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UNTHINKABLE HAPPENS *Nuclear Meltdown In France*

Last night there was an explosion at the Charles DeGaulle nuclear reactor 70 miles east of Paris. Reports are sketchy, but it is believed that a terrorist organization was responsible. Safety valves were sabotaged and the fuel rods were exposed causing a meltdown. Fallout has covered the countryside and millions of people have been exposed to lethal radiation. All foliage within a fifteen miles radius has withered. Total panic has overcome the local population but they can do nothing except await a slow painful death from the contamination.



UNEMPLOYED JAPANESE RIOT IN TOKYO
Unemployed Japanese workers riot in Tokyo as police with aluminum shields await the next onslaught. Unrest has grown in past weeks when it was announced that massive layoffs and devaluation of the yen was inevitable.

Banks Folding Conspiracy Suspected

London Banks are folding as the value of the pound is plummeting. Frantic depositors are lining up hoping to withdraw their savings. The British government has issued statements to calm the public but to no avail. Similar scenes occurred in other major cities around the world today.

Our correspondent in England, Harold Davis, interviewed the President of a leading London bank.

DAVIS: To what do you attribute the worldwide economic mayhem?

BANKER: As you know it was coming for a long time. The western nations' dependence on oil, unbalanced budgets, low production, inflationary spirals, soaring interest rates and lack of leadership precipitated this inevitable debacle. There has been talk that a group called the Trilateral Commission was formed to achieve world domination. The group consists of a handful of men that control banking and industry. They realize that if they can grind the economy to a standstill, the people will be desperate for a leader. The Commission will provide a leader with charisma and intellect who will put the world back on its feet. I'm sure you have read of "Big Brother" in "1984." Mr. Orwell seemed to have uncanny foresight.

DAVIS: You mean to tell me that this is a conspiracy and that all this suffering could have been prevented.

BANKER: Yes, these men are trying to convince us that what they are doing will save mankind. Isn't it obvious to you that we are all being manipulated by someone?

DAVIS: Yes, that appears to be true.

Russian Army Pushes Towards Persian Gulf

The dark cloud of expectation has finally burst. The Russian army has slashed across the plains of Iran, swept through the cities of Tehran and Esfahan and is pressing toward the strategic Persian Gulf region. Military experts estimate the Soviet strength at between two and three million men, 20,000 tanks and 1700 bomber and fighter planes. A strong naval assault has also

been launched from the Mediterranean Sea. The final objective of the Communist attack is believed to be tiny Israel.

Israel is situated at the center of the "land bridge" that connects Europe, Asia and Africa, and is therefore of great military importance. Also the Dead Sea contains many important minerals. One of

these minerals, potash, is a vital ingredient in farm fertilizer. When the population explosion begins to bring worldwide famine, potash will become extremely valuable for food production. By conquering Israel and the oil-rich Persian Gulf nations, Russia will attempt to gain control of the entire Middle East and thus have a stranglehold on the oil-starved Western nations.



Land and sea attack caught world by surprise.

Russians Defeated Israel Preserved

In a surprise move the Russian Military machine has swept into Northern Israel.

The entire army was on full alert, when in the valley of Hamon Gog they met what appeared to be a supernatural end. Reports are not clear about what took place, but there was an incredible earthquake in the valley coupled with lightning and thunder and huge hailstones. It appeared to be an act of God as the few surrounding villages

were left untouched.

There was a report in the early 1980s of three rabbis each having the same dream foretelling this occurrence and the coming of their Messiah. Since the miraculous destruction of the Russian Army there has been a wave of optimism in Jerusalem and all through Israel. One rabbi was quoted as saying "The Messiah will come, solve the Mideast situation and bring peace to the world."



World Economy Nears Collapse

Banks and financial institutions in many nations are folding fast. Because of runaway inflation and outrageous interest rates, paper currency is becoming worthless. Industry is grinding to a halt all over the world and countries are becoming involved in trade wars in order to survive. Stock markets and commodity exchanges have crashed and the price of gold has soared to an all-time high. People lucky enough to find work are barely able to feed their families. World leaders are desperately looking for a solution but no answer is in sight.

Trading is frantic at the New York Stock Exchange. The Dow Jones Index has dropped to an all-time low and the market is in turmoil. It is now feared the Securities and Exchange Commission will suspend trading.

MILLIONS MISSING

*Where
Are They?*

It happened last night about midnight. Millions of people vanished from the earth, seemingly into thin air leaving no trace, only bewilderment. Untold numbers of husbands, wives, brothers and friends have been left hysterical by the strange disappearance of their loved ones to who knows where.

Our offices have been flooded with calls from panic-stricken people, frightened and faint from this mysterious phenomenon. A shocked father told us of his daughter who has disappeared. "She was always talking about flying away to heaven with Jesus and being raptured. I thought she was on drugs or something and now I don't know where she is."

