

When The Towers Fall



Will the world economy collapse? Will tensions over race, wealth, migration and religion tear society apart? Will peace talks bring lasting peace or just make way for bigger and worse wars threatening the future of humanity? Will climate change make parts of the earth unliveable?

These are not hypothetical questions. They are real questions which perplex us today. Our politicians, religious leaders and the media have no answers. There is an answer, but it is not a very comforting one for most people. The Bible describes a time of great trouble coming to the earth, that will reach its climax in the seven-year period known as the Great Tribulation which will take place before the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to the earth. If God did not cut short these days no human life would be saved (Matthew 24.21-22). The Bible also tells us that there is a way out of the crisis coming on the world today which gives a very hopeful future for all those who listen to its message and turn to God now, so stay with us as we look at some of the things happening in the world

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today and how you can find peace and security in the midst of an increasingly chaotic and dangerous world.

In the book of Isaiah there is a verse that speaks of 'the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall'. Isaiah 30.25.

The world today has created a huge connected system backed by computers, electronic trading systems and communications. It has built great cities populated with millions of people with towering skyscrapers, symbolising power, wealth and pride. It looks secure but it is a house built on the sand and one day it is all going to come crashing down.

Back at the dawn of civilisation people set about to build a great tower, the Tower of Babel. They said: "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." God's response at Babel was to confuse their language and scatter them, bringing an



end to their project. God said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they

propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city." Genesis 11.

The Tower of Babel was the mega project of its day, a structure built with human ingenuity and developing technology but leaving God out of the picture. It was built to 'make a name for ourselves' feeding into human pride. Babel (Babylon) was to become the launch pad for human self-exaltation, rebellion against God and also every false religious system on the earth. God decided that if the people were to continue in their project 'nothing they propose to do will be withheld from them'. They would develop a powerful political, economic and religious system that would be at war with the true God. So, He divided their tongues, creating different languages which meant they could no longer understand each other and scattered them across the earth, so limiting their power to develop as a united world in opposition to God.

Our modern Babel has seen an explosion of knowledge as prophesied in the Book of Daniel 12.4 for the time of the end, when 'many shall run to and fro' (increase in world travel) and 'knowledge shall increase' (technology, computers, artificial intelligence and so on). Now we can cross most countries and fly to the other side of the world in a day or two, communicate with people across the world and exchange

electronic money from person to person and nation to nation in a moment of time. Artificial Intelligence is developing so fast that it really does seem that 'nothing they propose to do will be impossible for them.'

Tech experts are talking about developing something called 'singularity'. By this they mean a point in the future where technological growth becomes uncontrollable and irreversible, leading to a fundamental transformation of human civilisation. This event is often linked to the creation of super intelligent artificial intelligence (AI) that can improve itself and recreate itself at an exponential rate. Key figures like Ray Kurzweil predict this convergence could result in a merger of humans and machines, enhancing human intelligence to unimaginable levels. On the other hand, this development could unleash forces that lead to our destruction and enslavement to a kind of technological dictatorship.

Peter Thiel, a mega rich billionaire, whose data analytics company Palantir Technologies leads the way in this endeavour, has just conducted a series of lectures to selected leaders in Silicon Valley, California. He gave the subject of his talks, the Antichrist. He was not trying to warn against the Bible's last super bad man. He was asking what we can learn from the Book of Revelation and the Antichrist about the development of society. Thiel sees the Antichrist as a figure who will not be openly evil but will rise to power by exploiting people's fears about the state of the world, in order to impose global control.

According to this view the Antichrist will offer "peace and safety" in the face of potential catastrophe caused by war, climate change, economic collapse or technology gone rogue with AI.

The Antichrist will achieve global dominance through data integration and surveillance rather than traditional conquest. In the process those behind this will 'upgrade' humanity, merging people with machines in ways which attempt to improve on God's design for humanity. He will create AI systems that govern better than current failing political systems and establish a global surveillance state that knows every human thought and action.

Thiel and his associates appear to be working on a project to bring this to pass. He sits on top of some of the biggest tech empires on earth and is quietly building the machinery for a global police state. In his vision, basic human rights come with a price tag: absolute loyalty to the system. No obedience, no food. Exactly the kind of nightmare the Book of Revelation warned would mark the end times. In this Brave New World:

- AI will solve climate change (Peace)
- Biometric ID will eliminate fraud (Safety)
- Digital currency will end financial crime (Security)
- Surveillance will prevent terrorism (Protection)
- Gene editing will eliminate disease (Immortality)

If this comes to pass it will lead to the control of society by antichristian forces. But will it come to pass? At the Tower of Babel God divided their tongues so that

people could not cooperate and the great project fell apart. In our modern Babel we also see the world in a state of division with a very real danger of falling apart into chaos and confusion and collapse as 'the towers fall.'

So, will it come together or fall apart?

The world today is being divided into two main camps, one led by the USA along with the UK, EU, Japan and allies and the other led by China and Russia, the BRICS alliance and the nations that recently met in China for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation. Both groups are looking to establish their 'New World Order' backed by trade, technology and military power. Both have become powerful as they develop new technologies and spread them around the world. At the same time both are also in danger of falling apart through inner conflict, debt and a collapse of faith in God, moral values and purpose in life. Let us have a brief look at some of the nations involved starting with our own.

United Kingdom

The skyline of central London is dominated by great towering buildings in Canary Wharf and the City projecting its power and wealth of London as a hub of the global financial system. London contributes a large amount to the UK economy, but now it is in decline as businesses and wealth producers move abroad. Businesses and factories are closing across the land; farmers are going out of business. Energy costs



caused by the drive towards net zero are crippling industrial production and agriculture, while high taxes and labour laws discourage businesses from taking on staff. Large numbers of young people are now not in education, employment or training (so called NEETS), relying on government funded benefits and disability claims which often pay more than doing low paid jobs. National and personal debt is rising, young people cannot afford to buy homes, while illegal migrants who are brought here on boats by criminal gangs get free accommodation and handouts paid for by the taxpayer.

According to 'Final Warning' the lead article in the current edition of 'Heart' newspaper, the financial crash could be weeks away as we enter the 'most testing times since World War 2.' National and person debt is rising; the government has borrowed billions and may be soon requiring a bailout from the International Monetary Fund. The Spectator magazine warns of a coming crash and the Daily Telegraph told of a fresh cost of living crisis as the Chancellor tries to plug the black hole in the economy in the coming budget.

A year ago, Sir Keir Starmer announced that his new Labour government would

fix the foundations of society. Now the evidence is that the economic and spiritual foundations of the nation are crumbling. Rising crime and anti-social behaviour and a breakdown in community togetherness are causing tension in many of our cities. Our Christian faith is under attack as antichristian forces take control of our institutions. The signs of God's judgement on the nation that has turned its back on God and the Bible are plain for us to see. The foundations are crumbling and the government with it. The towers are falling.

