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FOREWORD by Richard Aaron Honorof...

This book is about **THE LOVE OF GOD for HIS CREATION**, you and I.

The writer of this book, Richard Aaron Honorof, is a Jewish believer in Jesus. This is his third book. All three books were inspired and written under the direction of the Holy Spirit, for the purpose of saving God's Jewish people, and for strengthening other believers in their scriptural witness to the unsaved Jewish community. All three books are direct results of the personal experiences Richard has had with Lord Jesus, and are done under the direction and guidance of the Ruach, the Spirit of God.

Richard was saved in 1973, when the Spirit of God began to teach him from the Holy Scriptures about his Jewish Messiah Jesus and his own Jewish heritage, showing him many truths about the Messiah, found in both the Old and the New Testament. It was during the Spring of 1973, while reading the 17th chapter of the Book of John, that the Lord Jesus personally spoke three words deep into Richard's heart, planting them deep into his spirit; these three words of intense Love would change Richard's life forever.

Jesus spoke and planted deep into Richard's heart with His Wonderful Love: **"Feed My Sheep!"**, and Richard answered: 'yes, Lord!'

Nine years later, after having subsequently fallen deep into Eastern religious occult beliefs, and daily drug use, Richard was given one of the most amazing experiences of his life. At around 10 am, on the Saturday morning of April 10th, 1982, during Passover weekend, while in the desert of Southern California, fasting and praying and crying out to his God for help, Richard was suddenly raised up into Heaven by the Holy Spirit, while he was fully awake. [This day in the Jewish calendar that year was the 17th of Nisan, the feast of First Fruits, during Passover.] Within seconds, he found himself standing before his Messiah, the **God of Heaven**. The Light from the Lord's face was so brilliant, like the sun glowing in its full glory, that no features could be seen of His face, but the only thing Richard saw as he looked into this Brilliant Light was **The King's Golden Crown** which this Man wore.

The King of Heaven came over to Richard and lovingly placed a crimson robe around Richard's shoulders. When Richard opened his eyes sometime later, he found himself back down in the southern California desert, with an assignment from God in his heart.

Shortly after this personal and powerful experience with his Messiah, the Holy Spirit began directing Richard to begin his ministry called **'Feed My Sheep'**, and to begin writing his first book. The book would be just prophetic scriptures from the Old Testament, all pointing to the life of Jesus, and would be taken mainly from the Jewish Bible translation of the Old Testament, which in 1982 was called 'The Holy Scriptures', but now is called 'The Tanakh'. These scriptures are what God had shown Richard in 1973.

Before Jesus ever came to earth two thousand years ago, He had first spoken through His prophets, and foretold all the major events of both His First and His Second Coming. [Hereafter, the Lord's Hebrew name **Yeshua** will also be used in this book.]

This first book is an in-depth study of the scriptures pertaining to Yeshua's First Coming. This book took over ten years to write, and it is all scripture, and is in story form, with real photographs, many taken from Israel, to help the story come alive. It was first published in 1992, and is called: **THE COMING MESSIAH! The Son of David**. It is 192 pages long, with over 550 different scripture verses from the Old Testament scriptures.

This book was first planted into Richard in 1973, by the Holy Spirit, and then birthed in 1982, after his experience of being raised up into heaven. The book was revised and republished two years later, in 1994. In 1992, when his book, **The Coming Messiah! The Son of David**, was finished, Richard left his California home and his west coast based ministry, where he had worked full time since 1982, and moved his ministry to the east coast.

Richard had been traveling up and down the whole west coast for ten years, selling to Christian bookstores from his own art line of 'Feed My Sheep' photo-scripture art prints, and was then also promoting a new line of biblical fine art prints from many of the leading Christian and Messianic graphic artists of the United States and Israel.

But the Lord called Richard to begin a new work for Jesus on the east coast: to take up his Jewish horns, the shofars, and **to begin announcing the Coming of the Lord**, accompanied **with the blowing of two large shofars at the same time**. [You may remember, that King David had Zadok the high priest announce his son Solomon as the new King of Israel, with the blowing of the ram's horn shofar.] [First Kings 1:33,34,39]

And since 1992, Richard has traveled up and down the whole east coast, calling on hundreds of Christian bookstores, setting up Messianic Jewish sections of products in the stores. These products serve as a light for church believers, to help direct Jews and Gentiles homeward, down a Messianic Jewish road to King Yeshua, and to Israel and to Jerusalem, to help prepare the way of the Lord.

The Lord has also expanded Richard's product line to include a complete line of Messianic books and Messianic music, for this celebration road homeward. Richard also sells shofars, and teaches others how to play the Jewish horns, the shofars, and how the shofar is used biblically. The shofar is one of the most written about instruments in the whole Bible, both for worship and warfare, and for sounding a warning to the people.

Richard has opened many national and international Christian and Messianic conferences, blowing these two shofars to announce the Coming of the Lord Yeshua. This brings the audiences into the presence of the Lord in a biblical way. [Numbers 10:3]

In 1995, while in Israel, the Lord directed Richard to do a second book, called '**Who Is The God of Israel?**' This book was given to Richard in one night while in Jerusalem, and is a new tool for reaching the unsaved religious and secular Jews.

The average Jewish person has no biblical or scriptural foundation for believing in Jesus as either Messiah or God, and thinks of Jesus as being 'the Gentile god number two'. Thus, for them to believe in Jesus is idolatry, and against God's great command called 'The Shama': 'Here O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One!'

This 12 page booklet challenges and answers this great Jewish dilemma, by laying a thorough scriptural foundation of rational steps, to show first that the One God has Many Faces, and that One of His Faces in the Jewish scriptures is that this One God is truly also our Messiah!

This booklet is all scripture and is also taken from the Old Testament Jewish Bible. In 1996, it was republished in Hebrew-English, where a passage of bible text shows the Hebrew on the right page with the English on the left page, for easy witnessing to the Israeli Jewish community.

In the fall of 1995, after over twenty years of experience and study in this particular area of the Word of God, the Lord directed Richard to begin writing his third and newest book, called:

THE RETURN OF THE MESSIAH : THE KING OF GLORY

This is a two-part book. The first section is a most comprehensive scriptural study proving that the **Lord Yeshua's true Birthday is on God's Feast of 'Succoth', also called 'The Feast of Tabernacles'.**

This section is 16 pages of scriptural proofs, with many new insights from the Holy Spirit. This study also showed that this greatest of all Jewish feasts and celebrations, Succoth, is also the same festival on which **The Marriage Supper of the Lamb** will be held, back down on earth, in Jerusalem. This great event is just a few years ahead of us.

How this new book came about was that after his study on the feast of Succoth, revealing both Yeshua's birthday and the feast for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, Richard was then directed to do a study of the scriptures on the shofar, and was then shown the feast when the Lord's return with His new Bride from heaven would take place.

He was shown it would be on the Day of battle, **Yom Kippur**, with the Lord Himself sounding the Shofar!

After being given these major revelations by the Holy Spirit, and the scriptural proofs for each of them, Richard was then directed by the Holy Spirit to write part two of this new book on the return of the Messiah!

Part two is over 170 pages of scriptures, and includes most of the major and many minor scriptures on the subject of the Second Coming, found in both the Old and New Testament. These many hundreds of scriptures have been arranged in a chronological sequence related to the three Fall Feasts, showing the order of events of the Lord Yeshua's Second Coming, entirely from a Messianic Jewish perspective...

The many new conclusions shown in this book are very important and very different from so many of the conclusions found in most prophecy books on the subject of the Lord's Second Coming. Some of these new conclusions are...

1) This special Jewish wedding of Yeshua to His Bride will take place in heaven, on Rosh HaShanah (Yom Teruah), before the actual wedding banquet, which will take place back on earth in Jerusalem, during the Feast of Tabernacles. [Isaiah 25:6-10]

2) **The saved Church, as a whole, is not the Bride**, but only a small part of the Church will qualify for this special position, for the Bride is the First-Fruits offering to the Lord, mentioned in Revelation 14:4. Yeshua's Bride will be taken up into heaven most likely before the main harvest of other believers. The majority of other believers still alive will probably die in the Great Tribulation, though some remain alive till the end, when Yeshua returns to save them. Also, Yeshua's Bride will be taken out late, even at the midnight hour, as Yeshua clearly told us in Matthew 25.

A wedding banquet is a different event from a wedding. Even in a Gentile wedding this is true. But the bible is Jewish, and this is a Jewish wedding, and then comes the Jewish wedding banquet, and these are two different biblical feasts, to be held at two different times, and in two different places. Wedding banquets have a bride and a groom, with many special invited guests present. In this case, the guests will be made up of saved believers who have been redeemed and blessed by God, and have qualified to be there, by being true 'friends' of Yeshua.

This is an accurate picture of the Lord's Body, at the Wedding Banquet, which will be held back down on earth in Jerusalem after the last great battle, and during the feast of Succoth. [Isaiah 25:6-10]

3) Who is this special Bride? In Revelation 19:7, it says that Yeshua's **wife** has made herself ready; **it does not say bride. God's wife was, is, and always will be Israel!** But God's wife is saved Israel, but She is the great mystery; and we will take a closer look and discover who this special Wife really is. As simple as it sounds, we must remember that **there is only One God**. Father God doesn't have His Wife, Israel, and Yeshua another Wife, the Church. That Christian concept is not only invalid, **it is also idolatry!** 'The Lord our God, The Lord is One!' [Deuteronomy 6:4] The revelation of simple truths found throughout God's Word will show us how all this fits together.

4) Why are most of Jesus's parables about a wedding really not about a wedding at all, but about a wedding banquet with food and guests, with no mention of the bride at all. This special wedding banquet is just that, it is a wedding banquet. For even in Gentile weddings, the wedding banquet comes after the wedding, and is a totally different event from the actual marriage wedding ceremony. [Matthew 22:1-15]

5) When is Yeshua's Wife taken up into heaven to be with Him? In the parable about the ten virgins in Matthew 25, we see Jesus giving us the clearest answer to this question.

6) How does the Gog-Magog war with Israel fit into all this, and when does it occur? It will happen very soon, probably before the construction on the temple begins.

7) When do the two witnesses begin their 3 1/2 year ministry in Jerusalem? Is it at the beginning or perhaps in the middle of the seven years of Daniel's 70th week?

8) How does the shofar call blown by Yeshua, Himself, [Zechariah 9:14] fit into all these future events?

- 9) When does the Lord return back to earth, on what feast, and on what year?
- 10) What is the difference between being saved and being an overcomer?

These questions, and many many more are explored in depth in this comprehensive scripture study, giving us many new revelation keys that help us unlock many of the biblical mysteries found in ...

THE RETURN OF THE MESSIAH! THE KING OF GLORY

Part I

SUCCOTH : THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

TRUE BIRTHDAY AND BIRTH FEAST OF OUR LORD YESHUA

[THE TRUE CHRISTMAS]

Part I **SUCCOTH : THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES** **THE FEAST OF BOOTHS**

THE TRUE BIRTHDAY AND BIRTH FEAST OF OUR LORD YESHUA

[THE TRUE CHRISTMAS]

Christmas is a most precious and special time of year for the whole world, especially for believers in the Messiah Jesus. It's special, for we celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus. The Holy Spirit also makes Christmas special for us with His divine Presence during this season, giving us a deeper awareness of the reality of the Lord's birth.

Jesus wants us to experience more of this Truth, especially now that He is rapidly drawing His Church Homeward to Himself, and to our Jewish roots..

We know that December 25th is not the Lord's real birthday. Almost everyone knows that. Now is the time for the real Truth of the Lord's Birthday to be brought to Light, as we head toward His coming, for Jesus Himself has said that nothing shall remain hidden, including His own Birthday.

The Lord has directed me to write on this subject of the True Christmas, His Birthday, which began for me years ago, when God had me build this scripture Truth into my first book... 'THE COMING MESSIAH, The Son of David!'

The story of the birth of the Lord Jesus (Yeshua) begins in Genesis 1:3, when God looked down from heaven, and Yeshua spoke His first words into Creation, and said: 'Let there be light.' And there was light!

In the book of John 1:9, it says about Yeshua: 'That was the true light, which lights every man that comes into the world.' God, 'The Light of the World', had now come to earth, born as a baby boy.

This article will prove when this happened...the day, the feast, and the most probable year! It will prove that ... Yeshua, the Son of God, was born on the first day of **Succoth, the 15th of Tishri**, and possibly in the year 3 BC. The Jewish month of Tishri is in the fall, and corresponds to our September - October calendar season.

On the evening of Lord Yeshua's birth in Bethlehem, there were **two great light celebrations** happening in the heavens near by. One is recorded in the bible, [Luke 2:8-15], the story which we all know, that happened to the shepherds grazing their sheep at night in the fields of Bethlehem (not possible during December, one of the cold Israeli winter months).

The other story is less known, but can be seen and verified in the Mishnah, one of the greatest Jewish religious historical books, for this other story happened yearly, every Succoth.

The night after Yeshua's birth, five miles north of Bethlehem, the Mishnah records that the priests at the Temple in Jerusalem were beginning to hold their special candlestick lighting ceremony to illumine the Temple of God, for it was now the second night of their greatest yearly celebration of all, the Feast of Succoth. The sabbath of the first night and day of Succoth had just ended (dusk to dusk), and now the evening lighting ceremony could begin, and would continue every evening for six evenings in a row, until the sabbath of the last day of Succoth. Since the first day and the eighth day of Succoth were the feast sabbath days (Leviticus 23:39), the special lighting ceremony could not be held on these days. For according to Jewish Sabbath law, even a fire could not be kindled on the Sabbath. (Exodus 35:3)

Three enormous golden candlesticks were set up in 'the court of the women', each having four golden bowls at their top, each containing over seven gallons of oil. The priests used their worn-out priestly swaddling garments for the candle wicks in these giant candlesticks, for the nightly ceremonies.

The light from this special candle lighting ceremony was so great, that it could be seen all over Jerusalem. It was the greatest light show of the year, held on this most joyous '**Feast of the LORD**', the celebration festival of Succoth. For God had commanded the Jewish people to rejoice before the LORD for seven days during this feast. [Leviticus 23:40]

At the same time, in the fields of Bethlehem, God was putting on His own heavenly light show, to announce to all the world the birth of 'The Light of The World', His own Son Yeshua. The shepherds in the fields that night were watching their flocks, when the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shown round about them. And the angel said to them, 'Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of **great joy**, which shall be to all people. For to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Messiah the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you, you shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.' [Luke 2:8-14]

And he said, Hear now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin (alma) shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. [Isaiah 7:13,14]

Succoth is the only Jewish biblical feast recorded as 'a time of great joy', the time for great rejoicing! Succoth is called 'the season of our joy', **the season for rejoicing**.

What was most unique about the angel's message on that second night of Succoth, was that the great joy would be for all people, as God had prophesied throughout His word that the Messiah would bring salvation to His people from all the nations of the world.

But now, let us go back to our story, to the time before Yeshua was born, and let us look carefully at the sequence of events which occurred months prior to the LORD's birth, to give us more accurate information, as to the truth of Succoth being Yeshua's true birthday...

1) Zecharias is an Aaronic Priest in the Temple at Jerusalem, ministering to God at the Altar of Incense, (by the way, this was the duty of only the Aaronic High Priest [see Exodus 30:7]), when the angel Gabriel announces to him that his wife would have a special baby son. It says that he is of the Aaronic priestly division or order called Abijah, and that his wife Elizabeth is also of the daughters of Aaron. [Luke 1:5,8-20]

2) King David listed all the 24 Aaronic priestly division orders in First Chronicles 24, and Abijah was the eighth order in line to serve in the Temple at Jerusalem. [First Chronicles 24:10]

3) Priests began their service during the first month of their religious calendar year, which was the first of the month of Nisan, corresponding to our months of March-April. [Example: on the 14th day of this 1st month of Nisan was Passover.] Each priestly order would serve one week in the Temple twice a year, so the order of Abijah would normally serve in the Temple around 8 weeks after the year began. However, two more weeks must be added, for all the priests had to serve together, by Torah law, for both Pesach (Passover) and Shavuot, which both occurred during the first eight weeks of the new year.

It would have therefore been 10 weeks after the start of their new year, in June-July, when Zecharias is told by the angel Gabriel that his wife Elizabeth would have their baby son. Elizabeth hides herself for five months [Luke 1:24], and then in the sixth month of her pregnancy the angel Gabriel is sent by God to Nazareth, to see a virgin named Miriam, betrothed to Joseph, who is of the house of David of the tribe of Judah. [Luke 1:26,27]

4) Miriam is then told by the angel Gabriel that her cousin Elizabeth is six months pregnant with Yochanan, (whose birth would then be expected around Passover). Yochanan, six months older than Yeshua, would start his ministry six months before Yeshua, thirty years later, at Passover time. The angel Gabriel had told Zecharias that Yochanan would go before Yeshua in the spirit and power of Elijah. Oral Jewish tradition had prophesied that Eliyahu would appear at Passover, to announce the coming of the Messiah. [Luke 1:17; Malachi 3:1 and 4:5,6]

Miriam is also told by the angel Gabriel that she will have God's baby, who will be called Yeshua ('Salvation'). [Luke 1:30-38] June plus six months is December, when Miriam is told that she will have this special baby boy, Yeshua... 'And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Yeshua (Salvation) (or Yehoshua, for Joshua), for **He will save (Yehoshua) His people from their sins.**' [Matthew 1:21]

Yeshua's time of conception by God would have been during the winter feast of **Chanukah**, an eight day celebration, also called '**The Feast of Lights**', beginning on Kislev 25, or the eve of the 24th of Kislev (normally during our month of December).

[In the prophet Haggai, we read the following concerning this date... 'Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month [Kislev], even from the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, consider it. **...from this day will I bless you.**'] [Haggai 2:18,19]

Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her until she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Yeshua. [Matthew 1:24,25] (see also Luke 1:31-33)

5) Adding the time from conception in December, from Chanukah until Succoth, for this divine child to be born, we find this is a total of 40 weeks, which is also the normal gestation time for a baby. This is additional proof of Yeshua's birth related to this Feast of Succoth.

6) There are seven feasts of the LORD listed in Leviticus 23:1-44; these are also found in Numbers 28:16-29:40. All the major events of Yeshua's life were fulfillments of these feasts. There are three fall feasts: Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, and Succot or The Feast of Tabernacles, which all occur during the seventh month of Tishri; these three occur on the 1st, the 10th, and Succot, beginning on the 15th and concluding the 21st of Tishri, with the 22nd being a sabbath and also another special celebration day.

7) Of the seven feasts of the LORD, three of them were specifically commanded for all the men to keep in Jerusalem. (Exodus 23:17; Exodus 34:23-24; Deuteronomy 16:16) These three feasts or pilgrimage festivals were **Pesach** (or Passover), **Shavuot** or **Weeks** (Pentecost), and **Succoth or Tabernacles**. Succoth is the only one of these three great feasts that occurs in the fall season, and the only one where the people were commanded 'to rejoice'. In fact, the command **to rejoice** is mentioned three times in the scriptures in relation to this feast of Succoth: ... also called 'the Feast of Rejoicing.'

a) And you shall **rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days**. [Leviticus 23:40];

b) And you shall **rejoice** in your feast... [Deuteronomy 16:14];

c) Seven days you shall keep a sacred feast to the LORD your God in the place which the LORD chooses, because the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, therefore you shall surely **rejoice**. [Deuteronomy 16:15]

The only other time we find the word rejoice being used regarding any other feast is the feast of Shavuot or Weeks (Pentecost), where the term rejoice is used only once: And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God... [Deuteronomy 16:11]

Yeshua said on the cross, 'It is finished!' He had come and fulfilled Jewish law. We know that He had been the fulfillment of Pesach (Passover) at His death, and Shavuot (Pentecost) when He ascended into heaven to bring the outpouring of the Ruach ha Kodesh, to birth the Body of the Ecclesia. It is also interesting to note that Shavuot is also the same feast day that God used to birth the nation of Israel in the Sinai, over 1500 years prior.

But how about **this greatest of all the feasts of the LORD, Succoth**? How had Yeshua fulfilled this feast? And yet on the cross He said: 'It is finished!' What had God done to fulfill the feast of Succoth through Yeshua's life? Let's see...

The Feast of Succoth is Yeshua's Birthday and Birth Feast, which this paper will prove, for the purpose of the salvation of God's Jewish people, and for Gentile believers to learn the real truth, so they can begin celebrating this actual biblical holiday of the LORD's birth, which by scripture will be **celebrated forever in Jerusalem**, for all ages to come. (see Zechariah 14:16)

The Feast of Succoth or Feast of Tabernacles is the greatest celebration feast of the LORD! It is called '**The Feast**'. It is the great fall harvest festival. It is also called 'the feast of ingathering'. [Exodus 23:16]

Yeshua is the fulfillment of this great feast in something which was accomplished for all humanity at Yeshua's birth. What was it?

Succoth is a seven day feast, where all Jews were commanded to rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days. The first day is a solemn rest day, a sabbath, and the eighth day is also a solemn rest day. (Leviticus 23:33-36,39-41 and Numbers 29:12-35)

To keep this seven day feast in the seventh month shall be **a statute forever** in your generations. [Leviticus 23:41]

8) Joseph and Miriam are in Nazareth, and she, a virgin, is pregnant, and ready to have her baby. Scripture says that Caesar Augustus issued a decree that all the world should be registered, and all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. Joseph and Miriam went up from Nazareth in the Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because Joseph was of the house and lineage of David. Miriam his espoused was great with child. [Luke 2:1-5]

9) Let me ask you this question, and I especially ask the men who will read this... If you were Joseph, and your betrothed wife Miriam was ready to have her baby, and you were about 100 miles away from Bethlehem, in Nazareth of the Galilee, maybe a week's hard journey through the mountains, would you take this journey with Miriam, traveling with her, walking and using a mule, when Miriam is about ready to have her baby, especially if this Roman decree had given you ample time to register your names for this census? Let's say, if the decree gave the people a few months to take care of it, would you endanger your betrothed wife and future child by taking this hard journey, especially for a Roman census? Remember, all the people of Israel had to travel all over Israel to register at the place of their ancestral lineage. So it is very likely that the census provided ample time for its fulfillment. (In the new book 'Signs In The Heavens', it states that the time period for this census was between the summer of 3 BC to the fall of 2 BC.) See the point! Most of us would never have taken our pregnant wife, so close to child birth, on this difficult journey. So what caused them to leave Nazareth?

It must have been something of Torah law that put Joseph and Miriam on the long road to Bethlehem that time of year, when she was not only pregnant, but ready to deliver her baby. What could it have been?

10) Remember this is Jewish Israel, and it is the fall season, and **the feasts of the LORD must be kept!** The Torah states that **all the men must come up to Jerusalem for the great fall feast of Succoth**. (Exodus 23:17; Exodus 34:23-24; Deuteronomy 16:16)

Bethlehem is only five miles directly south of Jerusalem, a two hour walk.

11) By what means God used to get this couple to Bethlehem, whether they knew the scriptures from Micah 5, that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem of Judea... 'But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me **the One to be Ruler in Israel**, whose goings forth are from of old, from eternity. Therefore He shall give them up, until the time that she who is in labor has given birth; then the remnant of His brethren shall return to the children of Israel. And He shall stand and feed His flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God; And **they shall abide**, for now **He shall be great to the ends of the earth**; and **this One shall be peace**.' [Micah 5:2-5]

Or maybe the thought occurred to them that as long as they were this close to Bethlehem, to walk the extra two hours, and take care of the Roman census. We do not know the answer. It only matters that God is in charge, and that they obeyed, for we find them arriving in Bethlehem, with the lodging places full.

12) If a Roman census is over a period of months, why is Bethlehem [House of Bread] so crowded with people when they arrive, that there is no place to stay at the inn? What is going on in Bethlehem, the main town just south of Jerusalem by trade routes, during that fall time of year that made that town so crowded with people, and the inn full?

Could it be because of the Roman census, or was it something else, like crowds of people hurrying to get to the great fall Feast in Jerusalem on time, only five miles away?

13) Miriam is about ready to give birth to her first Son. The Spiritual Temple of God, Yeshua, is about to be birthed to earth.

Let me ask you another pertinent question: On what feast was **the first physical Temple of God**, the one that King Solomon built in Jerusalem, completed, finished and dedicated?

Answer: Succoth '...the feast of Tabernacles... Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD...' [Second Chronicles 5:1,3,12-14; 7:8,11 and First Kings 8:65,66]

The Lord has also directed me to another most important discovery while studying rabbinical accounts from the Mishnah concerning Moses and the Tabernacle that was built in the Sinai, and the early history of the feasts; a discovery found in the bible...

The children of Israel left Egypt after their Passover, and crossed the Red Sea, traveling until they came to Mount Sinai, where God came down to the top of the mountain with thunder and lightning, and the sound of the shofars, on Shavuot, fifty days after leaving Egypt. Then Moses went up to the top of Mount Sinai for 40 days.

He did this two times.

But between these two forty day periods on top of Mount Sinai, Moses also fasted on the earth forty more days, and ate no food and drank no water. And when he finally came down from this second 40 days on top of Mount Sinai, 120 days in all, it was on the 10th of Tishri, on what later became known as the Day of Atonement, or Yom Kippur. He had now received the second set of Ten Commandment tablets, along with God's forgiveness for the people, having interceded for Israel before God, because of the sin which the people had committed by worshipping the golden calf.

[see Exodus 24:18; Deuteronomy 9:18; Exodus 32:30; 34:27;]

Moses then directed the people to bring articles to the Lord for the building of the Tabernacle. Five days later Israel began the building of the Tabernacle, under the direction of Moses. And guess what biblical day that was? Yes, the building of the first Tabernacle in the Sinai wilderness was begun on the 15th of Tishri, a day that later became named by God as Succoth or the feast of Tabernacles. [Exodus 36:8]

And when the Tabernacle in the Sinai was finished, the glory-cloud came down, and the glory filled the Tabernacle, and Moses was not able to enter the Tabernacle, because the cloud rested above the Tabernacle, and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle. [Exodus 40:33-35]

This same wonderful outpouring of the glory of the Lord also happened when King Solomon dedicated the first Temple in Jerusalem, on Succoth, the feast of Tabernacles. [see Second Chronicles 5:1,13,14]

A similar experience happened to **Yeshua**, when He reached the legal age of thirty. He began His ministry during the season of Succoth. And when He was baptized at the Jordan River by Yochanan, it says that the Spirit of God came mightily upon Him. [Matthew 3:16,17]

By the way, could this have been the same spot on the Jordan River where Elijah was taken up into heaven, and where Elisha was given a double anointing?

14) Continuing with our account of the birth of Yeshua: 'And she brought forth her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger'... [Luke 2:7]

Let's now look at the Jewish laws of Torah, in relation to the Feast of Tabernacles, which tell us what type of structures the people should live in during this feast, a feast which God has commanded the Jewish people to keep forever... '**You shall dwell in booths** seven days; all that are native Israelites shall dwell in booths: that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.' [Leviticus 23:42,43]

Since it was the LORD God of Israel being born to earth, Yeshua's own birth was to be humble and simple, but very special, and **would have to fulfill Torah law**. It was to occur on the greatest Jewish celebration day and season of the year, of all the seven Jewish feasts. It was the feast of Tabernacles! Yeshua's birthday was the 15th of Tishri, and on a Sabbath day, the first day of the feast of Succoth, perhaps in 4 BC or 3 BC. Yeshua would then begin His earthly ministry around Succoth, thirty years later, perhaps 26 AD or 27 AD; and would minister for 3 and 1/2 years, until He was crucified on Passover, the 14th of Nisan, probably in 30 AD.

In those days, birthdays were not celebrated by the Jewish community.

In Luke 2:1,2, it says: 'And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. The census was first made when Quirinius was governor of Syria.'

Josephus recorded that a lunar eclipse happened just prior to King Herod's death, and that he may have died April 1st, 4 BC. We also find evidence showing that King Herod died January 14, 1 BC. Astronomy shows that two lunar eclipses happened during this time period, one on March 13, 4 BC, and the other on January 10th, 1 BC.

The three wise men came to King Herod sometime before Herod's death. For, when the wise men did not return to him, he ordered all the baby boys of Bethlehem murdered, from two years of age and under. Because of certain findings on the time allowed to fulfill this Roman census, being from 3 BC to 2 BC, and because of certain astronomy findings [see the book 'Signs in The Heavens'], this author believes that Yeshua was born perhaps in 3 BC. However, there is no positive proof that I have ever seen absolutely proving the year that Yeshua was born.

On the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar, [his reign started August 19, 14 AD, and by Hebrew counting August is still the first year, with the next month on Rosh HaShanah starting the second year, (because the counting for the years of a king's reign began from Nisan and not Tishri), so this could be 27 AD], we read that the word of God came to Yochanan in the wilderness, and He began his ministry at age 30, around Passover time. Six months later his cousin Yeshua would begin His own earthly ministry. [Luke 3:1]

If these dates are accurate or even close to being accurate, two thousand years since the birth of Yeshua on Succoth, would bring us to Succoth, around 1997 or 1998, if 1997 or 1998 are truly 1997 or 1998.

The beginning of Daniel's 70th week of seven years could begin at any time now. After these last seven years are finished, Lord Yeshua will have established His earthly Kingdom, and begin His reign as King over all the earth.

Lord Yeshua was born the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles in a 'succah' or '**booth**', an outdoor open-air structure, covered with reminders of God's Salvation and redemption of His Jewish people from all their affliction in Egypt. Reminders of the time in the wilderness when the Jewish people had nothing but God Himself, who protected, and led, and sustained the children of Israel for forty years with food and water, and '**His Chupah**'. The cloud for a covering by day and the fire by night were symbolic of 'the chupah', or marriage canopy, God's special covering over Israel.

The wilderness experience in the 'succah' is also God's teaching, to help us see something of the 1000 year millennial reign we will soon have with our Messiah. The supernatural setting and provision which God did then, He will also do again for His Body in what lies just ahead.

Yeshua spent the first seven days of His life in this '**succah**' structure, in Bethlehem, to fulfill Jewish Torah law! **The LORD Yeshua was born in a Jewish 'booth' or 'succah'; He was not born in a manger!** In fact the true name for this feast is 'the feast of booths'.

In fact, there is no such word in Judaism as manger! Nowhere can you find this word in the whole Jewish bible, except when it appears three times in Luke's English translation account of Yeshua's birth story. [Luke 2:7,12,16]

Luke, a Gentile doctor, was writing to his audience, who may not have known the Jewish word 'succah' or 'booth', but Luke did not use the word manger; he most likely used the Greek term 'phatne', to describe this particular structure.

In our English version of the Greek New Testament, the word manger is used for the Greek word 'phatne'. 'Phatne' means an animal stall. In Luke 13:15, we find the same Greek word 'phatne' used in a quote by Jesus, when He talks about taking your ox or your ass out of the stall.

In Genesis 33:17, we find Jacob referring to his cattle stall as a 'succah' or 'booth'; thus the bible does use the correct biblical Jewish term for such a structure. A 'succah' is always used as the only type of dwelling structure, during the feast of Succoth.

The Lord Yeshua is Jewish, and was born very humbly in a Jewish 'succah', to fulfill the Jewish Torah laws for Succoth. This is our Jewish heritage concerning the birth of our Jewish Savior and Lord! This is the truth about Yeshua's birth lodging in Bethlehem.

15) On Yeshua's eighth day, this little baby was **circumcised**. Only then could He be given His name Yeshua ('Salvation') by his father Yosef. [Luke 2:21 and Luke 1:59,60]

This eighth day, which was the second sabbath of Succoth was also a special celebration day and a solemn rest day, the 22nd of Tishri. Yeshua fulfilled the Torah law for Succoth, and for circumcision, on that eighth day. [Leviticus 23: 34-43; Luke 2:21] That eighth day of Succoth is called **Shemini Atzeret**, and the end of the eighth day is called **Simchat Torah**, which means '**rejoicing in the Torah**'.

This special day commemorates '**the joy of the Torah**', for on this day the yearly cycle of reading the five books of Moses (the Torah) in the synagogues is ended and started over again from Genesis 1:1.

What are the legal aspects of God's covenant of circumcision with His Jewish children? Remember, we are dealing with a Jewish birth, and also a Jewish festival and festival season:

'And I will give to you, and to your seed after you, the land of your sojournings, **all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession**; and **I will be your God**; This is My Covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you, and your seed after you: every male among you shall be circumcised...a token of a covenant between Me and you. And he that is eight days old... My Covenant shall be in your flesh for an Everlasting Covenant.' [Genesis 17:8,10-12,13]

When baby Yeshua was circumcised at eight days old, what was His inheritance that He received from His Father GOD... and also from his earthly father...King David? 'And the land shall not be sold for ever: **for the land is Mine**; and you are strangers and sojourners with Me.' [Leviticus 25:23]

Does this mean that all the land of Israel belongs to the Lord Yeshua? **Yes!**

And David bought the threshing-floor for six hundred shekels of gold by weight, which became the Temple grounds, from Ornan the Jebusite. [1st Chronicles 21:22-26; 22:1] But we also read in another scripture that David bought the threshing floor of Arau'nah the Jebusite for fifty shekels of silver, and built an altar to the LORD. [2nd Samuel 24:18-25] Was this a second altar? [The Orthodox believe that this was a second location where the red heifers were offered.]

