

"And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the peoples that have warred against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their sockets, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth."

THE PROPHET ZECHARIAH (518 B.C.E. Chapter 14 verse 12)

#### Dear Friends,

Rabbi Moses Maimonides (Rambam), in his Thirteen Articles of Faith, stated in Article Six that, "I believe with a perfect faith that all the words of the prophets are true." In Article Twelve he stated that, "I believe with a perfect faith in the coming of the Messiah and though he tarry I will wait daily for his coming." As the world staggers from one crisis to another we see the words of the ancient Hebrew prophets coming to pass. These questions were prepared to give you an awareness of what the prophets foretold concerning the cataclysmic events that will precede the coming of the Messiah to deliver Israel from her enemies. Scripture quotations are from the Holy Scriptures according to The Masoretic Text published by the Jewish Publication Society of America (5703-1943)., (Except where noted.)

#### SHALOM, THE LAST SHOFAR STAFF

"Everywhere you turn in Israel today the Bible is coming to life. I'm not talking only about archeological discoveries, but about the international political scene as it affects us today. If you read the Biblical prophecies about Armageddon and the end days, and you look at the current realities in the world today and especially the Middle East, things certainly begin to look familiar.

The vast number of archeological discoveries in Israel have all tended to vindicate the pictures that are presented in the Bible. If, therefore, the Bible has proven true concerning the past, we can not look lightly at any prognostication it makes about the future."

CHAIM HERZOG, PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL (From a 1977 interview for the film "The Late Great Planet Earth")



1. Why did the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob choose the Jewish people?

2. Do the blessings of God rest on those who love the Jewish people?

3. What is the origin of Jewish faith and religious beliefs?

4. Did Moses in the Torah foresee the worldwide scattering of the Jewish people (the Diaspora, commencing in 70 C.E. with the destruction of the temple); and why did a loving God allow evil to come upon His chosen people?

**Holy Scriptures** 

• "For thou art a holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be His own treasure, out of all peoples that are upon the face of the earth. The Lord did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people-for ye were the fewest of all peoples-but because the Lord loved you..."

Deuteronomy 7:6-8.

• "Now the Lord said unto Abram: "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto the land that I will show thee. And I will make of thee a great nation and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and be thou a blessing. And I will bless them that bless thee, and him that curseth thee will I curse; and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed'."

Genesis 12:1-3.

• "HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thy liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the door-post of thy house, and upon thy gates."

Deuteronomy 6:4-9.

• "If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and awful Name, the Lord thy God; then the Lord will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. And He will bring back upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast in dread of; and they shall cleave unto thee. Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the Lord bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed. And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou didst not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. And it shall come to pass, that as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the Lord will rejoice over you to cause you to perish, and to destroy you; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest in to possess it. And the Lord shall scatter thee among all peoples, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou nor thy fathers, even wood and stone. And among these nations shalt thou have no repose, and there shall be no rest for the sole of thy foot:"

### **Questions**

5. Is the rebirth of Israel in 1948 a direct fulfillment of Biblical prophecy?

6. Has God given the land of Israel, including Jerusalem and the West Bank (Judea), to the Jewish people as an eternal inheritance?

7. Did the prophet Ezekiel foresee an impending Russian invasion of Israel, and what would be the outcome?

8. Will the holy temple be rebuilt in Jerusalem and animal sacrifice be reinstituted? Will a false messiah break a seven-year treaty with the Israelis by terminating these sacrifices and desecrating the temple?

9. Will the termination of the temple sacrifice by the false messiah usher in a time of unparalleled persecution for the Jewish people?

## **Holy Scriptures**

• "Then He said unto me: 'Prophesy over these bones, and say unto them: O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord: Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord'...So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great host. Then He said unto me: 'Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say: Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off. Therefore prophesy, and say unto them: Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will open their graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, O My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, and caused you to come up out of your graves, O My people. And I will put My spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I will place you in your own land; and ye shall know that I the Lord have spoken, and performed it, saith the Lord."

Ezekeil 37:4-6, 10-14.

• "And He brought him forth abroad, and said: 'Look now toward heaven, and count the stars, if thou be able to count them;' and He said unto him: 'So shall thy seed be.' And he believed in the Lord; And He counted it to him for righteousness...In that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates';"

Genesis 15:5, 6, 18.