France and the EU

France is becoming almost ungovernable with bitter conflict between extreme right wing and extreme left-wing parties in parliament, debt levels even higher than the UK and similar signs of social and economic collapse. It has just lost its fourth Prime Minister in a year. Similar problems are found across Europe. The towers are falling.

USA

Since coming to power Donald Trump been working on his project to 'Make America Great Again.' He has stopped illegal migration and gone to war with the woke culture that has been imposed on society by the liberal left. Using his tariffs policy he wants to boost US wealth and power, make the US as self sufficient as possible. At the same time this is creating risk for the US and the world economy. US debt now stands at \$37.8 trillion and is growing by nearly \$3 million every minute. There is a growing

economic crisis, as the cost of living goes up, especially the cost of housing and food with many people in poverty and debt. Bitter division between left- and right-wing forces is bringing increased polarisation and conflict in society.

The US has a major influence on the world economic system because of the dollar's status as the world's reserve currency and the petrodollar system. This enables the US to impose sanctions on countries like Russia and Iran. Putin has complained about what he calls the 'unipolar' world dominated by the US and its allies. Putin wants to create a multipolar world in which power shifts away from the US and the dollar's supremacy in world affairs and trade is challenged. Trump has said losing dollar supremacy would be like losing a world war. In this case the towers will be falling in the US too.

China

China's rise from a badly run backward Communist dictatorship under Mao to the world's second largest economy in just a few years has become one of the most extraordinary developments of the 21st century. On September 20 world leaders gathered together in China for a summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation. Leader Xi Jinping told delegates to 'stand against hegemonism and power politics' (he means the USA). The conference looked like a launch pad to make the world safe for dictators of China, Russia, North Korea, Iran and Belarus. Xi Jinping put on a huge display of military power in Tiananmen Square, Beijing designed

to impress his friends and intimidate his enemies. China has also been spreading its influence around the world through its Belt and Road initiative, opening up trade and development opportunities through Asia and into Europe, Africa and South America.

But all is not well in China. China saw rapid growth in Christianity in the early part of the 21st century. Now the Communist regime is actively persecuting real Christianity and attempting to turn churches into propaganda centres for its ideology. God is not pleased, and the signs of judgement are falling on China.

China's economic miracle is now in sharp decline. Factories are closing, young people and graduates can't get jobs, many are just giving up. China also has a massive debt problem. In China the towers are literally falling. I watched a film showing the controlled demolition of rows of huge skyscrapers which are



now useless, because no one wants to live there and the money to complete them has run out. According to a film on so called ghost cities there are around 65 to 90 million empty homes in China, wasting trillions of yuan in steel,

concrete and public funds. People have lost their life savings in failed building projects and banks, and local authorities are running out of money, partly due to unpaid mortgages on properties that no one can live in. The stability of the entire financial system is at risk.

The film also showed huge tower blocks in big Chinese cities like Nanjing and Shanghai. People who live there are fearful as they see signs that these are in danger of collapsing. Cracks appear across ceilings, doors won't shut, and lifts stop functioning. It blamed poor construction, placing massive heavy buildings on soft soil without strong enough foundations. Once the building begins to shift nothing can be done to stop it. In one case a public address system gave an urgent message for people to evacuate the building immediately and not go back to get possessions. It then fell down and those who lived there lost everything.

Recently China has been hit with torrential rains causing more houses to fall down, streets to turn into rivers, dams to break, bridges to collapse and flood defences to fail. Low lying cities have gone under water, including part of Beijing, which was hit by a massive hailstorm with hail stones the size of tennis balls, creating great damage. The huge Three Gorges Dam over the Yangtse River holds back trillions of tons of water and fuels hydro electric power driving China's industry. But there are fears about its stability. The heavy weight of water creates strain on earth beneath it raising the danger

of earthquakes. If the dam were to collapse it would drown around 400 million people downstream and the cities of Wuhan and Shanghai would be obliterated. The towers are falling.

Russia

Russia's huge reserves of oil and gas brought much money into the country, much of it flowing into the hands of Putin and his oligarchs. In Moscow and St Petersburg skyscrapers were built and Russia became more integrated into the European economy with its sale of oil and gas and western companies investing in Russia.

Now all that has changed. Russia has brought the world to the brink of a potential war since its invasion of Ukraine, which threatens the rest of Europe in a confrontation between NATO and Russia. Russia is also engaged in cyber attacks threatening a new dimension of warfare with the west. The war has brought immense suffering to Ukraine and has been devastating for Russia itself. Well over a million soldiers have been killed or seriously injured in the war and another million young men have fled the country to avoid being drawn into the war. Sanctions have crushed its economy; it has lost money from its oil and gas exports and the cost of war. Ukraine has also hit oil refineries and installations inside Russia which has caused a petrol shortage in the country along with a growing problem of inflation and shortages of food. There is a growing anger against Putin, and his futile war, as the people begin

to demonstrate against the corrupt regime. There are predictions of Russia running out of money and being unable to cope with the harsh conditions of the coming winter. The towers are falling.

Wherever you look in the world there is a sense of coming collapse, some of it caused by environmental problems, some by a failure of the economic system and bad government, whether Capitalist or Communist. The towers are falling.

Order out of chaos

Some are saying that powers behind the scenes are planning to profit out of all this and bring order out of chaos. The Latin phrase 'Ordo ab chao' – order out of chaos is the motto of the Thirty Third Degree of the Masonic order. There are a number of shadowy organisations working on a project to bring in some kind of New World Order. As we have seen in this article there is more than one version of this order, one based on America and the West, one based on China and its allies and one based on the UN and its Agenda 30 programme, along with the World Economic Forum's 'Great Reset'.

This brings us back to Peter Thiel and his Antichrist vision of a globalist society using technology and digital ID to control the people. The late Barry Smith, a prophecy teacher from New Zealand who died in 2002, predicted that this would come many years ago. He was ahead of the curve, predicting a cashless society, digital currencies and a global control system using implants without which people lose their ability to access society and buy and sell.



Israel and Palestine

Is it peace?



In Revelation 13 we read of the Mark of the Beast prophecy which the world ruler known as the Antichrist or the Beast will bring in: 'He causes all both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.' Revelation 13.16-18.

When John wrote Revelation, buying and selling was done by coins or barter and it was hard to imagine any kind of system whereby you could use a number or a mark on a person's body to do this. Today it is not so hard to imagine. Already we have seen cash replaced by credit cards which have a number unique to the person they belong to. We are now seeing developments in the area of biometric ID and blockchain technology which make the rest of this prophecy a possibility too.

This gives the bank (and potentially the government) the ability to check where people are getting their money from and so be used as a weapon in the battle against crime and tax evasion. They can also monitor every financial transaction you make from buying a house to a cup of coffee.

