

STUDY SIX

THE BRIDE OF MESSIAH AND THE WORLD.

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#### MORE ABOUT SPECIFIC LAST DAYS EVENTS AND HOW ISRAEL IS A KEY.

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#### FIRST: EXPLANATIONS, ABOUT THE EARTH, AND PEOPLE, AND GOD'S PLANS.

##### **A. JESUS IS COMING BACK TO THIS WORLD, WHICH HE MADE!**

###### **1. Our LORD is not taking us away anywhere; He is COMING HERE to Earth, to live with us!**

> First we need to realise that the glorious Return of Jesus Messiah, our LORD and Savior is ~ to this world. We call it 'the EARTH' - which needs a capital 'E' - like the other planets but better!

> In other words,

Yes, all the true Believers in Jesus will suddenly come to life, (if they have already died) then a few seconds later all the Believers still alive will get resurrection bodies in a 'twinkling' of time, and then be 'caught up' to meet Jesus in the air. [We talked about this in the first talk.]

> So we need to notice the words in the N.T. comparing Jesus ascension up to Heaven with His return back to this Earth. Jesus and the disciples were standing on the Mt of Olives near Jerusalem. This what happened:

Reading: Acts 1: 9 - 11. *"After Jesus had spoken to them, He was taken up before their eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee", they said, "Why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into Heaven, will come back in the same way, as you have seen Him go into Heaven."*

###### **2. BUT what kind of world will it be, after all the End Time disasters?**

a) All the Scriptures about the time before Jesus comes back, indicate that the world will be in a terrible state of darkness and destruction. God even showed it to Isaiah, in chapter 24.

□ Reading: Isaiah 24: 1, then 3 - 6. *"See, the LORD is going to lay waste the Earth, and devastate it, He will ruin it's surface, and scatter it's inhabitants... The Earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers, the exalted [leaders] of the Earth, languish.*

*The Earth is defiled by its people; they have disobeyed the Laws, violated the statutes, and broken the everlasting Covenant. Therefore a curse consumes the Earth, its people must bear their guilt. Therefore a curse consumes the Earth, its people must bear their guilt. Therefore Earth's inhabitants are burned up, and very few are left."*

b) Conservation is good, but if it leads [as it will], to wrong worship of the spirits of Earth (dirt), water, fire, and air, instead of the God Who made them, then it is fair for God to judge them.

c) So it is absolutely right for GOD to punish the world in the 'Trumpet Judgements' before Jesus Returns. The Trumpet Judgements are against the spirits of fire, water, Earth dirt and air/ space.

###### **3. YET! GOD through JESUS and the Holy SPIRIT COULD remake the Earth in only 6 HOURS!**

- So it seems possible that just by a Word of authority, maybe as Jesus and all the Saints and angels are returning to Earth. He could remake it ~ perfect as it was at the first Creation.

N.B. This is an exciting study, which we will look at more in the next study about the 'Millennium'.

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##### **B 1. ALSO GOD HAS GREAT PLANS FOR ONE SPECIAL KINGDOM: GENTILES AND JEWS all joined together in HARMONY, after Jesus' Return!**

> This will lead us to some beautiful thoughts, which teachers don't always talk about.

> These plans have been in God's mind long before Creation.

☎ Question: Most Christians think we are 'Israel', now - as we have all been made "ONE NEW MAN" Spiritually - like it says in Galatians 3: 28 *"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one ~ IN CHRIST, MESSIAH JESUS."* Note we are different - physically, still.

> **SURE! GOD has made HUMAN, PHYSICAL people with different roles in this world like it is now, as that verse says, but the precious truth is that it is possible to be one in our hearts!**  
> So we often divide people as 'men' and 'women' - or the leaders and what used to be called 'the laity' which is really the same often as: the 'bosses' and the 'workers', or people can be divided up by their looks, white 'Caucasians', dark-skinned people from Arabia, Africa of Oceania (in 'Aboriginals in Australia, or Polynesian Maoris in N.Z.). Also Greek, Spanish and Asian people...

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**B 2. BUT SPIRITUALLY** in God's heart He thinks of us as **ONE FAMILY, One KINGDOM of God now!**

> The KEY phrase is: **"IN MESSIAH, JESUS"** - when at His Second Coming – **at the end of time** - all human physical division is gone, and we all have resurrection Bodies ~ THEN we'll really be one, because we will all be "IN HIM".  
> One Bible 'picture' is Jesus is the Head of the 'Body'. All Believers are 'cells' in that Body.  
> Other good pictures are all being one 'Olive Tree' ~ or one great Temple, or One Kingdom!