• "And I will turn thee about, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed most gorgeously, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them handling swords: Persia, Cush and Put, with them, all of them with shield and helmet; ...After many days thou shalt be mustered for service, in the latter years thou shalt come against the land that is brought back from the sword, that is gathered out of many peoples, against the mountains of Israel, which have been a continual waste; But it is brought forth out of peoples, and they dwell safely all of them. And thou shalt ascend, thou shalt come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many peoples with thee...And thou shalt come from thy place out of the UTTER MOST PARTS OF THE NORTH, thou, and many peoples with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company and a mighty army; and thou shalt come up against My people Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the end of days and I will bring thee against My land, that the nations may know Me...And I will call for a sword against him throughout all My mountains, saith the Lord God; Every man's sword shall be against his brother. And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will cause to rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many peoples that are with him, an overflowing shower, and great hailstones, fire and brimstone. Thus will I magnify Myself, and sanctify Myself, and I will make Myself known in the eyes of many nations; and they shall know that I am the Lord "

Ezekeil 38:4, 5, 8, 9, 15, 16, 21-23. (According the the Encyclopedia Judaica [copyright 1972], Persia is Iran, Cush is Ethiopia and Put is Libya. See Volumes 5 and 13.)

• "And he shall make a firm covenant with many for one week; and for half of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease; and upon the wing of detestable things shall be that which causeth appallment;"

Daniel 9:27.

• "And from the time that the continual burnt-offering shall be taken away, and the detestable thing that causeth appallment set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days."

Daniel 12:11.

• "I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.' And these are the words that the Lord spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah. For thus saith the Lord: We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child; Wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, And all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is a time of trouble unto Jacob, but out of it shall he be saved'."

Jeremiah 30:3-7.

• "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince who standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book."

Daniel 12:1

• "And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, Two parts therein shall be cut off and die; But the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, And will refine them as silver is refined, And will try them as gold is tried; They shall call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say: 'It is My people', And they shall say: 'The Lord is my God...'

Zechariah 13:8, 9 The Last Shofar • Page 3

### **Questions**

10. Will the Lord Himself deliver Israel from her enemies?

11. What will the reaction of the Jewish people be when they finally see their true Messiah?

12. Will the Messiah rule the world from Jerusalem, and establish an era of universal peace?

13. Is the Messiah a descendant of King David, and will He establish an eternal kingdom?

14. With the destruction of the Temple in 70 C.E. the Levitical sacrificial system was terminated. According to the Holy Scriptures, is atonement now possible under the Law of Moses?

15. Did God then leave the Jewish people without a means of atonement, or is there provision in the Scriptures for a new covenant that would even include the Gentiles?

## **Holy Scriptures**

• "For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; And the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, And the women ravished; And half of the city shall go forth in captivity, But the residue of the people shall be not cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when He fighteth in the day of battle. And His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, Which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the west, So that there shall be a very great valley; And half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, And half of it toward the south. And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; For the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal; Yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah; And the Lord my God shall come, And all the holy ones with Thee..."

Zechariah 14:2-5.

• "And I will pour upon the house of David, And upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, The spirit of grace and of supplication; And they shall look unto Me because they have thrust him through; And they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, And shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, As the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon (Armageddon). And the land shall mourn, every family apart...And one shall say unto him: 'What are these wounds between thy hands?' Then he shall answer: 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends'.

Zechariah 12:10-12; 13:6.

• "The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the end of days, That the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow unto it. And many peoples shall go and say: 'Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of God of Jacob; And He will teach us of His ways, And we will walk in His paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And He shall judge between the nations, And shall decide for many peoples; And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning-hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war any more."

Isaiah 2:1-4.

• "And it shall come to pass, that everyone that is left of all the nations that came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles."

Zechariah 14:16.

• "For a child is born unto us, A son is given unto us; And the government is upon his shoulder; And his name is called Wonderful, in counsel is God the Mighty, the everlasting Father, the Ruler of peace; That the government may be increased, And of peace there be no end, Upon the throne of David, And upon his kingdom, To establish it, and to uphold it through justice and through righteousness from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts doth perform this."

Isaiah 9:5, 6.

• "I beheld till thrones were placed, And one that was ancient of days did sit: His raiment was as white snow, And the hair of his head like pure wool; His throne was fiery flames, And the wheels thereof burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him; Thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; The judgment was set, and the books were opened. I saw in the night visions, and, behold there came with the clouds of heaven one like unto a son of man, and he was brought near before Him. And there was given him dominion, and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations and languages should serve him; His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."

Daniel 7:9, 10, 13, 14.

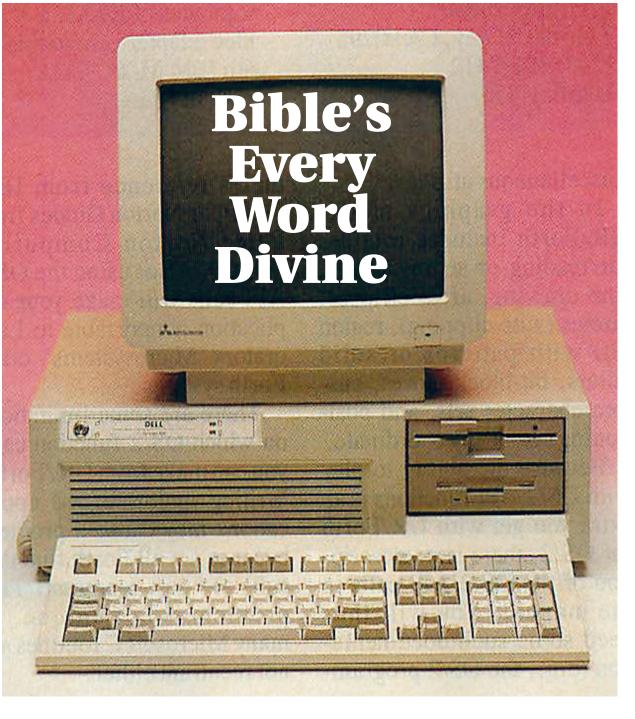
• "For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that maketh atonement by reason of the life."