The Temple grounds legally belonged to King David, and to his Son, King Yeshua! Ezekiel 45 shows the division of the land for the Millennial Kingdom. And the LORD shall inherit Judah, His portion in the holy land, and shall again choose Jerusalem. [Zechariah 2:12]

‘You shall not make My Father’s House a house of merchandise.’ [John 2:16]
Can you see that Yeshua had the legal right to evict and cast out these money changers who were defiling His Father’s House, the Holy Temple in Jerusalem?

16) The angel of the Lord announced to the shepherds: ‘And this shall be a sign unto you; You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a ‘succah’ (animal stall).’ What does the sign of swaddling clothes mean? It has been written in the Mishnah that the swaddling clothes were the priests worn-out garments, used for the candle wicks, to ignite the great bowls of oil, at the Temple candle lighting ceremony held during the nights of the Succoth celebration festival. These particular swaddling clothes that wrapped Yeshua were probably given to Miriam from her cousin Elizabeth and high priest Zecharias.

The Lord’s birth has been a well kept secret for almost two thousand years. But very soon Yeshua will return to earth, and these biblical truths are now being brought to light by the Holy Spirit, for all to see, for the sake of the Salvation of God’s Jewish people. They need to know that **Yeshua fulfilled the three great Jewish feasts, Succoth, Pesach, and Shavuot**, through His own Birth, Death, Resurrection and then Ascension into Heaven, which led to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, birthing the Church.

17) Yeshua’s birthday was not only kept a secret, but in the feast of Succoth this word secret is used twice in reference to Yeshua and to this feast... His brothers therefore said to Him, ‘Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that you are doing. For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.’ For even His brothers did not believe in Him. [John 7:3-5] But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast (Succoth), not openly, but as it were in secret. [John 7:10]

18) The Church’s celebration of Christmas and Easter, using December 25th for the Lord’s birthday and the name Easter for the Lord’s Resurrection day are not in any Jewish bible!. These are Pagan names, and pagan occult dates. They should not be in God’s Truths for us, we who call ourselves Yeshua’s disciples.

December 25th is the Roman holiday for the birthday of the sun; not the Son of God.

The name Easter is either the name of the Chaldean goddess Astarte, queen of heaven, or Eostre, the Teutonic goddess of light, or Eastr, the goddess of spring of the Saxons, to whom sacrifices were offered. This is all connected to demonic worship.

These things are idolatry, and are an abomination to God and to God’s Truths!

With the Lord’s return so near, we need to walk in God’s truths, and not those of the Roman emperor Constantine, who hated both the Jews and their Jewish heritage. Christianity became the religion of the Roman empire in 312 AD. The first mention of December 25th for celebrating the Lord’s birthday was in 336 AD; but the Christians in Jerusalem resisted this incorrect date of December 25th, till the sixth century. [Clarence Wagner, Bridges for Peace, Jerusalem, Nov-Dec ‘95,]

Succoth is the real Christmas; the Lord's true birthday is the 15th of Tishri, in the fall, and not during the winter on December 25th.

The Lord's Resurrection Day is called 'First Fruits' or 'Ha Bikkurim'; it was never called Easter! It is a Jewish biblical feast day found in the scriptures. [Leviticus 23: 10,11] The first day of Unleavened Bread is a Sabbath, and 'First Fruits' occurs the next day, usually two days after Passover, on the 16th (or 17th) of Nisan, during the feast season of Passover-Unleavened Bread. This celebration day of 'First Fruits', or 'Yom Ha Bikkurim' (the root word means first born son), is Yeshua's Resurrection Day! He is the First Fruits of those who will follow Him, and someday soon also rise from the dead.

1200 years prior, Yeshua had appeared to Joshua by Jericho, on this same day of first fruits, the 16th of Nisan, and announced Himself as 'Captain of the Hosts of the Lord', and there in Israel Yeshua gave Joshua (Yehoshua) the battle plans for the first Jewish military victory for Israel. [Joshua 5:13]

The true biblical names and dates for Lord Yeshua's Birthday and Resurrection Day have always been in the scriptures. They are major Jewish holidays, commanded by God to be observed forever. These truths need to be re-established, not only for the sake of the Body of believers in Yeshua, the 'Ecclesia or called-out ones' of Jews and Gentiles, but more importantly for those Jews who have not yet found salvation in their Messiah!

The Jewish community knows that December 25th and Easter have nothing to do with the Bible, and also nothing to do with any Jewish truths in God's word, in either the Old or New Testament. The Jewish community watches the Christian Church with its many pagan beliefs and practices. The Church does not provoke the Jewish community to jealousy with these fallacies; it only hinders them from accepting Yeshua as their Messiah! It also gives our enemy added ammunition to help keep the Jewish people away from seeking the truth and being saved.

Yeshua says in His Word: 'you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall set you free.' In fact, guess what feast He said this on? Yes, He said this during the feast of Succoth. [John 8:31,32]

Get to know Yeshua's biblical feasts, feasts that you will be celebrating forever with Him, in His Messianic Kingdom on earth!

19) Succoth or The Feast of Tabernacles will be the greatest feast to be celebrated in the Millennial age of mankind on earth, under Messiah Yeshua's thousand year reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. As scripturally recorded: 'And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem, shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, [Yeshua] and to keep the feast of Tabernacles. And it shall be, that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem, to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain (no Birthday Blessings of His Holy Spirit!).' [Zechariah 14:16-21]

Succoth is called 'the Feast of the Nations', for it will be the feast when all the nations must come up to worship the LORD, in Jerusalem. Remember what the angel of the Lord said about the Messiah's birth, that it would be: 'good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.' (see Luke 2:10)

In every feast of Succoth, during the seven days of the feast, 70 bulls were sacrificed, [seen from Deuteronomy 32:8], and being that there were 70 nations in the world), God could have also been using Israel's sacrifice as an intercession for the sins of the nations of the world.

Messiah Yeshua was called by the Father to bring both Israel and the nations back to God... 'Indeed He says, It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the nations, that You should be My Salvation to the ends of the earth.'
[Isaiah 49:6]

Let's see what truths Yeshua Himself taught us on Succoth, found from the seventh to the ninth chapters of the Book of John, that might indicate that this feast was Yeshua's real birthday...

20) In John 7:22, in the midst of the feast of Tabernacles, Yeshua begins teaching, after first stating that He is from God. [7:14-21] He begins by saying: 'Moses therefore gave you circumcision, and you on the Sabbath day circumcise a man. (He begins by first teaching about circumcision, which happens to a baby boy eight days after birth.) If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are you angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day.'

Yeshua mentions God's covenant of circumcision, with its two-fold promises, and on this feast He also adds the words 'every whit whole' and on the Sabbath, to God's covenant of circumcision.

I will ask you this question: What does Yeshua mean by 'every whit whole' and on the Sabbath Day? This is the first thing that Yeshua teaches on His birthday Feast of Succoth.

On That future Day, the Seventh Day, the Day of Rest, God's great Sabbath Day, the thousand year reign of Yeshua on earth, we are to be 'every whit whole', to be who we really are, ...**eternal sons and daughters of the Most High God.**

21 Then in John 7:37-39, Yeshua announces... In the last day, that seventh day of the feast (called Hoshanah Rabbah, The Great Hoshanah)... Yeshua stood and cried saying: 'If any man thirst, let him come to Me, and drink. He that believes on Me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly (heart) shall flow rivers of living water.' He spoke these words because of the special Succoth festival events that had been going on all that week in the Temple...

That seventh day of Succoth, and for six days prior, as recorded in the Mishnah, the whole body of Temple priests had performed another special ceremony. It was the water pouring ceremony on the Temple altar, to commemorate Succoth. The head priest had gone daily to the pool of Siloam to gather water in a container, and his assistant had gotten a container of wine. Other priests had gotten willow branches, and the people sang: 'Behold, God is my yeshua (salvation)... Therefore with joy shall you draw water

out of the wells of yeshuah (salvation)'. [Isaiah 12:1-3]. And the priests sang from Psalm 118:25, the words 'Save Now' ('Hoshanah') seven times, on that last day. The priests placed their willow branches around the altar to form a 'Succah'. The head priest and his assistant climbed up, and from high above the altar they poured their water and wine down on the altar.

Then into this special water-pouring ceremony comes Yeshua to announce that He was the fulfillment of what they sought on Succoth, that He was that Living Water, that would forever quench their thirst.

Yeshua taught them about the outpouring of the Ruach HaKodesh, referring to the great outpouring rains of the Millennial Age. Yeshua may have been teaching from Zechariah 13:1; 14:16,17; or Jeremiah 17:13,14; or Ezekiel 36:24-27.

22) * And then the people began to discuss openly about **the birth of the Messiah**, and the scriptures concerning where He would be born... 'Of a truth this is the Prophet.' Others said, 'This is the Messiah.' But some said, 'Shall Messiah come out of Galilee? Has not the scripture said, that Messiah comes of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?' [John 7:40-42].

And then the priests and Pharisees also began to argue about the Messiah... 'Search, and look: for out of Galilee arises no prophet.' [John 7:45-52].

They had obviously overlooked the Messianic prophecy of Isaiah 9:1,2.

All this happened on the last day or seventh day of the feast of Succoth.

23) And then the next morning, the eighth day and the conclusion of the feast, the day of solemn rest, (that day called Shemini Atzeret and also Simchat Torah ['rejoicing in the Torah']), the scribes and pharisees brought to Yeshua a woman caught in adultery.

They attempted to trap Him by Torah law, with a case of **adultery**...

And maybe then Yeshua was reminded of His own birth and childhood, thirty three years prior, when His mother Miriam was pregnant with Him, and traveled those many miles with her betrothed Yosef, from Nazareth to Bethlehem, being 'great with child'.

Was Miriam able to hide her pregnancy from the eyes of those in Nazareth, who daily saw her stomach getting bigger and bigger, and many wondered what had happened to her, since she was betrothed to Yosef, but never formally married. Was there even a wedding ceremony, or a community marriage supper, and the customary seven days of celebration for Yosef and Miriam, and the traditional Jewish bridal week?

There could not have been, for this would have meant a sexual relationship by Jewish wedding customs, with the wedding guests present and being informed of the sexual act, consummating their marriage, as a part of the Jewish marriage celebration, before the wedding supper was over. For the scripture said that Yosef knew her not until after Yeshua's birth. [Matthew 1:25] Even then, by Torah law, they had to wait another 33 days after baby Yeshua's circumcision, before they could enjoy any physical intimacy together as husband and wife. [Leviticus 12:3,4]

They could not consummate their marriage until after this divine Child of God was born, so no one would be able to say that this son came from Yosef's loins.

Were rumors of adultery and gossip something that Yeshua had lived with from His childhood? Did His mother suffer much from an unkind Nazarene community, because of her obedience to God, and God's great plan for the Salvation and redemption of mankind through her son Yeshua?

And Yosef..., if Yeshua was born in Bethlehem, on the feast of Tabernacles, by law, where was Yosef supposed to be? He was supposed to be in Jerusalem for the great fall festival! But he would not disobey God, nor leave his wife and newborn son by themselves in Bethlehem. [see Micah 5:2]

Later that day, still the eighth day of Succoth, Yeshua accuses certain of the Jews of seeking to kill him, and they, knowing that He had freed a woman caught in adultery that same morning, respond to his accusation in a most unusual manner: 'If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. But now you seek to kill me, a man that has told you the truth, which I heard of God: this did not Abraham. You do the deeds of your father.'

Then said they to him, 'We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.' [John 8:40,41]

Why did they answer Him this way? What were they really implying by this remark?

And then on that eighth day of Succoth, Yeshua announces: 'Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.' And for this Truth, Yeshua would die six months later, as the Passover Lamb of God. [John 8:58]

Then, later that same sabbath day, Yeshua sends a blind man to the pool of Siloam, to put water on his eyes, and the blind man receives his sight. For seven days prior, the high priest had gone down to this same pool of Siloam, to draw water for the water pouring ceremony, and now Yeshua performed this miracle of sight to a blind man with water from this pool of Siloam. [John 9:1-14]

[It is most interesting to note that it had been prophesied many times by the religious Jewish historians that there would be two Messiah's: one would be Messiah ben Yosef, and the other Messiah ben David. Yeshua's (guardian) father was Yosef. Yeshua truly was Yeshua ben (son) Yosef, in a sense a fulfillment of this prophecy.]

I ask you again, **what did God Yeshua redeem for mankind at His birth?**

The Lord's birthday was divinely arranged by God, according to many scriptures: Micah 5:1-3; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:5,6; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:24-27; Leviticus 23:34-41.

God had promised to Moses that He would meet with him at the 'Tent of Meeting', or Tabernacle. God then promised that God Himself would come down and dwell among His people forever. This promise of God dwelling with His people is seen throughout the Old Testament scriptures.

In John 1:14, we read: 'And the Word was made flesh and dwelt or tabernacled among us...' God Yeshua tabernacled with man for only 3 and 1/2 years of ministry during His first coming, but when He returns He will tabernacle with us on earth for a thousand years.

In Isaiah's prophecy about a virgin giving birth to the Messiah, it says that His name would be called Immanu'El, which means 'God is with us'. [Isaiah 7:13,14]

24) In John 1:9, we read the following... 'The true Light, which gives light to every man that comes into the world.' This word of God shows us that there is some relation between light and birth. At what point in Yeshua's 3 and 1/2 years of ministry did He announce: '**I am the Light of the World**'?

He did this on His own birthday feast, on the eighth day, (the day He was given His name Yeshua,) the day of new beginnings. He announced this twice on that Sabbath day, that last day of the feast of Succoth. He did it first after forgiving the woman caught in adultery, and He did this the second time when He sent the blind man to the pool of Siloam to receive his sight...

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.' [John 8:12] 'As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.' [John 9:5]

He made these statements on that Sabbath day, that day of rest, the eighth day, the day for making mankind 'every whit whole'. (see Isaiah 42:6; Isaiah 49:6; Isaiah 9:2; and Revelation 22:5)

He made this announcement on a Sabbath, when the priests could no longer perform their candle lighting show to the masses, for they were not allowed to kindle a fire on the Sabbath. [Exodus 35:3] Yeshua had said that He was **the LORD of the Sabbath**.

On that eighth day of Succoth, Lord Yeshua announced the Truth to those Jews who believed in Him, as He also now announces to you the Truth of the Feast of Succoth, that this is the real Christmas, that it is His Own Special Birthday.

...

'If you continue in My word, then are you My disciples indeed; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.' [John 8:31,32]

25) I ask you, His disciples, again this question...

What did Lord Yeshua redeem for mankind at His own Birth, since His whole Life is one of redemption for mankind and for His Creation?

He redeemed Birth for mankind, who we really are in Him!

The LORD gave us the answer in His word 'every whit whole', which He spoke in John 7:23, as He began to teach on Succoth.

When I asked the Lord what 'every whit whole' means, He referred me to Yeshua's teachings in John 10:34-38.

What did God Yeshua restore for mankind at His birth?

He redeemed for us to be able to realize our true identity in God:

*** We are, and have always been God's real sons and daughters!!!**
but we had been Spiritually dead!

Yeshua answered them: **‘Is it not written in your law, I said, you are gods’?**
‘If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came, and the Scripture cannot be broken; say you of Him, whom the Father has sanctified, and sent into the world, You blaspheme; because I said, I am the Son of God?’ [John 10:34-36]

Yeshua was quoting from Psalm 82:6, [where the word for gods being used in the Hebrew is Elohim], and He did not quote the rest of that verse which says: ‘but you will die like men....’ Because He came to bring us His Resurrection Life, which would be fulfilled in us. Through His dying for our sins, we would not have to die like other men, but we would now be able to live Eternal Life forever with our God.

It is only through Yeshua’s death and Resurrection Life Spirit living in us, that we are regenerated; that this Resurrection Life will ever be realized in us, when we too will soon be resurrected and united with Him, to be made ‘every whit whole’.

The Lord had to be born as a baby, in order to first show us our true lost condition and our real identity, that of being Spiritually dead as **lost sons and daughters of God**. Then He showed us the Way to be redeemed to our true identity, only in and through accepting His sacrifice for us, that of giving His Life as a substitution for our life, so we could become found and restored as true sons and daughters, now united forever with our Father, the Living God. By dying for our sins, **He made us not guilty!** He then put His Resurrection Life inside of us, so that we would be able to come Home! He took our sins upon Himself, which removed from us our eternal separation from God and the future judgment for our sins.

But we must also remember Yeshua’s instructions to us, and apply them to our life, such as... ‘unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. **He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life**. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also.’ [John 12:24-26]

We must learn to depend totally on God, and know and obey His word, for, as Yeshua said ...‘the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do’, so we must also continually surrender. [John 5:9]

And Jesus said: ‘The children of this world marry and are given in marriage: but they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: neither can they die anymore: for they are equal to the angels: and are **the children of God**, being **the children of the Resurrection**.’ [Luke 20:34-36]

There was also during this time of Yeshua’s birth a fulfillment of Jacob’s prophecy given to his son Judah... ‘The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh (Messiah) comes; and to him shall be the gathering of the people.’ [Genesis 49:10]

The scepter, which is a symbol of government, was taken away from Israel just prior to Yeshua’s birth. The scepter had departed from Judah, when the Messiah had come, for the Jews had to bring Yeshua’s case to trial before the Roman Governor Pilate.

Israel's self rule government had ended when Judea paid her first tax to Rome, just before Yeshua was born. The Sanhedrin would no longer be given authority to try cases that could have the death punishment; for Israel's self governing authority had now been turned over to the Roman government. The power of deciding capital crimes was taken away from the Sanhedrin and from the Jewish people a little more than 40 years before the destruction of the Temple, in 70 AD.

In Daniel 9:24-27, we are told that the Messiah would have to come and die before the Temple was destroyed, and since the Temple was destroyed in 70 AD, it proves that the Messiah had to come prior to 70 AD to fulfill this prophesy.

The Talmud, the sacred Jewish writings, also recorded that other unusual things happened in Jerusalem around 30 AD, the suggested time when LORD Yeshua was crucified, and these unusual things continued for the next forty years, until the Temple was destroyed in 70 AD...

- a) Two goats were always sacrificed on the Yom Kippur service. A portion of crimson ribbon that had been tied to the horns of the one goat called 'for azazel', (the goat which would be used as the scape-goat), was tied to the door of the Temple before this goat was led off into the wilderness, to be tossed off a cliff and die for the sins of the people of Israel. This crimson ribbon which for years prior had always turned from crimson to white miraculously at this feast, no longer turned white, showing that God was no longer honoring their Yom Kippur scape-goat sacrifice for forgiveness of sins, as He had done in the past; nor did it turn white anymore at any of the Yom Kippur services for the next 40 years, even to the time that the Temple was destroyed in 70 AD.
- b) Also, in choosing by lot, which of the two goats would be the scape-goat 'azazel' and which goat would be the lot 'for the Lord', the lot 'for the Lord' did not come up in the right hand of the high priest as it almost always had prior, but came up in his left hand. This continued for the next 40 years, which was a sign of impending doom, until the Temple was destroyed in 70 AD.
- c) After Yeshua's death, the heavy Temple doors would open by themselves, another sign of destruction.

As Adam was the Son of God, who fell (Luke 3:38), so Yeshua is the Son of God, sent by God Himself to bring many sons and daughters into Righteousness and Everlasting Life (Matthew 1:35), to bring God's children back to their Heavenly Father;

...so we shall celebrate with Lord Yeshua each year, on His special Birthday,

at The Feast of Succoth, in Jerusalem!

* 1996 was Jerusalem 3000, perhaps also the 3000th birthday of Jerusalem, since King David made Jerusalem the capital of Israel.

Yeshua's 2000th Birthday on Succoth, could it have been in the year 1997 or 1998. In any case, we are rapidly approaching the third day since God birthed His New Covenant Body (Jeremiah 31:31), bringing both Jews and Gentiles together into One Body, One New Man, the Body of the Lord God of Israel.

One day with the LORD is as a thousand years. [Psalm 90:4]

And the LORD said to Moses: ‘Go to the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments, and let them be ready for the third day; for **the third day**

the LORD will come down...!’ [Exodus 19:10,11]

From Adam to Abraham is approximately 2000 years, from Abraham to Yeshua is approximately another 2000 years, and from Yeshua’s birth to our present day is also another 2000 years.

We are rapidly heading toward the Seventh Day, the Day of Rest, God’s Shabbat, the great Millennial Age for mankind.

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Part II

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THE RETURN OF THE MESSIAH : THE KING OF GLORY is one of the most comprehensive scriptural studies, revealing many keys to the mysteries of future biblical events, **which may occur in the order listed in this book**, but in any case, this order of events follows Jewish biblical guidelines for the Second Coming of Lord Yeshua.

‘But there is a God in heaven **who reveals secrets**, and He has made known... what will be in the latter days.

But you, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end. **Many shall be purified and made white and refined...** and none of the wicked shall understand, **but the wise shall understand**.’ [Daniel 2:28; 12:4,10]

‘...but the people who know their God shall be strong and do exploits.
And they that understand among the people **shall instruct many**.’ [Daniel 11:32,33]

Then He [Yeshua] said to them, ‘These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that **all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me**.’ And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. [Luke 24:44,45]

For the Lord GOD will do nothing, but He reveals His counsel to His servants the prophets. [Amos 3:7]

Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper. [2nd Chronicles 20:20]

However, when He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, **He will guide you into all truth;** ... and **He will tell you things to come**. [John 16:13]

Assuredly, I say to you, **this generation shall by no means pass away until all these things are fulfilled**. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. But of that day and hour... [Matthew 24:34-36]

He answered and said to them, Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. [Matthew 13:11]

And He said to them, To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; [Mark 4:11]

Then the LORD said to me: You have seen well; **for I watch over My word** to perform it. [Jeremiah 1:12]

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For truly I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall by no means pass from the law until all is fulfilled. [Matthew 5:18,19]

Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: There shall none of My words be prolonged anymore, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, says the Lord GOD. [Ezekiel 12:28]

This book is a scriptural study, combining information from the two biblical harvest feasts of first-fruits, Passover and Shavuot; and from the three biblical fall feasts; Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, and Succoth; the scriptural use of the shofar, (the Jewish biblical trumpet) to be used in these future events; traditional Jewish wedding customs for bride and bridegroom; Yeshua's parables about the marriage and the marriage supper, when He takes His Bride to Heaven for Their Wedding, and when He returns with His Bride to earth for the Great Wedding Banquet Celebration; and much, much more...

It is important for all of us to stay humble, remembering that **all the bible is Jewish**. When reading the Jewish holy scriptures, to better understand them, it would be of great advantage to think of yourself as either being Jewish, or as being a Gentile who has been grafted into the Jewish vine, (Romans 11:17-23) **by God's grace for both groups** of the One New Man. Also, think of yourself as one who lives either in Israel, or as a believer living in the diaspora.

Please do not lightly accept the opinions and conclusions reached in this book; they are very different from what the Gentile Church has taught for so long. Read and study them for yourself. Look up the scripture context, and ask God for the Truth. Do your own indepth scriptural investigation on this subject of the Lord's soon return. This book contains many hundreds of scriptures from both the Old and New Testaments concerning the Lord's return. It will greatly benefit you to study and review these scriptures and the way that this author has presented them.

Now Wake Up! Get your mind Alert! For you are about to look ahead into the future of this planet, and your own destiny as well, in what God is about to do...

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THE KING OF GLORY

The Feasts of the LORD are so important for understanding the future.

There are **seven feasts of the LORD** listed in **Leviticus 23:1-44**; also seen in **Numbers 28:16-29:40**. There are seven days of Creation. Is there some relationship? To better understand the feasts of the LORD is to more clearly understand our future. For all the major events in Yeshua's Life, at His first Coming, were direct fulfillments for many of these feasts of the LORD.

The first of these feasts mentioned is the Sabbath of the LORD!

Of these feasts of the LORD, **Yeshua has fulfilled:**

Passover, [giving **His own Blood** for our atonement];

Feast of Unleavened Bread, [the offering of **His sinless Body** for our sinful body];

First-fruits of barley harvest, [Yeshua's Resurrection Day, the **First-Fruits** from the dead], Counting the omer for 50 days till **First-fruits of wheat harvest**, also called **the Feast of Weeks, Shavuot** [or **Pentecost**], the day Yeshua birthed the Ecclesia 'The Called-out ones' [His Church].

And Yeshua may still do more miracles on this Feast of Shavuot, **i.e. raise His Bride into Heaven.**

And there yet remains the three Fall feasts, and **the Sabbath**, to be fulfilled: **Rosh HaShanah (Yom Teruah), Yom Kippur, and Succoth, or Feast of Tabernacles.**

These last three, the fall feasts, all occur in the seventh month of Tishri, which take place during the time of our fall months of September through October. **Rosh HaShanah**, or more correctly called **Yom Teruah**, is 1st of Tishri, **Yom Kippur** is the 10th of Tishri, and **Succoth** or **Feast of Tabernacles** lasts for seven days, from the 15th to the 21st of Tishri, with the eighth day being the special celebration of Simchat Torah.

Of the seven feasts listed in Leviticus 23, three of these were commanded by God in the Torah for all the men to attend every year in Jerusalem.

These three pilgrimage festivals were **Pesach** (or **Passover**), **Shavout** (or **Pentecost**), and **Succoth** or **Tabernacles**. [see Exodus 23:17; Exodus 34:23-24; Deuteronomy 16:16;]

The first Shavuot occurred at Mount Sinai, fifty days after the Jewish people had left Egypt, and **it was there that the nation of Israel was betrothed to God...**

And the LORD said to Moses: 'Go to the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes, and be ready for the third day;

for the third day the LORD will come down

in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai... **when the horn (jubal) sounds long they shall come up to the mountain...**

And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were **thunderings** and **lightnings**, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and **the Voice of a Shofar exceedingly loud**; so that all the people that were in the camp **trembled**. And mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because **the LORD descended upon it in fire**: and its smoke ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

And when **the Voice of the Shofar sounded long, and waxed louder and louder**, Moses spoke, and **God answered him by a Voice**. And the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mount; and Moses went up.
[Exodus 19:10,11,13,16,18-20]

This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it: for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success.

Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid**, neither be dismayed: **for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go**.

Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, 'Prepare provisions; for within three days you shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God is giving you to possess.' [Joshua 1:8-10]

'Come, and let us return to the LORD;
For He has torn, but He will heal us;
He has stricken, but He will bind us up.

After two days He will revive us;

*** On the third day He will raise us up,
That we may live in His sight.'**

Hosea 6:1,2

Yeshua answered and said to them, 'Destroy this temple, and **in three days I will raise it up**.' But He was speaking of the temple of His Body. [John 2:19,21]

Yeshua referred to His own Body. But God was speaking, and this was a word for us also; for those of us who are saved are His Body. Yeshua rose from the dead three days after Passover on the Jewish feast of **First Fruits of barley** [Ha Bikkurim]. These three Days may also relate to the time when He will raise His Body into heaven to be with Himself. It would be the Third Day, after the end of the Second Day, about 2000 years later.

Part I of this book has proved that Lord Yeshua was born in Bethlehem, Israel, on the 15th of Tishri, on the first day of Succoth, perhaps in 3 BC. Succoth 27 AD may have been the start of Yeshua's ministry, which then ended at His death on Pesach, most likely in 30 AD. There was no year 0 AD.

It says in the scriptures: For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night. [Psalms 90:4]

But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. [2nd Peter 3:8-10]

Yeshua rose from the dead on the third day. His believers, both Jewish and Gentile believers, will also be raised from the dead on the Third Day, soon to come.

We are rapidly approaching this Third Day [since God Yeshua was born on earth], both for the unsaved Jewish community and for the Called-out-ones, with its Gentiles and its Messianic Jewish believers in Yeshua. We are approaching the 6000th year of mankind on earth, and the beginning of the Seventh Day since God placed Adam and Eve on the earth.

From Adam and Eve to Abraham is about 2000 years. From Abraham to Yeshua is another 2000 years. And from Yeshua to our present day is yet another 2000 years. We will soon enter the Seventh Day, God's Sabbath rest. Some of us will be blessed to enter this rest with God in His Millennial Kingdom, God's time of Peace on Earth. Others will choose to be lost forever. Yeshua is rapidly ushering in His Kingdom Reign.

Those of us who are 'born again' in Yeshua will see it. For those of you who don't know God personally, your time is running out. Our present government will soon be gone, for a majority of our government leaders, and world leaders from many nations, have sold-out to a satanic dictatorial One World Government system New World Order that is rapidly taking over the whole world. The United States of America, as we currently know her, may not be here in a decade from now. This One World Government already owns and controls much of our United States Government, TV, radio, and news media. Very little information is getting out to the public to expose their evil agendas.

The One World Government leaders are also responsible for so much of the continued Middle East conflict, especially in Israel. Behind the scenes they are constantly at work adding flames and fire to the Jewish / Arab conflict, pitting one Group against the other, concerning the land of Israel and its ownership, a land, which God has repeatedly said in His Holy Word, belongs only to the Jewish people of Israel. They continually keep this bad Israeli situation stirred up, for their own evil hidden agendas.

There is truly an Islamic world threat, but that is really minor compared to the threat of the One World Government, who also desires to control Jerusalem. For like Islam and the Arab Nations, the One World Government wants control of the Temple Mount. They believe they are the elite, the gods of this world.

Before it is too late, get to know Yeshua, the Messiah, God Himself, who died for you, and shed His sinless Blood to forgive you of all your sins, to bring you Eternal Life with your Creator, the God of Israel.

We are extremely close to the Lord's return. Any guess on the order of future events is only a guess. Future events of the Lord Yeshua's return could proceed along the following Jewish biblical sequence...

Daniel's 70th week of seven years could begin on Rosh HaShanah, in the year of 2007.

On the feast of Shavuot 2014, God could raise His Bride up into Heaven. And then on the feast of Rosh HaShanah 2014, the Wedding Ceremony of King Yeshua with His Bride could take place. This Wedding at Rosh HaShanah is announced by the **seventh angel blowing the seventh trumpet** of Revelation 11:15. Then there will be a time of seclusion and intimacy, when Yeshua and His Bride will be alone together in heaven for one year and seven days, away from the Great Tribulation going on with mankind, and the beginning of the outpouring of **God's Wrath from heaven**, leading up to the Great and Awesome 'Day of the LORD', at Yeshua's return to earth, possibly in 2114.

There is a scripture that says that when a man marries a new wife, they are to spend one year at home away from the affairs of the world (Deuteronomy 24:5), so this could happen, with the year of the wedding being 2013. But since this is in heaven, perhaps one day in heaven is comparable to one year on earth (or some other relationship that we do not yet understand).

And Jewish tradition says that the man and woman are to spend at least seven days alone together, after the wedding ceremony, to consecrate their marriage with a time of intimacy (Genesis 29:27,28). Also the Jewish high priest, and the other priests were to spend seven days in the tabernacle, to be consecrated by God, before they were allowed to go out to begin their ministry duties to the people (Exodus 29:35).

The dictatorial rule of Antichrist, the little horn, will have been going on throughout the world, with the worst time of suffering and tribulation that mankind has ever known. This time is biblically called the 'time of Jacob's trouble'. At the closing of the second half of these seven years, (the last 3 1/2 years called Great Tribulation), God will pour out His cup of Wrath upon the earth, just before He returns with His Armies (His Bride) to do His final clean up campaign on His enemies, and to set up His new Kingdom.

Then Yeshua will return with His Bride on the feast of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, in 2014, [also **the Day of Final Judgment**], sounding **the Great Shofar**, specifically returning to Israel and to His holy city Jerusalem, resurrecting and raising the dead up into the heavens, along with those who are still living, bringing them all into His presence at His Coming. (Matthew 24:31; Mark 13:27) He will first save His Jewish and Gentile believers who remain alive, before single-handedly destroying in battle all His enemies, the evil people from all the nations who have assembled themselves together in Israel, to fight against Him at His return from Heaven.

[Yeshua will later personally enter into Judgment with all the peoples from all the nations who have persecuted His Jewish people and who divided up His land of Israel. (see Joel 3:1,2)]

Five days later, Yeshua and His Bride will hold the Greatest Celebration of all, **The Marriage Supper of the Lamb on Yeshua's Birthday, The Feast of Tabernacles.**

This Celebration for Yeshua and His Wife and their saved Guests, Yeshua's friends, will last for seven days, and will be the greatest time of true Rejoicing ever known by God's people, as this great Celebration of the Redeemed will usher in the promised Millennial Age.

What I have just presented as a sequence of biblical events **may or may not happen this way**, as God unfolds the Story for what lies ahead. It could be that this year, not 2007, could begin Daniel's 70th week.

Yeshua's return could be based in relation to His birth plus 2000 biblical years (360 days per year). Or, it is also very likely that the Lord's return could be based on the time from His death (and resurrection and ascension into heaven) in 30 AD, plus 2000 biblical years (360 days, rather than 365 days per year).

Either way, this gives us very few years remaining before our King returns to Jerusalem. By this layman's rough calculations, we are now right at the closing of this present Age.

It is **good to review the many scriptures in this book** related to the Lord's return.

You will see dozens of new revelation in the pages ahead that God has recently given, for the time of Yeshua's return is now very close, and the preparation of His Bride is moving forward very rapidly. Many revelations on the truths of the Lord's return are coming in rapidly, revealing many keys that unlock the great mysteries of the Lord's return.