**SO GOD's FINAL PLAN and purpose for all Believers is a beautiful spiritual oneness.**

□ Readings: **"For Israel"**: Deuteronomy 10: 14 &15. ***"To the LORD your God belong the Heavens ~ even the Highest Heavens, the Earth and everything in it. YET the LORD set His affection on your Forefathers, and loved them, and He chose their Descendants above all the Nations, as it is today."***

Exodus 19: 5 & 6 says, ***"If you obey Me fully, and keep My Covenant, then out of all Nations, you will be My Treasured Possession... You will be for Me a Kingdom of Priests and a Holy nation."***

† 'For Christian Believers': 1 Peter 2: 9. ***"BUT YOU are a chosen People, a royal priesthood, a Holy Nation, a People belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him Who called you out of darkness, into His wonderful Light!"***

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**C. BUT FIRST GOD WANTS:  
TO GO BACK TO WINNING ALL JEWISH ISRAEL TO HIMSELF, ~  
THEN MAKING THEM A BLESSING TO THE WHOLE WORLD!**

☎ **QUESTION: Does this mean there will be ~ what you said in the last Study SPECIAL EVENTS for ISRAEL setting off very important changes in this world?**

**YES! That is exactly what it seems we have to accept from the other Scriptures about Israel!**

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**1. YOU SEE, SATAN HAS SOME BIG PLANS TOO.** [these are explained in 5<sup>th</sup> (previous) Study.]

- Because God's first Plan was to choose one race of People to be the visible Focus of Himself, Therefore Satan and millions of worldly people have wanted to hurt God, by hurting the Jewish race. Most people know that the god behind Islam [Allah] is the one Satan would like to use.
- Satan would like to get rid of Israel, so he will be glad many nations hate Israel and Israel's GOD. So Satan will try to go against God soon, to cause some wars, against Israel.
- Satan is glad many nations around Israel would like to destroy Israel. **He is preparing to create a 'Babylon' of very cruel religious and political world control**, see Revelation chapter 17!
- This is where the second 'woman' appears – clearly pictured under the name of "BABYLON"

**2. GOD HAS WONDERFUL PLANS FOR HIS JEWISH PEOPLE =**

- > **ONE DAY**, God will create a new role in the world for Jewish Israel, as a separate **HOLY NATION!**
- It is important to recognise that God always likes to use real people to do His work.
- We have commented on the special role it seems God has for Israel in the 'Last Days' before Jesus comes back, being a separate Nation from rest of the world! *Please read Isaiah 60: 1 – 3.*
- **SO**, God's priority is for A 'Holy People' ~ as a Nation ~ [But at present this is not true for Israel.]

> God has some big plans **not only** to bless Israel, *but also to deal with other problems in the world – like Radical ISLAM and Communism, and Ultra Orthodox Judaism – destroyed - at the same time!*

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### 3. GOD'S LONGING FOR ALL ISRAEL IS: TO BE HIS HOLY PEOPLE!

**Our conclusion: all people can only be in God's true family by trust, not sight.**

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A. It seems God will cause all the 'End Time' Jews to accept Yeshua as Saviour and Messiah before His Return! He will give them new hearts and a Covenant of love. See [Ezekiel 36](#).

Also: [Romans 11:26](#), *"And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written the Deliverer will come from Zion; He will turn godlessness away from Jacob, and this will be My Covenant with them when I take away their sins."*

The whole subject of Israel's acceptance of their Messiah is a very big study, with many amazing Scriptures in the Prophets & addressed in other articles, on this web site. [['Israel's Glorious Future'](#).]

Israel becoming a Holy Nation is an exciting subject to study. See [Ezekiel 36 –39](#) and these verses. [Jer. 31: 31 & 33](#), *"The time is coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new Covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah... I will put a new law in their minds and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be My People... they will all know Me from the least of them to the greatest."*

[Romans 11: 12](#), *"For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on Him, for, 'everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved.' "*

B. EL SHADDAI – GOD, WILL USE SERIOUS EVENTS TO OPEN JEWISH MINDS!

As I tried to explain in the Last Study God will do some HARD things for Jewish people!

WHAT THE TIME OF 'JACOB'S TROUBLE' REALLY IS!

>There is only 1 verse that has this statement in it, about 'Jacob's Trouble' but there are different ideas about what it means.

>I believe it will be a very short time [with the Magog Army' on the border of Israel - maybe for 10 days.

> But we need to look at a special time in the first JACOB's life when he was coming home to his own Country after nearly 20 years.

> He left, because he had cheated his brother Esau, and he was still very afraid that Esau would kill him and all his family! Here is what happened next.

Reading: Genesis 32: 24 - 30

> It is a picture of what will happen in Israel, to all the people.

> The Holy Spirit of God, will make the people finally - as a nation - call out to God for His mercy.

> But Believers in Jesus - they call Yeshua - will tell them they can only have God's mercy and help, IF they accept Jesus as God's Son, who died for them and Arose from the dead - and has been living in Heaven - waiting for them to TURN to Him.

➤ This will be VERY hard for them - it will be like Jacob, wrestling with the Man (who was really Jesus) - because in the end Jacob prayed for His blessing!

C. BUT! They will do this because another Prophet, - Zechariah wrote about it!

➤ So did Jeremiah in 30: 1-7 [NOTE 4 times God says it is HE that is giving this message!]