Leviticus 17:11.

• "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah; not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; forasmuch as they broke My covenant although I was a lord over them, saith the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord, I will put My law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people;"

#### Jeremiah 31:31-33.

• "And now saith the Lord that formed me from the womb to be His servant to bring Jacob back to Him, and that Israel be gathered unto Him. For I am honourable in the eyes of the Lord, and my God is become my strength, Yea, He saith: It is too light a thing that thou shouldest be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the offspring of Israel; I will also give thee for a light of the nations, That My salvation may be unto the end of the earth."



#### By WESLEY PIPPERT United Press International

JERUSALEM-Israeli researchers, using a computer, say they have found encoded messages in the Bible giving new support to the belief that the book's every word divinely inspired.

The researchers said in the Book of Esther they found the reference to the hanging of 10 Nazi war criminals on October 16, 1946, and in the Book of Deuteronomy the word "Holocaust" was hidden.

"There is no way to explain this information," said Dr. Moshe Katz, a technion biomechanic who has a degree in Biblical studies. "This is a divine source."

The team has drawn no conclusions, but if the initial findings hold up, Katz believes the implications could be profound.

One of the biggest disputes in the Judeo-Christian tradition has been whether the Bible is literally inspired by God. In Christianity, the question represents a central difference between the theological fundamentalists and the liberals. The team's search suggest the Bible was inspired by God.

Katz said he and Dr. Fred Weiner, a computer specialist on the Technion medical faculty, told the computer to skip letters as it scanned the Hebrew-language Bible. Often words and messages leaped out of the text when the computer used only every 50th letter or 26th letter.

One of the Hebrew names for God is Yahweh. When it Hebrew letters are translated into numbers, Yahweh becomes No. 26.

No. 50, Katz pointed out, is 7 times 7 plus 1.

Seven is an important number in the Bible-there are 7 days in the week of Creation. It is 50 days between Passover and Shavuot (the Christian holiday Pentecost.) Farmers were told to work the land for 49 years and rest it on the 50th year.

Katz said that by skipping letters the computer found "Elohim," another Hebrew name for God, hidden 147 times among the letters of the Book of Genesis. He said the probability of it happening by chance was about one in 2 million.

Computer programmer Dr. Eliyahu Kips, a Hebrew University mathematician, found the name of Aaron, the highest priest, hidden among the letters in the first part of Leviticus 25 times. He said the probability of that happening was one in 500,000.

Esther 9 is the story of how Queen Esther demanded the hanging of the 10 sons of Haman, who were enemies of the Jews. Hidden among the names of the sons were letters of the Hebrew date for 1946.

According to the newspaper reports at the time, Julius Streicher, one of the Nazis, shouted just before his hanging, "Today is Purim 1946."

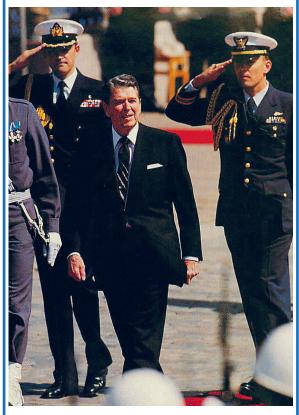
The date of the hanging of the Nazis, October 16,1946, fell on the final days of judgment in the 10 "days of awe" between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

In Deuteronomy 31, the Lord told Moses his descendants would foresake God and break His law. Verse 17 says, "Then My anger will be kindles against them...and I will devour them."

When the computer read every 50th letter in that section, the Hebrew word for "Holocaust" emerged.

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#### Reagan on Prophecy



In a telephone conversation with Thomas Dine, a lobbyist for Israel, the President was quoted as saying, "You know I turn back to your ancient prophets in the Old testament and the signs foretelling Armageddon, and I find myself wondering if-if we're the generation that is going to see that come about. I don't know if you've noted any of these prophecies lately but, believe me, they certainly describe the times we're going through."

