, Rosh, Meshach and Tubal are directly north of Israel, located above, below and between the Black and Caspian Seas. Gog will gather the forces of the kings of the east and south to help in the attack and capture. Those who will join him are from Egypt, Ammon, Edom, Moab, Ethiopia, Babylon, Phut, Libya, Gomer and Persia. The king of the north will be the Red Horse Rider. In the Revelation, he does not have a crown, symbolizing that he will not have the authority to invade Israel, but he has a sword which symbolizes his intent to kill as many people as needed in order take the nation of Israel and all her resources. When he marches toward Israel, the White Horse Rider, the president/beast of the Revived Roman Empire will move into action having been notified of the Red Horse Rider's intent. He will enter Israel and array his army in the open field north of Jerusalem that will be the site of the Battle of Armageddon at the end of the Tribulation. More than thirty days before the end of the first half of the Tribulation, Gog will arrive and the battle will be fierce. The western president/beast of the Revived Roman Empire will defeat Gog and his armies. The bloodshed will be great and it will take seven months for the birds and beasts to eat the flesh of the dead; for seven months the inhabitants of Israel will bury bones. The sheer magnitude of energy resources left behind in the battle will fuel Israel's requirements for seven years if needed.



Countries that will join Gog in attacking Israel

Rev. 6, Mat. 24,
Joel 2



Seal 3



The Black Horse Rider will arrive with a set of scales in his hands. The whole economic system of Israel will be in shambles. The price of food will be outrageous! One man, working a full day, will earn enough money to provide food for only one day. If a man has a family of four, he will have to work four days to provide food for one day!

Zec. 14

The president/beast of the Revived Roman Empire will keep his promise to protect Israel from all other enemies but that will be all that he will honor in his peace treaty. He will not leave Israel; rather, he will turn on Jerusalem. Half of the inhabitants of the city will flee for their lives; 70,000 people will remain in the city. The president/beast will take the Temple in Jerusalem as his own and

Rev. 12, Rev. 13,
Dan. 7, Mat. 24

make it his new home and throne. He will break the treaty at that point. What he will do in the temple will be an abomination.

At that time, war will break out in heaven as Satan and his demons rebel. They have been in heaven accusing the brethren since Adam and Eve were cast out of the garden. It will now be time for him to be removed permanently from the presence of God. The angel Michael with his host will fight a vicious battle and Satan and his demons will be cast out of heaven and sent down to earth where they will pursue Israel and her offspring and all the believing Gentiles.



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Dan. 7, Rev. 13,
Mat. 24



Beast 2

666

The false prophet will create an image of the president/beast and he will order everyone under his control to worship the president/beast and the statue made in his likeness. Almost miraculously, the image will be able to speak and to kill. In addition, the false prophet will set in place the requirement that the number 666 must be used for any business or transaction within the domain of the president/beast and his Revived Roman Empire; no mark, no trade!

Dan. 12

So many Tribulation saints will die during the first 1,260 days that an angel will ask the LORD, "How long will it be until the end of these wonders?" The LORD will respond by telling him, "Time, times and half a time", or three and one half years or 1,260 more days. However, 1,290 days will actually remain because 30 days remain in the first part of the Tribulation. But the LORD will give a wonderful promise to those who survive the remaining three and one half years of the GREAT TRIBULATION; if they are alive in 1,335 more days, they will receive an unbelievable blessing.

Rev. 11



In Jerusalem, the president/beast must address the two witnesses in his newly captured city of Jerusalem, but they will still be invincible. Fewer than 30 days of their 1,260 day mission remain. On the last day of their mission, the president/beast will be able to kill them. People all over the world will see their dead bodies in the Jerusalem streets and joy will break out in a worldwide holiday which will include the giving of gifts in celebration. However, after three and one half days, the two witnesses will come back to life and everyone in the world will see their resurrection. Great fear will grip the hearts of the sinful people! Everyone in the world will see them ascend into the clouds

and then into heaven. An earthquake will shake the city of Jerusalem at that time and one tenth of her population will die, approximately 7,000 people. The remaining 63,000 Jews in the city will see the miracle and believe the message of the witnesses and give glory to God. Finally, after hundreds of years since the LORD's earthly ministry, the hearts of the people of the nation of Israel will believe in the LORD Jesus.

It is time for the GREAT TRIBULATION to begin!

1,260 days until the BATTLE of ARMAGEDDON