One housewife described her astonishment as her husband turned to kiss her

goodnight and vanished in the process. A group of horrified teenagers stopped in their tracks as a friend they called Doomsday Dave disappeared while he was talking to them. As one boy put it, "Yeah man, he was always telling us to give up drugs and truly be free and happy." A young girl remembered "Yeah that's right, he was a Jesus Freak. He was always making up little poems, like only yesterday he was saying, 'If you want to know what God has in store, just read Matthew 24.'"

Our reporter sat in a local church service and heard the Pastor say, "All my dear friends in the congregation, I thank God that you are all here today, I'm sure many of you have lost loved ones in this unusual disappearance. I believe that

God's judgment has fallen upon them for their continued resistance to the unification of all Christianity under the ONE WORLD CHURCH. With all the malcontents removed we can now progress toward our glorious goal." After the sermon I heard one parishioner say, "You know what I think brother? I think all that talk about the Antichrist, the endtime one world Church, the great tribulation and the second coming of Jesus Christ wasn't nuts at all. How come all the people that are gone were Born Again Christians and everyone that was living in sin is still here. I don't know about you but I'm going to find my wife's Bible with all those verses underlined and see what is going to happen next."

Europeans Unite And Elect First President

Common Market Forms Federation

The ten nation European Common Market ratified a constitution today merging their economic, military and political power into a single unit called the United Federation of Europe. Their combined industrial output would surpass that of the U.S. or the Soviet Union. In a vote of the ten member Federation Congress, an international political figure was elected to institute what some leaders say are drastic changes needed to head off a worldwide political collapse. In his inauguration speech he outlined his proposed policies. The following is an excerpt from his speech.

"Since the recent defeat of Russia on the northern plains of Israel, I strongly urge that we as a federation guarantee Israel's military security as this move would balance the scales in the Mideast. I also recommend that we dissolve all paper currency and run the economy with computer bank transfers. This will be achieved by having each individual receive their account numbers in their hand or their forehead with the new "666" symbol above it. This will bring us closer to the utopian society we all desire and anyone not agreeable to this will not be able to buy or sell." After the speech the crowds went wild with applause.



European Federation Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

Spiritual Leaders Call For One World Church

The world's spiritual leader today called for an immediate meeting of the World Council of Churches. In an urgent message he stated that in order to face coming problems the leader of the ten nation United Federation of Europe would need the support of a unified church. It would be called the ONE WORLD CHURCH and would be under his control. He urged that past theological differences be compromised and all Christians unite for this common purpose.

Anatomy of a Barcode

**666 in the
universal
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code**



The Last Trumpet

This newspaper was originally printed in April 1980. 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, almost 30 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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Worldwide Famine Predicted Planet Starving To Death



The earth is running out of food and ways to produce food. Due to overpopulation, the recent economic collapse, and drastic weather changes all around the world, catastrophic shortages are foreseen.

The severe drought in Asia has caused massive crop failures and the Indochinese rice fields have all but dried up. Millions of people in India alone have died of malnutrition and due to lack of sanitation, disease is spreading too rapidly to be contained.

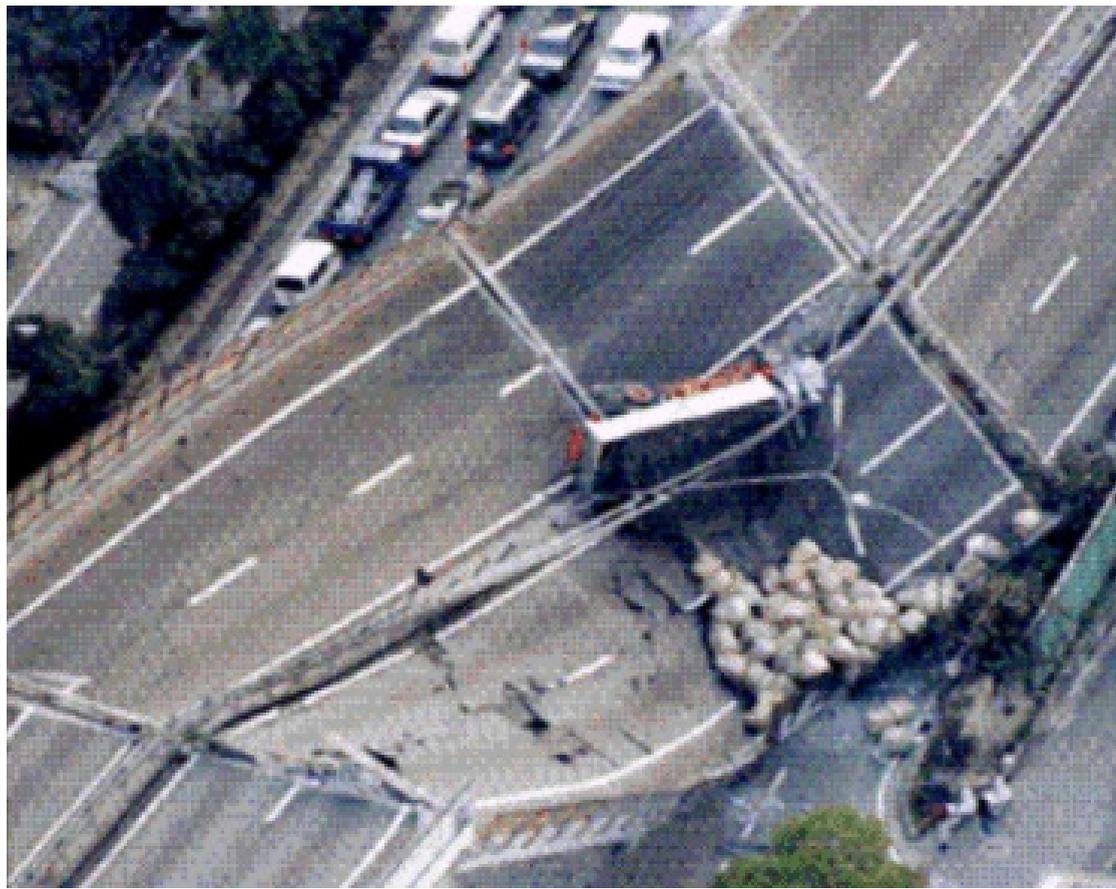
The United States, the world's leading producer of wheat has also been hit hard. The dust bowl of the 1930's cannot compare in magnitude. Floods, freak ice storms and transportation problems have hampered most attempts to distribute the dwindling food supplies. This revolt of nature defies all scientific explanation and the massive die-off we have all dreaded appears to be on the horizon.