This startling statement made by President Reagan connects current world events to the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. (Washington, Associated Press; Reprinted from the Daily News, October 30,1983)

#### The Hiding Place

Corrie Ten Boom, in her book "The Hiding Place," tells of her experience at the time of the Holocaust. She and her family were Christians in Holland during the Nazi occupation. During the persecution when the Jewish people were forced to wear a yellow Star of David, her father also wore one, although he and his family were not Jewish. He wanted to show his support for the people from who the Bible and Jesus Christ came.

Corrie's family hid Jewish people in their home during the Holocaust. For this the Nazis put the family in prison, where her father died. She and her sister, Betsie, were brought to Ravensbruck, a concentration camp that was in eastern Germany. There Betsie died. Corrie, who was in her fifties at the time, was miraculously released due to a clerical error just before all the women her age were sent to the gas chambers.

She lived almost 40 years longer and traveled to 61 nations, including Communist countries. Wherever she went she would let people know, "There is no pit so deep that God is not deeper still."

# CREDENTIALS OF THE MESSIAH

#### **QUALIFICATION**

#### **THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**

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DESCENDANT OF KING DAVID	<ul> <li>"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, That I will raise unto David a righteous shoot, And he shall reign as King and prosper, And shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; And this is his name whereby he shall be called, The Lord is our righteousness." Jeremiah 23:5, 6.</li> <li>"For a child is born unto us, A son is given unto us; And the government is upon his shoulder; And his name is called Wonderful in counsel, is God the mighty, The everlasting Father, the Ruler of peace; That the government may be increased, And of peace there be no end, Upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it through justice and through righteousness from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts doth perform this." Isaiah 9:5, 6.</li> </ul>	BABYLONIAN TALMUD RABBI ABRAHAM IBN EZRA TARGUM JONATHAN
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<b>BORN IN BETHLEHEM</b>	• But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Which art little to be among the thousands of Judah, Out of thee shall one come forth unto Me that is to be ruler in Israel; Whose goings forth are from of old, from ancient days." Micah 5:1.	RABBI DAVID KIMCHI
WOULD ENTER JERUSALEM ON A DONKEY	• "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem; Behold, thy King cometh unto thee. He is triumphant, and victorious, Lowly, and riding upon an ass, Even upon a colt the foal of an ass." Zechariah 9:9.	BABYLONIAN TALMUD
HIS COMING WOULD PRECEDE DESTRUCTION OF THE SECOND TEMPLE	• "And he made me to understand, and talked with me and said: O Daniel, I am now come forth to make thee skillful of understanding. At the beginning of thy supplications a word went forth, and I am come to declare it; for thou art greatly beloved; therefore look into the word, and understand the vision. Seventy weeks are decreed upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sin, and to forgive iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal vision and prophet, and to anoint the most holy place. Know therefore and discern, that from the going forth of the word to restore and to build Jerusalem unto one anointed, a prince, shall be seven weeks; and for threescore and two weeks, it shall be built again, with broad place and moat, but in troublous times. And after the threescore and two weeks shall an	ENCYCLOPEDIA JUDAIC FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS
	anointed one be cut off, and be no more; and the people of a prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; but his end shall be with a flood; and unto the end of the war desolations are determined." Daniel 9: 22-26.	RABBI MOSES ABRAHAN LEVI
TO BE REJECTED	• "He had no form nor comeliness, that we should look upon him, Nor beauty that we should delight in him. He was despised, and forsaken of men, A man of pains, and acquainted with disease, And as one from whom men hide their face: He was despised, and we esteemed him not.	RABBI ISAAC ABARBAN
	Isaiah 53:2, 3.	RABBI MOSHEH ALSHE
TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS AN OFFERING FOR SIN	• "But he was wounded because of our transgressions, He was crushed because of our iniquities; The chastisement of our welfare was upon him, And with his stripes we were healed. All we like sheep did go astray, we turned every one to his own way; And the Lord hath made to light on him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:5, 6.	RABBI MOSHE COHEN I CRISPEN
		HERZ HOMBERG





#### **COMMENTARY**

- "Rabbi Yose the Galilean said, 'Also the name of Messiah is called Peace, for it is written everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'." - Tractate Avot.
  - "There are some interpreters who say that Wonderful, Everlasting Father are names of God and only Prince of Peace is the name of the child. But according to my view, the interpretation is right which says all the names are the child's." (1089-1164 C.E.)

• "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise up to David the Messiah, who is righteous, and he shall reign as King, and shall prosper, and execute the judgement of truth and justice in the earth." (1st Century)

- "Out of thee Bethlehem shall Messiah go forth before me, to exercise dominion over Israel, Whose name has been spoken from of Old from days of Eternity."
- "Although thou art little among the thousands of Judah, out of thee shall come forth unto me a Judge to be Ruler in Israel, and this is the King Messiah." (1160-1235 C.E.)
- "Rabbi Hillel says, There will be no Messiah for Israel, because they have enjoyed him already D in the days of Hezekiah. Says Rabbi Joseph, May God pardon Rabbi Hillel. When was Hezekiah, In the time of the First Temple, but Zechariah prophesied in the time of the Second Temple, and said, 'Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold thy King cometh unto thee; He is just, having Salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt, the foal of an ass'." - Tractate Sanhedrin fol. 99, c. 1.
- AICA • According to the Judaica, the time that the decree was given to Nehemiah to restore and to build Jerusalem by King Artaxerxes was in the twentieth year of his reign (445 B.C.E.). See Vol.5, Col. 936-7.