It is remarkable that advanced technology is developing the possibility of buying and selling without cash through a number on a device attached to or implanted in a person's body. Never before in human history has anything remotely like this been thought of or proposed. This possibility is another sign

that we are living in the last days before the return of Jesus Christ to the earth. When the towers fall where will you be? World leaders are powerless to stop the calamity which is coming on the world. We can save ourselves from its consequences by turning to God and accepting salvation in Jesus Christ

Jesus said: "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man built his house on the rock: and the rain descended the floods came and the wind blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who has the sayings of mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came and the wind blew and beat on that house and it fell. And great was it is fall." Matthew 7.24-27.

The present world system is a house built on the sand. It will fall. The kingdom of this world will be shaken, but the kingdom of God will not be shaken and will remain forever (Hebrews 12.25-28). If you enter into that kingdom by accepting Jesus as Saviour and Lord, you will have eternal peace and safety no matter what happens in this world.

The Bible tells us that the Lord Jesus Christ will return in power and glory at such a time as this and set up His kingdom when "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" Revelation 11.15. Make sure you have your place in His coming kingdom by accepting salvation through Jesus Christ now.

On October 9th President Trump announced his peace plan for Israel and the Middle East. On October 13th he addressed the Israeli Knesset, as 20 Israeli hostages were released and returned to Israel. He gave thanks to 'the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob' and declared the end of the war. proclaiming 'the historic dawn for a new Middle East.' He said this will open up the way for the people of Israel and the region to 'live in peace and harmony.'

He then flew to Sharm El-Sheikh where the historic agreement was signed by leaders from the United States, Egypt, Qatar and Turkey, in a ceremony attended by over thirty world leaders. While welcoming the peace deal, President Sisi of Egypt, who played a central role in the success of the plan, made it clear that this agreement must

be a stepping stone on the way to the establishment of a Palestinian State, which is seen as the ultimate solution to the Middle East problem. This is also the view of the UN and most of the nations present at the signing ceremony, including the UK and France. The Arab nations who will be part of the International Stabilisation Force engaged in overseeing the reconstruction of Gaza, all see this as the goal of the peace process.

UN Secretary General Guterres spelt out what this means at the UN General Assembly in September: 'Two independent democratic sovereign nations, Israel and Palestine live side by side with peace and security within recognised borders on the basis of the pre 1967 lines, with Jerusalem as the capital of both

states in line with international law.' Israeli PM Netanyahu has already rejected this proposal and said those nations supporting it (including the UK) are giving a reward to Hamas for their terrorism. He also said Israel's enemies do not want a Two State Solution. They want a one state solution, replacing the Jewish state of Israel.

The proposed Palestinian State is to be based in the West Bank, the area Israel took control of in the 6 Day War in 1967, after Egypt, Syria and Jordan came together with the intention of driving the Jews into the sea. Israel won a spectacular victory gaining control of the biblical heartland of Judea and Samaria and the Old City of Jerusalem. Israel offered to return these territories for peace and recognition by the Arab world, but they responded with the three 'Noes' of the Khartoum conference – no peace, no recognition, no negotiations with Israel.

Israel then began to build settlements (towns) in the West Bank, particularly in areas with religious significance like Kiryat Arba near Hebron. Israel declared the whole of Jerusalem its 'indivisible capital'. There are now around 200,000 Israelis living in the area around Jerusalem and about 500,000 in the West Bank / Judea and Samaria. The Knesset passed a motion on July 24 that 'Judea-Samaria and the Jordan Valley are an inseparable part of the land of Israel, the historical, cultural and spiritual homeland of the Jewish people.' They based this claim on Israel's biblical history saying,

'the forefathers and the prophets of the nation lived and acted in these regions and the foundations of Jewish culture and faith were laid in them.'

If the Palestinian State is based on the borders of 1967, the Israeli settlements would have to be dismantled, and Israel's coastal strip would be in danger of attack from a hostile force close to its main population centre. When Israel pulled out of Gaza in 2005, Hamas took over and turned Gaza into a terror supporting camp with missiles supplied by Iran and an Islamist charter that aimed at the destruction of the



State of Israel. The Knesset issued this statement on July 24: 'The massacre of October 7, 2023, proved that the establishment of a Palestinian state poses an existential danger to Israel, its citizens and the entire region.'

The UN and the Arab League agree that the Palestinian State should not be governed by Hamas but by the Palestinian Authority (PA) which is considered more moderate than Hamas. The governing power in the Palestinian Authority is in the hands of Fatah, the political wing of the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organisation). The

original charter of the PLO, like Hamas Charter, called for the elimination of Israel by armed struggle. In 1993 Yasser Arafat signed the Oslo Accords with Israel on behalf of the PLO, making way for the establishment of the PA. The PLO claimed to have amended this charter and removed the clauses calling for Israel's destruction. However Israeli sources deny that the offending clauses of the PLO charter have ever been legally annulled. There is evidence that Arafat regarded the Oslo Accords as "a temporary solution," the "first stage" in a wider plan to use territory Israel withdrew from to attack Israel and bring an end to it.

Today the PA uses its mosques, media and education system to feed the population with a constant diet of hatred for Israel and Jewish people. They have funded and supported terrorism against Israelis, with the 'pay for slay' policy which rewards terrorists and their families killed or captured as a result of attacks on Israelis. The majority of the population of the West Bank were supportive of Hamas action on October 7. This means they want Israel to be destroyed and replaced with an Arab Muslim State. Because Israel has a strong army and defence system, they have not been able to accomplish this yet. They hope to weaken Israel by a false peace treaty and then break it leading to the demise of Israel.

The biblical dimension

The Bible contains prophecies that speak of the Jewish people being

scattered to the ends of the earth and then returning to the land of Israel at the end of days in preparation for the return of the Messiah Yeshua (Jesus).

For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. ... Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God. Ezekiel 36:24-28. See also Isaiah 11, Jeremiah 30-32, Zechariah 12-14.

These verses, along with the passage of the 'dry bones' in Ezekiel 37, imply a return of the Jewish people in unbelief. Then they will turn to the Lord in a time of great trouble and be born again of the Holy Spirit.

Before this happens, the returning nation will face many attempts to destroy it and remove it from the land: *For behold, your enemies make a tumult; and those who hate You have lifted up their head. ... They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more." For they have consulted together with one consent; they form a confederacy against You'.* Psalm 83. The Psalm goes on to say how God will rescue Israel from the invasion of these hostile forces. See also the events surrounding the War of Gog and Magog, Ezekiel 38-9.

The central point of this conflict will be the city of Jerusalem. *"Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples. And it shall happen in that day that I will*

make Jerusalem a very heavy stone (or a burdensome stone) for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it." Zechariah 12:2-3.

The nations will also attempt to divide up the land, which will bring God's judgement on those responsible: "For behold, in those days and at that time, when I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; they have also divided up My land." Joel 3:1-2.