"This is what the LORD, the God of Israel says... These are the words the LORD spoke, concerning Israel and Judah, this is what the LORD says: 'Cries of fear are heard – terror –not peace; ask and see: Can a man bear children? Then why do I see every strong man with his hands on his stomach like a woman in labour; every face turned deathly pale?

How awful that Day will be, none will be like it –*

It will be 'a time of trouble for [modern] Jacob'..." Now please see what that phrase means!

We have written in the previous Study – the general understanding that the 'Time of Jacob's Trouble' is 7 years of Tribulation But we believe it is a SHORT time – for Israel only, as Isaiah 60:1- 3 says clearly.

God will use the sudden threat of an attack by the HUGE MAGOG ARMY on the North Border.

- God uses hard methods and a time of sheer *fear*, (- in the MAGOG WAR)* ~
to finally make the nation of Jewish people to wrestle with WHO - Yeshua is, [like Jacob wrestled for one night with Yeshua on his return to the Land of Israel Centuries before.] Read Jeremiah 30: 1-7 carefully to describe this "Day" or * Time of Jacob's Trouble. ALSO Zechariah 12: 10 describes it!
- UNTIL they accept Jesus ~ THEN ~God will make them a Holy Nation. HE CAN DO THIS!

>>> This is called "LIFE from the Dead" (in the N.T.) as they accept Jesus/ Yeshua as Saviour by repentance and ***faith*** ~ ***NOT by seeing Yeshua when He comes!***
THEN ~ God will make them a blessing to the whole world...

Reading: Romans 11: 15, "***For if their rejection meant reconciliation [TO GOD] of the Gentile world, what will their acceptance [OF YESHUA] be, but Life from the Dead!***"

D. SO NOW WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT THE TWO WOMEN PICTURED IN REVELATION.

1. We believe ONE Woman John saw ~ is the BRIDE OF MESSIAH.

Reading: Revelation ch 12: 1 "***A great and wondrous SIGN appeared in Heaven: A Woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and a crown of 12 stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. Then another SIGN appeared in Heaven, and enormous red Dragon... His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the Earth...***

She gave birth to a son, a male child Who will rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and her Child was snatched up to God, and to His throne."

2. What this means and who is 'THE WOMAN'?

- > We have said before and would like to say again, the thoughts we offer you, may be different from what you believe, so we accept that. Yet we believe we should share as we have been shown.
- > Sometimes there are more than one meaning in a pictured story or parable, like this.

THE PICTURE MUST BASICALLY BE: OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL, BELIEVERS LOVED BY GOD!

- > The symbols of being clothed with the sun, the moon under feet and the 12 stars like a crown.
- > These remind us of the dreams that Joseph, Jacob's son had before he was imprisoned in Egypt, in Genesis 37, where it clearly represented Jacob's family of 11 brothers of Joseph. [Poor Joseph! He waited at least 14 years for the visions to happen. Sometimes when we are in a place of hurt and rejection, we simply have to have patience, and commit ourselves to God to show us the meaning of our circumstances years later. May this comfort you, wherever you are.]
- > However as with so many spiritual pictures of life's realities, sometimes there is suffering in being who we are because of the battle of the Ages, between God - and the Evil one.

- So it seems this woman is basically ISRAEL, though we remember numbers of Gentiles joined Israel when they first left Egypt, in Babylon at the time of Esther and many individuals, such as Ruth and Rahab. So this is true of today's Israel.

[Individuals decide if they believe they are Jewish by Family connections and community contacts, etc.]

GOD'S PLANS AND HIS CARE OF THE WOMAN IS SHOWN IN TWO PLACES IN THIS CHAPTER.

Reading: Revelation 12: V. 6, then 13 - 17.

"The Woman fled into the Desert, to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days."

"When the Dragon saw that he had been hurled to the Earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the Man-child. The Woman was given the two wings of a great Eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the Desert, where she would be taken care of for a 'Time, Times, and half a Time'- out of the Serpent's reach."

"Then from his mouth the Serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the Woman and sweep her away with the torrent. But the Earth helped the Woman, by opening its mouth and swallowing the 'river' that the Dragon had spewed out of his mouth."

☎ Question: - How much of this vision is literal; real people, families, activities in a real LAND!
- Especially has God prepared a PLACE for the Woman in this world like it is? YES! IT IS 'ISRAEL'

Answer: This is a very wonderful prophecy, by most of the Jewish Prophets in the Tanakh; but I can only tell you what I believe God has shown me, as an unimportant Watchman - about what it could mean: that before Yeshua Returns Holy and God's true Israel; will be like an 'Ark of Safety'.

SO: Zechariah chapter 8 shows clearly that –

MODERN "LAND OF ISRAEL" WILL BE THE 'PLACE' PREPARED FOR HER BY GOD!

Please read it today, and notice the last two verses about Non-Jewish Believers going to Israel

Any good map of the Middle East shows a piece of Land beside the Mediterranean Sea called "ISRAEL"
[Web master please insert a small map.] and how it will finally be all God Promised in Joshua 1: 1 – 5!

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