We all will need to develop a much closer relationship with King Yeshua than we now have, in both quiet time and prayer time, and also in our daily walk of obedience and surrender, so that we can be ready to hear and obey all that God will instruct us to do next! The End Times are now upon us!

And as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when shall these things be, and what shall be the sign of Your Coming, and of the end of the world?'

And Yeshua answered and said to them:

'Take heed that no man deceive you.' [Matthew 24:3,4]

A. ROSH HASHANAH : SOUNDING THE SHOFARS FOR THE END TIMES **TEN DAYS OF AWE : YOM TERUAH TO YOM KIPPUR : TEN YEARS**

Yom Teruah (Rosh HaShanah): [Tishri 1 and 2] The scriptures talk of this feast day as being the first of Tishri; however the Orthodox Jewish community celebrates this feast for two days. The reason for this is because if the first day falls on the shabbat, since no work can be done, they would have to wait to sound the shofar after the sabbath was over, on the second day. So these two days are considered one long day.

There is no ceremony so characteristic of the Rosh HaShanah festival as the blowing of the shofars. Even before this day was known as Rosh HaShanah, it was first called Yom Teruah, the day of the blowing of the shofar, the day of the teruah, the shofar blast.

Actually, the whole month before Rosh HaShanah, the month of Elul, and for the next forty days until the end of Yom Kippur, the shofar is blown every day, to commemorate the last forty days when Moses interceded on top of Mount Sinai for the sins of the children of Israel, before coming down, having received God's atonement for Israel.

The shofar is also blown these forty days **to warn the people to repent before the day of Yom Kippur, [Tishri 10] the day of God's Final Judgment!**

The last shofar call blown on Rosh HaShanah, after one hundred shofar blasts, is **The Tekiah Gedolah, or The Great Tekiah**. For the religious Jewish community, this is called the last trump! Is this the last trumpet written about in First Corinthians 15:52?

These shofar calls on Rosh HaShanah are also used to confound Satan, giving him the impression that this is that day that the Messiah returns and sounds the Great Shofar.

The shofar is also blown at the end of Yom Kippur, one long Tekiah Gedolah blast, to remember God's promises for the future year of Jubilee. Though it is not biblical to blow the shofar on Yom Kippur, it is done in remembrance of God's promises in His word, for the day when the LORD Yeshua Himself will blow that Shofar Gadol on Yom Kippur, when He returns on that great future Year of Jubilee... (Zechariah 9:14, Isaiah 27:13, and Leviticus 25:8,9)

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to the children of Israel, saying: In the seventh month [Tishri], on the first day of the month, shall be a sabbath to you, a memorial **teruah** , blowing the shofars), a holy convocation. You shall do no manner of servile work; and you shall bring an offering made by fire to the LORD. [Leviticus 23:23-25] (This word memorial means remembrance, or to remember).

And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work: it is a day of teruah (sounding of the shofars) to you. [Numbers 29:1] A 'holy convocation' means a rehearsal, until that day comes for that which you have been rehearsing, ... Rosh HaShanah is the last trumpet warning to get your life right with God, before 'The Day of the LORD'.

This author believes that a shofar will be sounded from Heaven on a certain Rosh HaShanah. This will be the Seventh Trumpet sounded by the Seventh Angel, written about Revelation 11:15. This will be the signal for the Wedding in Heaven to begin for Yeshua and His Bride. This may also be the last great warning call to earth for mankind to repent and turn back to God.

This event will happen late into the seven years of Daniel's 70th week, even at the midnight hour, as Yeshua spoke in His parable of the ten virgins. (Matthew 25:6)

If you ask a religious Orthodox Jew the following question, as I have done, 'What is the relationship between the sounding of the shofars on Rosh HaShanah and how it relates to the coming of the Messiah?' He would answer... 'At the time of the coming of the Messiah, the shofar is sounded on Rosh HaShanah to wake up the dead!'

It is important to remember that God gave us Yom Teruah, the day of the shofar blast, for all of the purposes which He would fulfill on that Day.

It is a Jewish belief that God judges the entire world on Rosh HaShanah, and their fate is sealed on Yom Kippur. The belief goes as follows: three books are opened on Rosh HaShanah, one for the righteous, the second for the wicked, and a third for those in between. The righteous are at once inscribed and sealed for Everlasting Life with God; the wicked for death and eternal separation from God; judgment on the middle group is suspended till Yom Kippur, and should one in this third group **truly repent and change**, then he will be inscribed for life, otherwise he will be inscribed for death...

True repentance and real forgiveness from God can come only one way, and that is by calling on the Lord Yeshua to be your Savior and your Messiah, and accepting His Blood Atonement for all your sins, the Price which He paid, the free gift that He offers you, the exchange of His sinless Life for yours.

TEN DAYS OF AWE : TEN YEARS OF TRIBULATION

The first ten days of the seventh month of Tishri, from Yom Teruah (Rosh HaShanah) to Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) are the days of repentance, and are called '**The Ten Days of Awe**' (Yamin Noraim), also called the Ten days of Penitence.

The shofar is blown on each of these '**Ten Days of Awe**'.

For those who are not yet saved, and who truly repent and call on Yeshua to be their Savior, this will be a time of true forgiveness, and **Yom Kippur** will truly be their Day of Atonement. For all the others who have not repented to their Creator and accepted His Atonement of His life for ours, it will be the **Day of God's Final Judgment and punishment**, with **the out-pouring of God's wrath** upon the earth.

If each of these days 'Ten Days of Awe' relate to one year, than with the speed that the One World government is progressing behind the scenes for a world wide take-over, then the ten years of tribulation, mentioned in Revelation, may start at anytime...

‘Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and **you will have tribulation ten days.**’ [Revelation 2:10]

When Yeshua had risen from the dead, He spent forty days on earth and then rose into heaven ten days before Shavuot (Pentecost). Or to put it differently, after rising into heaven, Yeshua spent ten days in heaven, before He birthed the Church. Could there also be **a last ten year period** before Yeshua births His believers into the Millennial Kingdom Age on earth? In any case, we are very close to the end of this Age, and as the Lord spoke to me,

He is even now at the Door!

On September 26th, 1995, I (the author) was in Jerusalem taking part in the New Year’s Rosh HaShanah celebrations.

Two days before, on September 24th, **Rosh HaShanah eve**, back in the United States, Prime Minister Rabin and his associate Shimon Peres had just signed the **Oslo II** treaty with Arafat, at the White House, in Washington, DC, sealing their evil fate of Israel with the Middle East Peace Process, pushed forward by Shimon Peres in Israel and many other One World Government leaders from the nations.

The Lord awoke me early that Tuesday morning, at 4 am, the 26th of September, and instructed me to go that morning to a certain secular Jewish synagogue in Jerusalem, which I had never been to before. This was on the second day of Rosh HaShanah. And the Lord told me that when the rabbi would invite me to come up to the podium to speak to his congregation and to blow the shofars, which three scriptures I was to speak aloud in this congregation in Jerusalem, before I blew the two shofars, to seal a special word that God would have me deliver to this congregation that Rosh HaShanah morning, in 1995.

And it happened that morning in the synagogue just as God had shown me at 4am. The main scripture that God gave me to quote aloud to the congregation was from the book of Daniel... **‘And in the days of these kings, shall the God of heaven set up a Kingdom which shall never be destroyed, but shall stand forever... the Kingdom of the Lord God of Israel!’** [Daniel 2:44]

On that second morning of Rosh HaShanah, the Lord had me announce this prophetic Word of His Coming to Israel and to Jerusalem, and to seal this prophetic Word with the double shofar blast. What was the significance? What did it mean? Was this related to some special count down for Messiah’s Second Coming, perhaps a ten year count down signal before some major event would happen in Israel? I don’t know. But God knows! I only know that I obeyed Him and that this event truly happened to me.

Later I learned that this was two days after Oslo II had been signed in Washington, on September 24.

And then two weeks later, on **the Opening Evening of the Succoth celebrations of the Feast of Tabernacles, at the Jerusalem Convention Center**, standing on the upper stage before 5000 people, I had the privilege of opening the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (I.C.E.J.) Conference with the sounding of the two shofars *blown together at the same time*, sounding them as one. And the Holy Spirit took over, and did it through me, and **it really sounded great**, to the glory of God! It went on video.

And a few days later, at the Israeli national Succoth parade held in Jerusalem, the Lord placed me in front of the Christian Embassy float that led the large international Christian delegation, leading the float and sounding the two shofars through the Jerusalem streets for three hours, announcing to Israel and to the world the Coming of the Messiah Yeshua, with the two shofars. Over 1/4 million Israeli Jews were watching the parade, packing the streets along the whole parade route. And this parade was also seen on national Israeli television.

Yeshua had said that the generation that sees **the fig tree, (Israel)** put forth her leaves and bud... [November, 1947], **‘this generation shall not pass away till all these things be fulfilled’**. [Matthew 24:32-36; Mark 13:28-32; Luke 21:29-33]

On **June 6th, 1967**, after almost 2000 years, the city of **Jerusalem was recaptured** by the Jewish people, and the city was once again put into Jewish hands and under Jewish rule. If we add 40 years to June 6, 1967, we will have the year 2007.

In Luke 21:24, Yeshua said: ‘Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled’. June 6th, 1967 is definitely a major event related to this final count down. Does it signal the last fifty years before the Millennial Age? I believe so.

What is significant about the use of forty and fifty years as our countdown figures?

There have been three kings over all of Israel: Saul, David and Solomon. Each served 40 years as king. However, David first served 7 years in Hebron as king over Judah, and then 33 years in Jerusalem as king over Israel. 1967 + 40 years is 2007. Could 2007 be the start of Daniel’s 70th week, or the last seven years for our planet, with great labor pains, as many new sons comes into full term position and birthing?

In any case, King Yeshua is returning very soon as the true King of Israel! Will He return in the year 2014 to take His rightful position as King of Jerusalem, His city?

Yeshua was 33 years old when He left the earth, having paid the full Bridal price for the purchase of His Bride, with His own Life and Blood. He will be returning for His inheritance!

After Yeshua Resurrected and rose into heaven, most likely in 30 AD, 40 years later in 70 AD, Jerusalem was destroyed by the Roman armies. Could Yeshua’s return be based on a repeat of what had been before, the armies of the world coming against Jerusalem, except this time Lord Yeshua intervenes to save Jerusalem!

2007 will be the 40th anniversary since the Jewish people recaptured their ancient city of Jerusalem, June 1967. Many of the Israeli religious Jews are awaiting the coming of their King Messiah.

Could the Islamic stronghold be broken off the Middle east by 2007, with the Gog-Magog War of Ezekiel 38, 39? And could the Temple in Jerusalem be raised up by then, with animal sacrifices and offerings being done again daily to the God of heaven. With God all things are possible!

I am reminded of **Abraham** who had two sons. His son, Isaac, destined to be the son of promise. And **Isaac, the son of promise** was 40 years old when he married Rebecca. Isaac was 60 years old when Rebecca gave birth to two sons in her womb, but only one son, Jacob, was destined to become **the son of promise**. Jacob would later be **renamed Israel by God Himself**. (Genesis 25:20, 26)

The nation of Israel was physically reborn as a nation in November, 1947. God said that **Israel is His Son, His Firstborn**. (Exodus 4:23) But God has also promised Israel a spiritual rebirth. (Ezekiel 36:27) Will 2007, 60 years later, begin the great spiritual revival of Israel to their Messiah Yeshua, for these two sons of Abraham, Israel, the son of Promise, and the sons of the Arab people? Will this be the time for the beginning of the Great Harvest of souls in Israel?

Who is Jerusalem? And what is God's wonderful Covenant with Her?

Jerusalem is very special to God, for She is **a Mother to Israel and to Zion**. Will Jerusalem give birth to these many eternal sons of Zion, both Jews and Arab?

'Thus says the Lord GOD to **Jerusalem**: Your birth and your nativity are from the land of Canaan... As for your nativity, on the day you were born your naval cord was not cut, and you were not washed with water to cleanse you; and you were not rubbed with salt; and you were not at all swaddled. No eye pitied you, to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you; but you were thrown out into the open field, when you yourself were loathed on the day you were born. And when I passed by you and saw you struggling in your own blood, **I said to you in your blood, 'Live!'**

Yes, **I said to you in your blood, 'Live!'**

When I passed by you again and looked upon you (Jerusalem), indeed **your time was the time of love**; so I spread My skirt over you and covered your nakedness.

Yes, **I swore an oath to you**
and entered into a covenant with you,
and you became Mine, says the Lord GOD.
[Ezekiel 16:2,4,5,6,8]

The total purification time of a mother's blood after childbirth of a son is **40 days** by Torah law. The woman would first be unclean seven days, and then the male child would be circumcised on the eighth day, and the woman would then have to wait another 33 days for the full time of the purification of her blood. The whole process took 40 days from the time of a boy's birth. In this case this special Mother is Jerusalem, and the starting date is June 6th, 1967 for this countdown, and this special male Child who will be born is redeemed Israel, (the eternal son's of Zion), both Jews, Arabs, and Gentiles, men and women, who become **the overcomers!**

And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying, speak unto the children of Israel, saying, 'If a woman have conceived seed, and borne a man child, then she shall be unclean seven days; according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean. And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. And she shall then continue in the blood of her purifying three and thirty days;'
[Leviticus 12:1-4]

A New Birth into the Millennium Age is coming for God's eternal sons of promise, with God fulfilling the promises of His New Covenant with those who have been circumcised in their heart.

This Covenant of circumcision that God made with Abraham and his descendants, gives a two-fold promise from God's word to the Jewish people: (Genesis 17:7,8)

- 1) God would always be our God;
- 2) The land of Israel would always be the eternal inheritance of the Jewish people.

When the LORD returns, both of these two great Covenant promises will be realized forever!

Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a male child. Who has heard such a thing? who has seen such things? **Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day?** or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children (Israel). [Isaiah 66:7,8]

This was indeed true for Israel in 1948, but will it be true for God's Bride, these special sons and daughters of Zion, in the years just ahead, say 2007?

Hear now, O Joshua (Yehoshua) the high priest, you and your fellows that sit before you: for they are men wondered at: for behold, I will bring forth My servant **the Branch**. For behold **the stone** (in Hebrew stone is 'eben', a combination of two Hebrew words for **father and son**) that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave its engraving, says the LORD of hosts, and

I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

In that day, says the LORD of hosts, you shall call every man his neighbor to sit under the vine and under the fig tree. [Zechariah 3:8-10]

Yeshua talked about these times just before His coming as the beginning of sorrows.
(Mark 13:8) The Old Testament many times refers to this time just before 'the Day of
The LORD', and the LORD's return, as the time of **a woman in travail** with birth pangs.
(see Jeremiah 6:24;13:21; 30:6 ['the time of Jacob's trouble']; Micah 4:9,10; etc...)

God eternally says to the enemy of Israel:

Israel is My son, My firstborn.

So I say to you, **let My son go that he may serve Me.**

But if you refuse to let him go, indeed, **I will kill your son,
your firstborn.**

[Exodus 4:22,23]

A 1) GREAT WORLD REVIVAL AND ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT FORMING

The author of this book believes that if Great World Revival is going to happen for the New Covenant believers, that it should begin happening in late 1997, and last until 2000, and **that 1997 could also be the beginning of the ten years of tribulation** that is mentioned in the book of Revelation, **the last ten years for our planet earth.**

Yeshua is God's Son who was crucified, having given His life on the tree, because of God's plan for the salvation of mankind. And **He rose from the dead** three days later. Forty days later He ascended into heaven, and ten days later, **on the fiftieth day after His resurrection**, on the feast Shavuot, also called First-fruits or Weeks (Pentecost), God **birthed** the Body of 'Called-Out ones', with **a great outpouring of His Spirit.**

This was done on the same day that over 1500 years prior, in the Sinai, God had first birthed and betrothed Himself to the nation of Israel, with His wedding contract, known as the Mosaic Covenant, with its Ten Commandments. (see Acts 2, and Exodus 19)

It is the opinion of this author that on this special day of First-fruits, in an upper room, almost 2000 years ago, **that God again betrothed Himself to Israel**, but this time to a small group of Jewish disciples who would now be the first to be brought into God's New Covenant with Israel (Jeremiah 31:31). And this group of believers would grow, as God would now open their arms to bring the Gentiles into His New Covenant.

Israel is God's son, His firstborn. (see Exodus 4:22) In 1948, after three years, Israel was also resurrected from the dead, from the holocaust of Europe that ended in 1945. And **Israel became a nation on May 14th, 1948** (the 5th of Iyar), after the United Nations' decree of **November 29th, 1947**. This was a miracle that happened only three years after the Second World War had ended, with six million Jewish people having been massacred. (Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? or **shall a nation be born at once?** For as soon as Zion travailed, she gave birth to her children. (Isaiah 66:8))

1) 1998 marked a Jubilee, the 50th anniversary year since Israel again became a recognized nation. The Ruach Ha Kodesh fell on the first believers in Jerusalem almost 2000 years ago, to birth the Church, on the 50th day after Yeshua's resurrection, so the great outpouring of the Ruach Ha Kodesh and the Great Revival may begin in Israel, and spread throughout the world on Israel's Jubilee Year, the 50th year as a nation; or perhaps this countdown is more related to Jerusalem, from 1967.

2) If Yeshua was born in 3 BC, then Succoth, 1997 or 1998 would be Yeshua's 2000th birthday, depending on how we are counting age, by Jewish counting from Nisan for a King, or by western culture methods; in any case we are now right at the end of the 2nd Day. We may even be close to the 6000th Jewish year since the beginning of creation.

3) 1996 was called 'Jerusalem 3000'; the 3000th anniversary of the year when King David made Jerusalem the capitol of Israel.

4) 1997 marked the 50th year since the decree went out from the United Nations on November 29, 1947, recognizing Israel as a land given for the Jews of the world...

Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest... count 50 days, to the morrow after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the LORD. [Leviticus 23:10,16]

Thus 1997 and 1998 should be the years of the beginning of great world Revival and harvest of souls, both for Israel and for the nations, and this revival should grow and continue for a few years, until the mid-tribulation years.

This author believes that after the God – Magog War the Temple will be erected on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, so that animal sacrifices to God can be re-instated. This was stopped in 70 AD, when the Temple was destroyed by the Roman army. Also, this author believes that Daniel's 70th week of seven years, referred to in Daniel 9:27, could possibly begin by the year 2007, starting with a Peace Treaty on Rosh HaShanah.

However, these events may be related to God's timetable from Yeshua's Death and Resurrection, which then greatly changes any predictions.

There are many reasons for these conclusions, which will be studied throughout this book. Three points clearly show that the Jerusalem Temple will be rebuilt:

1) Scripture says that the anti-messiah will stop the offerings (in God's Temple) ... 'by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down.' [Daniel 8:11]

2) '...and in the middle of the week long covenant that he (anti-messiah) makes with many, he sets up his abomination in the temple.' (Daniel 9:27)

3) Scripture also shows that God spares certain Jewish people by putting a mark upon their foreheads. Only those who cry out to God for all the abominations being done in Jerusalem will receive this mark; the others will not be spared. God's angels are instructed to begin at the Sanctuary and carry out God's orders. (Ezekiel 9:6)

Scriptures also give the impression that the Temple may be up just before the 70th week of Daniel begins. The Orthodox community may begin to build the Temple just after God defeats their enemies in the next major war.

I recently heard from an Orthodox Jew that it may take 3 1/2 years to build the Temple, once the temple ground and the altar have been purified with **the red heifer** ashes. The red heifer needs to be three years old before it can be used for this offering. [Another source has said that the red heifer needs to be only 18 months old to be used.] Red heifer cattle are now being raised in Israel.

Red heifer cattle were flown over to Israel in 1996, from a cattle ranch in Mississippi, U.S.A. The red heifers were bred on this cattle ranch since around 1990, when God sovereignly raised up these special Red Angus cattle.

The cattle rancher happened to be a spirit-filled Gentile Christian named Clyde Lott. I listened to a live radio interview with Mr. Lott on a Sid Roth program. Lott said that the ashes of the red heifer are needed to purify the Temple grounds, before starting construction of the Temple.

In **June, 1997**, Israeli newspapers published that **the first red heifer was just born in Israel!** This means that the Temple could go up at any time soon!

The Tabernacle of David is not the same as the Temple, which the Orthodox religious Jewish community will build in Jerusalem. The Tabernacle of David is a work that is being raised up by God through His Messianic Jewish and Gentile believers world-wide. How do we know this. The answer is found in Isaiah 16:5, which shows a King - Priest, Melchi-Zedek, Yeshua, the King of Heaven, sitting on His Throne within the Tent of David, raising up this special work through His Melchi-Zedek (High) Priests, the ones covered by His Blood, who can come into His Presence. Only the High Priest could come into the Tent of David, where dwelt the Ark of the Covenant. So this King who sits on a Throne in the Tent of David has to also be the High Priest of Heaven.

‘In Mercy the Throne will be established; and One will sit on it in Truth, in the Tent (Ohel) of David, Judging and seeking Justice and hastening Righteousness.’ Isaiah 16:5

In that day I will raise up ‘the Tabernacle (Succah) of David’ that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: that they may possess the remnant of Edom, and **all the peoples which are called by My Name**, says the LORD who does this.

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; The mountains shall drip with sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. And I will bring again the captivity of My people Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, says the LORD your God. [Amos 9:11-15]

Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, and He will cause the rain to come down for you, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. The threshing floor shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil. [Joel 2:23,24] New wine and oil relate to the fall harvest season, the time for this double blessing to take place.

We are looking at prophetic scripture pictures of the Great Harvest coming to Israel, and with it Great Revival. And it is coming over the next few years.

And with it Great Tribulation and persecution will soon come upon both the Church and the Jewish community worldwide, as a One World Government takes over, linking up all the nations of the world.

Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the Glory of the LORD is risen upon you. **For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people;**

But **the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.** And the nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. [Isaiah 60:1-3]

And **the Glory** which You (Father) gave Me,
I have given them, that they may be One, even as We are One:
I in them, and You in Me, that they may be **made perfect in one**;
that the world may know that You have sent Me,
and have loved them, as You have loved Me. [John 17:22,23]

2) **GOG - MAGOG WAR : RUSSIA AND ARAB NATIONS ATTACK ISRAEL**

What about the great war of Israel with Russia and the Arab Nations, mentioned in Ezekiel 38 and 39, the war of Gog and Magog. When does this war take place? It seems likely to begin any day now, even before the New World Order comes into its full position of total world domination. It will happen while Russia and her other allied countries with her still have some ability to act independently of the growing One World Government's Monster.

Something on a grand scale, like the defeat of Russia with all her Islamic allies by God, along with the sudden rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem, will cause the powerful nations of the world **to totter backward** and want Israel to immediately sign a (seven year) peace covenant with a (phony anti-messiah) world peace-maker.

Remember, after God responds in this war, it will take seven years just to bury the enemies' weapons from this Russian-Arab attack on Israel.

Damascus ... shall be a ruined heap. The kingdom...shall cease from Damascus and the remnant of Syria. [Isaiah 17: 1,3]

Will Israel attack first and destroy Syria, to stop a surprise attack from Syria, which causes the world nations to look down at Israel, and forces Russia to counter-attack?

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'Son of man, set your face against Gog (the leader), of the land of Magog (Russia), the prince of Rosh, Meshech (Turkey), and Tubal, and **prophesy against him**, and say, **Thus says the Lord GOD**: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh (Russia), Meshech (Turkey), and Tubal. I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. Persia (Iran), Ethiopia, Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah (Turkey) from the far north and all its troops, many people are with you (* **all of these allies are Islamic Muslim countries**). Prepare yourself and be ready, you and all your companies that are gathered about you; and be a guard for them. After many days you will be visited.

In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely. You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your troops, and many peoples with you.

Thus says the Lord GOD: In that day it shall come to pass that thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan: You will say, I will go up against a land of unwallled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out my hand against the waste places that are again inhabited, and against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock (cattle) and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land.

Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish, and **all their young lions** (**United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand** will only look on, and somehow not be able to intervene) will say to you, 'Have you come to take plunder? Have you

gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock (cattle) and goods, to take great plunder?"

Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, Thus says the Lord GOD: In that day when My people Israel dwell safely, will you not know it? Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army. You will come up against **My people Israel** like a cloud to cover the land.

It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against **My land**, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes. Thus says the Lord GOD; Are you he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days many years, that I would bring you against them? And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, says the Lord GOD, that **My fury shall come up in My face**. For in **My Jealousy** and in **the fire of My wrath** I have spoken: Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence.

The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

I will call for a sword against Gog throughout My mountains, says the Lord GOD. Every man's sword shall be against his brother. And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; **I will rain down** on him, on his troops, and on the many people who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, **fire, and brimstone**. Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the LORD.

Behold, **I am against you O Gog**... and I will turn you around and lead you on, bringing you up from the far north, and bringing you against the mountains of Israel.

You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; You shall fall on the open field; **for I have spoken** says the Lord GOD. And I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in security in the coastlands. Then they shall know that I am the LORD. **Surely it is coming, and it shall be done**, says the Lord GOD. **This is the day of which I have spoken**.

And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years: so that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, says the Lord GOD.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of Ha'mon-gog. And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying them, that they may cleanse the land. [Ezekiel 38:1-18,19-23; 39:1,2,4,5,6,8,9-12]

From this amazing victory for Israel against Russia and the Arab Nations, you would think that the world nations would now bow down and worship, and give honor to the God of Israel. But it doesn't seem to happen that way. In any case, the World powers and the New World Order will be amazed, and will stagger at this great blow to their brother Russia and his allies getting **devastated mightily** by little Israel. They seem to be blinded and not see that **God Himself moved** against Israel's enemies.

The Orthodox Jews may seize this opportunity and immediately begin setting up the Temple in Jerusalem, against world opposition, and then begin offering sacrifices to God.

Another possibility, though unlikely, is that the Temple may be being built, forcing Israel to retaliate against an Arab attack, causing Russia to support her Arab allies and now come against Israel, and be struck down by the Mighty Hand of God, with the world somehow missing the point that God's Hand sovereignly brought Israel the great victory.

Also, the Temple in Jerusalem, cannot be built **until** the Temple ground is first cleansed and purified **with the ashes of the red heifer**. This will be done from an altar which the Orthodox Jews believe will be set up on the Mount of Olives. The red heifers need to be either eighteen months or three years old before they can be sacrificed.

But in whatever way the events proceed, this evil character, **the anti-Messiah** now enters the world scene to bring 'Peace Solutions' to this most disastrous world situation; a great disaster for the enemies of God, but a miraculous victory for Israel and the peoples of God. And the seven year covenant beginning Daniel's 70th week is signed with **this beast**, while Revival continues, and world-wide persecution of the Jews and Christians escalates. This causes millions of Jews to now begin returning to the land of Israel from all over the world, but especially from the United States, as they witness the true horror of this One World Government Gestapo, during the Tribulation years ahead.

The Gog-Magog war definitely precedes the Resurrection of Yeshua's Bride to Heaven... which event seems to occur sometime in the middle of Daniel's 70th week.

[* Whenever you see bible terms such as 'in that day' or 'in this day', as is common in the account of Gog and Magog, from Ezekiel 38 and 39, these terms are generally referring to 'The Day of The Lord', and therefore it gives us the time table for this future event. These terms also refer to the birth pangs leading up to the actual **Day of the Lord**. It can be both a specific Day, as Yom Kippur, and also the Seventh Day of 1000 years.]

Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet,
and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. [Isaiah 58:1]

Blow the horn in Zion, Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly;
Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders,
Gather the children, and those that suck the breasts;
Let the bridegroom go forth from his chamber, And the bride out of her bridal chamber.
Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar,
And let them say: '**Spare Your people, O LORD**, and give not Your heritage
to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them.' [Joel 2:15-17]

For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel: 'Seek Me and live'; 'Seek the LORD and live ...for it is an evil time'. Woe to you who desire **the Day of the LORD!** For what good is **the Day of the LORD** to you? It will be darkness, and not light. It will be as though a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him; or as though he went into the house, leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. Is not **the Day of the LORD** darkness, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it?
[Amos 5:4,6,13,18-20]

Because from the least even to the greatest, everyone is given to covetousness; from the prophet even to the priest, everyone deals falsely. For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of My people slightly, saying, '**Peace, Peace!**' **When there is no peace.**
[Jeremiah 8:10,11]

For you yourselves know perfectly that **the Day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.** For when they say: **Peace and safety,** then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that **this Day** should overtake you as a thief. **You are all sons of light and sons of the day.** We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breast-plate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain Salvation through our Lord Yeshua the Messiah, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing. [First Thessalonians 5:2-6,8-11]

Blow you the horn in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain;
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble. For **the Day of the LORD** comes,
for it is at hand; [Joel 2:1]

For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. [Psalm 96:13]

O you children of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of **Jerusalem,** and **blow the trumpet** in Tekoa, and set up a sign of fire in Beth Heccerem: for **evil appears out of the north,** and great destruction.

I have likened the daughter of Zion to a lovely and delicate woman. The shepherds with their flocks shall come unto her; they shall pitch their tents against her round about; they shall feed every one in his place. Prepare for war against her... For thus has the LORD of hosts said, Hew down trees, and cast a mount against **Jerusalem:** this is the city to be visited; **there is oppression everywhere in the midst of her.** As a fountain casts out her waters, so she casts out her wickedness: violence and spoil is heard in her; before me continually is grief and wounds. For from the least of them even to the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one deals falsely. They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, **Peace, peace; when there is no peace.**
[Jeremiah 6:1-4,6,7,13,14]

Declare in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem, and say, **Blow the trumpet** in the land: cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the fortified cities. Set up the standard toward Zion: retire, stay not, for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction. The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make the land desolate; and your cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.

My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart makes a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because you have heard, O my soul, **the sound of the trumpet**, the alarm of war. Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, and my curtains in a moment.

How long shall I see the standard, and hear **the sound of the trumpet**?

For my people are foolish, they have not known Me, they are silly children, and they have no understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

For thus has the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end. For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it. The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen;

For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that brings forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion... [Jeremiah 4:5-7,19-22,27-29,31]

“Therefore behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “that it shall no more be said, ‘The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’ but, ‘The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.’ For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers.

“Behold, I will send for many fishermen,” says the LORD, “and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.” (Jeremiah 16:14-16)

This means that God will also move among the Jewish people with signs, wonder and miracles, perhaps even greater than what He did when He brought Israel out of Egypt.

3) DANIEL'S 70TH WEEK : SEVEN YEARS OF WORLD TRIBULATION

TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE : BIRTH PANGS OF THE DAY OF THE LORD

The author of this book does not know when the 70th week of Daniel will begin. It is all speculative. It could begin anytime, such as on Rosh HaShanah 2007, and that at the end of seven years, in the year 2014, on Yom Kippur, that Lord Yeshua will return from Heaven with His Bride, destroying His enemies. This will then start the Messianic Age here on earth for 1000 years. Again, all this may depend on whether the Lord's return is based on counting 2000 years from His birth or 2000 years from His death.

'Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon the holy city, to finish transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in **everlasting righteousness**, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and **to anoint the Most Holy**. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem, **unto the Messiah the Prince**, shall be **seven weeks and threescore and two weeks (7 weeks + 62 weeks = 69weeks)**: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times.

And after threescore and two weeks (62weeks) **Messiah shall be cut off**, but not for himself: and the people (Romans) of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

And **he (the little horn) shall confirm the covenant with many for one week**: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. [Daniel 9:24-27]

Yeshua perhaps died at age of 33, on Passover, the 14th of Nisan, probably in 30 AD. In 70 AD, 40 years later, both the Temple and the city of Jerusalem were destroyed.

If we add 40 years to 1967, 2007 may be right around the time for a false messiah to begin a peace covenant with Israel and the nations. Daniel's scripture (above) says that the people of the prince who shall come shall destroy the city and the Sanctuary. This first happened by the Romans in 70 AD. Scriptures show us that this will happen again. Who are the people who will do it, and is this time frame from 2007 to 2014?

Perhaps there may also be a similar 40 year time period related in the future, that is, at the end of 40 years since Jerusalem was recaptured in 1967, by 2007, that because of a major victory in an Arab war (Gog / Magog), the Orthodox Sanctuary on the Temple Mount could begin functioning, and a Peace covenant started by the false Messiah with the nations. Seven years later the Lord returns, but only after the city is again taken by our enemies and the sanctuary destroyed. Again all this is just speculative.

In Daniel 8:11, we see in what lies ahead for Israel, that this little horn brings great evil to Israel... 'by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down'. Also, in Zechariah 14:2, it says that during this time of trouble ahead for Jerusalem, that the city shall be taken. But this time King Yeshua intervenes in order to begin His Millennial Kingdom on earth.

Yeshua Himself said that this generation shall not pass away until all be fulfilled. [Matthew 24:34] He was referring to us, for our generation is the one that has seen both Israel and Jerusalem taken back by the Jewish people.

For thus says the LORD: “We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask now, and see whether a man is ever in labor with child? So why do I see every man with his hands on his loins like a woman in labor, and all faces turned pale?