Daniel 9.27

So, is it peace? Trump said he has brought everlasting peace to the Middle East, with his peace plan. However, only God can bring in anything that is everlasting, particularly in relation to peace. He also said that the agreement ensured that there would not be a World War 3. In fact, the Bible does say there will be global war over the land of Israel and Jerusalem (Ezekiel 38-9, Zechariah 12-14, Revelation 16 and 19). The Bible warns of those who say 'Peace, peace where there is no peace' (Jeremiah 6:14). 'For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labour pains upon a pregnant woman' (1 Thessalonians 5:3).

If it is not peace, then does it connect to this biblical prophecy found in the Book of Daniel? "Then he (the prince to come / Antichrist) shall confirm a covenant

with many for one week (seven years); But in the middle of the week (after three and a half years) he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate (or the one who makes desolate)." Daniel 9.27.

Isaiah tells us more about this covenant, which turns out to be a deception leading to a 'covenant with death' mediated by 'scornful men.' "Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scornful men, who rule this people who are in Jerusalem, because you have said, "We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol (the place of the dead) we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood we have hidden ourselves." Isaiah 28.

Many prophecy teachers see a link between Trump's Peace Plan and Daniel 9.27:

'The deal, which includes the release of hostages, phased ceasefires, and a new governing structure for Gaza, has been accepted by all parties and backed by an international coalition. A "Board of Peace" -- reportedly with potential oversight from both the United States and European figures like Tony Blair -- will supervise the agreement's implementation. Multiple nations will act as guarantors. The fighting will stop. Gaza will begin rebuilding. For much of the world, this looks like a long-awaited miracle. But for students of Bible prophecy, it also raises profound, even chilling, questions. Could this be the beginning of the

peace Daniel foretold -- the one that sets the final prophetic clock ticking? Daniel 9:27 describes a figure who will "confirm a covenant with many." The wording is striking -- not "create," but "confirm." The Hebrew implies strengthening or enforcing an existing agreement. Trump has already boasted how this plan is not just about Gaza, but the start of peace for the whole Middle East. This is just the start and clearly there are plans to bring about something bigger in the future. For now, it is one step at a time until there is momentum for a much bigger peace plan with more nations involved.

Daniel's prophecy suggests that a future world leader will one day make firm an already-existing covenant between Israel and "the many" (many nations engaged in resolving the issue). In prophetic language, that act of confirmation marks the beginning of the final seven-year period of history -- the time leading to the return of Christ. Are we there yet? Almost certainly not. But this could be the kind of foundation that one day evolves into that covenant -- an early stone in a structure that prophecy says will one day dominate the world's attention.

What makes this peace deal unusual is its multi-national oversight. It's not just between Israel and Hamas. It's guaranteed by a coalition of outside powers: the United States, Arab nations, and European involvement. At the centre of this structure is something called a Board of Peace -- a global oversight body that will help govern Gaza and ensure compliance. That may sound administrative, but spiritually,

it's fascinating. Revelation 13 and 17, and Daniel 2 and 7, all describe the rise of a final world power with ten leaders or "kings" who share authority under one dominant figure. The "beast with ten horns" in Revelation represents a political alliance that ultimately serves one ruler -- the Antichrist.

While the current agreement doesn't publicly specify a seven-year term, some reports suggest a long-term phased arrangement -- possibly with multi-year checkpoints or reviews. For prophecy watchers, that detail matters enormously. In Daniel's timeline, the "final week" represents seven years -- the period in which the Antichrist rises, Israel experiences false peace, the temple is desecrated, and the world moves toward the climactic return of Christ.' [Prophecy News Watch](#).

This article shows it does contain a plan which could be confirmed or strengthened at a later date, through a leader who turns out to be the Antichrist. 'Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week (a period of seven years).' Daniel 9.27.

The context of this verse is to be found in the book of Daniel 9.24-27. This is a revelation given to the prophet Daniel by the angel Gabriel concerning the future of Israel and the coming of the Messiah, with particular reference to Jerusalem.

When this sequence of events is completed all the promises in the Hebrew scriptures concerning the Jewish people and Jerusalem will be fulfilled: 'Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to

finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.' Daniel 9.24.

Verses 25-26 indicate that before this happens the Messiah will appear according to a timetable based on a 490-year period (70 "sevens") starting from the decree to rebuild Jerusalem. The initial period is divided into 7 weeks (49 years) plus 62 weeks (434 years), totalling 69 weeks (483 years). In Nehemiah 2 we read of Artaxerxes, the Persian king who gave permission for the walls of Jerusalem to be rebuilt. This happened around 445 BC. Using this date as a starting point we come to the period around 29-32 AD, the time of the crucifixion of Jesus.

Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times. "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined.

The text uses the Hebrew word Mashiach, meaning Messiah or Anointed one, who would be 'cut off but not for himself'. This is a prophecy of the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus, when He suffered a violent death, not for himself but for the sins of others. Isaiah also spoke of this event in

the famous Suffering Servant prophecy concerning the Messiah on whom 'the Lord has laid the iniquity of us all.' Isaiah 53 A literal interpretation of these verses shows that the Messiah (Mashiach) had to die and rise from the dead, before the destruction of the Second Temple in AD 70. The only one who has fulfilled this is Jesus Christ / Yeshua ha Mashiach in Hebrew. He came at the right time according to the dates given in Daniel's prophecy. 40 years after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, the 'people of the prince to come' (the Romans) put down the Jewish revolt and destroyed the city of Jerusalem and the Temple leading to a time of 'war and desolations'. Thus began the time of Jewish dispersal among the nations. The land was then inhabited and ruled by different non-Jewish people and renamed as Palestina / Palestine by the Romans.

Jesus prophesied this event in Luke 19.41-44 and 21.21-24: But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.'

The seventieth week

This takes us up to the end of the 69th week of Daniel's prophecy and leaves us with the question, what do we do with the 70th week, a period of 7 years? The futurist interpretation of this prophecy is that there is an interval between the 69th and the 70th week. The interval begins

with the birth of the church at Pentecost (Acts 2) and ends with the rapture of the church (1 Thessalonians 4.13-17). The reason for the interval is that Gabriel's message to Daniel deals only with God's purposes for 'your people' (the Jewish people) and 'your holy city' (Jerusalem). It does not speak of the church age. After the rapture of the church God will again deal directly with Israel and the Jewish people leading to the final revelation of Jesus to His people and His return to the Mount of Olives outside Jerusalem. (Zechariah 12-14).

This means that there is the following sequence of events that have happened or will happen in the outworking of this prophecy:

- Verse 25. The restoration of the Jews to Jerusalem after captivity in Babylon, with the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem and the second Temple. Happened 483-444 BC.
- Verses 25-26. The coming of the Messiah Yeshua (Jesus Christ) during the days of the Second Temple. He will suffer rejection and death in the purposes of God. He will save us from our sins. He will rise from the dead, ascend (return) to heaven from where He will send the Holy Spirit to equip the true church to spread the Gospel. Happened around 29-32 AD.
- Verse 26. The destruction of the Second Temple at the hands of the people of the prince to come (the Romans). This to be followed by desolations of Jerusalem and dispersion of Jewish people into the nations. Happened in 70 AD and subsequently.
- The interval between verse

26 and 27. Following the death and resurrection of Jesus, the message of the Gospel to go out into the world through the true church. This is not included in the Daniel 9 prophecy which only has to do with Israel and Jerusalem but is recorded in the New Testament which gives the full story of the Messiah who Daniel 9.25-6 predicts. This began around 30-33 AD and is continuing now.