New Electronic Monetary System



Very shortly all supermarkets will have computer check-out stations to automatically add up your purchases through 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.

Catastrophic Earthquake Hits California



The largest earthquake ever recorded leveled central California this morning. The earthquake registered 9.7 on the Richter scale. Smaller earthquakes have rocked the state and torrential rains and tidal waves have caused massive flooding. Property damage is in the billions and hundreds of thousands are believed dead.



San Diego - National Guardsmen patrol downtown streets to prevent looting.

Anarchy & Vice Plague California

Moral decay in California has become epidemic. Drug and alcohol use is out of control as the overdose rate has tripled in the last six months. Many desperate people have turned to the occult, and rival gangs are murdering each other by the hundreds. Sexual perversion has erupted as mobs roam the streets committing atrocities against women and children. The National Guard has been called out in many cities to halt the looting of stores and warehouses damaged by the floods and quakes. Law enforcement agencies appear to be helpless as we approach total chaos. The governor is now considering putting the state under martial law.

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.

Jewish Temple In Jerusalem Desecrated

The stalemate between the Arabs and Israel over the internationalization of Jerusalem reached the boiling point this week. The world was shocked when the President of the Federation and his security force took over the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. The news spread throughout Jerusalem like wildfire. The President intends to set up his headquarters in the temple area and control the Federation from there.

There was talk about having all of Israel participate in the “666” system. There is fear that the Israelis will rebel as did the reactionary group of Born Again Christians who resisted what they said was the mark of the Beast of Revelation. This group is being systematically eliminated (beheaded) for their beliefs. They claim the leader of the One World Church and the President of the Federation are the false prophet and Beast (Antichrist) of the Bible.

ARMAGEDDON

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.

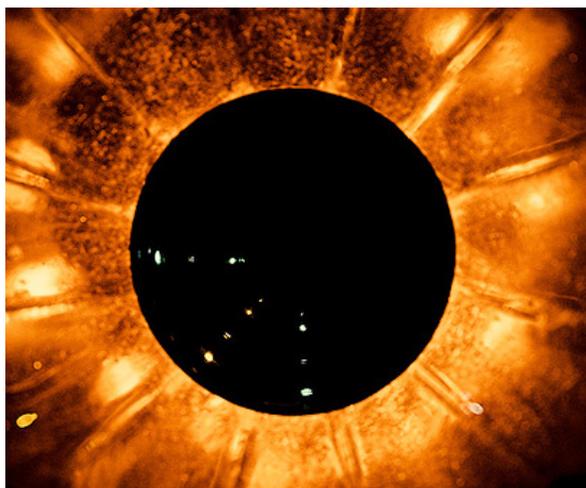
This is John Parsons, Last Trumpet reporter. I am in Jerusalem near the Wailing Wall, looking east toward the Mount of Olives and thinking over the events of the past seven years. The President of the Federation has brought about stability in the world but after his seemingly miraculous recovery from 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-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: Jesus comes like a thief in the night and snatches all Born Again Christians 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 Christians.

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. (Zechariah 14: 2-4)

OF WHOM DOES THE PROPHET SPEAK?

Behold, 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 shalt 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

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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 righteousnesses 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. (Leviticus 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.