Alas! For that Day is great, so that none is like it;
And it is **the time of Jacob’s trouble**, but he shall be saved out of it.
[Jeremiah 30:7]

Now as they sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us (Yeshua), when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the Age?”

“Take heed that no man deceive **you!**”

For many shall come in My name, saying, I am the Messiah; and shall deceive many. ...they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. **But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.** And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to the nations; and **then shall the end come.**”
[Matthew 24:3-5,9-14]

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.
But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. [Matthew 10:28]

Be faithful until death, and I will give you **the crown of life**. [Revelation 2:10]

We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God. [Acts 14:22]

Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been proved, he will receive **the crown of life** which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. [James 1:12]

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid,** nor be dismayed, **for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.**
[Joshua 1:8,9]

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, **thoughts of peace** and not of evil, to give you **a future and a hope**. [Jeremiah 29:11]

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and instruction. [Proverbs 1:7]

Yeshua also said: **Occupy till I come** (hold your position, do God's business, work towards the Salvation of souls). [Luke 19:13]

Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and feed on His faithfulness.

Delight also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; cease from anger, and forsake wrath; do not fret, it only causes harm. For evildoers shall be cut off. But those who wait on the LORD shall inherit the earth. [Psalm 37:1-9]

We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Messiah (Yeshua), that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. [2 Corinthians 5:8,10]

And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Yeshua the Messiah. And it was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was granted him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

And all who dwell on the face of the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. [Revelation 12:17 and 13:7,8]

And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. [Daniel 7:25]

Thus says the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; and I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness. [Zechariah 8:7,8]

They shall walk after the LORD: He shall roar like a lion: when He shall roar, then the children shall come trembling from the west. [Hosea 11:10]

And it shall come to pass in all the land, says the LORD, that **two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die,** but one-third shall be left in it. I will bring the one-third through the fire, will refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; and each one will say, 'The LORD is My God.' [Zechariah 13:8,9]

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.

They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but shall not find it. [Amos 8:11,12]

Thus says the Lord of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, 'We will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.' [Zechariah 8:23]

At that time **Michael shall stand up**, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people. 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**... [Daniel 12:1]

And as Daniel asked of God... 'My Lord, what shall be the end of these things?' Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, **but the wise shall understand!** [Daniel 12:8-10]

All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and **make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Ruach Ha Kodesh**, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, **I am with you always, even to the end of the age**. [Matthew 28:18-20]

For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Yeshua Ha Machiach at His coming? For you (those we have saved) are our glory and joy. [1st Thessalonians 2:19,20]

Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and teaching. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. [2nd Timothy 4:2,5-8]

The majority of God's people on the earth will not be able to work or to save themselves from the Beast or His One World Government, that is now rapidly taking over our planet. If you join this enemy of God, this One World Government, and take 'the mark', **you will suffer the wrath of God and Eternal Damnation!**

If you surrender to this dictatorship or resist and are captured, you will be their slave, but only until they cut your pretty head off. (see Revelation 20:4)

The Lord gave us two options for how to live during these years of tribulation... 'If anyone has an ear, let him hear: He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.' [Revelation 13:10]

Just before His crucifixion, Yeshua told His disciples: ... he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one. [Luke 22:36]

There are options on how one will choose to live during what lies ahead. Whichever choice you make, you must **absolutely** do the following first, * **seek God and stay in His Presence constantly**; seek Him for every decision and for every move you make. Stay in His Presence, for His divine guidance will be crucial for survival and effectiveness. Most of those believers left behind on earth during the tribulation years will either **die as a warrior or die as a prisoner**.

So be a warrior like King David was, and fight to the death, saving as many souls as possible before you die, bringing them into God's Kingdom, saving them from God's eternal separation and damnation.

God may allow you to be captured, and go the way of the cross, to bring salvation to others while you yourself are a prisoner, until you die (as Yeshua also died for us, and as did multitudes of other believers during the early Church years) at the hands of the Beast and the Antichrist and their evil government. These options will most likely be the fate of the majority of believers who will refuse to take the mark of the Beast.

Then Yeshua said to His disciples: **If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake (and the gospel's) will find it.** For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. [Matthew 16:24-27]

* This most important instruction and warning of Yeshua is **listed five other places** in the gospels, to stress the vital importance of this crucial word of God... [Matthew 10:39; Mark 8:34-38; Luke 9:23-26; 17:33; John 12:25]

But God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Messiah died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, **we shall be saved from wrath through Him.** [Romans 5:8,9]

Many scriptures also show us that there are those who will survive, and make it to the end of the tribulation, and remain alive in areas around Israel, until the Lord returns from Heaven to rescue them. Those scriptures are listed in the section called:

Yom Kippur: Survivors Saved at the Lord's Return.

But hold fast what you have till I come. And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations... [Revelation 2:25]

Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their Master, **when He will return from the Wedding**, that when He comes and knocks, they may open to Him immediately. **Blessed are those servants** whom the Master when He comes will find watching...
[Luke 12:35-37]

Only those who are born again will be saved. Only those who know Yeshua personally will enter the Kingdom of God on earth, as part of His Body. These will either be Yeshua's **Wife, His Bride** (see Revelation 19:7), or **they will be the special Guests at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb** (see Revelation 19:9) And these special **Guests**, as you will see from this paper, will **be only Yeshua's friends**.

The criteria for being Yeshua's friend is listed in John 15...

This is My commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than a man lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends, if you do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knows not what his Lord does, but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known to you. [John 15:12-15]

The bottom line of all this means that we must obey God even if we are called to give our lives for others, maybe even for those whose walk or theology we do not agree with. We must be very careful not to criticize or judge others in the Body, for if we cannot give our life for them, we, ourselves, may not make it into God's Kingdom.

Be ready to give your life for His Body, especially by dying for the salvation of the lost. '...and precious shall their blood be in His sight.' [Psalms 72:14]

The time is rapidly approaching and is even now upon us in many parts of the world, when we, His Body, now need each other... just to survive!

For thus says the LORD to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem:
Break up for you a fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.
Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart,
You men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem; lest My fury go forth like fire,
and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.
Declare in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem, and say: '**Blow the horn in the land**';
Cry aloud and say: 'Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the fortified cities.'
Set up a standard toward Zion; put yourselves under covert, stay not;
For I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction. [Jeremiah 4:3-6]

3a) THE ANTI-MESSIAH AND THE MARK OF THE BEAST

‘After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns...’

[* This fourth beast, **The New World Order, The One World Government**, made up of ten nation groups, which have now formed. It is a powerful demonic occult group in origin, with the inner circle taking its orders directly from Satan. This New World Order now controls the majority of leaders of our U.S. Government, including our President and perhaps all His staff, and they are now doing the things behind the scenes necessary for a rapid change of our government. Watch for great amount of anti-terrorism legislation, targeted at guns, or a possible financial collapse and bankruptcy of our country, to remove the freedoms of the American people.

This One World Government group is headed by the powerful, greedy, money rulers of this world, who care nothing about people, or liberties, or even about our Government, but seek for world domination and power, with a personal desire **to become like gods**.

Most political leaders of the world are already under their authority and control.]

‘I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things. I beheld then, because of the voice of the great words which the horn spoke: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet; and of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spoke very great things, whose appearance was more stout than his fellows.

I beheld, and the same (little) horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the Kingdom.

Thus he said, the fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall arise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall **wear out the saints of the Most High**, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time (3 1/2).

But the court shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it forever.’ [Daniel 7:7,8,11,12,21-26]

‘You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. This image’s head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. You watched while **a stone** was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. ...And **the stone** that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters all things, and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others. ...so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile... [Daniel 2:34,35,40,42]

(The word ‘**stone**’ is an interesting word. In Genesis 49:24, it says: ‘...the Shepherd, **the Stone of Israel**’. ‘**The stone** which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone’. [Psalm 118:22]

‘**The LORD of hosts**, Him you shall hallow; let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread. He shall be as a sanctuary, but **a stone of stumbling** and a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, as a trap and as a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble; They shall fall and be broken, be snared and taken.

Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. And I will wait on the LORD, who hides His face from the house of Jacob; and I will hope in Him. Here am I and the children whom the LORD has given me! **We are for signs and wonders in Israel** from the LORD of hosts, who dwells in Mount Zion’. [Isaiah 8:13-18]

In Hebrew, the word for **stone** is ‘**eben**’, which is a combination of two Hebrew words, ‘**av**’ and ‘**ben**’, **father and son**. The word **stone** is **father + son**.)

And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a Kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the Kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, but it shall stand forever. [Daniel 2:40,42,44]

And out of one of them came a little horn, which waxed exceedingly great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land. And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yes, he magnified himself even to the Prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down. And an army was given him to oppose the daily sacrifice because of transgression, and he cast down the truth to the ground; and he practiced, and prospered.

Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said to that saint which spoke, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said to me, **For two thousand and three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed.** (2,300 days or 6.4yr) [Daniel 8:9-14]

Seventy weeks are determined upon Your people and upon the holy city, to finish transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in **everlasting righteousness**, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to **anoint the Most Holy**. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem, unto Messiah the Prince, shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks (62 weeks): the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times.

And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people (Romans) of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined.

And he (little horn) shall confirm **the covenant with many for one week**: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, shall be poured out upon the desolate. [Daniel 9:24-27]

Could Yeshua have been referring to this evil prince that shall come, whom many will falsely believe is the Messiah, when He said: **I am come in My Father's name**, and you receive Me not; if another shall come in his own name, him you will receive. [John 6:43] This statement also gives us the indication that the Lord's real name may have been **Yehoshua** and not Yeshua, as so many believe, because in the Hebrew, Yehoshua contains His Father's name within His name. (**Yehoshua**)

In a recent published book, it was suggested that the seven weeks of Daniel's 70 week prophecy, (7 weeks + 62) may relate to the Lord's second coming, and that the sixty-two weeks of this prophecy relates to the Lord Yeshua's first coming from His birth time. The future is sure to reveal deeper understanding for this mystery,

There shall arise in his place one who imposes taxes on the glorious kingdom; but within a few days he shall be destroyed, but not in anger or in battle. And in his place shall arise a vile person, to whom they will not give the honor of royalty; but he shall **come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue**. With a force of a flood they shall be swept away from before him and be broken, and also the prince of the covenant.

And after the league is made with him he shall act deceitfully, for he shall come up and become strong with a small number of people. He shall enter peaceably, even into the richest places of the province; and he shall do what his fathers have not done, nor his forefathers: he shall disperse among them the plunder, spoil, and riches; and he shall devise his plans against the strongholds, but only for a time. He shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the South with a great army. And the king of the South shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand, for they shall devise plans against him...

For ships from Cyprus shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved, and return in rage against the holy covenant, and do damage. So he shall return and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant. And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.

Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but **the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits**. And **those of the people who understand shall instruct many**; yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering. Now when they fall, they shall be aided with a little help; but many shall join with them by intrigue. And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purge them, and make them white, until the time of the end; because it is still for the appointed time.

Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.

He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall magnify himself above them all. But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things. Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.

At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels. But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many. And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet **he shall come to his end**, and no one will help him. [Daniel 11:20-25,30-45]

He is a proud man, and he does not stay at home. Because he enlarges his desires as hell, and he is like death, and cannot be satisfied, he gathers to himself all nations and heaps up for himself all peoples. [Habakkuk 2:5]

Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. **But he who endures to the end shall be saved**. And **this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come**.

Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the Holy Place, then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those with nursing babies in those days. And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

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. Then if anyone says to you, Look, here is the Messiah! or there! do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand.
[Matthew 24:9-25]

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also, and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. If you love Me, **keep My commandments**.
[John 14:12-15]

A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but **it shall not come near you**. Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked.
[Psalm 91:7,8]

The wicked flee when no one pursues, but **the righteous are bold as a lion**.
[Proverbs 28:1]

... he appointed those who would sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: **'Praise the LORD, for His mercy endures forever'**.

Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against (the enemies)... and they were defeated. [Second Chronicles 20:21,22]

Do not sorrow, **for the joy of the LORD is your strength**. [Nehemiah 8:10]

Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scornful men that rule this people which are in Jerusalem. Because you have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come to us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: therefore thus says the Lord GOD:

Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a Stone, a precious corner Stone, a sure foundation: he that believes shall not make haste. Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. And **your covenant with death shall be disannulled**, and **your agreement with hell shall not stand**; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then you shall be trodden down by it.

From the time that it goes forth **it shall take you**: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report. For the bed is shorter than a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it. For the LORD shall rise up as in mount Perazim,

He shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that He may do His work, His strange work: and bring to pass His act, His strange act. Now therefore be you not mockers, lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from the Lord GOD of hosts **a consumption even determined upon the whole earth**. [Isaiah 28:14-22]

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Yeshua Messiah and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Messiah had come.

Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only **he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way**. And **then the lawless one will be revealed**, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth... [2 Thessalonians 2:1-12]

Is He who is now doing the restraining the Holy Spirit? I believe so. And I believe that members of God's special Bride will still be here on earth, both when the anti-Messiah is revealed and also throughout most of his years in power.

Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place, then let those who are in Judea **flee to the mountains**. 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. [Matthew 24:16,21,22]

And she bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and to His throne.

Then the woman [Israel] **fled into the wilderness**, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there **one thousand two hundred and sixty days**. (3 1/2 years) But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for **a time and times and half a time**, from the presence of the serpent. And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Yeshua the Messiah. [Revelation 12:5,6,14,17]

But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book **until the time of the end**; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase. Then I, Daniel, looked; and there stood two others, one on this riverbank and the other on that riverbank.

And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river: 'How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be? Then I heard **the man** clothed in linen, who was **above the waters of the river**, when **he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever**, that it shall be for **a time, times, and half a time (3 1/2 times)**; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.

Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, My lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but **the wise shall understand!**

* And from the time the regular sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that desolates set up, shall be **a thousand two hundred and ninety days**. (This is 1290 days, or 3 1/2 years + 30 days).

Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the **one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days** (3 1/2 years + 75 days). But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days. [Daniel 12:4-13]

1335 days is 75 days past 3 1/2 years. 75 days after the feast of Yom Kippur is the Jewish 'Feast of Lights' or Chanukah. On the eve of Chanukah, which is the 24th of Kislev, God had said, '**from this day forward I will bless you**'. (Haggai 2:18,19)

Could this time period of 75 days past the end of the second 3 1/2 years, be days related to the LORD's return, when for these days God's wrath is poured out on the earth, and the LORD does His Walk of ven-geance on the surviving enemies of God, and then sits in judgment, and separates the sheep from the goats?

I know that the LORD returns from Heaven on the feast of Yom Kippur. But is the Feast of Lights the day that ends this 75 day time period mentioned in Daniel 12?

When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets... So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. [Revelation 8:1,2]

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and I saw **a beast** rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And **the beast** which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon (Satan) gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

And they worshiped the dragon (Satan) which gave power to the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like the beast? who is able to make war with him?

And there was given to him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given to him to continue **forty and two months** (1260 days or 3 1/2 years). And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he that kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exercises all the power of the first beast before him, and causes the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he does great wonders, so that he makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceives them that dwell on the earth by means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

And he had power to give life to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond,

to receive **a mark** in their right hand,
or in their foreheads:

and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that has understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six (666). [Revelation 13:1-18]

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having **the everlasting gospel** to preach to them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, **Fear God, and give glory to him: for the hour of His Judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.**

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, **If any man worship the beast or his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God,** which is poured without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and **he shall be tortured with fire and brimstone** in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the **smoke of his torment ascends up forever and ever:** and they have no rest day nor night, **who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receives the mark of his name.**

Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Yeshua. And I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, Write: **‘Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth.’** Yes, says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors; for their works do follow them.’

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and those who had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: ‘Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy: for all nations shall come and worship before You;’ [Revelation 14:6,9-13,15:2-4]

I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore **choose** life ... **that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days...** [Deuteronomy 30:19,20]

And she bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron.
And her Child was caught up to God and to His throne.

And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Then I heard **a loud voice** saying in heaven: ‘Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Messiah have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

**And they Overcame him by the blood of the Lamb,
and by the word of their testimony;
and they loved not their lives to the death.**

Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them!

Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time. Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman (Israel) who gave birth to the male Child (Yeshua). And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Yeshua the Messiah. [Revelation 12:5,7-13,17]

Behold, I will send My messenger,
and he shall prepare the way before Me... [Malachi 3:1]

3b) THE TWO WITNESSES

For, behold, the day comes, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yes, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. **But to you that fear My name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings;** and you shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, says the LORD of hosts. Remember the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

Behold, I will send you Eliyahu (Elijah: my God is Yahweh) the prophet **before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:** and **he shall turn the heart of the fathers** (the religious Orthodox Jewish community) **to the children** (the Messianic Jewish community), **and the heart of the children** (the Messianic community) **to their fathers** (the Orthodox community), lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. [Malachi 4:1-5]

It is impossible for any man to do this, to bring harmony between these two groups, the large and powerful Orthodox religious community in Israel, and the Messianic Jewish community, the followers of Yeshua. Only by the Hand of God could this be done!

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD (Yeshua), and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. And the LORD said to Satan, The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?

Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying: 'Take away the filthy garments from him.' And to him He said, 'See, I have removed the iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes.' And I said, 'Let them put a clean turban on his head.' So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by. Then the Angel of the LORD admonished Joshua, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My command, then you shall also judge My house, and likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk among those who stand here.

Hear, O **Joshua, the high priest**, you and your companions who sit before you, for they are a wondrous sign; For behold, I am bringing forth **My Servant the Branch**. For behold **the stone** ('**eben**', **Father + Son**) that I have laid before Joshua: upon **the stone are seven eyes**. Behold, I will engrave its inscription, says the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of the land in one day. In that day, says the LORD of hosts, everyone will invite his neighbor under his vine and under his fig tree.' [Zechariah 3:1-10]

But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, and of judgment and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin. [Micah 3:8]

If God repeats the pattern He used with Yochanan the Baptizer, at the time of Yeshua's first coming, then when this anointed man becomes 30 years old (that is 30 saved 'born-again' years), by Jewish law, he will begin his unique ministry. This person, walking in the power of Eliyahu, would probably begin his ministry during Passover time, as it is also believed that John began his ministry at Passover.

It is also a Jewish tradition at every Passover seder, that an extra place be set at the dinner table for Elijah to come and to be that special guest, for his return is expected during the Passover feast.

If Israel signs the seven year covenant with the anti-Messiah in the year 2007, then this person may begin his awesome ministry by the year 2010, if, as many believe, this person is also one of the two witnesses mentioned in Zechariah and Revelation, who stand before the God of Israel. This gives him 3 1/2 years for both his ministry, his death and resurrection, before being called up to heaven to attend the actual wedding.

As Yochanan's father Zacharias was an Aaronic priest, so also was Yochanan, as a descendant of Aaron, (most likely of the family of Zadok, but we know Zacharias was of the priestly division of Abijar [Abia]). (Luke 1:8-11; 1st Chronicles 24:10)

According to God's word, only those priests who were of the sons of Zadok were allowed to enter the Holy Place, and to minister at the altar of incense before the LORD. (Ezekiel 40:46; and 44:15-16) But in the days of King Herod's reign, and for 171 years prior, the Aaronic position of high priest had become corrupted, for it was no longer passed down to the rightful inherited priestly family of the sons of Zadok of the sons of Aaron; King Herod made the appointments of the high priests through bribery and deceit.

The priests who were responsible for the daily service in the Holy Temple were divided into 24 separate shifts or courses, made up of men who came from all parts of Israel. Each shift lasted one week, and each shift was further divided into six clans, or family branches, with a priest serving at a certain position for one day in the Temple, except on the Sabbath when all six clans worked together performing the Temple duties.

We do not know from the scriptures who the true high priest should have been during the time when Zacharias was ministering before the altar of incense. However, the priests drew lots, and Zacharias drew the lot to burn the incense before the LORD in the Holy Place. This position had been the sacred duty of Aaron, the High Priest, and his sons after him, who would inherit this High Priest position. (Exodus 30:7,8).

In a recent book that I got from the Temple Institute in the Old City of Jerusalem, it says that officiating at the incense service might only happen once in a priest's life. But that was still in violation of God's Word, for it was only for the High Priest to do.

God's plans and timing were absolutely perfect, especially for all the events related to His own Son's life!

The fact that the angel Gabriel appeared to Zacharias and announced to him the birth of his son Yochanan, while Zacharias ministered at the Altar of Incense, meant that God was recognizing Zacharias at His true High Priest, as the legitimate (hidden) Zadokite High Priest, the rightful heir to minister to God at the Altar of Incense position.

Yochanan was called by God and filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb, as the angel Gabriel foretold to Zacharias. This had happened when Miriam had first greeted Elizabeth, and the babe leaped in Elizabeth's womb. [Luke 1:15, 41]

And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will also go before Him **in the spirit and power of Eliyahu**, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. **And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; for you will go before the face of the LORD to prepare His ways, to give knowledge of Salvation to His people by the remission of their sins**, through the tender mercy of our God... [Luke 1:16,17,76-78]

Yochanan was called by God to **prepare the fathers**, (the old established Jewish religious community) **for the Messiah and His New Covenant**, first announced by the prophet Jeremiah. The children, those who would become the followers of the Messiah Yeshua, would later begin living under this New Covenant of Jeremiah 31:31, on the feast of First Fruits of wheat, Shavuot, when the Holy Spirit birthed the Ecclesia in Jerusalem, fifty days after Lord Yeshua's resurrection from the dead, on the feast of First Fruits of barley, HaBikkurim. [Leviticus 23:10]

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!' For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the LORD, make His paths straight.' [Matthew 3:1-3]

Yochanan announced the first coming of the Lord Yeshua, preparing the people through water baptism. Yeshua came the first time as a humble servant for Israel and for the rest of humanity, and it was necessary for Him to fulfill all righteousness. Yeshua said to Yochanan just before Yeshua was baptized in the waters of the Jordan river: 'Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness (zedek).' [Matthew 3:15]

Yochanan, by divine decree of family lineage from his own father Zacharias, was **the rightful inheritor of the position of God's Aaronic High Priest**, as Yochanan was called by God to immerse the people and **to pass the anointing and submit the Aaronic Priesthood to his cousin Yeshua**, to the One who was truly King, who was to receive His other true title of Priest, but not just any Priest, for His true title was, and is, and always will be ...

The Great High Priest! Melchi Zedek,

Yeshua is Melchizedek, Priest of God Most High, King of Salem!

Melchi means King, and zedek means righteousness. Melchi-Zedek literally means 'My King of Righteousness'. Yeshua, as King of Salem (Peace), first blessed Abram with bread and wine, as God anointed and called Abram into His own special Priesthood Order, through which one day God Himself would come to earth, being born from a virgin, and living a sinless life. Until... at the legal age of thirty, Yeshua would again pick up His Priesthood Mantle, as My King of Righteousness, as the Priesthood was passed back to God from His own cousin Yochanan, the true Aaronic Zadok High Priest of Israel. Three and 1/2 years later Yeshua would give His life for the sins of humanity, to redeem lost humanity back to Himself, the Creator... (see Genesis 14:18-20)

The revelation for the ground work of this truth came from the work of Dick Reuben, an excellent Messianic Jewish teacher of Old and New Testament Priesthood.

The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; the crooked places shall be made straight, and the rough places smooth; The Glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The voice said, 'Cry out!' And he said, 'What shall I cry?' 'All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, **but the word of our God stands forever.**'

O Zion, you who bring good tidings, get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, you who bring good tidings, lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, **'Behold your God!'**

Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a Strong Hand, and **His Arm shall rule for Him;** Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. [Isaiah 40:3-10]

But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You.'

Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than Yochanan the Baptizer; **but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.** And from the days of Yochanan the Baptizer until now the kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until Yochanan.

And if you are willing to receive it, **he is Eliyahu who is to come.**

And His disciples asked Him, saying, Why then do the scribes say that Eliyahu must come first? Then Yeshua answered and said to them,

'Eliyahu truly is coming first
and will restore all things.

But I say to you that Eliyahu has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished.' Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of Yochanan the Immerser. [Matthew 11:9-14; 17:10-13]

As Zadok, the High Priest, blew the shofar to announce King Solomon as the new King of Israel, (1st Kings 1:34,39) so Yeshua may also be announced as the true King of Israel by the true High Priest of the sons of Aaron, of the sons of Zadok.

Blowing two shofars at the same time is the way that God has given me to announce the coming of the Messiah, Yeshua, the King of Glory! My King of Righteousness! **The two shofars** are symbolic of the ram caught in the thicket by both horns, and the two horns represent the fulfillment of God's plan for Israel and the nations.

The two shofars are sounded to announce the fulfillment and completion of God's total redemptive plan for Israel, in preparation for the Millennial Reign of King Messiah, as the true King of Israel. For Yeshua is truly King of kings and LORD of lords. (See 1st Kings 1:34, 39 ... The Priest Zadok announces Solomon as new King with the shofar; also see Genesis 22:13, where Abraham obeys God, and God spares Isaac with a ram caught in the thicket by its two horns, thus beginning the nation of Israel.)

What do you see? And I said, I have looked, and behold **a lampstand** all of gold, **and a bowl upon the top of it**, and seven lamps are on it, and seven spouts to the seven lamps, which are on its top: **and two olive trees beside it, one by the right side of the bowl, and the other at its left.**

...What are these, my lord? ...Then he answered and said to me...
'Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.'
'...What are these two olive trees, **one at the right side of the lampstand and the other at its left?**' And I answered again, and said to him, 'What are the two clusters of olives, which are besides **the two golden pipes which are emptying from themselves the golden oil?**

And he answered me and said, 'Do you not know what these are?' And I said, 'No, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the two sons of fresh oil, who are standing by the Lord of all the earth.' [Zechariah 4:2-6,11-14]

And **the Messenger** whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up His Hand to heaven and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer, **but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel**, when he is about to sound, **the mystery of God would be finished**, as He declared to His servants the prophets. [Revelation 10:5-7]

And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God (already built), and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given to the Gentiles: and **the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months** (3 1/2 years or 1260 days).

And **I will give power to my two witnesses**, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days (3 1/2 years or 1260 days/ 42 months) clothed in sackcloth.

These are **the two olive trees**, and **the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth**. And if any man will hurt them, **fire proceeds out of their mouth**, and **devours their enemies**: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. These have **power to shut heaven**, so that no rain falls in the days of their **prophecy**; and they have **power over waters to turn them to blood**, and **to strike the earth with all plagues**, as often as they desire.

And **when they finish their testimony**, the **beast** that ascends out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and **kill them**. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city (Jerusalem), which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations **shall see their dead bodies three days and a half**, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

And after three days and a half **the Spirit of life from God entered into them**, and **they stood upon their feet**; and **great fear** fell upon them which saw them. And they heard **a great voice from heaven** saying to them, **‘Come up here.’** And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. And the same hour there was **a great earthquake**, and **the tenth part of the city fell**, and in the earthquake were **slain seven thousand men**: and **the remnant** were afraid, and **gave glory to the God of heaven!**

The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

Then **the seventh angel sounded**: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our LORD and of His Messiah, and He shall reign forever and ever!**

And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: ‘We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned. The nations were angry, and

1) **Your wrath has come**, and 2) **the time of the dead, that they should be judged**, and 3) **that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints**, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and 4) **should destroy those who destroy the earth.**’ [Revelation 11:1-19]

This great voice of Revelation 11:12, that says ‘**Come up here**’, is God Himself speaking, as Yeshua had said ‘**Come up here**’ to Yochanan in Revelation 4:1 (also see Revelation 1:10)

Many believe that Revelation 4:1 is the Church’s call home, for there is no further mention of the Church after this point of 4:1, in the book of Revelation. But I totally disagree with this view, for only His Bride is taken up, and not early, but **very late**.

In 1st Thessalonians 4:16, it says: **God descends from heaven with a commanding word by the voice of an archangel** (the Messenger of the Lord, Yeshua Himself), **and with a trumpet of God (blown by Lord Yeshua).**

Is this Trumpet of God, the Last Trump, the shofar which Yeshua Himself sounds, when the dead and the living members of His Body are raised up into heaven? Yes!

Could this happen at the same time that the two witnesses are taken up into heaven, just before the seventh trumpet? (see Revelation 11:12,15) **No!** The two witnesses Are taken up into heaven just before the Wedding occurs. And the Last Trump will be sounded by the Lord as the Lord returns with His Bride on Yom Kippur!

These two witnesses minister for exactly 3 1/2 years, starting at Passover and finishing just prior to Rosh HaShanah. Yeshua's Bride is most likely taken up to heaven on Shavuot, fifty days after the Passover season. (Shavuot is also the time when Moses first went up into the mountain, and 120 days later, having fasted three times for 40 days, he finally came down from Mount Sinai the last time, having received God's atonement for the sins of the people of Israel, on the day that would later become Yom Kippur.)

I am also reminded of the words of Yeshua, in Matthew 23:39: For I say unto you, you (Jerusalem) shall not see Me again, till you shall say

'Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!'
'Baruch Haba Bashem Adonai!'

In Revelation 11:13, it says 'the remnant gave glory to the God of heaven'; could this mean that finally the religious Orthodox Jews are calling out for God to come, using His real name, Yeshua?

The religious Orthodox community in Jerusalem must have been constantly calling out to God to come all these years of Jacob's trouble, so what makes this statement so unique? **Are they finally using God's real name, Yeshua, the Son of God**, so that Yeshua can now return to earth as their true Yeshuah (Salvation), as He had promised!

For almost two thousand years there has been a thick wall raised up by the religious Jewish community, **denying Yeshua as Messiah and God**, and now that wall is finally coming down. Remember how God caused the thick wall to come down for the first great Jewish victory in Israel, when the Jewish people had entered the land of Israel under the command of Joshua. You may recall that the Commander of the Armies of God gave Joshua the key, God's divine strategy for taking down that great wall of Jericho. The wall fell with **the sounding of the ram's horn shofars and with the great shout!**

And now, with this wall finally coming down, the remnant of the lost Jewish community will come into the promised land... **and thus all Israel shall be saved!**

And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the Lord has said, **among the remnant whom the LORD calls.** [Joel 2:32]

For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so **all Israel will be saved**, as it is written: 'The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; For this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.' [Romans 11:25-27]

Who are these two witnesses? Some say they are Elijah and Enoch, for neither one saw death, and both were taken up by God into heaven. And many think that Moses is one of the witnesses, for why would God use a gentile Enoch, to witness to a stubborn and stiff-necked Jewish community. Also, the special gifting and power of these two witnesses are closest to that of Moses and Elijah. In fact, just weeks before Yeshua was crucified, Moses and Elijah met with Yeshua on top of the mountain where He was transfigured. (see Matthew 17:3; Mark 9:4; Luke 9:30)

But Moses died once, so how could he possibly qualify?

Where Elijah is like Yochanan the Immerser, who announced the first coming of the Messiah, and was called a friend of the Bridegroom, so this modern Elijah will announce the second coming of the Messiah Yeshua, and will also be a friend to the Bridegroom. The second witness will also have to be like a Moses, a type of the Holy Spirit, who will lead the Bride (Israel) into the wilderness to where her Bridegroom Yeshua will then take Her up into heaven to prepare for Their Wedding.

‘He who has the Bride is the Bridegroom; but the friend of the Bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled. **He must increase, but I must decrease!**’ [John 3:29,30]

‘...but now once in the end of the world has He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as **it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment**. So Messiah was once offered to bear the sins of many; and to them that look for Him shall He appear the second time...’ [Hebrews 9:26-28]

And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him. [Genesis 5:24]

By faith Enoch was translated so that **he did not see death**, and was not found because God had translated him; for before his translation he had this testimony, **that he pleased God**. [Hebrews 11:5]

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the LORD comes with ten thousand of His saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaks great swelling words, having men’s persons in admiration because of advantage. [Jude 14-16]

And we know the story of how Elijah was taken up into heaven in a chariot of fire.

But if these two witnesses are Elijah and Enoch, how do they get back down to earth to begin their ministry here, until the time when they are killed in Jerusalem by the beast? It says that Yochanan came in the spirit and power of Elijah, and Yeshua confirmed this truth by saying that Elijah is come already in the person of Yochanan.

So also shall Elijah come a second time in another personality, one who will live and move in the spirit and power of Elijah, for God's word will be fulfilled.

But John (Yochanan) died, so how can Elijah come again? He has to, because even though John finished his prophetic calling for Yeshua's first coming, **the full prophetic calling for Elijah has not yet been finished**, for Yeshua said **Elijah is coming first, and will restore all things** (Matthew 17:11) this has not yet happened; **Elijah is called to turn the hearts of the fathers, the religious Orthodox and ultra Orthodox Jewish community in Israel, to the New Covenant children, the Messianic Jewish community**. And today, this separation and division and hostility between the two groups is still as great as ever before.

Furthermore, since Elijah did not die at his first coming (over 2800 years ago), but was taken up into heaven to be with God, he is able to be born a second time from a mother's womb, and not be violating God's word. For the scripture says that it is meant for man to die once, and then comes the judgment. It says nothing about being born a second time from a woman's womb (only for those who are able). And remember that Yeshua Himself said that **Elijah is truly coming first and will restore all things**. (Matthew 17:11)

Both of these two witnesses have access to be in God's presence in the Holy of Holies, as only Moses had, and then later King David had. However, only the high priest Aaron, and later his sons who would become high priest, were allowed to enter the Holy of Holies, and then only once a year, on the sacred day of Yom Kippur.