- The interval between verse 26 and 27 part 2. The Jewish people to be dispersed into the nations. Jerusalem to be ruled by different Gentile powers. At the time of the end there will be a restoration of Israel, in a time of war and conflict, in events leading to the return of the Messiah. This began following the events of 70 and 135 AD, and continued through years of dispersion, leading to the restoration of Israel as a Jewish state in 1948 and the restoration of Jerusalem to Jewish control in 1967.

- The 70th week begins with a covenant for seven years being confirmed with Israel and the 'many'. This is a future event which has not yet happened but could be on its way now.

- This sets off the seven-year period of the great tribulation, the final period of this age before the return of the Messiah, promising a peace settlement mediated by the 'prince to come' (the Antichrist). The covenant is broken by the Antichrist halfway through this time frame (after three and a half years) when he sets up something called the abomination of desolation in the holy place. This sets off the final period of the Great Tribulation which precedes the return of the Messiah (Matthew 24.15-31, Revelation 6-19). This



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leads to the consummation (the end, the final judgement) which will be poured out on the 'desolate' or the desolator.

• The Messiah will return in person, after which He will cause the fulfilment of the prophecies of the Messianic Age in the Hebrew Bible. Daniel 9.24. He will rule the world from restored Jerusalem for 1000 years, bringing peace and justice to earth (Isaiah 2.1-4, Zechariah 14, Revelation 20).

If this is the case, then an agreement bringing a resolution to the Arab – Israeli conflict is a huge event. It will offer peace, but not deliver.

It will be preceded by the Lord coming for His church in the event known as the rapture of the church: For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will 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 we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.' 1 Thessalonians 4.16-18.

It will be followed by the time of great tribulation on earth. Jesus said this would happen immediately before His return: 'For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. ... After the tribulation of those days ... the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power

and great glory.' Matthew 24.21-30. Daniel 12.1-3 also spoke about this: 'And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.'

Yeshua / Jesus is the Messiah of whom Daniel and the Hebrew prophets spoke. He came at exactly the right time to suffer and die for the sins of the world. He is coming again to save all who call on His name and have their names written in the Book of Life. He is the only one who can bring in the lasting peace for Israel and the Middle East. He will do this when He returns and fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah 2.1-4:

'Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.'

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After the message to the church of Laodicea which concludes chapter 3 John is supernaturally taken up through an open door into heaven. There he sees the glory of God, the One through Whom all things were created and the angels around the throne crying 'Holy,

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The scene then switches to the earth where John is given revelation of what happens when the seals are opened and the final time of tribulation on earth, begins with the 'Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse' passage. So, what happens 'after this' is the seven-year period of the great tribulation, an expansion of Jesus' words in Matthew 24.

'Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see." And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer. When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and

there was given to him a great sword. When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine." When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

This section of Revelation begins with a rider on the white horse (6.2) who goes out conquering and to conquer? Who is he?

One view is that this is Jesus going forth to conquer with the Gospel. But there are problems with this view. Firstly, Jesus is in heaven at the time so can He be revealing Jesus on earth at the same time? Secondly what follows this rider is war, famine and mass death, which are not the result of the preaching of the Gospel. Thirdly he has a bow but no arrows and a crown which is different from the diadem crown which the Lord Jesus wears at His return in Revelation 19. The word used for crown in Revelation 6 is 'stephanos' the crown or garland given to an overcomer or a victor in the games, not the diadem crown of royalty. This one's crown is

given him from below because of his achievements rather than because of his nature as the rightful king.

Therefore, the alternative interpretation is that this is the Antichrist going forth at the beginning of the tribulation bringing a false peace and being hailed from below as a saviour at a time of great crisis. But because he is a false saviour, instead of peace he is followed by the red horse (war) that takes peace from the earth, the black horse (famine), and the pale horse bringing mass death to a quarter of the earth's population.

The fifth seal describes the martyrs who give their lives for the Lord during this tribulation period (6.9-11). The sixth seal describes the final events that bring about the second coming of the Lord to the earth. The sun turns to darkness, the moon to blood, and the kings of the earth hide themselves from the 'wrath of the Lamb' crying, ["Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"](#)

The remaining chapters deal with the Great Tribulation, giving more detail of the things that will happen 'after this'. These chapters do not run chronologically. Chapter seven goes back to events at the beginning of the tribulation starting with the phrase 'After these things.' This describes the sealing of the 144,000 saved from the tribes of Israel who preach the Gospel during this time and a great multitude who 'come out of the great tribulation

and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb' (7.7-14). These are the tribulation saints, those who accept Jesus Christ as Saviour during the final seven-year period.

Chapters 8-11 describe the seven trumpets and the judgements which come on the earth as a result. These include environmental disasters, trees and grass burned up, a great mountain being thrown into the sea (an asteroid?), rivers and waters becoming polluted and undrinkable and the light of the sun being blotted out by some kind of atmospheric disorder (Revelation 8.6-12).

This section concludes again with the final event of this period, the return of the Lord Jesus when 'the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Messiah and He shall reign forever and ever (11.15). Chapter 12 then goes back to describe God's dealings with Israel at this time. Chapters 13-14 describe the satanic trinity of the Devil, the Beast and the False Prophet who gain world power and persecute the tribulation saints and bring in the 'Mark of the Beast' at the midpoint of the seven-year tribulation. Without this people cannot buy or sell.

Chapters 15-16 describe the bowl judgements, the third sequence of judgments the most severe ones leading to the last battle of Armageddon. Chapters 17-18 go back to give more revelation on the nature of Babylon, the satanic world system with its religious and commercial nature intertwined. This concludes with the fall of Babylon,

the final collapse of the world system. If you try to interpret these events as happening one after the other it does not make much sense. However, it does make sense if you see the seal judgements, the trumpet judgements and the bowl judgements as running parallel with each other. The chapters in between them giving different insights into the forces which will be at work in the spiritual conflict between good and evil.

Chapter 19 deals with the second coming of Jesus Christ to the earth, accompanied by the armies of heaven (angels and resurrected saints / believers in Jesus). Significantly the Lord comes riding on a white horse with a crown on his head, but it is a different crown from the rider on the white horse in chapter 6. This is the diadem crown of royalty given Him from above because He has ultimate power and authority from God. He comes to the earth with all power as King of kings and Lord of lords at the time of the last battle (Armageddon). This event brings the reign of evil on earth to an end as the Beast and the False Prophet are thrown into hell and the Devil is bound in the abyss, unable to deceive the nations anymore (Revelation 19.19 - 20.1-3). Jesus judges those remaining on earth at the end of the tribulation at the Sheep and the Goats judgement (Matthew 25.31-46), separating the sheep (righteous) who are welcomed into the kingdom of God from the goats (unrighteous) who are cast out.