• "And who is there that does not know what the writings of the ancient prophets contain in them, and particularly that oracle which is just now (70 C.E.) going to be fulfilled upon this miserable city...It is God therefore, it is God Himself who is bringing on this fire to purge that city and temple by means of the Romans." Wars of the Jews 6.2.1 Jewish Historian - (37-103 C.E.).

- "I have examined and searched all the Holy Scriptures and have not found the time for the HAM coming of the Messiah clearly fixed, except in the words of Gabriel to the prophet Daniel, which are written in the ninth chapter of the prophecy of Daniel."
- "Such is the explanation of the Midrash, which commends itself to me, when the first verse is ANEL expounded of the King Messiah."
- "Our Rabbis with one voice accept and affirm the opinion that the prophet is here speaking of the HEKH Messiah." (16th century C.E.).
- "Those who for controversial reasons apply the prophecy of the suffering servant to Israel find it N IBN impossible to understand the true meaning of the prophecy, having forsaken the knowledge of our teachers, and inclined after the stubborness of their own opinions. Their misinterpretation distorts the passage from its natural meaning, for it was given of God as a description of the Messiah to judge by resemblance to it whether he was the Messiah or not." (14th century C.E.).

• "According to the opinion of Rashi and Ibn Ezra, it relates to Israel at the end of their captivity. But if so, what can be the meaning of the passage, 'He was wounded for our transgressions'? Who was wounded? Who are the transgressors? Who carried out the sickness and bare the pain? The fact is that it refers to the King Messiah." (1749-1841), a great Jewish educator.

• "The meaning of 'He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities,' is that **RABBI ELIJAH DE VIDAS** since the Messiah bears our iniquities, which produce the effect of his being bruised, it follows that who so will not admit that the Messiah is the one who suffers for our iniquities must endure and suffer for himself." scholar of Safed. (16th century C.E.)

# The following three articles dramatize end time events fortold by the Hebrew Prophets **SPECIAL REPORT:**

After the destruction of the Russian army on the northern mountains of Israel, the president of the United Federation of Europe (UFE) ratified a seven year treaty with Israel guaranteeing their national security and granting them the right o rebuild the holy temple in Jerusalem. The treaty was hailed by Israeli government officials as a monumental step toward peace and as the ideal solution to the deepening Mideast crisis. Construction began on the temple immediately.

At the dedication of the temple the Chief Rabbi was quoted as saying, "For generations the Jewish people have longed for the coming of the Messiah to bring peace. The words of the ancient prophets are now being fulfilled in our day, and it is now time for us to beat our swords into plowshares."

Now, three and a half years later, the optimism that greeted the signing of the Treaty has vanished. The President of the UFE shocked the world when on a recent unannounced visit to Jerusalem, he and his security forces took over the holy temple. His associate, who served as his spokesman in his rise to power, has installed an image of the President in the Holy of Holies and has ordered the execution of all who will not worship this image. He has also instituted a mandatory electronic funds transfer system. This will be achieved by having individuals receive a mark in their right hand or forehead.

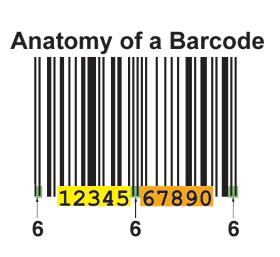


As news of the takeover spread throughout Jerusalem, fear gripped the city. Thousands of men, women and children have fled to the wilderness to escape persecution. This, perhaps, should have come as no surprise as two holy men endowed with supernatural powers had repeatedly warned the people of Jerusalem over the past three and a half years of this coming abomination. Early in their ministry they were quoted as saying,"Thus saith the Lord; when you therefore shall see the Abomination that causes desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet standing in the holy place; whoever hears this let him understand. Then let them who are in Judea flee into the mountains; let him who is on the house top not come down to take anything out of his house. Neither let him who is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that are nursing young children in those days! But pray that your flight will not be in winter, neither on the Sabbath day. for then there shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days should be shortened there would be no flesh saved, but for the sake of My chosen people those days shall be shortened." Only yesterday they were quoted as saying, "If anyone worships this false messiah and his image, and receives his mark in his or her forehead or hand, that person will partake of the wrath of God, poured out in all its strength. And those who do this will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of God's angels, and in the presence of the true Messiah, the Lamb of God, And the smoke of their torment will ascend forever and ever: They have no rest day or night, if they worship the false messiah and his image and receive the mark of his name on them!" It looks as though Israel's only hope is the coming of the true Messiah.