It was said of David that **he was a man after God's own heart**, and of Moses, that **he was a friend of God**.

One brother has suggested that these two witnesses may be used by God to actually call down upon mankind all the plagues and judgments that are listed in the book of Revelation. The very end of God's wrath will not come until after these two witnesses have first gone up to heaven, and then Lord Yeshua returns to earth, bringing the final wrath of God upon God's enemies still alive on the earth. (Revelation 6:17 and 11:18)

When do these two witnesses begin their ministry?

When do these two witnesses begin their 3 1/2 year ministry? Is it at the beginning of the last seven years, when the treaty is signed with the anti-Messiah, a treaty which lasts only seven years? Is it in the middle of this treaty, when the temple is profaned by the anti-Messiah, when the daily sacrifices are stopped and the abomination set up? By this time the Great Tribulation will be well under way throughout the world.

I will give you a key to part of this mystery. These two witnesses cannot begin their ministry until they reach legal age by Torah law, the age that both Yochanan began his ministry and also the legal age that Yeshua started His ministry, which was thirty years of age. But we are talking about one's age from birth, but one's age in relation to 'born again' years as a believer in Yeshua.

From all the information, my best guess is that if the Islamic War happens soon and if the third Temple is constructed, then these two witnesses may begin their prophetic ministry around Passover, 2007, and continue until Rosh HaShanah, 2010, when they are killed in the streets of Jerusalem.

Remember that these two witnesses will be God's Jewish witnesses empowered by God to demonstrate to the Jewish community the truth **that Yeshua is the Messiah**, but even more importantly to demonstrate to Israel **that Yeshua is God Himself**.

By this time the third Temple will already be up and functioning, for the Orthodox Jews have to be obedient to carry out the mandate of the LORD in His word... 'And let them make Me a Sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.' [Exodus 25:8]

These two witnesses probably begin their ministry one year before the mid-point of a seven year phony peace treaty with Israel; for when the anti-Messiah begins his 1260 day reign of terror at the middle point of his treaty, about a year after these two witnesses have begun their ministry, nothing will stop him, but he will not be able to stop these two witnesses from speaking out, until they have finished their testimony 1260 days later...

This anti-Messiah will then continue to reign until Yeshua returns and destroys him.

This event of the two witnesses going up to heaven happens in the fall, during the feast season. We can see this because if the two witnesses begin their ministry at Passover season, as both Moses and Yochanan did, 3 1/2 years later puts them into the season of the Jewish fall feasts.

1) We see that when these two witnesses begin their ministry, that the Temple in Jerusalem is already up and functioning in the hands of the Jewish Aaronic priests and the Levites. This is abruptly stopped when the anti-Messiah stops the daily sacrifices, and sets up his abomination in the Temple, in the middle of his treaty with Israel...

And then he himself sits in the Temple, declaring himself to be God.

'Yes, he magnified himself even to the Prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down. And a host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the Truth to the ground;

How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said to me, Until two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.' (2,300 days or 6.4years) [Daniel 8:11-14]

And from the time the regular sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that desolates set up, shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days (1290 days). Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days (1335 days) [or 75 days after 3 1/2 years]. But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days. [Daniel 12:4-13]

2) After 3 1/2 years, when these two witnesses have finished their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit kills them. In Revelation 13, it talks of two beasts, one rises up out of the sea, and to him is given power forty two months (3 1/2 years) and he overcomes the saints. The second beast comes up out of the earth, and also has the power that the first beast has, and causes mankind to worship the first beast. All this indicates that this has to be during the last 3 1/2 years of the seven year peace treaty.

3) These two witnesses probably call down the plagues from God, as Moses called down the plagues on Egypt while the Pharaoh was ruling and exercising his cruel power over the people. This would indicate that these two witnesses are exercising this power from God during these last 3 1/2 years of the peace treaty covenant.

4) We see that a great earthquake happens after their death and resurrection, at the end of their ministry. Other places in scripture also show that a great earthquake happens at the end of the tribulation time.

5) The Jewish community still alive in Jerusalem (the remnant... many secular and Orthodox Jews that remain) then gave glory to God. This has to happen late in the tribulation years.

Remember that the Messianic Jewish community is warned by Yeshua to flee from Jerusalem to the mountains, when the abomination of desolation is first set up, probably just around the middle of the tribulation years, but the secular and religious Orthodox community stays in Jerusalem until the end, when Jerusalem is surrounded by the armies of the nations of the world, and only then do they flee from the city. (see Zechariah 12 and 14)

6) These two witnesses appear in Jerusalem right after the sixth angel sounds his trumpet, and right before the seventh angel sounds his trumpet. This also indicates that this is during the last 3 1/2 years.

7) Right after the death of these two witnesses, **the seventh angel sounds the seventh trumpet, with the announcement that the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Messiah.**

8) This **seventh trumpet announces the Wedding** in heaven on Rosh HaShanah, as **the two witnesses** have now gone up into heaven, possibly to be the two witnesses or **the two best men at the Wedding** of King Yeshua and His Bride.

This insight was revealed in a recent book called 'The End' by George Madras.

Another scripture also gives us the indication that this seventh trumpet may be **The signal for the Wedding of Yeshua's Bride**, since it also says that now is the time to reward your servants the prophets and the saints. (Revelation 11:18)

9) The seventh trumpet must also announce the final countdown for the LORD's soon return back to earth, which means that it announces both the coming of the end, the Day of God's Wrath, the Day of the LORD, and the Year of Jubilee!. (Revelation 11:18)

10) These two witnesses may begin their ministry during Succoth as Yeshua did, and 3 1/2 years later die during Passover, rising 3 1/2 days later as First-Fruits.

However, what is more likely is that they follow Yochanan's footsteps (and also Moses' footsteps), who began leading the people out of Egypt to God on Passover, after the last plague had come upon Egypt, to complete that part of his mission to Pharaoh and to Egypt), and begin their ministry at Passover time, and end their ministry during the season of the fall feasts. As Moses led Israel out of Egypt to God, these two witnesses may play a great part in leading unsaved Israel away from the anti-Messiah into Salvation to the real Messiah, and to help direct them out into the wilderness where they will be protected and saved by the God of Israel. Hosea 2:14; Micah 2:12 and 4:10

It would definitely be more exciting for these two witnesses to begin their ministry somewhere around the mid-tribulation point, and walk with God, **being a total frustration to Satan, and to his anti-Messiah and One World Government**. All evil forces would be unable to stop them for 3 1/2 years, as they witness to the Jewish people about Yeshua, and speak out against these evil leaders, plaguing them with the plagues of God for all their evil ways, while leading multitudes of Jews into the salvation of Yeshua and into the Kingdom of God, through their divine ministry.

Just imagine that for 3 1/2 days after they die, that their dead bodies are viewed on international TV, like CNN, as the world rejoices at their death, and watches, wondering if there is a God and if He will do as they claimed and as the word of God said, raise them up from the dead 3 1/2 days later. And it happens, they rise from the dead and they rise up into heaven as the world watches this on TV. And some believe and repent, and are saved, for they now know that God is real, and that He is returning soon.

But most of those watching them now go into utter terror, for you see they now realize that these two witnesses who had spent 3 1/2 years warning them, were really telling the Truth, and that God is real. The reason for their terror is because they now know their sealed fate; for they have taken the mark of the Beast, and now they know that God has judged them guilty, and they will pay the eternal price of God's judgment and punishment for their rebellion against God. They will experience the Wrath of God and His eternal damnation.

Just as Samson was given his greatest victory at his death, so also will these two witnesses. For after they die and are resurrected and raised up into heaven, and the great earthquake happens in Jerusalem with seven thousand dying as a result, then and only then does the remnant of the Jewish community give glory to God, calling on Him by His true name Yeshua. This means that He can now finally return to earth. For Lord Yeshua had said He would not return again until the religious of Jerusalem would say... **'Blessed are You who come in the name of the LORD...'** (Matthew 23:39)

What makes this time of ‘giving glory to God’ so different? The only reason, as I stated earlier, has to be that now the Jewish community is finally calling on God by His true name, Yeshua. For don’t you think that the two witnesses had told them time and time again for 3 1/2 years not to take ‘the mark’, and that Yeshua is truly God who died for our sins! Because of God’s sovereign action causing the Resurrection of these two witnesses from the dead, and with the great earthquake occurring just after they ascended up into heaven, the Jewish religious remnant of Jerusalem finally believed!

Keep in mind Elijah’s commission from God... He will cause the religious Orthodox Jews to turn to the Messianic Jews, and the Messianic Jews to turn to the Orthodox Jews, lest God would come and smite the earth (land) with a curse.

We know that the Messianic Jewish community is commanded by Yeshua to flee to the mountains when the anti-Messiah sets up the abomination in the Temple, which seems to happen around mid-tribulation point. Yeshua had said that because of the elect’s sake, those days of Great Tribulation would be shortened. Therefore, the ministry of the two witnesses helps make this possible, both to shorten the days of the Great Tribulation, and for the remnant of Orthodox Jews to turn to the Messianic community; both communities, united in spirit, can now call on Lord Yeshua to return to earth.

And he (anti-messiah) shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws: and the saints shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time (3 1/2 years). But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever. Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His Kingdom is an Everlasting Kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him. [Daniel 7:25-27]

And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue forty two months. [Revelation 13:5]

The two witnesses and the anti-messiah both stay in power for 1260 days. But from the scriptures, it is now clear that the two witnesses begin their ministry before the anti-messiah shows his true nature, because after they die and are resurrected, he continues his terror on earth until Yeshua returns and he is destroyed, a short time later.

Again, we see that these scriptures apply to the last half of the tribulation, when the anti-messiah becomes known for the evil beast that he really is. Also, keep in mind that when Jewish scriptures talk about saints, these would also be the believers in Yeshua.

Just think that when the saints are given into his hand, that if the above information is correct, that during this same period the anti-Messiah will be unable to stop or silence God’s two special witnesses, or stop their purposes for being here. Hallelujah!

3c) RESURRECTION OF YESHUA'S BRIDE INTO HEAVEN

AT THE MIDNIGHT HOUR ON THE FEAST OF SHAVUOT, AND THE SEVENTH TRUMPET ANNOUNCES THE WEDDING ON THE FEAST OF ROSH HASHANAH: A HEAVENLY WEDDING FIRSTFRUITS BRIDE: GOD'S SEALED SERVANTS

Your eyes will see the King in His beauty; [Isaiah 33:17]

When the LORD God said: 'It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him' (Genesis 2:18), God was not just thinking about Adam here on earth, but **Father God was thinking ahead for His own eternal Son Yeshua**, who would one day also have **a special Bride**. And as God caused a deep sleep to come over Adam, and God made woman from the man's side, so **Father God also made Yeshua's Bride from the side of His own Son's blood pierced heart**, who had also fallen asleep, giving His own Life, the Great Price that He paid for His own Bride, that His Bride should come forth out of His sacrifice of Love for Her.

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make **a New Covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah**, not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD.

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put **My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts**; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD, **for they shall all know Me**, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. **For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.** [Jeremiah 31:31-34]

Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went. And I will sanctify My great name, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.

Then **I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean**; from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. **I will give you a new heart** and put **a new spirit within you**; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. **I will put My Spirit within you** and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. 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 36:22-28] (also see Ezekiel 11:17-20)

You have said, it is vain to serve God; what profit is it that we have kept His ordinance, and that we have walked as mourners before the LORD of hosts? So now we call the proud blessed, for those who do wickedness are raised up; Yes, those who tempt God go free.

Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened and heard them; so **a book of remembrance** was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who meditate on His name. They shall be Mine, says the LORD of hosts, on the day that I make them My jewels. And **I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.**

Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him. [Malachi 3:14-18]

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **Take My yoke upon you** and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light. [Matthew 11:28-30]

I love them that love Me; and those that seek Me early shall find me.
...that I may cause those that love Me **to inherit substance**; and I will fill their treasures.
[Proverbs 8:17,21]

Tell me, **O You whom my soul loves**, where you feed, where You make your flock to rest at noon: for why should I be as one that turns aside by flocks of Your companions?
[Song of Solomon 1:7]

Bind up the testimony, seal the Torah (instructions, law) among my disciples. And I will wait on the LORD, who hides His face from the house of Jacob; and I will hope in Him. Here am I and the children whom the LORD has given me! **We are for signs and wonders in Israel** from the LORD of hosts, who dwells in Mount Zion. [Isaiah 8:16-18]

Could this scripture be referring to the Messianic children of the New Covenant, who would have the Torah sealed in their hearts, as Jeremiah 31:31 had prophesied?

And Yeshua answered and said to her, Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen **that good part**, which will not be taken away from her. [Luke 10:41,42]

Is there a major difference between those who are **saved** and those who press on in their walk and growth in the LORD, to finally become the **Overcomers**?

Do those who **overcome** become **Yeshua's Bride, God's eternal sons and daughters**? There are many scriptures that clearly show the differences between these two groups of believers. These two distinct groups do clearly exist. John 3:16 gives the LORD's promise of **everlasting life** for those who get **saved** and believe in His Son. We see in John 1:12 that the first step of a believer is to receive Him, and then comes our walk... with the right to become the sons of God; these are the Overcomers! I have listed the eight scriptures shown in **the Book of Revelation** about Overcomers...

1. To him who **overcomes** I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God. [Revelation 2:7]
2. He who **overcomes** shall not be hurt by the second death. [Revelation 2:11]
3. To him who **overcomes** I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it. [Revelation 2:17]
4. And he who **overcomes**, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations. He shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the potter's vessel shall be broken to pieces, as I also have received from My Father; and I will give him the morning star. [Revelation 2:26-28]
5. He who **overcomes** shall be **clothed in white garments**, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. [Revelation 3:5]
6. He who **overcomes**, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. [Revelation 3:12]
7. To him who **overcomes** I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. [Revelation 3:21]

He who OVERCOMES shall inherit all things, and I will be his God
and he shall be My son
 [Revelation 21:7]

For whomever is born of God **overcomes** the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world, our faith. Who is he who **overcomes** the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? I John 5:4-5

...that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. [Philippians 3:10,11]

And they **overcame him** by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and **they did not love their lives to the death**. [Revelation 12:11]

It is a great price that you will pay to become Yeshua's Bride. **You will pay it all**; it will cost you everything: your pleasures, riches, time, even your very life. You may be called to suffer and even be tortured for your faith, as **Yeshua gave it all for us**.

Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death. And you shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: **but he who endures to the end shall be saved**.

But when you shall see **the abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, then let them that be in Judea flee to the mountains; and let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take any thing out of his house: and let him that is in the field not turn back again to take up his garment. But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! And pray that your flight be not in the winter.

For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of creation which God created to this time, neither shall be. And except that the Lord had shortened those days, **no flesh should be saved**: but for the elect's sake, whom He has chosen, He has shortened the days. [Mark 13:12-20]

And when you see **Jerusalem surrounded by armies**, then know that its desolation is near. Then let those in Judea flee to the mountains; and let those which are in the midst of her depart; and let not those who are in the country enter her. For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe to those that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! For there shall be great distress in the land, **and wrath** upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and **Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled**.

And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.

And He spoke to them a parable: Look at **the fig tree**, and all the trees. When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. So you, likewise, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.

Assuredly, I say to you, **this generation will by no means pass away till all things are fulfilled**. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, **and cares of this life**, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. * Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be * **counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man**. [Luke 21:20-25,26,28,29-36] (see Revelation 3:10)

This special group that Yeshua mentions which is 'counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass,' is **the firstfruits** of God's harvest. **This is Yeshua's Bride or Wife**. (see Revelation 14:4) **She will be the first to be Resurrected**.

God gave two harvest seasons to His people, a spring harvest and a fall harvest. The spring harvest season was the firstfruits harvest. It lasted from the feast of firstfruits of barley, during the Passover season, to the feast of firstfruits of wheat, fifty days later.

The **firstfruits** are those believers who have matured ahead of the other believers, and are ripe and ready to be harvested. This is why they are called His **firstfruits**. They possess the qualities of 'the fruit of the Spirit' (love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance), which the Holy Spirit has been able to develop in them, by their submission and surrender to the Lord Yeshua, in all areas of their life. They are 'filled' with the Holy Spirit!

They are Yeshua's special Bride!

And it shall be, when you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground... and go to the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide. ...behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land which You, O LORD, have given me. Then you shall set it before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God. [Deuteronomy 26:1,2,10]

This is just what Yeshua did for us as the First Fruits offering, that first day He had risen from the dead. * However, it is important to note that **Yeshua ascended twice into heaven** after His resurrection from the dead.

The first time is seen on His Resurrection Day, John 20:17... Yeshua said to Miriam, 'Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father, but go to My brethren and say to them, I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.

I believe that this first ascension was to bring **these firstfruits, Himself with His own blood as His atonement offering for mankind**, to the heavenly Mercy Seat, and to sprinkle it on the heavenly Ark of The Covenant. And then forty days later, Yeshua ascended into heaven while His disciples looked on, as witnessed in Acts 1:9.

For just as Yeshua ascended twice into heaven, so also He will first come for His special Bride, to take Her to Heaven to be with Him for the Wedding, and then He will later return with His Bride back to earth, for His Guests, those friends of His who will be attending the Banquet in Jerusalem known as the Marriage Supper of The Lamb.

Yeshua's Bride is the Great Mystery. For just as a bride is veiled at her wedding until the bridegroom kisses her during the wedding ceremony, so only then will we know who She is.

As **Yeshua is the Head of the Body** of saved believers, what position would His Bride be in the Body, seeing that She has the closest and the most intimate relationship with Him?

God has shown me that **His Bride** will serve as **the Heart of the Body**, and are **the Overcomers**. And just as the heart has two sections, where the blood flows through in two directions, so His Bride will be made of two groups.

And She will be taken up into heaven for the Wedding ahead of the main harvest of the tribulation saints, along with the closest members of this Wedding party: closest family and friends, bridesmaids and groomsmen, the best man, special guests, etc...;

Maybe other saints, His friends who are ready to go up with this special Bridal group, may also be taken up into Heaven at this time, but multitudes will already be there.

Yeshua, Himself, rose from the dead on the Jewish **Feast of firstfruits of barley harvest**, **His true Resurrection Day**, (also known as **Yom HaBikkurim**), on the 16th or 17th of Nissan, just two days after Passover...

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, ‘When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest (this was during the seven day Feast of Unleavened Bread, the first and last day being sabbaths) to the priest. He shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the (feast) Sabbath the priest shall wave it. And you shall offer that day when you wave the sheaf **a male lamb without blemish** of the first year for a burnt offering to the LORD. **...it shall be a statute forever** throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be completed.

Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath (Feast of Shavuot or firstfruits of spring wheat harvest); then you shall offer a new grain offering to the LORD.

You shall bring... * **two wave loaves** * ...baked with leaven [representing the sin nature; and these two loaves representing both Jew and Gentile]. These are **the firstfruits** [**HaBikkurim**] **offering** to the LORD.

And the priest (Yeshua) shall wave...the bread of the first fruits [the two loaves] as a wave offering before the LORD. And you shall proclaim on the same day that it is a holy convocation to you. You shall do no customary work on it.

It shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.’ When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field when you reap, nor shall you gather any gleaning from your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger (the nations) I am the LORD your God. [Leviticus 23:9-12,14,15-17,20,21,22]

Therefore, there are two different feasts of firstfruits in Leviticus 23:

- 1) Yom HaBikkurim during the Passover festival week, the 16th of Nisan,
- and 2) Shavuot [Pentecost] or Feast of Weeks, fifty days later, the 6th of Sivan.

If Yeshua fulfilled the first of these two feasts of firstfruits by His own Resurrection on that day of firstfruits of barley harvest, and 50 days later the New Covenant believers were birthed or planted by the Holy Spirit on Shavuot, on this second feast of firstfruits of wheat harvest, then I wish to point out some important observations...

- a) The birth of the Body of New Covenant Jewish believers in Jerusalem on Shavuot, by the Holy Spirit, was a fulfillment of the birth of the Old Covenant Jewish believers, under Moses, which also began on Shavuot, some 1500 years prior, at Mount Sinai.

b) At the first Shavuot, the Torah was given to the Jewish people, but during this special Shavuot when God birthed the Ecclesia, or body of His 'Called out ones' (the Church), the Torah was this time placed in our minds and written in our hearts; the Holy Spirit came to be our Teacher on the inside, to change us from within to obey God's Word.

c) The betrothal of God to Israel happened again, when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the original Jewish disciples in the Upper Room, on Shavuot, baptizing this Body of believers into the New Covenant. For the Holy Spirit was sent to gather in God's Body of saved believers. From this Body of saved humanity, the Holy Spirit would draw those special ones destined to become Yeshua's Bride, and bring Her to God's Son.

Yeshua had paid the ultimate bridal price for Her by giving His own Blood and Life.

This was also the fulfillment of the first betrothal of God to His Bride (Israel) at Mount Sinai. God, who had married and divorced Israel, in the Old Covenant, had also promised to remarry her (see Hosea 2) forever.

d) * If the fulfillment of the first feast of Firstfruits (Leviticus 23:10,11) was by **the Resurrection of Lord Yeshua**, Himself, then the fulfillment of the second feast of Firstfruits, Shavuot (Weeks), (Leviticus 23:16,17) will also be by resurrection; but this time of Yeshua's Bride.

In any case, it will be only those believers who are ready 'and counted worthy to escape' (Luke 21:36); these will be His Firstfruits, those members of Yeshua's Bridal party referred to in Revelation 14:4. Therefore, on Shavuot, God will take up into heaven this special Firstfruits Bride.

Shavuot (Weeks) is the birthday of the nation of Israel; and it is **also the birthday of the Ecclesia, the 'Called-out ones', His Church**, made up of Jews and Gentiles united into One New Covenant Body of believers, serving God together.

It has been recently pointed out that since the two feasts of first fruits have fifty days separating them, and that the bible specifically instructs us to count each of these fifty days, or seven weeks and one day, that perhaps the two feasts of firstfruits are really one continual feast season of first fruits harvest, lasting for fifty days. (from an article called Firstfruits by Michael Rudolph, March 1997)

What significant conclusions does this new understanding give us? One of the most important! Yeshua is the firstfruits fulfillment of HaBikkurim, at the beginning of the spring harvest (Leviticus 23:10), but His Bride is also called firstfruits. Revelation 14:4. Therefore, with HaBikkurim, the firstfruits Feast of barley harvest being fulfilled by the resurrection of **Yeshua, the Head** of the Body, so there must also be a resurrection to come of the firstfruits Body (the Bride) on Shavuot, the spring wheat harvest feast.

* Therefore, the feast of Shavuot or Weeks, would have to be the time for the Resurrection into Heaven of the First-fruits harvest, Yeshua's Bride.

The first shofar call seen in the bible was **at Mount Sinai**,
at the beginning of the feast of Shavuot, and is called **the first trump**. Will
there also be a shofar call for Yeshua's Bride to come up to Him on Shavuot?

Rosh HaShanah will most likely be the time for the actual **Wedding ceremony**.

And you shall keep... the Feast of Harvest (Shavuot), **the firstfruits of your labors** which you have sown in the field. [Exodus 23:15,16]

'and now, behold, I have brought **the firstfruits of the land** which you, O LORD have given me.' Then you shall set it before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God. [Deuteronomy 26:10]

The breaker is gone up before them; they have broken forth and passed on, by the gate, and are gone out by it; and **their king** is passed on before them, and **the LORD** at the head of them. [Micah 2:13]

Then Joshua (Yehoshua) spoke to **the priests**, saying, 'Take up the ark of the covenant and **cross over before the people**.' [Joshua 3:6]

This is an important scripture and gives us a precedence from God, for it shows that the priests, Yeshua's Bride, made up of the inner circle of high priests, may cross over to make the bridge into the promised land on Shavuot, before the main harvest body of priests, the other saved believers, will cross over into the promised land on Yom Kippur.

We have studied **the feast Season** for when Yeshua will take His Bride to be with Him; now we want to know more about **the time frame**, specifically the year...

When will Yeshua call His Bride (His Wife) up into heaven?

It is the current belief of this writer that Yeshua takes His firstfruits **Bride up into heaven to be with Him on Shavuot, the Spring Harvest, with the Wedding Ceremony to take place at the sounding of the Seventh Trumpet on the feast of Rosh HaShanah.** This will happen late in the tribulation years, 2013 being a guess. This Seventh Trumpet call will also announce Yeshua's soon return back to earth.

On Yom Kippur, perhaps 2014, Yeshua will return to earth with His armies, i.e. His Bride, sounding **the Great Shofar**, bringing the Wrath of God upon His enemies, on the Year of Jubilee as He gathers together to Himself from over all the earth His Body of believers of the Fall Harvest, in preparation for the Great Celebration feast of Succoth, the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, at the end of the tribulation years.

*... you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, **when he will return from the wedding**, that when he comes and knocks, they may open to him immediately. **Blessed are those servants** whom the master, when he comes, will find watching... [Luke 12:36-37]

The whole Church is not the Bride; if She is, then who are the Guests?

There are two major beliefs concerning **when** God takes His Bride up into heaven to be with Him...

The first view is that Our Father, the Lord God Almighty, who is the source of all Love, who loves His Creation, and to whom nothing is impossible... would not allow His Son's Bride to go through the Great Tribulation, to suffer and even die in the Great Tribulation... after His Son purchased Her with His own Life and Blood, and has made Her spotless and white, without sin or blemish, by His own Blood, and with His Glory.

The second view is that Yeshua's Bride is the best of the best, and She would be most needed and most effective to be here on earth, leading and helping others in so many ways, during the Great Tribulation. These special servants are the ones who would do whatever the Bridegroom asks of them, even to lay down their own lives for others at His request. This is suggested and may very likely be required... **Greater love has no one than this, than to give one's life for one's friends.** [John 15:13]

They would be the first to say: **Here I am, send me!** They are His called and chosen and faithful Bride, and will be the first to serve wherever He sends them, whatever the task, whatever the price. They will be His **High Priests, who will minister with Him in the Fire**, in the **Holy of Holies**. Psalm 110:3 Your troops shall be willing in the Day of Your Power...

In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. [John 16:33]

Also, all truly saved believers have become, by God's doing, priests of God, and are of the order of **The Melchizedec Priesthood, with Yeshua as its Head**. And as the Aaronic Priesthood had Aaron as its head, Yeshua is forever the Great High Priest, even over the Aaronic Priesthood. (Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:6; 1st Peter 2:5,9)

Let's ask God certain questions. When does this Resurrection into heaven occur of Yeshua's firstfruits Bride? Is it when the seven year treaty is signed by Israel with the Anti-Messiah? Or will Yeshua's Bride still be here on earth after this Anti-Messiah signs this seven year covenant with Israel? Remember, this covenant may not show a specific time frame, but by God's mercy, it will last for only seven years.

The Church at Smyrna was told that they would have tribulation for 10 days. [Revelation 2:10] Yeshua's Bride goes up sometime during this 10 day (or 10 year) tribulation period. Is it before the last 3 1/2 years? Or does She go up late into Daniel's 70th week, at the Midnight hour, as Yeshua specifically told us in Matthew 25? These last 3 1/2 years are called Great Tribulation by Yeshua, Himself, in Matthew 24.

And 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. [Matthew 24:21,22]

Many shofar calls are being sounded today as a warning, to help wake up the Body and to signal Yeshua's Bride to get Herself ready for Her Bridegroom and the assignment He has for Her to do for Him, before He comes to take Her to be with Him in Heaven.

And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. [Revelation 19:8]

We must remember what Yeshua said: 'But of that day and hour no one knows, no, not even the angels of heaven, **but My Father only**'. [Matthew 24:36]

And He said unto them, 'It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in His own power. But you shall receive power, after the Ruach HaKodesh has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me...' [Acts 1:7,8]

So, as the Holy Spirit pointed out to me, ... ask the Father!
'You did not choose Me, but I chose you... that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you'. [John 15:16] And Yeshua also told us the following: 'Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you'. [John 16:23]

Many shall be purified and made white and refined... and none of the wicked shall understand, but **the wise shall understand**. [Daniel 12:10]

The first biblical mention of the sounding of the shofar was at Mount Sinai, on the feast of Shavuot or First Fruits, where God gave mankind the ten commandments. The scripture says that the shofar sounded louder and louder from heaven as God descended upon Mount Sinai. This has been called '**the First Trump**'.

And there at Mount Sinai, **Israel was first betrothed to God**.

God married Israel. (see Isaiah 54:5,6) Then in Jeremiah 3:8, **God divorces Israel**, but not completely, for in 3:14, God says the following to backsliding Israel... 'turn O backsliding children, says the LORD; **for I am married to you**.'

And then God promised **to remarry Israel again, but this time forever**. (see Hosea 2:14-23)

God gave Moses the betrothal wedding contract for Israel, the ten commandment tablets, and when Moses broke the tablets, God gave Moses the betrothal wedding contract for Israel a second time. So, just as God married Israel, and then divorced Her, God has sworn He would remarry Israel. **God will keep this promise to Israel!**

God is calling for His Bride; He has sealed His wedding contract within the New Covenant, placing it inside the heart of every born again believer; for He has placed His Torah inside our hearts. But only a few will hear His call, and understand, and respond correctly. Most saved believers are not the Bride and will not make it to the Wedding in heaven... Many are called, but few are chosen. [Matthew 20:16 and 22:14]

The Gentile Church has taught and believed **many fallacies in theology** for so long, but it is now time for the Truth to be proclaimed aloud!

The Bride of Yeshua is a Great Mystery! * It is very important to know that the whole saved Church (Jew and Gentile) is not Yeshua's Bride!

Not all members of the saved Church are Yeshua's Bride, but only a select group of Jews and Gentiles will make up this special part of the Body, Yeshua's Bride!

Yeshua's Bride or Wife will be the firstfruits. She will be saved Israel, and She will come from the members within the Body of 'Called Out ones' [the Ecclesia]. His Bride will be made up of Jewish and Gentile believers, a two loaf offering to God [Leviticus 23:17], totally committed to Yeshua, to the Holy Spirit, and to Father God.

Yeshua's Bride will have a great love for Israel and a great desire for the salvation of God's Jewish people, and for the salvation of the nations, both of which are the Heart of Her Lover. For She has Her Lord's heart for His humanity to be saved; **for She is 'the Heart' of His Body!**

She will honor the Jewish Sabbaths, and keep them holy!

Again I restate: Yeshua's Bride is a small number of saved believers within the larger collective Body of saved believers. She will minister in the Holy of Holies with Her Lord, and Her ministry will go out to the rest of the saved Body, and to the unsaved.

God's Covenant with Abraham **for blessing** was always intended **for both Israel and also for the nations**... God had first spoken this promise to a gentile named Abram in Genesis 12:3: **'in you shall all the families of the earth be blessed'**. And then God later repeated this promise to Abraham in Genesis 18:18, and again in Genesis 22:17,18.

God then passed this same promise on to Abraham's son Isaac, (see Genesis 26:4,5) and later God passed this promise on to Isaac's son Jacob. (see Genesis 28:14; 35:10-12)

It is important to recall that when God entered into the Mosaic Covenant with Israel in the Sinai, that this Covenant was not made just with the Jews, but that God also made this Covenant with the Gentiles who were present...

You stand this day all of you before the LORD your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, with all the men of Israel, your little ones, your wives, and **the stranger that is in your camp**, from the hewer of your wood to the drawer of your water: that you should enter into covenant with the LORD your God, and into His oath, which the LORD your God makes with you this day: that He may establish you today **as a people for Himself**, and that He may be God to you just as He has said to you, and just as He has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Neither with you only (Israel) do I make this covenant and this oath; but with him that stands here with us this day before the LORD your God, and also with him that is not here with us this day. [Deuteronomy 29:10-15] (see also Exodus 12:49; Leviticus 24:22; Numbers 15:15,16)

It is so important to break down incorrect mind-sets and prejudices that have existed for so long between both the religious Jews and the Church, in their understanding of how God's Covenant applies to each of them. The word of God reveals this Truth!

The Gentiles were also called by God into the Mosaic Covenant with Israel, which, for the most part, they never knew. And the Jews were not able to walk in the Mosaic Covenant in full obedience, either then or today, as God foreknew. And for this reason, out of Great Mercy for all people, God announced the New Covenant in Jeremiah 31:31. God also announced that He would send the Messiah, His own Son, to bring both Jews and Gentiles into this New Covenant, as One New Body.

And He said, 'It is a light thing that you (Messiah) should be **My servant** to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give you for **a light to the Gentiles**, that you may be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'

[Isaiah 49:6,7]

Jacob's blessing and prayer to God for Joseph's son Ephraim is important, especially as it reads in the original Hebrew. '...his (Ephraim's) seed shall become the fullness of the goyim (the peoples)'. (Genesis 48:19)

'The word of the LORD came again to me, saying, as for you, son of man, take one stick, and write on it, 'for Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions:' Then take another stick, and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions'. And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in your hand. And when the children of your people shall speak to you, saying, Will you not show us what you mean by these? Say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his companions, and will join them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them **one stick, and they shall be one in My hand**.

And the sticks on which you write shall be in your hand before their eyes. And say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, where they have gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land.

And I will make them **one nation** in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and **one king shall be king over them all**: and they shall be no longer two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms again: neither shall they defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be My people, and I will be their God.