Jesus then reigns on earth as King of

kings and Lord of lords for 1000 years (Revelation 20). This corresponds to a number of passages in the Hebrew Prophets relating to the coming Messianic Kingdom age (Isaiah 2.1-4, Isaiah 11-12, Ezekiel 40-48, Zechariah 14, plus many other passages). At the end of this time the devil is released for his final rebellion against the Lord, at which he is totally defeated and thrown into hell along with all whose names are not written in the Book of Life (Revelation 20.9-15). Then God winds up the present earth and universe as this world comes to an end and God creates the new heavens and new earth for all redeemed people to dwell in forever. Revelation 21-22.

Why 'after this'?

This brief run down of the events of the Book of Revelation leaves one question which needs to be answered. What is the meaning of the phrase 'after this' that is used in the Lord's explanation of the structure of the book that He was about to reveal. ['Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.'](#) Revelation 1.19.

One interpretation is to say it simply means things that will take place after the death of John and the writing of the Book of Revelation. In this view chapters 6 to 19 describe in some symbolic way the battle between good and evil during the present age. Protestant reformers associate the Beast or Antichrist (Revelation 13) with the Pope and Mystery Babylon the Great (Revelation

17) with the Roman Catholic Church. This view is known as the historicist view.

The alternative view known as the futurist view puts all the prophecies of chapters 6 through to 19 into a future time known as the Great Tribulation, the final seven year period before the Second Coming of Jesus to the earth. Jesus prophesied this in Matthew 24.21-31: *For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.*

This time of trouble will precede His return to the earth: "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

Going back to the event that opens all this up we read: *"After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, 'Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.'*"

John is called up into heaven through a door standing open into heaven. He hears a voice like a trumpet telling him

he is going to receive revelation about things to come. He is then shown events which have never been fulfilled in any literal sense. Therefore, the most logical interpretation is that he is being shown things that belong to the future, things that will precede the coming reign of Jesus on the earth.

Many see John's going up to heaven as a symbol of the rapture of the church. John was called up to heaven by a voice that sounds like a trumpet, just as the church will be in the first stage of the return of the Lord: *For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will 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 we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.* 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.

The pattern is significant. The Lord finished speaking to John about the things that are (the present church age) in Revelation chapters 2 and 3. Then He calls John up to heaven, "catching him away" with a voice that sounded like a trumpet. All this happened before the great wrath that will be described beginning at Revelation 6. As that great judgment on the earth unfolded, John, a representative of the church, is taken up to heaven and given revelation of what will happen on earth during the seven-year tribulation time. Significantly, the word

church occurs 20 times in chapters one to three of Revelation, but nowhere in chapters 4 through 19. In these chapters we do have reference to the 'saints' meaning the people who come to faith in chapter 7 'after these things', in other words at the beginning of the seven-year tribulation period.

According to this view the rapture takes place before the seven-year tribulation begins. John is taken out of this world into heaven in chapter 4 as a foretaste of the believing church being taken out of this world into heaven at the rapture and then returning with the Lord at His Second Coming.

Today we see signs taking place on earth of the coming time of tribulation as antichristian forces take more and more power on earth as prophesied for the last days of this age. This means that we should get ready to meet the Lord by repenting of our sins and believing the Gospel.

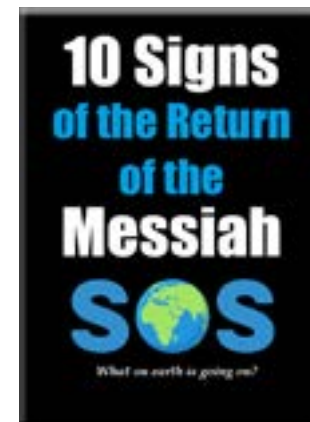
Beyond all the difficulties of interpretation, there is one thing that is quite plain from the Book of Revelation. There are only two eternal destinies that the human race is heading for:

'Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life.

And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ... And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.' Revelation 20.11-15

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." Revelation 21.1-5

Which one of these two destinies are you heading for? To escape hell and enter heaven, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.'



Signs of the Times



Time to stand against Antisemitism

The shocking assault by an Islamist jihadi on Jewish worshippers at a synagogue in Manchester on Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year for Jewish people was greeted with a certain degree of inevitability by the Jewish community. This is because free rein that has been given to anti Zionist demonstrators to chant their hatred of Israel and Jewish people week after week on our streets. Antisemitic leaflets bearing the threat "Zionists leave Britain or be slaughtered" have been found in Hendon, a predominantly Jewish neighbourhood in London. The flyers, written in Hebrew, also declared the area a "Zionist free zone" in English.

More than one in five Britons now hold or agree with anti-Semitic views, according to a survey in the Daily Telegraph. The figures are the highest since similar surveys began a decade ago. This comes after October 7th when more than 1,200 Jews were killed, the single highest death toll since the Holocaust. Continued images of the devastation in Gaza appear to have fuelled growing anti-Semitic sentiment, with criticism of Israel tipping into wider anti-Jewish sentiment.

A spokesman for the Campaign Against Antisemitism said: "Our country is clearly at a tipping point. These are the highest anti-Semitism figures that we have ever recorded, having doubled in less than five years. Our young people are being radicalised into adopting hateful ideologies before our eyes. Britain will lose its soul to extremists unless the silent majority wakes up. Racism against Jewish people has skyrocketed, but the authorities have abysmally failed to rise to the occasion. Politicians, police and prosecutors, regulators, media organisations, cultural institutions, universities, trade unions – they are all complicit in the creation of a climate of hatred in Britain."

In London mass marches have included those openly waving antisemitic signs and showing support for murderous terrorist organisations. It was in the capital too where Jewish children were advised to hide the insignia on their school uniforms. Synagogues and a private residence in the Jewish neighbourhood of Golders Green have been attacked with revolting substances thrown at them. In Brighton, the Jewish community has been experiencing a persistent wave of antisemitic abuse. Local Jewish residents tell of a poisonous litany of hate crimes and

destruction, with a local memorial to victims of the 7 October pogrom under consistent attack. Swastikas and Holocaust denial graffiti have been plastered nearby. At Liverpool University students held a 'cake party' on October 7th to celebrate the massacre of Jews by Hamas terrorists.

These are just a few of the antisemitic incidents taking place in Britain and across the western world. Since the Gaza war started there have been weekly demonstrations against Israel that have turned into hate fests against Jews and Israelis and those who stand with them as anti-Zionists gather to chant 'Free Palestine' and 'From the River to the Sea Palestine shall be free.' This means they are calling for the elimination of the State of Israel.