**New Electronic Monetary System** 



Very shortly all supermarkets will have computer check-out stations to automatically add up your purchases and product identification codes on each item. This same computer will approve or deny you the power to buy and deduct the purchase from your bank account.



666 in the Universal Product Code

# **PROPHETS ASSASSINATED**



Security forces of the Federation have assassinated two holy men on the streets of Jerusalem today. The prophets had exercised great supernatural powers as they preached the return of the Jewish Messiah, Jesus Christ, to defend Israel.

They claimed that the President of the Federation is actually the Beast (antichrist) of the Book of Revelation and that anyone who wears his mark "666" will be cast into the lake of fire when Jesus returns to set up his Kingdom on earth. The two prophets were considered bitter enemies of the Federation and their bodies laid untouched in the street as the world celebrated their death with wild parties.

This is an interview I had with a young Jewish man who believes in the imminent return of Jesus Christ as the Jewish Messiah. He is part of that unusual group of over 100,000 Jewish Doomsday Evangelists.

LAST TRUMPET: Sir, do you believe these two men were prophets sent from God?

EVANGELIST: Yes, I know they were because the Bible, in the Book of Revelation, chapter 11 foretold their supernatural powers, their ministry, and death. The Bible also says that God will resurrect them after three and a half days and then there will be a great earthquake in Jerusalem as the world watches. The President of the Federation believes that with constant surveillance, it will be impossible to stage a fake resurrection.

LAST TRUMPET: So you believe in the Bible and in the Second Coming of The Messiah?

EVANGELIST: Yes, Jesus is returning with great power and glory to defend God's chosen people, the nation of Israel, and set up his thousand year reign on earth. It is all predicted clearly in the Bible.

LAST TRUMPET: Why are you so convinced of this?

EVANGELIST: First of all, I believe that the Bible is surely the WORD OF GOD. Hundreds of Biblical predictions have come true and the events of the past few years were all prophesied in the Bible. The Jewish Holy Scriptures (Old Testament) foretold the two separate comings of the same Messiah.

In his first coming he would appear at a specified time (Dan 9:24-27 with Luke 2:1) be born of a virgin (Isa. 7:14 with Matt. 1:18-23) at Bethlehem of Judea (Mic. 5:2 with Matt. 2:1, Luke 2:5,6). He was to be preceded by a forerunner, John The

Baptist, before entering His public ministry (Isa. 40:3, Mal. 3:1 with Luke 1:7 and Matt, 3:1-3). He was to be a prophet like Moses (Deut 18:18 with Acts 3:20-22). As the "Servant of The Lord" he was to be a faithful and patient Redeemer, for the Gentiles as well as the Jews (Isa. 42:1-4 with Matt. 12:18-21). His ministry was to begin in Galilee (Isa. 9:1,2 with Matt. 12:16-23); later He was to enter Jerusalem on a donkey (Zech. 9:9 with Matt. 21:1-5) to bring salvation and His ministry was to be characterized by miracles (Isa. 35:5-6 with Matt. 11:4-6). He was to be rejected by His brethren (Isa. 53:3 with John 1:11) sold for thirty pieces of silver (Zech 11:12,13 with Matt. 26:15) and His price given for a poor man's grave (Zech 11:13 with Matt. 27:3-10).

His death by crucifixion is given in detail in Psalm 22; His hands and feet were to be pierced (Ps 22:15 with John 19:28). He was to be numbered with transgressors (Isa. 53:12 with Matt. 27:38); and the meaning of His death, as a substitutionary atonement is given in Isa. 53. He was assigned a grave with the wicked but buried in a rich man's tomb. (Isa. 53:9 with Matt. 27:57-60). He was to be raised from the dead (Ps. 16:10 with Acts 13:33,34) and ascend to the right hand of God the Father (Ps. 110:1 with Heb. 1:3).

LAST TRUMPET: Did the Jews kill Jesus?

EVANGELIST: Jesus went to death willingly as a lamb to the slaughter. He said concerning his life and death, "for this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one has taken it from me, but I lay it down on my own initiative."

(John 10:17-18)

LAST TRUMPET: Why did the Messiah have to die?

EVANGELIST: When John the Baptist saw Jesus he said, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." Jesus demonstrated his love toward us when he willingly shed his blood upon the cross and became the passover lamb. Jesus said "This is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for many." In Leviticus 17, God's never-ending statute states that there is no forgiveness of sins without the shedding of blood. After the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 AD, animal sacrifices became impossible. Now you can understand why Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father but by me."

LAST TRUMPET: When is Jesus coming back?

EVANGELIST: No man knows the day or the hour but there will be obvious signs heralding his return. After some time he would return, not as the suffering Messiah but as the LION OF JUDAH that would defend the Jewish Nation in a time of great adversity, defeat the forces that would come against his chosen people and set up his one thousand year reign on the earth.