And My servant David shall be king over them; and they shall all have one shepherd: they shall also walk in My judgments, and observe My statutes, and do them. And they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell there, even they, and their children, and their children's children forever: and **My servant David shall be their prince forever**. Moreover I will make **a covenant of peace** with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set **My sanctuary in the midst of them forevermore**. **My tabernacle** also shall be with them: yes, I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

And the nations shall know that **I the LORD do sanctify Israel**, when **My Sanctuary shall be in the midst of them forevermore!**

[Ezekiel 37:15-28]

Thus says the LORD; **I remember you (Israel), the affection of your youth,**
your love **as a bride**, when you went after Me in the wilderness,
in a land that was not sown.

Israel is holy to the LORD, the firstfruits of His increase;
All that devour him shall be held guilty, evil shall come upon them, says the LORD.
[Jeremiah 2:2,3]

* The firstfruits offering means that these have ripened and have matured, and are now ready to be harvested before the main crop is harvested.

Honor the LORD with your substance, and with the firstfruits of all your increase...
[Proverbs 3:9]

...for Salvation is of the Jews. [John 4:22]

For the earth brings forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he puts in the sickle, because **the harvest is come**. [Mark 4:28,29]

The term 'rejoice' is used once for the Spring harvest Feast of Firstfruits, Shavuot (Deuteronomy 16:11) I believe that God's Bride is taken up into heaven on Shavuot. This is seen in **the mystery of Revelation 10:3,4**, when the Mighty Angel (Messenger of the LORD, Yeshua) shouts **a Lion's roar**, and **the seven thunders** utter their voices. This Cry of the Lion happens just after the sixth trumpet and just before the seventh trumpet sounds, which will signal the final wrath of God!

In Revelation 19:7, it says that **the Lamb's Wife, (it does not say Bride), has made herself ready...**

And a voice came out of the throne, saying, 'Praise our God, all you His servants, and you that fear Him, both small and great'. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying: 'Alleluia! for the Lord God omnipotent reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him, for

**the Marriage of the Lamb is come,
and His Wife has made herself ready.**

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is **the righteous acts of the saints**.' [Revelation 19:5-8]

* Do not be deceived, Yeshua's Bride (Wife) is saved Israel, and She is made up of both **saved Jews and saved Gentiles** who have been grafted into the holy vine of Israel; Gentiles from the nations who have shown great love and support for Israel, among their top qualities, who are totally committed, submitted, and intimate with Yeshua. His Bride desires to be with Him, and obey Him above all else in Her life.

Your name is as perfumed ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love you. Draw me, and we (the virgins) will run after you: the King has brought me into His chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in you, we will remember your love more than wine: **the upright love you.** [Song of Solomon 1:3,4]

What does God desire from His Bride? **Her Love!**

Since Yeshua Bride is His Lover, He desires Her undivided Love, for this is the Great Love Affair!

And you shall love the Lord with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your might.

God is asking us to give Him a drink of our love, even though He can give us Living Water in abundance. God needs and desires our love, even if we feel dry and have very little love to give, because this is our offering to Him. [John 4:7,10]

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth. [John 4:23,24]

We love because He first Loved us. (1st John 4:19)

In the last days, God says that He will again raise up the Tent of David which had fallen down. This will not be the Levitical Orthodox Temple! It will be the place where all true believers in the Messiah Yeshua can go in to be with God intimately, and to love and worship Him. King David was of the tribe of Judah; he was not a Levitical priest. Only the priests were allowed to come into this sacred area of the Tent of meeting, that housed the Ark of the Covenant, yet King David went and sat and worshiped before God at this Tent. He was able to sit before God and worship [First Chronicles 16:1; 17:16] both because David loved his God, and because God had made David a Priest of another Priesthood. “You are a Priest forever, after the Order of Melchi- Zedek!” [Psalm 110:4]

This was a true and prophetic Word given by God to King David about a heavenly Priesthood of the Lord Yeshua, the Priesthood that you and I belong to.

Scripture also says that David was a man after God’s own heart. (First Samuel 13:14)

‘...how God did visit the Gentiles, to take out from them a people for His name... And I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down... that the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom My name is called...’ [Acts 15:14-17]

But now Yeshua is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the Resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Yeshua all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Yeshua, the firstfruits, afterward those who are Yeshua's at His coming. [1st Corinthians 15:20-23]

I say then, have they (Israel) stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness! For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them.

For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches. And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree, do not boast against the branches. But if you boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, branches were broken off that I might be grafted in. Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear. For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either.

Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off. And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree, how much more will these, who are the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that hardening in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; for this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins. Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. [Romans 11:11-28]

Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. [Hebrews 4:11]

Husbands, love your wives, even as Messiah also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. [Ephesians 5:25-28]

If this is God's standard for the Church as a whole, how much more His standard for His own special Bride who is now being called forth from His Body, to walk by His side!

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the Day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say 'Peace and safety!' then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

But you, brethren are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. **For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation** through our Lord Yeshua the Messiah, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the Day of Messiah had come. Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

... only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth... [1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 and 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4,7-12]

But you beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Yeshua HaMachiach: how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit. But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Yeshua HaMachiach unto eternal life. [Jude 1:17-21]

Before she travailed, she gave birth; Before her pain came, she delivered a male child. Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, She gave birth to her children. [Isaiah 66:7,8]

Could this scripture mean that before the birth pains of the Great Tribulation leading into the Millennial Age, that Yeshua will first appear for a group of overcomers, who are birthed into Sonship with God and who become His Bride? I don't think so, for I believe His Bride is birthed during the time of those heavy birth pains.

Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, **believe also in Me.**

In **My Father's house** are many **mansions (or rooms)**; if it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you.** And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.** [John 14:1-3]

This scripture indicates the special closeness that Yeshua's Bride will have with Him.

* It is also so important, for it proves that Yeshua's Bride will spend special time in Heaven alone with Yeshua, before She returns with Him back to earth, on Yom Kippur.

I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine. [Song of Solomon 6:3]

This is my beloved, and this is my friend. [Song of Solomon 5:16] Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for your love is better than wine... [Song of Solomon 1:2]

The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes... My beloved spoke, and said to me: Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; **the time of singing has come...** [Song of Solomon 2:8,10-12]

I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that you stir not up, nor awake my love, until he please. [Song of Solomon 2:7, (also 3:5)]

Who is this that comes up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death; ...its flames are flames of fire, a most vehement flame (the flame of YAH [God]). Many waters cannot quench love... [Song of Solomon 8:4,5,6,7]

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said: 'Take, eat; **this is My body**'. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: 'Drink all of it; for **this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins**'.

But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day **when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom.** [Matthew 26:26-29]

For as often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. [1st Corinthians 11:26]

As Yeshua's first miracle at the wedding at Cana was where He turned the water into **wine**, so only those filled with the new wine, His own blood sacrifice, will be able to come to the Marriage Banquet, having been filled with His eternal life.

Yeshua referred to His disciples as friends of the Bridegroom. Can the friends of the Bridegroom mourn as long as the Bridegroom is with them? Matthew 9:15

Of all the twelve disciples, **Yochanan** most clearly represents a picture of the Bride of Messiah, for it says of him: Now (at the last Passover seder) there was leaning on Yeshua's bosom one of his disciples **whom Yeshua loved.** [John 13:23]

He was closest with Yeshua, always found in the inner circle of closest friends, Yeshua before death, even placed His own mother into Yochanan's care.

The Bride will be Yeshua's best friends.

But more than that, His Bride will be His Lovers!

There was never mention of John martyred. In fact, in the Book of Revelation, Yochanan (as the Bride) is called up into heaven to be with his Lord at Yeshua's Coronation, and Yochanan (in the Bride's position) watches, as an observer from heaven, as God's final judgments are poured out on the earth...

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'. [Revelation 4:1]

David's love for God and for His word shows us many qualities of the Bride, for it was said by God that David was a man after God's own heart. (1st Samuel 13:14)

This love affair between Yeshua and His Bride is also seen in other types of Old Testament pictures, such as in the love affair between Isaac (the son of promise) and Rebekah, where Abraham's servant (as the Holy Spirit) brings Rebekah to Isaac. (Laban wanted to detain her 10 more days, but the servant would not allow it. (verse 55)) 'And Isaac... took Rebekah, and she became his wife, **and he loved her.**' [Genesis 24:67]

Also, this love relationship is seen in Jacob's love for Rachel: 'And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve you seven years more for Rachel your younger daughter. And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and **they seemed to him but a few days, for the love he had for her.**' [Genesis 29:18,20]

In the story of Boaz and Ruth, we see another picture of the Bride of Messiah, who would also be **brought forth from the nations**... "And he (Boaz) said, Who are you? And she said, I am Ruth your handmaid: spread your skirt over your handmaid, for you are a near kinsman.' [Ruth 3:9]

Apostle Paul gave us interesting information regarding Yeshua's first return, sharing the events that took place just after Yeshua had risen from the dead... 'Yeshua was first seen by Cephas (Peter), then by the twelve, then by over 500 brothers at one time'.

Could the Lord's soon return also be seen in three stages?

1. First by His Bride, those in His inner circle, who are the Heart of the Body, and who stay with Him in the Holy of Holies and also go with Him wherever He goes;
2. Then by the rest of His saved Body, His friends, who will be changed into their new glorified bodies, just by His presence at His return, at the end of the tribulation years, on Yom Kippur. These will minister for Him from the outer temple court, to the people who will be on earth during the Millennium Age;
3. And then He will be seen by those evil ones who are still alive on earth, when He returns bringing God's Judgment and Wrath upon them, at His coming.

And then Yeshua will set up His Kingdom on earth for a thousand years...

He brought me to **the banqueting house** (the celebration after the wedding), and his banner over me was love. [Song of Solomon 2:4]

For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you:
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you. [Isaiah 62:5]

The Bridal canopy is **the Blood of Yeshua, shed from the Heart of God**,
for both His Bride, the Heart of the Body, and for His friends, the rest of His Body.

**‘And they overcame him
by the blood of the Lamb (Yeshua),
and by the word of their testimony,
and they loved not their lives to the death.’** [Revelation 12:11]

The Lamb shall overcome them: for **He is Lord of lords, and King of kings**:
and they that are with Him are **called**, and **chosen** and **faithful**. [Revelation 17:14]

So the last will be first, and the first last: **for many are called, but few are chosen**.
[Matthew 20:16]

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show
Himself **strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him**. [2nd Chronicles 16:9]

Behold, God is my **salvation (Yeshua)**, I will trust and not be afraid; For YAH,
the LORD, is my strength and my song; He also has become my **salvation (Yeshua)**.

Therefore with joy shall you draw water out of the wells of **salvation (Yeshua)**.
[Isaiah 12:2,3]

In them (the heavens) He has set a tabernacle for the sun, which is like a bridegroom
coming out of his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run a race. [Psalm 19:4,5]

The sun is likened to the bridegroom, and the moon to the bride, which receives
and reflects the light of the sun.

God is calling out and preparing a Bride, a Bride who will be **a mature Wife**.
A Bride who can be Yeshua's Partner for Eternal Life. A Bride who will be capable
of sharing with Him in the depths and heights of His Love and Passions, and of His
intimate concerns and longings of His Heart.

2. COMMENTS ON PARABLE OF THE 10 VIRGINS

In the parable of the ten virgins, found in Matthew 25, **Yeshua's only parable about His own Wedding and His own Bride**, only five virgins were ready, and went in to the Wedding with the Bridegroom. Then the door to Heaven was shut...

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened to ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were **wise**, and five foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them. But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

While the bridegroom **tarried**, **they all slumbered and slept**.

And **at midnight** there was a cry, 'behold, the bridegroom comes; go out to meet him'. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out'. But the wise answered, saying, 'Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but you go rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves'.

And while they went to buy, **the bridegroom came**; and **they that were ready went in with him to the marriage**; and **the door** was shut.

Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us'. But he answered and said, 'Truly I say to you, **I do not know you**'.

Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which **the Son of man is coming (for His Bride)**.' [Matthew 25:1-13]

* What is so important to see is that in Yeshua's **only parable about His own Wedding**, He says that **the Bridegroom tarried** for His Bride, and **His coming was late**, even at the midnight hour, and that **they all fell asleep**. Lord Yeshua says that He will be waiting **till the midnight hour, till just before His wrath is poured out**, before He takes His Bride up into heaven to be with Him.

Yeshua is saying that He takes His Bride out of here very late!

Midnight is referring to the very end of the 6th Day, at the last hour, the very end of the 6000th year, just before the 7th Day of the Sabbath Rest of God's Creation begins. Yeshua was born about 2000 years ago, at the end of the 4th Day.

The midnight hour may also be referring to the seventh year of the seven years of Daniel's 70th week, just before God's final wrath is released, and **just before the seventh trumpet is sounded!** (see Daniel 9:24-27)

It says in this parable of the ten virgins that **they all slumbered and slept**. Yeshua had used this term sleep at least twice before in His ministry, referring to those who had died.

Could He also be using it here in this case? (See Mark 5:39 and Luke 8:52, concerning the girl who He said was sleeping, whose father was ruler of the synagogue; and John 11:11, raising Lazarus from the dead: in both cases Yeshua said they were sleeping.)

‘Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. ...for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.’ [John 5:25,28,29]

Perhaps some of the wise will have enough oil to continue to minister in great power, and to withstand the persecutions that lie ahead, until they are taken up into heaven alive, at the LORD’s return for His Bride, on Shavuot. However, many will have fallen asleep and will be resurrected from their sleep at the LORD’s coming. Other believers, however, will stay alive until the LORD returns to earth with His Bride, on Yom Kippur.

The wise virgins became wise by staying in God’s presence and surrendering their lives to Him, and being changed by His Spirit, to where the nine fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, being the divine nature of Yeshua) transformed their old nature into New Creations.

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever. [Daniel 12:3]

But **the people who know their God** shall be **strong**, and carry out great exploits. And those of the people who understand shall instruct many ... [Daniel 11:32,33]

The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way **and flee before** you seven ways. [Deuteronomy 28:7]

But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day. [Proverbs 4:18]

Yeshua said in this parable in Matthew that **all the ten virgins slumbered and slept**. Also in another teaching Yeshua said to them, ‘The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, **and the resurrection from the dead**, neither marry nor are given in marriage; nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are **sons of God**, being **sons of the resurrection**.’ [Luke 20:34-36]

Paul, writing on the return of the Lord, says: ‘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 Messiah 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.’ [1st Thessalonians 4:16,17]

I would like to point out that there are major differences of opinion in interpreting these scriptures, and they truly need God's revelation to see how all this fits together.

We refer to these resurrection scenes as 'the last trump'. But it is interesting to note God's pattern at the time of '**the first trump**' at Mount Sinai. It says that God called Moses... Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days.

And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights. [Exodus 24:16-18]

Also, Yeshua is this Door, and the Door is the Door to Heaven. Then Jesus said to them again, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, **I am the Door of the sheep. I am the Door**. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and will find pasture.' [John 10:2,7,9]

The LORD can open the door to our soul, and take us up to heaven through this door at any time now, as He did to me in my own life, in 1982. He is the One who will take His Bride up to be with Him. He comes and gets Her, and brings Her to His Father's House, for Their Marriage Wedding Ceremony, which will be held in Heaven.

The parable says that '**He tarried**', which means that He did not come when others expected Him to arrive, **but came late and unexpected, and surprised them all**. Could this be even as late as the last part of the last seven years of the Great Tribulation?

Yes! **Therefore, His Bride must stay ready!**

Therefore be you also ready: for in such an hour as you think not the Son of man comes. [Matthew 24:44]

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. [Revelation 3:20-22]

And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not your teachers be removed into a corner anymore, but your eyes shall see your teachers; and your ears shall hear a word behind you saying: '**This is the way, walk in it**, when you turn to the right hand, and when you turn to the left'. [Isaiah 30:20,21]

Thus says the LORD: Stand in the ways; and see, and ask for **the old paths**, where **the good way** is, and walk in it; **then you will find rest for your souls**. ... Also, I set watchmen over you, saying, '**Listen to the sound of the trumpet!**' [Jeremiah 6:16,17]

Go through, **go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people**; Build up, build up the highway! Take out the stones, Lift up **a banner** for the peoples! [Isaiah 62:10]

Lift up a **banner** on the high mountain, raise your voice to them;
Wave your hand that they may **enter the gates of the nobles**. [Isaiah 13:2]

Then said one to Him, 'Lord, are there few that be saved'? And He said to them, 'Strive to enter in at the straight gate: for many, I say to you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and has shut the door, and you begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us'; and he shall answer and say to you, '**I do not know you, where you are from**': then shall you begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you have taught in our streets'. But he shall say, 'I tell you, I do not know you, where you are from; depart from me, **all you workers of iniquity**'. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourself thrust out.' [Luke 13:23-28]

It says that a cry went out that the bridegroom comes. Since this original teaching of Yeshua was in Hebrew, and we have a Greek translation from the original Hebrew, the word 'cry' could very easily have been the word 'shout', which many times refers to the Hebrew word 'teruah', which could be the shofar call.

Yeshua is coming for His Bride, whom He has also made to be High Priests. (see Revelation 1:6) When King David had his own son Solomon anointed as King of Israel, King David made sure that the High Priest blew the shofar **to announce the coming of the new King**. This may again happen with one of the two witnesses, the modern Elijah blowing the shofars, and also at the sounding of the Seventh Trumpet.

The oil represents '**the anointing**' of God's Ruach, His Spirit, and His Glory, deposited in you through worship and by spending priority time with the LORD, and by getting to know Him intimately and personally, by putting Him first in all areas of your life, and by giving Him the firstfruits of your time and income.

I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh... and upon My servants and upon My handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit. [Joel 2:28,29]

My beloved is mine, and I am his. [Song of Solomon 2:16]

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia (brotherly love) write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, He who has **the key of David**, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens: I know your works. See, I have set before you **an open door**, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie, indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that **I have loved you**.

Because you have kept My command to persevere,

I also will keep you from the hour of trial

which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

Behold, I come quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. **He who overcomes**, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. And **I will write on him** the name of My God (**My Father's name**) and **the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem**, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And **I will write on him My new name.** [Revelation 3:7-12]

* Be alert to **this special seal of God's name** seen in a few scriptures, that our King writes only on His Bride. Other scriptures will show that **this special name is written on Her forehead.** One woman pointed out to me an insight that most men would miss, that when a woman is married, **the bride** takes upon herself **her husband's father's name.**

Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife... (If you keep reading from this verse, past the account of the structure of the New Jerusalem, you will finally come to the first mention of flesh and blood persons, many verses later and in the next chapter.) ...and **His servants shall serve Him.** They shall see His face, and **His name shall be on their foreheads** (this special seal of God for His Bride). [Revelation 21:9 & 22:3,4]

This special seal of Yeshua can be seen more clearly in both Revelation 7 and 14.

The door that was shut in the parable of the ten virgins is **the door to heaven...** The LORD will open unto you His good treasure **the heaven...** [Deuteronomy 28:12]

Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see **heaven open**, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man. [John 1:51]

...behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: 'I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you'. ...and this is **the gate of heaven!** [Genesis 28:12,13,17]

Open the gates, that **the righteous nation** which keeps the truth may enter in. [Isaiah 26:2]

Ironically, this group will only be **the saved remnant** who will make it in, and is from both the Jews and the Gentiles, as representatives of their nations, who have sold out and have chosen to serve God with their very lives.

The breaker is gone up before them; they have broken forth and passed on, by the gate, and are gone out by it; And **their king** is passed on before them, and **the LORD at the head** of them. [Micah 2:13]

God is gone up amidst **shouting (teruah)**, the LORD amidst **the sound of the horn (ram's horn)**. Sing praises to God, sing praises; Sing praises to our King, sing praises. [Psalm 47:6,7]

When He has tested me, **I shall come forth as gold.** [Job 23:10]

Indeed the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the world:
Say to the daughter of Zion, Surely your salvation (**Yeshua**) **is coming**;
Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.
And they shall call them **The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD**;
And you shall be called 'Sought out', a city not forsaken. [Isaiah 62:10-12]

The first of the firstfruits of the land (first Yeshua and then His Bride)
you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God. [Exodus 23:19]

'Gather My saints together to Me, those who have made
a Covenant with Me by sacrifice.' [Psalm 50:4]

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'. Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. [Revelation 4:1,2]

I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

And one cried to another and said:

'Holy, Holy, Holy is the LORD of hosts;

The whole earth is full of His glory!' [Isaiah 6:1-3]

One sister shared with me a vision which she had, that the train of the LORD's robe was made up of the many members of the Bride of Messiah.

[Father] I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; **that they all may be One**, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also **may be One in Us**, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be **One** just as **We are One**: I in them, and You in Me; **that they may be made perfect in one**, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me **may be with Me where I am,**

that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that **the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.** [John 17:20-26]

2. FIRSTFRUITS BRIDE : GOD'S SEALED SERVANTS

Yeshua's Bride is a **firstfruits offering** to God. The firstfruits offering at Shavuot required **two complete loaves of wheat** with leaven. (Leviticus 23:17) I believe that the 144,000 sealed Jews from the 12 tribes of Israel in Revelation 7 is the first loaf and the group of 144,000 in Revelation 14 is the second loaf from the nations, which together make up this two loaf firstfruits offering to God, **the Bride of Messiah**.

Others believe that the group of 144,000 in Revelation 7 and Revelation 14 are both the same group, seen in these two different places. I do not believe that this is true for the reason that the firstfruits offering is two loaves, and 144,000 is a complete number! 72,000 is not a complete number, but half of a complete number. Also, if the 24 elders minister to complete divisions of God's Bride, 12,000 is a complete number, but 6,000 seems to again be half a complete number. (Lord Yeshua, show us this truth!)

However, if these are two different groups, then Revelation 14 has certain distinct features not found in Revelation 7, such as only those in Revelation 14 could sing a special new song, and that only they follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These are only two of a number of important distinctions between these chapters that need answers.

Also, nothing in the description of the group in Revelation 14 really sounds Jewish, except the term firstfruits, but Revelation 7 is definitely Jewish. Since God has made both Jew and Gentile into '**one new man**', could each of these 12 Jewish tribes be made up of an equal number of Jewish and Gentile believers? It is possible.

In that case the two groups seen in these two scripture locations could really be the same group of 144,000, Yeshua's Bride.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are **all one** in Messiah Yeshua. [Galatians 3:28] In any case, Yeshua's Bride will be made up of both men and women, Jews and Gentiles.

THE SEALED JEWISH SERVANTS OF OUR GOD : YESHUA'S BRIDE

The High Priest wore a gold plate across his forehead, which read: HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

It shall always be on his forehead... the holy crown. [Exodus 28:36-38; 29:6]

The Bride, consisting of two complete loaves, the firstfruits offering, represents the Heart of the Body of believers. And every heart has two major sections, with blood flowing through in opposite directions, to feed and nourish the rest of the body.

‘Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the LORD. You shall bring from your habitations two wave loaves of two-tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven. They are the firstfruits to the LORD.’ [Leviticus 23:16,17]

In this first section we see the sealed Jewish servants mentioned both in Ezekiel 9 and Revelation 7. Remember that the Shavuot firstfruits offering is two complete loaves of wheat, as the word of God states in Leviticus 23:17... However, it is important to note that this firstfruits offering was eaten by the priests; it was different from the showbread that was set before the LORD in the Holy Place. Does this mean that they will be used to feed or minister to the rest of the Body of saved believers. Definitely!

When are these 144,000 Jewish servants sealed for their special position as part of the Bride? It appears from at least three key scriptures to happen late into the Great tribulation period, for we read that the sanctuary is already built... [and that God has begun to punish mankind for all their evil they have committed on His planet]. We also read that the 6th seal has been opened and that the great day of God's wrath has begun. And we see that many have already been slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held. (see Revelation 6:9-11) It appears that this scene may be somewhere in the last 3 1/2 years of the Great tribulation period; we also see this below in Ezekiel 9, that many abominations are going on. We see that God's judgments have already begun.

Many will be killed during these years, either as Christians martyred by the One World Government military dictatorship, or through God's judgments for those who do not know God or do not have God's seal in their foreheads. [Revelation 9:4]

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.’ [Revelation 6:6] Oil and wine were crops of the fall harvest.

And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, where it had been, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side; and the LORD said to him, 'Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and

set a mark on the foreheads

of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that be done within it.

And to the others He said in my hearing, 'Go after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have pity: slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: **but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary** (in Jerusalem)'. [Ezekiel 9:3-6]

Yes, he magnified himself even to the Prince of the host, and **by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down.** And an army was given to the little horn to oppose the daily sacrifices by reason of transgression, and he cast down the truth to the ground.

Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who was speaking, 'How long shall be the vision concerning 1) the daily sacrifices, and 2) the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled underfoot?'

And he said to me, 'For **two thousand and three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed.**' (2,300 days or 6.38 years) Understand, son of man, that this vision refers to the time of the end. [Daniel 8:11-14,17]

This scripture indicates that after the sanctuary is up, that the Aaronic priesthood begins offering daily sacrifices at the sanctuary a little over 7 months later, since we are only dealing with a seven year time period, and a Jewish calendar year of only 360 days. And then in 6 years, 4 months and 20 days after the priesthood had started the daily sacrifices, it seems that the sanctuary will finally be cleansed from all the evil influences. This indicates that for this to happen, that King Yeshua will have returned to set up His Kingdom; for the seven years of Daniel's 70th week will have been completed.

The Orthodox Jewish priesthood will probably begin the sacrifices and offerings on **the Feast of Tabernacles**, as this was the biblical feast used for both the dedication of Solomon's Temple and the Temple rebuilt by Ezra and Nehemiah.

When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, 'How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?'

And **a white robe** was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the **sun became black** as sackcloth of hair, and **the moon became like blood**. And **the stars of heaven fell to the earth**, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, '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?'

After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree. Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, 'Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have **sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.**'

And I heard **the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed a hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel**. Of the tribe of Judah were sealed twelve thousand; of the tribe of Reuben... Gad... Asher... Naphtali... Manasseh... Simeon... Levi... Issachar... Zebulun... Joseph... Benjamin **were sealed twelve thousand**. [Revelation 6:9-17 and 7:1-8]
(Notice the tribe of Dan is left out, and the tribe of Joseph is listed for Ephraim.)

[* Nowhere in the scriptures does it say that these sealed 144,000 Jewish servants became last-day evangelists. This opinion is only speculation; it has no foundation in scripture. Time wise, this group is on earth after the sixth seal is opened. (Revelation 9).]

As Israel was first tested for 40 days and then 40 years in the wilderness, and as Yeshua first began His ministry with a 40 day test in the wilderness, so perhaps God will repeat this wilderness testing of Israel ... before she calls God her Husband.

Therefore, behold, **I will allure her (Israel), and bring her into the wilderness**, and speak comfort to her. I will give her her vineyards from there, and the Valley of Achor as a door of hope; **She shall sing there, as in the days of her youth**, as in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt.

And it shall be, in that day, says the LORD, that **you will call Me My Husband**, and no longer call Me My Master, ... In that day I will make a covenant for them... bow and sword of battle I will shatter from the earth, to make them lie down safely.

I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and justice, in lovingkindness and mercy; I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, and you shall know the LORD.
[Hosea 2:14-16,18-20]

THE SEALED SERVANTS FROM THE NATIONS : YESHUA'S BRIDE

The following is a scene with Yeshua and His Wife, or Bride, one of the two loaves of the Shavuot firstfruits offering, this loaf of believers is taken from among the nations...

Then I looked, and behold, **a Lamb standing on Mount Zion**, and with Him **one hundred and forty four thousand**, having **His Father's name written on their foreheads** (the seal). And I heard **a voice** from heaven, like **the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder**. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. And they sang as it were **a new song before the throne**, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and **no one could learn the song except the hundred and forty four thousand** who were **redeemed from the earth**. These are the ones who were **not defiled with women, for they are virgins**. These are the ones **who follow the Lamb wherever He goes**.

These were **redeemed from among men**, being **firstfruits to God and to the Lamb**. And in their mouth was found no guile, for they are without fault before the throne of God. [Revelation 14:1-5]

The fact that this group is called **firstfruits** means that **this has to do with Israel**, for God cannot break His word; **Israel is God's firstfruits!**

Israel is holiness to the LORD, and **the firstfruits** of His increase; all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, says the LORD. [Jeremiah 2:3]

But the fact that these 144,000 are **redeemed from the earth** and **redeemed from among men**, is a strong indication that **they are also Gentile believers that have Overcome**, from the various nations of the world, and have qualified to be a part of Yeshua's Wife, **as a part of Israel**. As athletes who run a race, these are the winners, **the best of the best**. They are tops from the nations who have won the race. They have submitted to God and allowed Him to change them to make it into His Victorious Bride. They have been transformed into the category of **sons and daughters of God!** They are filled with His Holy Spirit, and flow in the fruits and gifts of the Spirit. And have proven themselves to God, having laid down their lives for the sake of His Body!

And God said to him (Jacob): 'I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; **a goy (nation or people)** and **a company of goyim (nations or peoples)** shall be in you, and kings shall come out of your loins.' [Genesis 35:11]

In that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen... as in the days of old: That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of **all the nations, which are called by My name**, says the LORD that does this. [Amos 9:12]

Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor, and another vessel for dishonor? What if God, willing to show His wrath, and to make His power known, endured with much long-suffering the vessels of wrath fitted for destruction: and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, even us whom He has called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles.

As He says also in Hosea, 'I will call them My people, which were not My people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.' And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people'; there shall they be called **the children of the living God.**

Isaiah also cries concerning Israel, 'Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved.' For He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because the LORD will make a short work upon the earth. [Romans 9:21-28]

I now wish to comment on the 24 elders who sit before God's Throne. Who are they? These 24 elders must have great authority and also great responsibility. I believe that they are responsible for the Bride and the rest of the Body of saved believers. Each elder may be in charge of 12,000 individuals, with 12 elders over the 144,000 who represent the Jewish part of the Bride, and 12 elders over the 144,000 who make up that part of the Bride that is from the nations. Also, as the structure God has set up on earth are pictures of the heavenly order, 1st Chronicles 24 lists the 24 division or orders of the Aaronic Priesthood and their chief officers. These 24 elders in heaven may serve God as His Priests in a similar capacity; for earth is but a copy of the heavenly blueprint.

I believe the following two scripture references in Revelation show two different scenes related to the Bride in heaven...

And when He had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of the saints.

And **they** (which may be the 24 elders or possibly also the Lamb's Bride), **sang a new song**, saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open the seals; For you were slain, and **have redeemed us to God by Your blood** out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us **kings and priests to our God**; and we shall reign on the earth.' [Revelation 5:8-10]

The reasons why I believe that this '**they**' is the Bride is because in Revelation 14:3, it also says that only this group of 144,000 **sing a new song** that **only they can learn**. Also, can the 24 elders represent every tribe and tongue and people and nation?

And I saw thrones, and **they sat on them**, ('**they**' may be possibly the 24 elders or the Lamb's Bride, for it is written in Revelation 3:21: 'To him who overcomes, I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.'), **and judgment was given to them**. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, and who worshiped not the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands... [Revelation 20:4]

In Exodus 19:6, God expressed His heart about Israel and His future plan: '**And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**' But this did not happen in the Old Covenant, possibly because of Israel's disobedience, but it will happen and will be seen in what lies ahead for the Body of New Covenant believers in Yeshua.

And in Isaiah 61:6, talking of the restoration of Zion, God says: 'But you shall be named the priests of the LORD, men shall call you the servants of our God.' Is this group of priests to be taken only from the Jews, or will it also come from the Gentiles?

God's heart and plan from the beginning was that His Bride would be taken from both the Jews and the Gentiles. This is His true Bride! Remember, the first Jew, Abraham, was first a Gentile named Abram, who was obedient to God.

And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But **he who endures to the end shall be saved**. And the gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all the nations; and then shall the end come.

When you therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, **standing in the holy place**, then let them which be in Judea flee to the mountains: let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house: neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe to those who are pregnant, and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

But pray that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day. For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say to you: 'Look, here is Messiah, or there', believe it not. For there shall arise false messiah's, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you beforehand. Wherefore if they shall say to you, 'Behold, he is in the desert': go not forth: 'behold, he is in the secret chambers'; believe it not.

For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For wherever the carcass is (these may be the dead in Messiah), there the eagles will be gathered together. (Eagles gather in the heavens.)

Immediately **after the tribulation** of those days (* Notice the carcass is mentioned before the Great Tribulation is mentioned) **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. 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**.

And He will send His angels (on Yom Kippur) with

a great sound of a trumpet (Shofar Gadol), and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Now learn a parable from **the fig tree (Israel)**: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near, at the very doors. Assuredly, I say to you, **this generation will by no means pass away till all these things are fulfilled**. Heaven and earth will pass away, but **My words will by no means pass away**.