The mainstream Christian church is largely silent on this rise in antisemitism. The now departed Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, issued many months of inflammatory statements against the Jewish state as the Hamas-Israel war has continued. Rabbi Goldstein said, 'By publicly denouncing Israel in the middle of its war against Iranian-backed, radical Islamist terrorist organizations, Welby and other leaders have only encouraged the enemies of the Jewish state and Western democracies.'

Most of the Muslim world actively promotes antisemitism. A religious textbook used in Saudi Arabia has a

section 'The victory of the Muslims over the Jews' and quotes the Hadith attributed to Mohammed: "The last hour won't come before the Muslims will fight the Jews and the Muslims will kill them so Jews would hide behind rocks and trees. Then the rocks and tree would call: oh Muslim, oh servant of God! There is a Jew behind me, come and kill him." This text is widely known and propagated by Muslim fundamentalists.

We see a rise in what has been called the red-green anti-Zionist alliance of leftists and Islamists in Europe and America. They want the destruction of Israel, but not just the end of Israel. The main assault on biblical Christianity today in the west also comes from the far left and the Islamists.

It is time for Christians who love the Lord and His word to stand with Israel and the Jewish people against this onslaught.

Antisemitism is contrary to the teaching of the Bible which teaches God's love for the people of Israel, the Jewishness of Jesus as the Messiah and Saviour and the significance of the covenant God made with Abraham and Moses in relation to the continued existence and purpose of the Jewish people in the world. In Jeremiah 31, immediately after the verses prophesying the coming of the New Covenant, we read that as long as the sun, moon and stars are shining in the sky, so long will Israel be a nation before the Lord. In Romans

11 Paul tells the Roman church that they are supported by the root of the Jewish revelation in the Bible and they should not boast against this root but learn from it. He tells them that Israel is 'beloved for the fathers' sake' and that one day 'All Israel will be saved.'

False Christian teaching blaming the Jews for the crucifixion of Jesus is denied by the actual teaching of the New Testament, which teaches that He voluntarily laid down His life as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. As we are all sinners in a sense, we all killed Jesus. His death and resurrection were the Lord's will in order to redeem lost humanity and make known God's love, in order that we might know God's love, mercy and forgiveness.

For more on this send for our booklets 'Jews hated by many, loved by God' and 'Has the Church replaced Israel?'

The madness of modern Britain

Civil servants working for the taxman held an online session during office hours on 'the Guilt of being British,' run by the HMRC Race Network. It covered topics including the 'emotional weight of colonial history and inherited trauma' as part of the taxman's commitment to 'diversity, equality and inclusion'. Meanwhile HMRC's performance in answering customers' calls has reached an all time low, with

recent statistics saying about 40,000 people are kept on hold for more than 70 minutes with no explanation.

A friend who lives in Darlington sent me an email about someone she knows who put in an offer for a house in the area. The offer was accepted. The local authority then offered £6000 above the asking price to buy the house. They are buying up houses in the area for migrants. The person selling the house refused this offer and so the house was sold to the original buyer (good for them). It would be good if we had a government that was on the side of the British people.

In a rare burst of reason, the Supreme Court, the UK's highest court, ruled that sex must be grounded in biology. The judgment found that "sex" in equality law refers to biological sex – and should not be broadened to include trans people with a gender recognition certificate. This resulted in a furious response from supporters of transgenderism, including a statement from doctors in the medical trade union the BMA (British Medical Association) condemning the Supreme Court's ruling as 'scientifically and biologically illiterate'. According to them 'it has no basis in science or medicine while being actively harmful to transgender and gender diverse people.' We might have hoped that doctors would know that there is a difference between men and women, but apparently these doctors consider it 'scientifically illiterate' to say so. No doubt they would not think

much of the Genesis account of creation which says, 'God created man in His image, in the image of God He created Him, male and female He created them.'

These kinds of incidents happen all the time and are creating a level of anger against those in power in our society. Add to this the growing censorship of complaints against what is happening, and we are in danger of sliding towards social disintegration and potentially loss of freedom of speech. The establishment labels opposition to their actions as 'far right', but more and more people know they are being gaslighted and there is growing anger about it.

As Christians we want to be peacemakers and good citizens but as we see our country being handed over to forces that are both anti-Christian as well as anti-British, it is hard not to feel seriously aggrieved at the direction the people in power are taking us.

What's happening to Iran?

Iran has become the leading anti Israel nation, creating its 'ring of fire' group of allies surrounding Israel and supplying them with missiles with the intention of destroying Israel. This hasn't done them much good, as Israel has knocked most of them out. Now Iran is learning the hard lesson of Genesis 12 where God says concerning Abraham and his descendants (the Jewish people), 'I will bless them that bless you and curse

those who curse you.' There are many signs of God's judgment on the leaders of Iran, while the people suffer from their corrupt and incompetent rule.

One of the achievements of the Islamic regime has been to turn people off Islam. According to a report on CBN news, a senior Islamic clergyman has reported that between 50-75,000 mosques in Iran have closed as millions of Iranians leave Islam. People are sick of the corruption of the regime, its repression and its waste of money and resources on funding terrorism and wars abroad while neglecting the basic needs of its citizens. Reports estimate that the numbers of people coming to Jesus runs into millions, although it is impossible to give an accurate figure for the obvious reason that most Iranian Christians hide their identity as much as possible. This year alone the regime has executed over a thousand political opponents.

Meanwhile Tehran, a city with 10 million residents, is on the brink of disaster, as water sources dry up, reservoirs empty, and land subsidence breaks underground pipes. There have been days with searing temperatures (up to 50°C) with no rain, leaving reservoirs practically empty. President Pezeshkian has warned that the dams supplying the capital with water could run dry by October. Beneath the city the earth is sinking with land subsidence, caused by pumping underground water. The eastern part of the country is also facing

an environmental disaster. Afghanistan has put dams on the Helmand River which rises in the Hindu Kush mountains, stopping its flow into Iran, where it irrigates the area around Lake Hamoun a vital source of water for Iran's eastern region. No longer able to sustain their traditional way of life around the lake, people are leaving for the cities, adding to the crisis that is taking place there.

In Ezekiel 38 Iran / Persia is one of the countries that come against Israel in the war of Gog and Magog and are judged by God. Jeremiah 49:35-39 warns of a disaster hitting Elam (one of the biblical names for modern Iran) in the latter days, as judgement comes upon its leaders. God will "break the bow" of Elam, the "mainstay of their might". This sounds very much like their capacity to fire weapons. We also see that God will "destroy their king and officials", that the leaders will be taken out. Lastly we see that in the "latter days" God plans to "restore the fortunes" of the people, as He gathers the people to Himself. This is good news for the people of Iran! This is our hope and our prayer: the breaking of the bow, the deposing of leaders, freedom for the captives... and God's glorious kingdom coming to Iran.