LAST TRUMPET: If what you're saying is true we ought to repent while we still have time.

EVANGELIST: It is our only hope.

## THE LAST SHOFAR

This newspaper was originally printed in April, 1987. It was written by the authors after reading the best selling book of the 1970's called the "Late Great Planet Earth" by Hal Lindsey. After reading the book, they started following news reports on the subjects covered in the book. Now, over 25 years later, it appears that the prophecies in the Bible are coming to pass. If you would like a free copy sent to you or a friend, please write us. For more information about current day events and Bible prophecy please go to www.lasttrumpet.info

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## **ARNAGEDDON** Messiah Returns As all Nations Gather To Destroy Israel



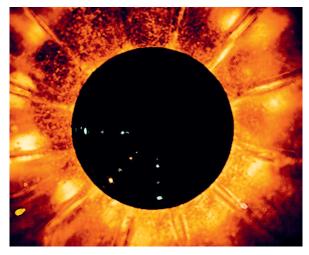
This report was found on a tape recorder next to the body of our correspondent in Jerusalem. God rest his soul.

This is John Parsons, Last Trumpet reporter. I am in Jerusalem near the Wailing Wall, looking east toward the Mount of Olives and thinking over the events of the past seven years. The President of the Federation has brought about stability in the world but after his seemingly miraculous recovery from a mortal head wound, he has acted in a purely satanic manner. He broke his defense treaty with Israel and has wrought terror throughout the land ever since.

The Jewish situation has not looked this bleak since the holocaust. Many were put to death for refusing the "666" mark and public executions were common but the Jewish people refused to say die. The Israeli underground has responded courageously and has dealt serious blows to the Federation. The underground is believed to be directly responsible for the assassination of several Federation henchmen and the liberation of two prison camps near the Egyptian border. But now it seems the whole world has forsaken Israel. As I stand at the Wall, I watch the world go to war, probably for the last time.

The Chinese have amassed a huge army. Satellite pictures estimate the Communist horde at nearly 200,000,000 men. They have marched over the Trans-Himalayan Highway, across the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers and are gathered on the plain of Armageddon. In the distance, I see the armies of the west under the Federation banner, mobilizing to do battle with the Chinese. It seems inconceivable that in this age of nuclear warfare such a tremendous land battle could occur.

The roar of the jets, the rumble of the tanks and the thundering of the cannons is ear-Page 10 • The Last Shofar shattering. The armies are on the move and the carnage is unbelievable. Helicopter gunships are everywhere, landing troops and reserves. The tiny Israeli army defending Jerusalem is a pitiful sight compared to the nearly three



hundred million men battling at their doorstep. Wait! It seems as though the armies are unleashing their fury against Jerusalem. My God! This is going to be wholesale slaughter. No one can stand against all that military might. Lines of tanks have broken through the Israeli defenses and are rolling up the narrow streets. Not only is the holy city being devastated and bombed from both sides but it is being plundered and looted by savage mobs of crazed soldiers. Fires have broken out all over the city and women are being raped and murdered in broad daylight. Jerusalem is being ravaged and the streets are filled with mangled corpses. Through the dense smoke, I see old men and women carrying horrified children, screaming insanely and grieving at the destruction of their city. Hundreds of thousands are fleeing to the desert to avoid the massacre. It seems as though all hope is lost.

But wait! What's that sound! It's louder than the clamor of battle, like a thousand volcanoes erupting in the distance! It's growing louder and louder, but I can't tell what it is or where it's coming from. This can't be! The sun is growing dark. A brilliant figure on a white horse is bursting through the clouds and storming to earth. My God, it's Jesus Christ! I can see the nail prints in his hands and on his robe is written "King of Kings and Lord of Lords." Behind him is a great multitude of angels and saints, also on horses, charging through the air toward the battlefield. The armies of the world have turned their weapons against them but to no avail. Their tools of destruction have become useless against Christ and his heavenly army.

There is a deafening roar as Jesus descends to earth and sets his feet upon the Mount of Olives. The ground is shaking and the whole mountain is splitting down the middle from east to west as the surviving Israelis hurry toward the chasm. They are rushing into the valley, crying and wailing and proclaiming Jesus Christ as their Messiah. There is a deadly silence as Jesus raises his hands and a blinding light engulfs everything on the plain of Armageddon. This can't be ... The soldiers are falling to the ground but before they do their flesh seems to be rotting off their bones. Millions and millions of soldiers are falling before the fiery sword of Jesus Christ. He has come again, saved his chosen people and the world is at his mercy. God help us.

If I survive and someone finds this tape, they will think I am mad and this is all science fiction.

Editor's note: We found this tape near his dead body. We've had many reports but this seems to be most accurate.