But of that day and hour knows no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Then shall two be in the field; **the one shall be taken**, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; **the one shall be taken**, and the other left. Watch therefore; for you know not what hour your Lord does come. [Matthew 24:10-42]

I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; **the one shall be taken**, and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together; **the one shall be taken**, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; **the one shall be taken**, and the other left. And they answered and said to him, Where, Lord (are they taken)? And he said to them, Wheresoever the body is, there will the eagles be gathered together. [Luke 17:34-37]

...how **I bore you on eagles wings, and brought you to Myself**. Now therefore, if you will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then you shall be a peculiar treasure to Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine: [Exodus 19:4,5]

...to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. [2nd Corinthians 5:8]

And I saw **thrones**, and **they** sat upon them, and **judgment was given to them** and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Yeshua, and for the word of God, and which had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark on their foreheads, or in their hands:

and they lived and reigned with Messiah a thousand years.

But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.

This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection: on such the second death has no power, but **they shall be priests of God and of Messiah Yeshua**, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. [Revelation 20:4-6]

* And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this **the judgment**, so Messiah was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation. [Hebrews 9:27,28]

Revelation 20 shows three distinct groups: the Overcomers who will reign with Yeshua, who sit on thrones with Him; and those who were beheaded and died in the tribulation for their witness for Yeshua, but were saved for eternal life with God; and those who will remain dead for 1000 years, and then they will stand before God for eternal judgment for their sins. Could this first group be the Bride, and this second group be the guests, Yeshua's friends at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb?

However, it is also clear that even Yeshua's Bride may be called to give Her Life for the other members of the Body of believers.

Who will these Overcomers be? They will be those believers that have not only put the Lord first in every area of their life, with every hidden area and chamber of their heart being turned over and surrendered to His love, but they will have surrendered to Him to such a degree that their own desires will no longer take any precedence, and they will not be reacting to the cares of this world. Their own worst enemies, self-pride and love of self will be second to their love for the Lord and their desire to follow and obey His commandments. They will be able to put others and the needs of others first. Because they have died to self, they will have an open heart to God, to allow His Spirit and His Love to flow through them to others. All desires and cares and concerns and reactions separate from God are from our pride, and these are idolatry.

I had a vision that we, the Body of believers, are all floating in a vast sea in the Spirit, and that only those believers who come into God's presence and are able to stay in His presence and in His river of Love, (which is like **an incubator for us as new unborn embryos**), are the ones who will be able to develop and grow into **full maturity for birth into Sons and Daughters of God**. This River of God's presence and Love is truly **God's incubator** for our growth and development into Overcomers.

For many are soon to be birthed into the Millennial Age as Overcomers who will inherit the blessing of Sonship with Father God, that Yeshua promised us.

Blessed is the people that know **the joyful sound** ('**the teruah**' or shofar call), they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance. In Your name they rejoice all day long, and in Your righteousness they are exalted. [Psalm 89:15,16]

And what one nation in the earth is like Your people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people... For You have made Your people Israel **Your very own people forever**: and You, LORD, have become their God. [Second Samuel 7:23,24]

Surely **goodness and mercy shall follow me** all the days of my life; **And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever**. [Psalm 23:6]

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Yeshua died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Yeshua. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

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 Messiah 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. [First Thessalonians 4:13-17]

* The Hebrew word for ‘**shout**’ or ‘**great shout**’ many times is the word ‘**teruah**’, which refers to the shofar sound. This is most clearly seen at Jericho, when Joshua told the people to shout with ‘a great teruah’ (shout).

‘Behold, I tell you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet**. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. Death is swallowed up in victory.’ [First Corinthians 15:51,52,54]

* This last trumpet described here is the last shofar blown on Yom Kippur, when the Lord returns back to earth with His Bride. However, the last shofar blown on Rosh HaShanah is called the Great Tekiah or Tekiah Gadolah, and according to Orthodox Jewish tradition, this is done to wake up the dead at the time of the Messiah’s coming.

**Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love;
Therefore with loving kindness have I drawn you.** [Jeremiah 31:3]

Therefore, behold, **I will allure her (Israel), and bring her into the wilderness...** And it shall be, in that day, says the LORD, that **you will call Me My Husband...**
And I will betroth you (Israel) to Me forever;
yes, I will betroth you unto Me in righteousness, and in judgment,
and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth you to Me in faithfulness: and you shall know the LORD. [Hosea 2:14,16,19-20]

So we see in Hosea that the LORD has **promised to re-marry Israel.**

* In the above scriptures, and throughout the bible, the LORD is talking **to Israel as His wife**. (see Jeremiah 3:20 and 31:32) She was unfaithful through adultery, and we see in Jeremiah 3:8 that **God divorced her; ...but did He really?** For look what He says next in Jeremiah... ‘Return, backsliding Israel, says the LORD, and I will not cause My anger to fall on you; for I am merciful, says the LORD, and I will not remain angry forever. Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have transgressed against the LORD your God, and have scattered your charms to alien deities under every green tree, and you have not obeyed My voice, says the LORD. **Return, O backsliding children,**

says the LORD; for **I am married to you**.

I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and **I will bring you to Zion.** And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.’ [Jeremiah 3:12-15]

In Revelation 21:2 John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven, prepared as a Bride for her Husband.

See what God has also said to the people of Israel...

For **your Maker is your Husband**, the **LORD of hosts** is His name; and your Redeemer is **the Holy One of Israel**; He is called **the God of the whole earth**.

For the LORD has called you like a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, like a youthful wife when you were refused, says your God.

For a mere moment I have forsaken you, but with great mercies I will gather you. With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; but **with everlasting kindness** I will have mercy on you, says the LORD, your Redeemer. [Isaiah 54:5-8]

There are **not two wives**; one for Father God, Israel, whom He married and divorced and then promised to remarry, and one wife for Yeshua His Son, the Church, because...

There is only One God !

Shama Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai Echad!

Here O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is One!

This is not the ways of the world, or some clever church doctrine or theology. **The bible is entirely Jewish and God cannot break His word in the Torah!** He said '...When you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and possess it, and dwell in it, and say, I will set a king over me... you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses... but he shall **not multiply wives** for himself, lest his heart turn away; [Deuteronomy 17:14,15,17]

There is only One Wife for our One God, and She is a Shavuot firstfruits offering of two complete loaves, representing the Jewish people and the Gentiles, from the many nations of the world. There is no such term as 'church' in the bible! The term was always '**ecclesia**', or the body of 'called out ones', those whom God would call out from the Jewish community and from the nations, to become His Body, His People.

And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be...

The LORD is One, and His name One. [Zechariah 14:9]

Thus says the LORD: If you can break My covenant with the day and My covenant with the night, so that there will not be day and night in their season, then My covenant may also be broken with David My servant, so that he shall not have **a son to reign on his throne**, and with the Levitical Priests, My ministers. As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.

Thus says the LORD: If My covenant is not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth, then I will cast away the descendants of Jacob and David My servant, so that I will not take any of his descendants to be rulers over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will cause their captives to return, and will have mercy on them. [Jeremiah 33:20-22,25,26]

For I know their works and their thoughts. It shall be that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see My glory. I will set a sign among them; and those among them who escape I will send to the nations... to the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they shall declare **My glory** among the nations. Then they shall bring all your brothers for a food offering to the LORD out of all nations... to My holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, as the children bring a food offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. And I will also take some of them for the priests, for the Levites, says the LORD. [Isaiah 66:18-21]

Is this a prophecy which means that some of the Gentiles from the nations would also be used by God for priests and Levites, for where it says... ‘to bring all your brothers for a food offering to the LORD’, is it referring here just to the scattered Jewish remnant?

God opened up the priesthood to the nations through Yeshua’s baptism in the Jordan River, when Yochanan baptized Yeshua. At that moment, there was a transference of anointing and authority from the true High Priest of Israel, Yochanan, son of Aaron, of the tribe of Levi, back to Melchizedek, God Yeshua, the Great High Priest, so that God could now open the priesthood to all the members of the twelve tribes of Israel, and to the nations. Yochanan had been set aside from his mother’s womb for this purpose.

...so shall **My word be that goes forth out of My mouth:**

it shall not return to Me void, but **it shall accomplish** what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace:
the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ...it shall be to the LORD for a name,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. [Isaiah 55:11,12]

3. SONSHIP, A GIFT FOR THE BRIDE

There are many scriptures that show us that **Sonship with God** is both a free Gift and an attainable Prize of Overcomers that is given to Yeshua's Bride...

And He said to him, 'Son, you are always with Me, and **all that I have is yours.**' [Luke 15:31]

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren... [Hebrews 2:10,11]

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become sons of God, even 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 1:12,13]

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God. [Romans 8:14]

For you are **all sons of God** through faith in Messiah Yeshua. [Galatians 3:26]

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth **the Spirit of His Son** into your hearts, crying out, '**Abba, Father!**' Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Messiah. [Galatians 4:4-7]

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. [1 John 3:1-3]

4. QUALITIES OF YESHUA'S BRIDE

Yeshua's Bride, **Israel**, is the elect of the elect. His Bride will minister as His **High Priests** in the Fire, in the flame from the Holy of Holies, in God's pure divine Love.

His Bride, made up of both men and women, Jews and Gentiles, will minister in the presence of the LORD, whose throne is like a fiery flame, as seen in Daniel 7:9. We read... who makes... his ministers a flaming fire: [Psalm 104:4] Yeshua's Bride will minister His Life to the rest of His Body and to the unsaved people of the nations.

God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. Love has been perfected among us in this, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear... [1st John 4:16-18]

As Yeshua is the Head of the Body, Yeshua's Bride is positioned as the Heart of the Lord's Body, receiving His Love and giving His Love out to the rest of the Body. As it is written in the Song of Solomon 8:6... Set me as a seal upon your heart...a seal upon your arm... Love is strong as death... coals of fire, which have a most vehement flame. (the flame of YAH, Yahweh, God Himself!)

And as Miriam said: **'Let it be done to me according to your word.'** [Luke 1:38]

But **be doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. [James 1:22]

The following verses of scripture show us what is meant by the righteous acts of the saints, and also how to have extra oil in your vessels, which is a gift from God given by spending intimate time with God, to receive regular infillings from His Holy Spirit.

We must remember Yeshua's instructions to us, and apply them to our life... 'unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. **He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.** If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and **where I am, there My servant will be also.'** [John 12:24-26]

Greater love has no one than this, than to give your life for your friends. [John 15:13]

And he who does not take his cross and **follow after Me** is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and **he who loses his life for My sake will find it.** [Matthew 10:38,39]

This all pertains to our soul life. We must depend totally on God, as Jesus said repeatedly... 'the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do'. [John 5:9] And we, as His Priests, are also called to do the works of Yeshua!

Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, **you blessed** of My Father, **inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...**'

Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, **inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren** (Yeshua is definitely referring to His lost Jewish brethren, and also to the rest of lost humanity), **you did it to Me.**'

Then He will also say to those on the left hand, '**Depart from Me, you cursed,** into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and His angels...' [Matthew 25:34,37-41]

If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. Pure and undefiled religion before God... to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction... [James 1:26,27]

Now the LORD had said to Abram... **I will bless those who bless you (Israel), and I will curse him who curses you; and in you shall all the families of the earth be blessed.** [Genesis 12:1,3]

For behold, in those days and at that time, when I bring back the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather **all nations**, and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat (south of the Temple, in Jerusalem); 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]

For thus says the LORD of hosts: He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for **he who touches you (Israel) touches the apple of His eye.** [Zechariah 2:8]

But what things were gain to me, these things I have counted loss for Yeshua. But indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Yeshua the Messiah, my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as dung, that I may gain Yeshua and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Messiah, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Yeshua the Messiah has also laid hold of me.

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, **forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Messiah Yeshua.** [Philippians 3:7-14]

In Judah (Praise) God is known; His name is great in Israel. In Salem (Peace) also is His tabernacle, and His dwelling place in Zion. [Psalm 76:1]

For I am the LORD who brought you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy. [Leviticus 11:45]

And you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine. [Leviticus 20:26]

But You are holy, (You) who inhabit the praises of Israel. Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered them. [Psalm 22:3,4]

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. [1 Corinthians 6:19,20]

It has been told you, O man, what is good, and what the LORD does require of you: only **to do justly**, and **to love mercy**, and **to walk humbly with your God**. [Micah 6:8]

God is calling us deeper into Sonship and Priesthood in order to be more like Yeshua, **so that we can do the works of Yeshua**; otherwise we are only just deceiving ourselves.

But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship Him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. [John 4:23,24]

I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. [Psalm 34:1]

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful to Him and bless His name. [Psalm 100:4]

By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. [Hebrews 13:15]

And a voice came out of the throne, saying: 'Praise our God, all you His servants, and you that fear Him, both small and great.' [Revelation 19:5]

An excellent wife is the crown of her husband... [Proverbs 12:4]

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Messiah is head of the church; and He is the savior of the Body. Therefore, just as the Church is subject to Messiah, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. [Ephesians 5:22-24]

Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord. [Luke 1:45]

He raises the poor out of the dust, and lifts the needy out of the dunghill;
That He may set him with princes, even with the princes of His people. [Psalm 113:7]

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.**
[2nd Corinthians 3:17]

Also I heard the voice of the LORD, saying: ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go
for Us? [Isaiah 6:8]

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the Kingdom
of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil
against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your
reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
[Matthew 5:10-12]

For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant to all, that I might
gain the more. And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them
that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;
to them that are without law, as without law, (though I am not free from God’s law,
but am under Messiah’s law) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak
became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that
I might by all means save some. And this I do for the gospel’s sake, that I might be
partaker thereof with you.

Know you not that they which run in a race all run, but one receives the prize?
So run, that you may obtain. And every man that strives for the mastery is temperate
in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible.
Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the
air. But I bring my body into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached
to others, I myself should become disqualified. [First Corinthians 9:19-27]

Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him; **But the just shall live by his faith.**
[Habakkuk 2:4]

Now **the just shall live by faith;** but if anyone draws back,
My soul has no pleasure in Him. [Hebrews 10:38]

You will show me the path of life;
In your presence is fullness of joy;

At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. [Psalm 16:11]

But You, O LORD, be merciful to me, and raise me up... And set me before Your face
forever. Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting!
[Psalm 41:10,12]

Yeshua’s Bride spends much time seeking Her Lover’s Face,
for God has directed us many times in His word to seek His Face...

Seek Me, **and you shall live**: Seek the LORD, **and you shall live**: [Amos 5:4,6]
Seek the LORD, and His strength: seek His face evermore. [Psalm 105:4]

I love those who love Me, and those who **seek Me diligently** (early) will find Me.
[Proverbs 8:17]

...as long as he sought the LORD, God made him prosper. [2nd Chronicles 26:5]

O God, You are My God; **early will I seek You**; my soul thirsts for You;
My flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. [Psalm 63:1]

And you who seek God, **your hearts shall live**. [Psalm 69:32]

And you shall seek Me and find Me, **when you search for Me with all your heart**.
[Jeremiah 29:13]

So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.
And he would return to the camp, but his servant **Joshua** the son of Nun, a young man,
did not depart from the tabernacle. [Exodus 33:11]

Surely none of the men who came up from Egypt... shall see the land of which I swore
to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob... except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, the Kennizzite, and
Joshua the son of Nun, for **they have wholly followed the LORD**. [Numbers 32:11,12]

Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, behold, My servants shall eat, but you shall
be hungry: behold, My servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty: behold, My servants
shall rejoice, but you shall be ashamed: behold, My servants shall sing for joy of heart,
but you shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit. ...for the Lord
GOD shall...call his servants by another name.
[Isaiah 65:13,14,15]

But whoever keeps His word, truly **the love of God is perfected in him**.
By this we know that we are in Him. [1st John 2:5]

And He said to them, 'to you it has been given to know the mystery
of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables...'
[Mark 4:11] (see also Matthew 13:11)

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Jesus the Messiah for you Gentiles... how
by revelation He made known to me **the mystery... of Messiah**, which in other ages was
not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy
apostles and prophets: **that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same
body, and partakers of His promise in Messiah through the gospel...** [Ephesians 3:1,3-6]

To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of **this mystery
among the Gentiles**: which is **Messiah in you, the hope of glory**. [Colossians 1:27]

‘One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and to the stranger that sojourns among you.’
[Exodus 12:49]

‘You shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for the home-born;
for I am the LORD your God.’ [Leviticus 24:22]

As for the congregation, there shall be **one statute both for you, and for the stranger that sojourns with you, a statute forever throughout your generations**; as you are, so shall the stranger be before the LORD. **One law and one ordinance shall be both for you, and for the stranger that sojourns with you.** [Numbers 15:15,16]

You stand this day all of you before the LORD your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, with all the men of Israel, your little ones, your wives, and **the stranger that is in your camp**, from the hewer of your wood to the drawer of your water: that you should enter into covenant with the LORD your God, and into His oath, which the LORD your God makes with you this day: that He may establish you today **for a people to Himself**, and that He may be to you a God, as He has said to you, and as He has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Neither with you only (Israel) do I make this (Mosaic) covenant and this oath; but with him that stands here with us this day before the LORD your God, and also with him that is not here with us this day. [Deuteronomy 29:10-15]

* It is so important to see that the original Mosaic covenant that God made with Israel in the Sinai, was also at the same time made with the Gentiles who were there.

But **speaking the truth in love**, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Messiah: from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, makes increase of the body to the edifying of itself in love.
[Ephesians 4:15,16]

**For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge,
and people should seek the Torah from his mouth;
for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.**

[Malachi 2:7]

... what manner of persons ought you to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God... [2nd Peter 3:11,12]

And Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he begot Methuselah...
And Enoch walked with God: and he was not, for God took him. [Genesis 5:22,24]

By faith Enoch was translated so that he did not see death, and was not found because God had translated him; for before his translation **he had this testimony, that he pleased God.** But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. [Hebrews 11:5,6] He also rewards those who obey His commandments.

This is My commandment,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's
life for his friends. **You are My friends**

if you do whatever I command you. [John 15:13]

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us.
And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. [1 John 3:16]

Remember that Yeshua gave His life for us His friends. Are we ready to do the same for each other? **Be ready,** for you may be called to give your life for others!

Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. [1st Corinthians 8:1]

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, **but have not love,**
I am nothing. [1st Corinthians 13:2]

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.
And above all things **have fervent love for one another,**
for love will cover a multitude of sins. [1 Peter 4:7,8]

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, speak to the children of Israel and say to them: When either a man or a woman consecrates an offering to take the vow of a Nazarite, to separate himself to the LORD, he shall separate himself... all the days of the vow of his separation... until the days are fulfilled for which he separated himself to the LORD, **he shall be holy.** [Numbers 6:1-3,5]

For **you are the Temple of the living God.** As God has said: I will dwell **in them** and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from among them and be separate, says the LORD. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be **a Father to you, and you shall be**
My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty. [2 Corinthians 6:16-18]

For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one Husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Messiah. [2nd Corinthians 11:2]

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust does corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust does corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal: For **where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.** [Matthew 6:19-21]

He must increase, but I must decrease. [John 3:30]

And he who wins souls is wise. [Proverbs 11:30]

A true witness delivers souls. [Proverbs 14:25]

He will even deliver one who is not innocent;

Yes, He will deliver **by the purity of your hands.** [Job 22:30]

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and **He will give him life** for those who commit sin not leading to death. [First John 5:14-16]

Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath to the nations, and set up a standard for the peoples;

They shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders; Kings shall be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers; They shall bow down to you with their faces to the earth, and lick up the dust of your feet. Then you will know that I am the LORD, for they shall not be ashamed who wait for Me. [Isaiah 49:22,23]

For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen, O God, besides You, **what He has prepared** for him that waits for Him. [Isaiah 64:4]

Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But God has revealed them to us by His Spirit. [1 Corinthians 2:9,10]

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to **everlasting life**, and some to **shame and everlasting contempt.** And they that be **wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament;** and they that turn many to righteousness (salvation), **as the stars** forever and ever. [Daniel 12:2,3]

Because Yeshua's Bride is the Heart of the Body, and closest to Her Lord, She shall be wise, for She shall be shown the mysteries of the Word...

Thus says the LORD to His anointed ... whose right hand I have held, to subdue nations before him, and loose the armor of kings, to open before him the double doors, so that the gates will not be shut. **I will go before you and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron.**

I will give you the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the LORD, who call you by your name, am the God of Israel. [Isaiah 45:1,2-4]

Yeshua is called the Lord of the Sabbath...

For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day. [Matthew 12:8]
And he said to them: The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath.
Therefore, the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath. [Mark 2:27,28 and Luke 6:5]

The Sabbath is referred to as **The Sabbath Bride**.

At every sabbath **two loaves** of challah are offered, representing the double portion of manna which God always provided on the sixth day for the sabbath on the seventh day for the children of Israel, in the Sinai wilderness. However, this may also represent **the two wave loaves, the Firstfruits offering on Shavuot** for Yeshua's Sabbath Bride.

The time between Passover and Shavuot is **the time for the Bride to be preparing herself for her Bridegroom.** Preparation is done for 50 days by the counting of the Omer, until the day of Shavuot. (Leviticus 23:15-17)

In the book of Esther 2:12, Esther and the others spent one year purifying themselves with oil of myrrh and sweet odors, before coming into the presence of the king.

It is the opinion of this author that this following scene **is where God Yeshua takes His Bride up into heaven on Shavuot,** just before the Wedding to be held on **Rosh HaShanah**, and just before God's final Wrath is released on the evil ones of earth...

Then the sixth angel sounded... And I saw still another **mighty angel (Yeshua, the Angel of the LORD)** coming down from heaven, **clothed with a cloud** (Daniel 7:13 and Revelation 1:7). And **a rainbow was on his head** (Ezekiel 1:26-28 and Revelation 4:3), **his face was like the sun** (Malachi 4:2 and Revelation 1:16), and **his feet like pillars of fire** (Daniel 10:6 and Revelation 1:15). And he had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, and cried with a loud voice, as when **a lion roars** (Hosea 11:10, Jeremiah 25:30, Joel 3:16, Revelation 5:5).

And when he cried out, **seven thunders uttered their voices.** ...a voice from heaven saying to me, **"Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."** ...that there should be delay no longer, but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, **the mystery of God would be finished,** as He declared to His servants the prophets. [Revelation 9:13; 10:1-7]

Each description of this Mighty Angel is confirmed by at least **two witnesses** from the Word of God! **The mystery of God is that God would form a Bride for Himself from the sons of man!** It is the author's opinion that **when Yeshua cried as a lion, and the seven thunders uttered their voices, that Yeshua's Bride was then raised into heaven!**

How long is Yeshua alone with His Bride in Heaven before He returns with Her back to the earth?

We must remember that this special Wedding is a Jewish Wedding celebration.

In biblical times, both the wedding and the wedding banquet or supper, were two different events, taking place at two different times.

The Wedding will take place first and will be held **in Heaven**, and then ... the special **Wedding Supper** will take place later, after the tribulation years are over, and will be held back down on earth. It is very important to understand these differences...

And he said to me, write, '**Blessed are they** which are called to **the marriage supper** of the Lamb.' [Revelation 19:9] This is a celebration banquet with the 'saved guests.'

In Jewish wedding customs, there was also a period of time set aside, just after the actual wedding ceremony, when the bride and groom would be able to be alone together, a time of intimacy just by themselves, before going to the marriage supper and banquet, the celebration where they would be greeted by family and friends and guests.

* Note that ancient Jewish tradition celebrates the marriage of a virgin for seven days * following the wedding. It is the Jewish wedding custom that after the wedding, the bride and groom spend seven days, 'the bridal week', separated from the affairs of the world, with all its activities and concerns.

This tradition is based on the following scripture... And Laban said (to Jacob), 'It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger (daughter) before the firstborn. Fulfill her (Leah's) week, and we will give you her (Rachel) also for the service which you shall serve with me yet seven other years.' And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also. And Jacob also went into Rachel, and he also loved Rachel more than Leah, and served Laban yet seven more years. [Genesis 29:26-28,30]

The time alone after the wedding for Yeshua and His Bride, should follow this ancient seven day wedding tradition. However, in the above account, Laban was dishonest with Jacob and tricked him and manipulated him; this will not be the case with our God and His Bride.

Also, if the seven days is a true tradition that God would choose to honor and use, then it may be just that, seven days, and not seven years as is taught by many others.

The only other reference that I can find in the scriptures to this tradition is at the wedding of Samson, where a seven day feast was held. [Judges 14:17] Samson was not honoring his parents' request to marry only an Israeli woman, but was instead marrying a Gentile from the enemies' camp, one of the Philistines. However, God had arranged this in order to give Samson and Israel great victory over the Philistines, with Samson's greatest victory over his enemies to happen at his death.

Yeshua's '**Bridal week**' of intimacy will most likely be from the second to the ninth of Tishri, the days between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, but the actual **Wedding Celebration** will definitely be during the seven day festival of Succoth, as Yeshua taught us in His parable of Matthew 22. Yeshua returns with His Bride back to earth on Yom Kippur, after being together for the Wedding in Heaven. Also, the Bridegroom and Bride will be seen together frequently by all Their Friends, all through this great banquet celebration of Succoth, the Feast of Tabernacles.

* However scripture does say something of importance regarding a seven day period of sanctification for the high priest and the other priests. When Moses was directed by God to sanctify Aaron and his sons, as His priests who would serve before God, it says that when they were first consecrated to God, that they were not allowed to leave the Tabernacle for seven days, until their consecration period was finished. [Leviticus 8:33,34] (and Exodus 29:29,30,35) God had commanded this for atonement for them.

The Bride of Messiah has already received the atonement that Yeshua has given to Her, the great price which He paid for Her, His own Blood and Life. She will serve with Him **as high priests** before God, and before the other priests and His people.

So also in the future, will the **sons of Zadok, of the sons of Aaron, serve in their position as priests** and one possibly as high priest before God, in a covenant which God made with them to last forever. But these sons of Zadok have to be saved 'born again' believers in order to be able to enter God's Millennial Kingdom.

Also, the word of God in the Torah does give us some more information concerning marriage: When **a man has taken a new wife**, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: but he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he has taken. [Deuteronomy 24:5] Will this scripture apply?

We must remember that Yeshua's Bride (Wife) is taken up into Heaven probably on Shavuot (Feast of Weeks, First-fruits), with the Marriage most likely on the following Rosh HaShanah. Heaven does not have earth's time, and His Bride is taken up at the midnight hour, just before God's Judgments of Wrath are poured out on the earth.

(see Matthew 25:5-10, and Revelation 10:7 and 11:11-18)

His Bride may only stay in Heaven seven days after the Wedding. And then She will return back to earth with Yeshua on the sacred feast day of Yom Kippur.

Yeshua suffered for six hours on the cross before He died, from 9 AM till 3 PM. Could these six hours of His great tribulation represent Six Days of Creation, 6000 years of mankind? And then at the midnight hour, on the seventh year of the Great Tribulation, Yeshua will call His Bride to Come Up to Heaven to be with Him, just before the final outpouring of God's wrath is released upon the planet? Remember what Yeshua said to the man on the cross next to Him: '...today, you will be with Me in Paradise.'
[Luke 23:43]

HUMILITY: the essential characteristic of Yeshua's Bride

And whoever exalts himself will be abased, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. [Matthew 23:12 and Luke 14:11]

Do not be wise in your own eyes; [Proverbs 3:7]

Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. [First Peter 5:5-7]

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up. [James 4:10]

For if anyone thinks himself to be something, **when he is nothing**, he deceives himself. [Galatians 6:3]

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. [Romans 12:3]

Let this mind be in you which was also in Messiah Yeshua, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death on the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and

given Him **the name which is above every name**,

that **at the name of Yeshua** every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess

that **Yeshua HaMachiach is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father. [Philippians 2:5-11]

My beloved is white and ruddy, chief among ten thousand.
[Song of Solomon 5:10]

5. THE CORONATION OF KING YESHUA

Rosh HaShanah is known as **The Coronation of King Messiah**.

Yeshua has already been crowned by God the Father as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Rosh HaShanah is also referred to as **The Day of Judgment**, by the religious Jewish community, the Day when God will judge both the Jews and the Gentiles for their failure of keeping His Torah, His commandments. Each person will stand before the Living God and be judged for all of their sins. Without full blood atonement for their sins, they will be found guilty and will pay the price, eternal separation from their God.

In Daniel 7 and Revelation 5, we see the Son of man, King Yeshua standing before Father Almighty God in Heaven, and being given His rightful inheritance, dominion over all the peoples of the earth. Daniel 7 clearly shows that this is the Day of Judgment for both Satan and his other fallen angels, who have become demons and beasts of the earth.

This is also the Day of Judgment for all the peoples of the earth who have submitted to these demons and have worshiped and served them, and who have not obeyed and served the One True and Living God...

I beheld till **the thrones** were set down, **and the Ancient of days (Father God) did sit**, whose garment was **white as snow**, and **the hair of his head** like the **pure wool**: His throne was like the fiery flame, and Its wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him: **thousand thousands ministered to Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him: the court was seated, and the books were opened.**

I beheld then, because of the voice of the great words which the horn spoke: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, **One like the Son of man (Yeshua or Yehoshua [Joshua])** came with the clouds of heaven, and came to **the Ancient of days**, and they brought him near before Him. And **there was given him** dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, **that all people, nations, and languages should serve him.**

His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

I beheld, and the same (little) horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High; and **the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.**

Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, **shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High.**

His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him. [Daniel 7:9-14,21-23,27;]

Revelation 5 also shows this Coronation scene of The Messiah, King Yeshua...

Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals. And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a **Lamb** as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

(* These 24 elders may represent the two groups of 144,000, God's redeemed firstfruits Bride; the 144,000 of Revelation 7 and the 144,000 mentioned in Revelation 14. These 288,000 individuals are God's Overcomers, and have become true Sons and Daughters of God. Also, in Revelation 14, it says '**they sang a new song**', is this the same '**they**'?)

And **they sang a new song**, saying:

You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, **and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.**

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing! And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: **Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!** Then the four living creatures said, Amen! And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever. [Revelation 5:5-14]

Seventy weeks are determined upon Your people and upon the holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy. [Daniel 9:24]

Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. [Isaiah 66:1]

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore **God, Your God, has anointed You** with the oil of gladness more than Your companions. All Your garments are scented with myrrh and aloes and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made You glad. King's daughters are among Your honorable women;

At your right hand stands **the queen in gold...**

Listen. O daughter, consider and incline your ear; ... So the King will greatly desire your beauty; **Because He is your LORD, worship Him.** The royal daughter is all glorious within the palace; her clothing is woven with gold. She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colors; The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to You. With gladness and rejoicing they shall be brought; they shall enter the King's palace.

Instead of Your fathers shall be Your sons, whom You shall make princes in all the earth. [Psalm 45:6-10,11,13-16]

There are sixty queens and eighty concubines, and virgins without number. **My dove, my perfect one, is the only one**, the only one of her mother, the favorite of the one who bore her. The daughters saw her and called her **blessed**, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her. Who is she who looks forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, awesome as an army with banners. [Song of Solomon 6:8-10]

For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is **a sun and shield**; The LORD will give grace and glory;

No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in You! [Psalm 84:10-12]

Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in. **Who is the King of glory?**
The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates! And lift them up, you everlasting doors!
And The King of glory shall come in. **Who is the King of glory?**
The LORD of hosts, He is The King of glory. [Psalm 24:7-10]

Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth. For **Your love is better than wine.**

The king has brought me into his chambers. We will be glad and rejoice in you.

We will remember your love more than wine. [Song of Solomon 1:2,4]

* All the above scriptures pertain to the Marriage of Yeshua and His Bride, the most special marriage of all; a private affair to be held in Heaven. Don't miss it!

6. ROSH HASHANAH : THE DAY OF HIDING

The feast day of Rosh HaShanah is also called **the Day of Concealment** or **the Day of Hiding**, when God hides His people. He will hide them in the secret place of the Most High. There are many places in the scriptures that talk about this time of hiding, and some of these scriptures will be listed...

On Rosh HaShanah the righteous are sealed for the Day of Redemption, i.e. the two groups of 144,000, in Revelation 7 and 14; Also, the wicked are sealed for destruction.

a) **Open the gates**, that the righteous nation which keeps the truth **may enter in**.
...As a woman with child is in pain and cries out in her pains, when she draws near the time of her delivery, so have we been in Your sight, O LORD. We have been with child, we have been in pain; We have, as it were, brought forth wind; We have not accomplished any deliverance in the earth, nor have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

Your dead shall live, together with my dead body they shall arise. **Awake and sing**, you that dwell in dust: for the dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. Come, my people, enter into your chambers, and shut the door behind you: hide yourself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be past.