Euphrates drying up

The Euphrates is the longest river in western Asia, flowing through Turkey, Syria and Iraq, where it joins the river Tigris. For thousands of years these two rivers supported civilisation and the great

cities of Babylon and Nineveh (Assyria) in Mesopotamia, the land between the two rivers. The rivers made this area fertile and productive, being the only significant



source of fresh water in an arid region. Now as a result of dam construction in Turkey and Syria, climate change and mismanagement, water flows have decreased dramatically. Some estimates say the Euphrates could disappear completely by 2040. Temperatures are rising, rainfall has fallen drastically, and soil is being eroded. As a result, crops are failing in Iraq's fertile plains and food shortages are becoming more frequent. Pollution levels are rising, bringing disease to humans and livestock. People are leaving the countryside for the cities which cannot absorb more people. There are warnings of a humanitarian disaster with consequences that are irreversible.

The disappearing river is another sign of the end of days scenario coming upon us as we read in Revelation 9:14 and 16:2: *'Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.'*

Digital ID

Imagine walking into a grocery store, a bank, or even your doctor's office -- and being told, "Access denied. Digital ID not verified." The lights flash red. A clerk shakes their head. Your life is on hold. No money, no rent, no appointments. A small app or card has become the master key to your entire existence.

Already something along these lines has been trialled in China's Credit Score system. Now the UK government is promoting a Brit Card with a digital ID mandatory for all adults, transforming a once-unthinkable intrusion into an impending reality.

Amid record small-boat crossings, asylum backlogs, and mounting public anxiety, the government seeks a "dramatic" fix to the migration problem. Every adult would hold a digital ID, required to rent, work, or access essential services -- forcing compliance into every corner of life. Officials have studied Estonia's model, where citizens receive a digital identity at birth, used for banking, voting, healthcare, and taxation. But the UK's system could go far beyond: linking immigration, welfare, banking, housing, healthcare, and commerce into a single, centralised framework.

The problem is that compulsory digital ID centralises state power over every citizen. It gives the government a live map of our daily life: every purchase, every medical

appointment, every online comment, making possible a surveillance society, which can prevent you from working, renting, or buying food. Society itself becomes dependent on state approval. This can then be linked to welfare, healthcare, taxation, voting, and even private commerce as the state takes over more control of our lives. If it is then linked to the proposed Central Bank Digital Currency, it could bring about a situation in which every transaction could be monitored, restricted, or frozen in real time. Economic freedom disappears; your ability to buy, sell, or work depends entirely on government consent. Society becomes dependent, traceable, and controllable at the keystroke of the state.

For those who read scripture, the warnings are stark. Revelation 13 describes a time when no one can buy or sell without the mark -- a digital seal of allegiance. Mandatory digital IDs, especially when paired with digital currency, echo this chilling vision.



Last Word



Charlie Kirk, a committed Christian and supporter of family values and patriotism, was assassinated on 10th September while debating with students at Utah Valley University. The killer Tyler Robinson was motivated by hatred for right wing Christians and put 'Hey Fascist catch' on the bullet casings he used for the killing.

The assassination highlighted the bitter divisions between left and right in the United States, also found in much of the western world. The left accuses those who disagree with them of being fascists, racists or Nazis. Charlie Kirk was anything but that. He went to colleges to debate his point of view, not to impose it as fascists do. The one who killed him and those misguided people who applauded his death are those who really act in the spirit of fascism. He went as a committed Christian wanting to affirm positive Christian values in a spirit of dialogue, debating the anti-Christian, anti-biblical moral values that are found in so many of our universities today.

His funeral was an affirmation of Christianity with US leaders quoting the Bible, calls to repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus. It was attended by around 100,000 people and an estimated 100 million viewed the event. Pete Hegseth, US Secretary of Defence, praised Kirk as a husband, father, and political activist, but noted that "more importantly, he was a true believer. Only Jesus Christ is King, our Lord and Saviour.

Our sins are washed away by the blood of Jesus. Fear God and fear no man. That was Charlie Kirk." Hegseth recalled that Kirk brought his political debates to college campuses, but "over time, he realized, like so many of us have, that this is not a political war. It's not even a cultural war. It's a spiritual war. Faith and family first. There is a God. Charlie started with liberty but ended up lighting our country on fire for Christ. He started Turning Point USA, but this moment is the turning point for the USA. Right now."

The most powerful Christian witness of the day came from Kirk's own widow, Erika. "More than anything, Charlie wanted to do not his will, but God's will. And over these past 11 days, through all the pain, never before have I found as much comfort as I now do in the words of our Lord's Prayer, 'Thy will be done,'" Erika shared. Recounting some of the difficulties and sorrows she has weathered since losing her husband, Erika said, "Most of all, God's mercy and God's love have been revealed to me these past days after Charlie's assassination. We didn't see violence. We didn't see rioting. We didn't see revolution." She continued, "Instead, we saw what my husband always prayed he would see in this country. We saw revival. This past week, we saw people open a Bible for the first time in a decade. We saw people pray for the first time since they were children. We saw people go to a church service for the first time in their entire lives. To those of you out there who

just made that decision and took the first step toward a spiritual life, I say thank you and welcome. One day I hope you look back and realize it was the most important decision of your life. Because it is."

"Charlie passionately wanted to reach and save the Lost Boys of the West, the young men who feel like they have no direction, no purpose, no faith, and no reason to live, the men wasting their lives on distractions and the men consumed with resentment, anger, and hate," Erika recalled of her husband's work and mission. "He wanted to save young men, just like the one who took his life. That young man, that young man," she said, through tears. "On the cross, our Saviour said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.' That man, that young man. I forgive him," Erika said, turning her eyes to Heaven. The stadium erupted in cheers. Erika concluded, "Choose prayer. Choose courage. Choose beauty. Choose a life of faith. Most importantly, choose Jesus Christ."

Here is how to choose Jesus Christ.

1. Understand that God loves us and wants to give us eternal life:

'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.' John 3.16.

2. Realise that by nature we are all sinners and separated from God because of sin:

'For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.' Romans 3.23.

'For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.' Romans 6.23.

3. Accept that Jesus Christ is God's only provision for sin:

'But God demonstrates His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.' Romans 5.8.

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and He was buried and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. 1 Corinthians 15.3-4.

4. Receive Jesus personally as Saviour and Lord:

As many as received Him to them He gave the right to become children of God to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1.12.

If you have not yet done this, and would like to, here is a prayer you can pray to accept Jesus as your Saviour:

'Dear Heavenly Father, I admit that I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ died in my place, shedding His blood to pay for my sins, and that He rose again from the dead to give me eternal life. I am willing right now to turn from my sin and accept Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and Lord. I commit my life to you and ask you to help me become the kind of person you want me to be. Thank you, Father, for loving me. In Jesus' name, Amen.'

For more information send for the booklet '[10 Signs of the Return of the Messiah](#)' and 'Knowing God Personally.' If you don't have a Bible let us know and we will send you one.

Conclusion



All the things that we write of in this magazine are pointers to the fulfilment of Bible prophecies of the last days in our day and the soon coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The most important thing we can do, in the light of this, is to call on the name of the Lord for salvation, so we are ready to meet Him at His coming.

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