## **Bible Search Proves World Was Warned**

This Has Been A Preview Of The Coming Seven Year Tribulation. You Can Understand Why There Will Be Few Survivors

#### **Bible Prophecies**

1. Israel is God's timepiece. Israel was resurrected from the graveyard of the nations on May 14th, 1948. This event began the last generation in this current world order.

2. Russia (Gog) invades Israel and is destroyed by an act of God on the open field.

3. Rapture: Messiah comes like a thief in the night and snatches all believers from the planet earth in the twinkling of an eye so they will miss the coming seven year tribulation. They become the "Bride of Christ."

4. The Antichrist (Beast of Revelation) begins his seven year reign as head of a ten nation confederacy centered around the old Roman Empire by establishing a peace treaty with Israel. The world will accept him as the messiah. He will declare himself to be God in the holy temple in Jerusalem.

5. The One World Church supports the Antichrist. The one world church sits on "seven hills." The New American Bible published by the Catholic World Press page 1388 and 1389. "Babylon, the symbolic name of Rome ... The seven hills of Rome," Footnote 17,1-9

6. The coming tribulation will bring famines, earthquakes, inflation, immorality, lawlessness, false prophets and persecution of believers.

7. Toward the end of the seven year period a two hundred million man oriental army (kings of the east) will march on Israel and gather on the Plain of Armageddon. The Antichrist will lead his army and meet the oriental challenge. Jerusalem is attacked, half of the city is taken then Jesus returns to the Mount of Olives and defeats the armies gathered against his chosen people. Jesus then sets up his one thousand year reign on the earth.

#### Scripture References

**BIBLE VERSE:** And they shall 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, forever; and David my servant shall be their prince forever. (Ezekiel 37:25)

Truly I say to you this generation will not pass away until all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away. (Matthew 24:34,35)

**BIBLE VERSE:** 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 which had been a continual waste; but its people were brought out from the many nations, and they are living securely, all of them. And you will go up, you will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your troops, and many people with you. (Ezekiel 38:8,9) And with pestilence and with blood I shall enter into judgment with him; and I shall rain on him, and on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him a torrential rain, with hailstones, fire and brimstone. (Ezekiel 38:22)

**BIBLE VERSE:** 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 shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus shall we always be with the Lord. (I Thess. 4:16,17)

For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the flood came and took them all away; so shall the coming of the Son of Man be. Then there shall be two in the field; one will be taken, one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, one will be left. (Matthew 24: 37-41)

**BIBLE VERSE:** 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, 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. (II Thess. 2:3,4)

And he shall make a firm covenant with the many for one week of years. (Daniel 9:27)

And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have not received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. (Rev. 17: 12,13)

**BIBLE VERSE:** And the angel said to me, Why do you wonder? I shall tell you the mystery of the woman and the beast that carries her ... Here is the mind that has wisdom. The seven heads are the seven hills on which the woman sits. (Revelations 17:7-9)

I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I would that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spit you out of my mouth. Because you say, I am rich and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing, and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. (Rev. 3: 15-18)

**BIBLE VERSE:** For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall be, And unless those days have been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days shall be cut short. (Matt. 24: 21,22)

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 sorrows. Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you and you will be hated by all nations on account of My name. And at that time many will fall away and will deliver up one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. But the one that endures to the end will be saved. (Matthew 24: 7-12)

**BIBLE VERSE:** Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates, and the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they might kill a third of mankind. And the number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. (Rev. (9:14-16)

For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken and the houses plundered and the women ravished; half of the city shall go into exile, but the rest of the people shall 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. On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives which lies before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley. (Zecharish 14: 2-4)

# **OF WHOM DOES THE PROPHET SPEAK?**

ehold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more that the sons of men: So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider. Who has believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? for he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground; he has no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before his shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment; and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he had put him to grief; when thou shall make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied; by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he has poured out his soul unto death; and he was numbered with transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

> The Prophet Isaiah 52: 13-15; 53: 1-12 700 BCE KJV

#### THE GOOD NEWS

THE FACT OF SIN: The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one. (Psalms 14: 2, 3) For there is not a just man upon the earth, that doeth good and sinneth not. (Ecclesiastes 7:20)

THE RESULT OF SIN: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. (Isaiah 59:2) But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. (Isaiah 64:6) Behold all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine; the soul that sinneth, it shall die. (Ezekiel 18:4) The result of sin is eternal separation from God. THE NEED FOR ATONEMENT: For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the first born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast: and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. (Exodus 12: 12, 13) For the life of the flesh is in the blood and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls for it is the blood that maketh atonement for the soul. (Leviticis 17:11)

GOD'S PROVISION FOR SIN TODAY: Shall Messiah be cut off but not for himself: (Daniel 9:26) But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed ... for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. (Isaiah 53: 5-8)

GOD'S REQUIREMENT: And Abram believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness. (Genesis 15: 6)

That if you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Gentile; for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:9-13.