For, behold, the LORD comes out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain. [Isaiah 26:2,17-21]

b) The righteous perishes, and no man lays it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come. He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness. [Isaiah 57:1-3]

c) For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. [Psalm 27:5]

d) The good man is perished out of the earth; and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net. [Micah 7:2]

e) **The great day of the LORD** is near, It is near and hastens greatly,
Even the voice of **the day of the LORD**, wherein the mighty man cries bitterly.
That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress,
A day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess,
A day of the horn and alarm..
And I will bring distress upon men... Because they have sinned against the LORD;
And their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as dung. [Zephaniah 1:14-17]

Gather yourselves together, yes, gather together, O nation not desired;
before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD comes upon you. Seek the LORD, all you meek of the earth, which have upheld His judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: **it may be that you shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger**. [Zephaniah 2:1-3]

- f) A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself;
The simple pass on and are punished. [Proverbs 27:12]
- g) The LORD will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of need. [Psalm 9:9]
- h) The pangs of death surrounded me, and the floods of ungodliness made me afraid.
He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out of many waters. He delivered me
because He delighted in me. [Psalm 18:4,16,19]
- i) You will hide in the secret place of Your Presence from the plots of man.
[Psalm 31:20]
- j) The righteous has a refuge in his death. [Proverbs 14:32]
- k) The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble. [Nahum 1:7]
- l) Because you have kept My command to persevere, I will also keep you from the hour
of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

We can also find scriptures that point out that during the tribulation and God's wrath on earth, that unless God Himself hides you or seals you, that there is no real place to hide. The wicked try to hide from God in caves. (Isaiah 2:12-19; Revelation 6:12-17)

And it shall come to pass **in that day** that the remnant of Israel, and such as have escaped of the house of Jacob, will never again depend on him who defeated them, but will depend on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

The remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the Mighty God. For though your people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea, yet **a remnant of them will return;** The destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness. For the Lord GOD of hosts will make a determined end in the midst of all the land. [Isaiah 10:20-23]

And **this is Eternal Life**, that they may know You, **the only true God**, and Yeshua **the Messiah** whom You have sent.
[John 17:3]

3d) GREAT FALL HARVEST OF TRIBULATION SAINTS

The Rosh HaShanah shofar call that announces this harvest of souls is late in the Great Tribulation years, just before God's final wrath and judgments are poured out on the earth. One of the beliefs of this author, is that **this shofar call will be sounded from Heaven**, called **the seventh trumpet** on the feast of **Rosh HaShanah**.

This will be the call for Yeshua's Wife, His firstfruits Bride, to join Him for the actual **Marriage**, as He will have already raised Her up to be with Him in Heaven on the Feast of Firstfruits of wheat, Shavuot.

But **the shofar call** for the main harvest of tribulation saints to join the Lord, is the one which **the LORD Himself blows, called the Great Shofar, on Yom Kippur**, as He returns back to earth with His Bride, following the Wedding in Heaven.

The Jewish Bible teaches us that there are **two harvest seasons**, one in the spring and one in the fall. In Leviticus 23, God talks about **two main Jewish harvest feasts**, the **first one being the feast of Firstfruits**, also called **the feast of Weeks**, better known in the Jewish community as **Shavuot**. It is held as a one or two day celebration by the Orthodox Jews. The Church calls this feast **Pentecost**, for it was on this day that God birthed the Church. Also, on this day some 1500 years prior, God betrothed Himself to the nation of Israel in the Sinai, where the shofar was first sounded by God and the ten commandments were given by God to Israel, as **Israel's wedding contract or Ketubah**.

The second harvest festival, which is the main harvest festival, lasts for eight days, and it takes place in the fall. It is called by many names, but it is most commonly known as **the Feast of Succoth (Booths)** or **the Feast of Tabernacles**. The bible also refers to this feast as **the feast of ingathering** at the end of the year, when you gather in your harvest before the LORD. It is biblically **the greatest celebration festival of all** for the Jewish people; yet the Church even today knows hardly anything about it.

It is the Lord's Birthday! It will also be the Marriage Supper of The Lamb!

The first part of this book was an in-depth study of this special feast of Succoth, how it related to the Lord Yeshua's true birthday, and to other major future biblical events... I believe that this last trumpet call on Rosh HaShanah will be both a final warning call for the earth, and also the beginning of the fall harvest of souls; and this fall harvest will continue for the 10 days of Awe, until Yeshua sounds **the Great Trump** at His return.

In Revelation 14, we see One like the Son of man, Yeshua, with a golden crown on His head and sitting on a white cloud with His sickle. And then at the command of His Father, being told that the harvest of souls is now ripe, He thrusts in His sickle and reaps the harvest of the earth; those He gave His life for to redeem. [Revelation 14:14-16]

This is the fall harvest, for almost immediately after, an angel is called by God to take his sickle and also reap from the earth, but this time to reap those who are now to go into the great winepress of God's wrath. (Revelation 14:17-20)

If this is the main fall harvest, then when did the spring harvest of firstfruits take place for Yeshua's Bride? See Matthew 25:1-13; Luke 21: 36; Revelation 3:10; Malachi 3:17 for this answer. And watch and pray that you don't miss it!

If you were to ask a religious Orthodox Jew the following question, as I have done, What is the relationship between the sounding of the shofars on Rosh HaShanah and how it relates to the coming of the Messiah? He would answer... At the time of the coming of the Messiah, you sound the shofar on Rosh HaShanah **to wake up the dead, for it is the resurrection of the dead!**

It is a Jewish belief that God judges the entire world on Rosh HaShanah, and that their fate is then sealed on Yom Kippur. The belief goes as follows: three books are opened on Rosh HaShanah, one for the righteous, the second for the wicked and a third for those in between. The righteous are at once inscribed and sealed for everlasting life with God; the wicked for death and eternal separation from God; judgment on the middle group is suspended till Yom Kippur, and should one in this third group truly repent and change, then he will be inscribed for life, otherwise for death...

If it is resurrection for only the righteous dead, how does one become righteous? The bible says that there is none that does good, no, not one; [Psalm 14:3] and the bible says that all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags. [Isaiah 64:6]

God has placed **Resurrection Life only in the person of His Son, the Messiah**. Resurrection can only come through Yeshua. Without the Son, who substituted His life for yours on the tree, as He took all your sins upon Himself, there is no resurrection life. You will one day very soon have to stand before God and be judged, either to be forgiven or punished for all your sins.

Resurrection Life will come with **God's harvests of souls**, first His Bride, firstfruits on Shavuot, and then the fall harvest of believers, between Rosh HaShanah and Succoth.

The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come. [Mark 4:26-28]

I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I would you were cold or hot. So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold or hot, I will spew you out of my mouth. Because you say, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and know not that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel you **to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that you may be rich: and white raiment, that you may be clothed, and that the shame of your nakedness does not appear; and anoint your eyes with eyesalve, that you may see.**

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. [Revelation 3:15-19]

Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near.
Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
Let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him;
And to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. [Isaiah 55:6,7]

If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his... own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not **bear his cross** and **come after Me** cannot be My disciple. [Luke 14:26,27]

When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, 'How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?' And a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed. [Revelation 6:9-11]

The time period of this scripture appears to be just after the fifth seal has been opened and just prior to the 144,000 of the twelve tribes of Israel being sealed in their foreheads.

... to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Yeshua is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes in that Day... [1 Thessalonians 2:7-10]

Awake, awake! Put on your strength, O Zion; Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city! ... Shake yourself from the dust, arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem. [Isaiah 52:1,2]

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands; and crying out with a loud voice, saying, '**Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.**' And all the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne, and worshiped God, saying, '**Blessing, and Glory, and Wisdom, and Thanksgiving, and Honor, and Power, and Might, be to our God forever and ever!**'

Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, 'Who are these which are arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?' And I said to him, 'Sir, you know.'

So he said to me, 'These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His Temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore, nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat. For **the Lamb who is in the midst of the Throne shall feed them, and shall lead them to living fountains of water.** And God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes. [Revelation 7:9-17]

Does this mean that many will be tortured in the great tribulation, maybe even having their food and water removed until they die, or even worse?

Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Yeshua. And I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, 'Write, **'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'** 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors; for their works do follow them.' [Revelation 14:12,13]

Then **the fifth angel sounded:** and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth. And to him was given the key to the bottomless pit. Then out of the pit locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but **only those men (and women) who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.**

In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them. [Revelation 9:1,3,4,6]

*** This indicates that those with God's seal, who I am positive are His Bride, are still on the earth, even after the fifth angel has sounded!**

This proves that they are still here on earth late into the great tribulation years.

And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb... [Revelation 15:2,3]

And I saw **thrones**, and **they** (possibly the Bride) **sat upon them**, and **judgment was given to them:** **and I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Yeshua and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or in their hands.**

And **they lived and reigned with Messiah a thousand years.**

But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. **This is the first resurrection.** Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection.

Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Messiah, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. [Revelation 20:4-6]

The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them.. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. **This is the second death.** And **anyone not found written in the Book of Life** was cast into the lake of fire. [Revelation 20:13-15]

But the saints of the Most High shall receive the Kingdom, and possess the Kingdom forever, even forever and ever. [Daniel 7:18]

...to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. [2nd Corinthians 5:8]

... and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Yeshua **who delivers us from the wrath to come**.

For you yourselves know perfectly that 'the Day of the LORD' so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, Peace and safety!, then suddenly destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

For **God did not appoint us to wrath**, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Yeshua the Messiah, who died for us... [1 Thessalonians 1:10 and 5:2,3,9,10]

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. [John 6:37]

And **they overcame** him (Satan) by **the blood** of the Lamb and by **the word** of their testimony (speaking God's truth and sharing what God has done for you),
and they did not love their lives to the death. [Revelation 12:11]

Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor. [John 12:26]

The kingdom of heaven is likened to a man which sowed good seed into his field: but while he slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. ...Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, 'Gather together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.' [Matthew 13:24,25,30]

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth **shall awake**, some **to everlasting life**, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever. [Daniel 12:2,3]

Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in Himself, so **He has granted the Son to have life in Himself**, and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of man. Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. [John 5:25-29]

Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. **I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land.** [Ezekiel 37:12-14]

Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book!
For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth;
And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, whom
I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. [Job 19:23,25-27]

...but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel,
when he is about to sound, **the mystery of God would be finished**,
as He declared to His servants the prophets. [Revelation 10:7]

Gather My saints together to Me,
those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice. [Psalm 50:4]

...the earth yields crops by itself... But when the grain ripens,
immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come. [Mark 4:28,29]

And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and on the cloud sat
One like the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown,
and in his hand a sharp sickle.

And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him that
sat on the cloud, 'Thrust in your sickle, and reap: for the time is come for you it reap,
for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And He that sat on the cloud **thrust in his sickle**
on the earth; and **the earth was reaped**.

(the great fall harvest of believers)

Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp
sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried
with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, 'Thrust in your sharp sickle and
gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe.' So the angel
thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the
great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trampled outside the city,
and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six
hundred furlongs. [Revelation 14:14-20]

Yeshua said to her, Your brother will rise again. Martha said to Him,
I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Yeshua said to her,
'**I Am the Resurrection and the Life**, He who believes in Me, though he may die,
he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.' [John 11:23-27]

This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me
I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. [John 6:39]

No man can come to Me, except the Father which sent Me draws him:
and I will raise him up at the last day. [John 6:44]

And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one that sees the Son,
and believes on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.
[John 6:40]

Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life,
and I will raise him up at the last day. [John 6:54]

When God says '**the last day**', He may be referring to the Seventh Day, the
beginning of the 1000 years of God's Sabbath Day of rest. But He may also be referring
to a specific Day in the yearly Jewish calendar, such as Yom Teruah or Yom Kippur.

Then **the seventh angel sounded**: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying,
'The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our LORD and of His Christ,
and He shall reign forever and ever!' And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on
their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: 'We give You thanks,
O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, because
You have taken Your great power and reigned. The nations were angry, and
Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that
You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints,
and those who fear Your name, small and great,
and should destroy those who destroy the earth.' [Revelation 11:15-19]

Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting
at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven. [Matthew 26:64]

Are You the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed? And Yeshua said, **I Am.**
And you will see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of the Power,
and Coming with the clouds of heaven. [Mark 14:61,62]

Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God. [Luke 22:69]

Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Yeshua, who
was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into
heaven. [Acts 1:11]

...looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior
Yeshua the Messiah... [Titus 2:13]

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him,
and they also who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of
Him. Even so, Amen. [Revelation 1:7]

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb **shall overcome them:**
for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings:
and they that are with Him are the Called, and Chosen, and Faithful.
[Revelation 17:14]

And I saw heaven opened, and behold **a white horse; and He that sat upon him** was called Faithful and True, and **in righteousness He does judge** and make war. **His eyes were as a flame of fire**, and on His head were **many crowns**; and He had a name written, that no man knew, but He Himself. And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood:

and His name is called **The Word of God.**

And the armies (His Bride) which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

And out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations;
and He shall rule them with a rod of iron:
and He treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.
And He has on His vesture and on His thigh a name written,

KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

[Revelation 19:11-16]

B. YOM KIPPUR : DAY OF ATONEMENT / FINAL JUDGMENT

THE SOUNDING OF THE GREAT SHOFAR IN THE YEAR OF JUBILEE!

Yom Kippur: [Tishri 10] the last day, and last chance to repent before God's Judgment...

And you shall count seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years; and the time of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty and nine years. Then shall you cause the trumpet of Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the Day of Atonement shall you **make the trumpet to sound** throughout all your land. And you shall **hallow the fiftieth year**, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants: it shall be **a Jubilee for you... In the year of Jubilee**, you shall return every man to his possession. [Leviticus 25:8-10,13]

So **he (Aaron) shall make atonement for the Holy Place**, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins; and so he shall do for the Tabernacle of Meeting which remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness. There shall be no man in the Tabernacle of Meeting when he goes in to make atonement in the Holy Place, until he comes out, that he may make **atonement for himself, for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel.**

This shall be a statute forever for you: In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall **afflict your souls**, and do no work at all, whether a native of your own country or a stranger who sojourns among you. **For on that day the (high) priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.** It is a sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you shall afflict your souls. **It is a statute forever.** [Leviticus 16:16,17,29-31]

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 'Also the tenth day of this seventh month (Tishri) shall be **the Day of Atonement**. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. And you shall do no work on that same day, for it is **the Day of Atonement**, to make atonement for you before the LORD your God. For any person who is not afflicted of soul on that same day, he shall be cut off from his people. And any person who does any work on that same day, that person I will destroy from among his people. You shall do no manner of work; **it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.**

It shall be to you a sabbath of solemn rest, and you shall afflict your souls; on the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall celebrate your sabbath. [Leviticus 23:26-32]

* And so it was once a year, on the High Holy Day of **Yom Kippur**, the 10th of Tishri, that the High Priest would enter and leave the Holy of Holies.

Yeshua, our Great High Priest, now resides in the Holy of Holies. **And so it will be on that great future Yom Kippur that Yeshua will rise up and leave the Holy of Holies in Heaven.** He will be joined by His Bride, as They return back to earth together from Their Wedding, an army to be seen first by the other members of His Body of believers and by His people Israel, as He rescues them from the hands of His enemies. And then He will be seen by His enemies who will be totally **destroyed** at His Coming, as He comes in Judgment, with the Wrath and Vengeance of Almighty God.

Yeshua was seen three times after His Resurrection, first by Cephas (Peter), and then by the twelve, and then by over 500 brethren at one time. (1st Corinthians 15:5,6)

Yeshua will return to earth on Yom Kippur!

And so it was in years past that the High Priest would enter and come out of the Holy of Holies and Holy Place three times on Yom Kippur. The first time was after he offered up incense before the Ark in the Holy of Holies. And the second time was after he offered the blood of the bullock (cow) as **a sin offering for his own sins and those of his own family and for the sins of his fellow priests**. And the third time was after he offered up the blood of the goat called 'for the LORD'. Then he would come out to the outer court and this time pray over the scape-goat called 'azazel', which would be led away into the desert to be tossed off a cliff and die, **as the sin offering for the people**.

Historically, the Day of Atonement first came about after Moses had interceded three times, each time for forty days, for the sins of Israel: the first time on top of Mount Sinai; then on the ground; and then he had gone back up to the top of Mount Sinai the third time, where he again received the Tablets, and finally received God's forgiveness and atonement for his people Israel, coming down on the day that became Yom Kippur.

LORD Yeshua, our Great High Priest, will appear on Yom Kippur coming with the clouds of heaven, to be seen first by the dead who will rise to meet Him at His coming, and then by those believers who have remained alive, who He saves at His coming. These are all His friends, who will be the guests at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

He will then be seen by His enemies, those evil ones who sought to control His planet and destroy His people. These He will destroy by the Brightness of His Coming.

In the Old Testament, we see three groups assigned to serve the LORD in the duties of the Tabernacle. The **Levites**, who were given special duties by God in the care and maintenance of the Tabernacle; **the sons of Aaron**, of the tribe of Levi, chosen by God to be His priests; and **the sons of Zadok, of the sons of Aaron**, who, from the time of King David, were the only priests God allowed to minister in His Presence.

At the time of King David, God made certain changes in the duties of the Aaronic Priesthood. At that time, because of the obedience of the High Priest Zadok, the sons of Zadok of the sons of Aaron, were especially blessed by God, above all the other Aaronic priestly families. For they were now the only priests allowed to come into God's presence and into the Holy Place and near the holy things.

For God had separated out these priests, from all the other Aaronic priests. And after the days of King David, only the sons of Zadok were allowed to do the office of priest and be the keepers of the charge of the altar, and come near God's table and the holy things. (see Ezekiel 40:46; 43:18-27; 44:15-30; 48:11)

The other Aaronic priests were allowed to still serve as priests, but with diminished duties; they would minister in the sanctuary to the common people and be keepers in charge of the house, but now **they would not be allowed to come near the LORD or His holy things.** (see Ezekiel 40:45; 43:10-14; and 44:10)

The point that I am making by showing you this biblical data is that the picture of the priesthood in the Old Testament directly applies for us in the New Testament, for it will be fulfilled in us, the New Testament believers. Because of what happened when Yeshua was baptized by Yochanan, the priesthood has now gone out to all believers.

Yeshua's Bride will be His High Priests, ministering with God in the Holy of Holies. She will be the Heart of God's Body and His inner circle of friends. The rest of Yeshua's saved Body will also be His Priests and friends, ministering to the peoples of the earth, who will be marrying and having babies during the 1000 year reign of King Yeshua.

Only those who have truly repented, and called on Yeshua to forgive them of all their sins, by His finished work on the cross, will receive His everlasting atonement for their souls, and will be a part of His Body in the Millennial Kingdom.

The concluding Orthodox prayers at the end of the Yom Kippur service are in reference to the closing of the gates of the temple. But many also interpret this to mean the closing of the gates of heaven, after one has had the final opportunity to repent wholeheartedly, and to plead before God for his salvation.

Then the shofar is blown the last time, one loooong **Tekiah Gadolah!**

Truly, I say to you, this generation shall not pass away till all these things are fulfilled. [Matthew 24:34]

'Behold, I tell you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.'

'Death is swallowed up in victory.' [First Corinthians 15:51,52,54]

* This last trumpet from First Corinthians, has been identified with the last trumpet call blown on Rosh HaShanah, called the Great Tekiah or Tekiah Gadolah. But it will be the last shofar call blown on Yom Kippur. According to the Orthodox Jews, this Rosh HaShanah shofar call is done to wake up the dead, to herald the Messiah's coming. This has been blown yearly as a rehearsal, a reminder that King Messiah will soon come.

As the gates of the Temple were being closed at the end of the day of Yom Kippur, a priest would blow a long and loud trumpet blast, signaling the end of Yom Kippur, and announcing the beginning of the Succoth preparations... [Signs in the Heavens, p.330]

For a trumpet blast to be called ‘the last trumpet’, it must be just that, the last trumpet. The trumpet blast that God blows will be on **Yom Kippur** and it is called **the Shofar Gadol** which is **the last trumpet**, blown on the last day, Yom Kippur! (Zechariah 9:14)

For the truth is **Yeshua blows only two shofar calls into His Creation**, symbolic of the ram caught by its two horns. The first shofar blast was done at Mount Sinai, when God began to call forth His Bride from Israel. And the last shofar call will be blown when Yeshua has completed what He began at Mount Sinai, 3 1/2 thousand years ago, when He returns to earth with His Bride, to set up His Messianic Kingdom. [Also see Numbers 10:3 and Revelation 1:10 and 4:1]

The first reading of the Word, when Yeshua began His 3 1/2 year ministry, was to announce the beginning of the Messianic year of Jubilee, by reading from Isaiah 61 in the Torah scroll in the synagogue at Nazareth... ‘The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me; because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the meek; He has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound, to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD...,’ and then He stopped reading. [Isaiah 61:1,2 and Luke 4:17-20]

Yeshua did not read the rest of that verse which says: ‘**and the day of vengeance of our God.**’ However, when He returns this will be fulfilled, on the Day of the Lord.

GOD’S JUDGMENTS POURED OUT ON ‘THE DAY OF THE LORD’

For, behold, the LORD comes forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth. And the mountains shall be molten under Him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down a steep place. [Micah 1:3,4]

For the day of the LORD upon the nations is near; as you have done, it shall be done to you; your reprisal shall return upon your own head. For as you drank on My holy mountain, **so shall all the nations drink continually**; Yes, they shall drink and swallow, and **they shall be as though they had never been**.

But on Mount Zion there shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; The house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame; but the house of Esau shall be stubble; they shall kindle them and devour them, and no survivors shall remain of the house of Esau, for the LORD has spoken. [Obadiah 15-18]

For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand? [Revelation 6:17]

B.1) The Return of Yeshua with His Bride back to earth...

For I will be like a **lion** to Ephraim, and like a **young lion** to the house of Judah. **I will return again to My place till they acknowledge their offense.** Then they will seek My face; **In their affliction they will diligently seek Me.** [Hosea 5:15]

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See, your house is left to you desolate;

For I say to you, **you shall see Me no more till you say,**

‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’

‘Baruch Habashem Adonai!’ [Matthew 23:37-39]

The scepter shall not depart from Judah nor a lawgiver from between his feet, **until Shiloh come,** and to him shall the gathering of the people be. [Genesis 49:10]

* Just as it had happened at Messiah’s first coming, where Israel had lost their governing authority to Rome, just prior to Yeshua’s birth 2000 years ago, so it will happen again just before Messiah returns; the Israeli’s will again lose their governing authority to the Anti-Messiah and to the evil government that will come with his reign.

Now this is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. And he said: **The LORD came from Sinai,**

and dawned on them from Seir; He shown forth from Mount Paran,

and He came with ten thousands of saints;

From His right hand came a fiery law for them. Yes, He loves the people. All His saints are in Your hand; they sit down at Your feet; Everyone receives Your words. [Deuteronomy 33:1-3]

But in those days, after that tribulation, **the sun will be darkened,** and **the moon will not give its light;** **the stars of heaven will fall,** and **the powers in heaven will be shaken.** Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with **great power and glory.** And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven. [Mark 13:24-27]

The pangs of death encompassed me, and the floods of ungodliness made me afraid. The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me. In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried out **to my God;** He heard my voice from His Temple, and my cry came before Him, even to His ears.

Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, because He was angry. **Smoke went up from His nostrils**, and **devouring fire from His mouth**; Coals were kindled by it. He bowed the heavens also, and came down with darkness under His feet. And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; He flew upon the wings of the wind. **He made darkness His secret place; His canopy around Him was dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.** From the brightness before Him, His thick clouds passed with **hailstones and coals of fire.** **The LORD also thundered in the heavens**, and **the Most High uttered His voice, hailstones and coals of fire.** He sent out **His arrows** and scattered the foe, **lightnings** in abundance, and He vanquished them. Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were uncovered at Your rebuke, O LORD, at **the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.**

He sent from above, He took me, He drew me out of many waters.
He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me... [Psalm 18:4-17]

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. 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**.

And He will send His angels **with a Great Sound of a Trumpet**,

* **[the shofar gadol]** * and **they will gather together His elect from the four winds,**
from one end of heaven to the other. [Matthew 24:29-31]

* Could **this Sign** be that suddenly, from all over the world,
God's Throne will be seen in heaven,
for **the veil which separated heaven from earth will suddenly be lifted off?**
(see Isaiah 25:7); Or could this sign be that

The Temple of God in heaven is opened,
and the Brilliant Light of God breaks through flooding the earth below...

Remember that just before this sign happens, many scriptures tell us that
prior to this event **the earth has been in total darkness** for some months.

Once have I sworn by My holiness that I will not lie to David. His seed shall
endure forever, and his throne as the sun before Me. It **shall be established forever**
as the moon, and as **a faithful witness in heaven.** [Psalm 89:35-37]

Thus says the LORD: Heaven is My Throne, and earth is My footstool. [Isaiah 66:1]

When the Holy Spirit fell on Shavuot on the 120 gathered in the Upper Room, in Jerusalem, Peter rose up and read from the scripture in Joel, ‘And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. **The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood,** before the coming of the great and terrible **day of the Lord.**’ [Joel 2:31] It was the Feast of Shavuot, and Peter read that this scripture was being fulfilled. But we know that this scripture has not yet been fulfilled. Also read Isaiah 13:3-16 (10) ... The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like that of many people! A tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together. The LORD of hosts musters the Army for battle. They come from a far country, from the end of heaven... the LORD and His weapons of indignation, to destroy the whole land. (verses 4 and 5)

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For ‘the day of the LORD’ is near in the valley of decision. **The sun and moon will grow dark, and the stars will diminish their brightness.** The LORD also will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; the heavens and earth will shake... [Joel 3:14-16]

He commands the sun, and it does not rise; He seals off the stars; [Job 9:7]

A friend shared the following wonderful insight, that just as before Yeshua died, darkness came over all the earth, from the sixth hour until the ninth hour, and then when He died, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom... [Matthew 27:45-51; Mark 15:33-38; Luke 23:44,45] Even so, just prior to the Lord’s return, there is first darkness over all the earth, and then God destroys the veil that separates heaven and earth and the Light of Father God and the Light of the Lamb, ‘**The Light of the World**’ will be seen all over the world. (read Isaiah 25:7)

Could this be The Sign of the Son of Man seen in the heavens, His Brilliant Light seen just prior to those on earth seeing Him Coming with the Clouds of Heaven?

...but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD... [Numbers 14:21]

Or do they actually see Yeshua sitting on His throne in Heaven?

Just look at this next verse...

Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed? Yeshua said: ‘**I AM . And you will see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and Coming with the Clouds of heaven.**’ [Mark 14:61,62]

And He will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. [Isaiah 25:7]

Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete. After these things I looked, and behold, **the Temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened**. (and God's brilliant Light flooded through His Creation)... [Revelation 15:1,5]

But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its Temple. And the city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the **Glory of God** illuminated it, and **the Lamb is its Light**. [Revelation 21:22,23]

The glory of the Lord came into the temple in Ezekiel's vision **on Yom Kippur**. This temple in Ezekiel's vision is not the third temple which the Orthodox Jewish community is now preparing to build in Jerusalem; more likely it is the temple that Yeshua will build when He returns to earth. [Ezekiel 40:1 & 43:1-7]

And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and His rest shall be glorious.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And He shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. [Isaiah 11:10-12]

All inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth, when **He lifts up a banner** on the mountains, you see it; And **when He blows the horn**, you hear it. [Isaiah 18:3]
This horn will be heard throughout the whole world!

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD will thresh [His fruit] from the flood of the River to the Brook of Egypt,
And you shall be gathered one by one, **O you children of Israel**.
So it shall be **in that Day**,

that **a great shofar [the Shofar Gadol] shall be blown**;

And they shall come which were about to perish in the land of Assyria,
and they that were outcasts in the land of Egypt;
And they shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.
[Isaiah 27:12,13]

Multitudes will be saved at the time when this **Shofar Gadol** is **sounded**...

Then shall you cause **the trumpet of Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month**; on the day of atonement you shall make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and **proclaim liberty** throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you; and you shall return every man his possessions and you shall return every man his family. Leviticus 25:9,10

And the LORD shall be seen over them,
And His arrow shall go forth as the lightning; (He returns to earth in battle),
* **And the Lord GOD will blow the horn [the great shofar],**
And will go with whirlwinds of the south. The LORD of hosts **will defend them;**
they shall devour and subdue with sling stones. They shall drink and roar...
The LORD their God **will save them** in that day, as the flock of His people.
[Zechariah 9:14-16]

And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your
young men shall see visions... And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth:
blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and
the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD.

And it shall come to pass that **whoever calls on the name of the LORD**
shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance,
as the LORD has said, among **the remnant** whom the LORD calls. [Joel 2:28,30-32]

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying,
* Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,
to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them
of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard
speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him. [Jude 14,15]

Then **saviors shall come to Mount Zion...**And the Kingdom shall be the LORD's.
[Obadiah 12]

But Israel shall be saved by the LORD with an everlasting salvation; you shall not
be ashamed or disgraced forever and ever. [Isaiah 45:17]

Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob, says the LORD, nor be dismayed,
O Israel; For behold, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of captivity.
Jacob will return, have rest and be quiet, and no one shall make him afraid.

For I am with you, says the LORD, to save you;

Though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you,
yet I will not make a complete end of you. But I will correct you in justice, and
will not let you go altogether unpunished. [Jeremiah 30:10,11]

It shall come to pass in that day that the LORD will punish on high the host
of exalted ones, and on the earth the kings of the earth. They will be gathered together,
as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and will be shut up in the prison; after many days
they will be punished. Then the moon will be disgraced and the sun ashamed;

For the LORD of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem
and before His elders **gloriously.** [Isaiah 24:21-23]

I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, ‘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?’ [Revelation 6:12-17]

In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them. [Revelation 9:6]

For behold, **the LORD will come** with fire and with His chariots, like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by His sword The LORD will judge all flesh; and the slain of the LORD shall be many.

Those who sanctify themselves and purify themselves, to go to the gardens, after an idol in the midst, eating swine's flesh and the abomination and the mouse, **shall be consumed together**, says the LORD. [Isaiah 66:15-17]
(please also read Isaiah 65:3-7)

* Authors note: God absolutely forbid the eating of swine (pig and pork)! And He never went back on His word about this! (see Leviticus 11:7,8 and Deuteronomy 14:8), yet the Gentile Church does not take God seriously. They consume great quantities of the world's swine, and they think that their life style pleases God. But God is not mocked! Yeshua said in His word many times to so-called believers... ‘I never knew you, depart from Me, you workers of iniquity.’

Also, when you eat pork, where is your witness to the unsaved Jewish community? Many Jews do not eat pork; for they know God's commands concerning eating pig.

You might say: ‘We are not under the law!’, and thus you use God's grace that He has given you to oppose His Word and His commands. You forget Jeremiah 31:31, where God first announced the New Covenant; saying that He would take **the Torah and not eliminate It**, but would put the Torah in our minds and write It on our hearts.

And thus you oppose God's commands by your disobedient behavior, saying: ‘We are Gentiles, and this certainly does not apply to us, or to our children.’ **But it does!**

As a believer, you have been grafted into the natural olive tree, which is Israel, and both the saved Jews and Gentiles have been placed in the same Body, and **both are under the same set of instructions, commandments and laws**. In Acts 15:19-21, it says: ‘do not trouble them, those from among the Gentiles who have turned to God: but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood. For Moses of old time has those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues on every sabbath.’

What this means, is that for those who wish to learn more, and get closer to God by obeying His Word, that they can come to the Jewish congregations and study and learn more on every sabbath.

I also wish to make a short comment here on the idea of 'keeping kosher'. Three times in the Torah it states that 'you shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk'. (see Exodus 23:19; Exodus 34:26; and Deuteronomy 14:21) So obey God, and do not boil a kid in its mother's milk. But do not turn this scripture into food bondage and extreme religious fanaticism, as the Orthodox Jewish community has done to Judaism.

To make my point, I will use God's own behavior as my example: If God wanted mankind to be kosher, and I mean specifically to separate all meat and milk dishes, why then does God, Himself, eat meat and milk together?

In Genesis 18, the LORD appeared to Abraham, who then serves the LORD and His two angels a special meal... 'So he took **butter and milk and the calf** which he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by under the tree as they ate. [Genesis 18:1,8] So much for this bondage and fanaticism on keeping 'kosher'.

And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. [Matthew 24:21,22]

But hold fast what you have till I come. And **he who overcomes**, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations. He shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the potter's vessel shall be broken to pieces, as I also have received from My Father; and I will give him the morning star. [Revelation 2:25-28]

Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, being examples... and when **the Chief Shepherd** appears, you will receive **the crown of glory** that does not fade away. [1st Peter 5:2,5]

B.2) SURVIVORS SAVED AT THE LORD'S RETURN

One day very soon God Yeshua will come down from the heavens with the sound of His Great Shofar, to judge the World! We know that He will return on Yom Kippur, on the Year of Jubilee. 2007 may be the correct date for His return.

But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; **He will purify the sons of Levi**, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to the LORD, as in the days of old, as in former years.

And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness against sorcerers, against adulterers, against perjurers, against those who exploit wage earners and widows and the fatherless, and against those who turn away an alien, because they do not fear Me, says the LORD of hosts. For I am the LORD, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob. [Malachi 3:2-6]

O Daniel...is your God...able to deliver you from the lions?
Then Daniel said to the king, O king, live forever! **My God has sent His angel**, and has shut the lions' mouths, and they have not hurt me... [Daniel 6:20-22]

Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones. And it shall come to pass in all the land, says the LORD, that **two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die**, but one-third shall be left in it;

I will bring the one-third through the fire, will refine them as **silver** is refined, and test them as **gold** is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, This is My people; and each one will say, The LORD is my God. [Zechariah 13:7-9]

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. And she bore **a male Child** who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And **her Child was caught up to God** and to His throne. Then **the woman fled into the wilderness**, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days (3 1/2 years).

But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time (3 1/2 years), from the presence of the serpent. So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and **he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Yeshua the Messiah**. [Revelation 12:1,2,5,6,14-17]

Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place, then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. [Matthew 24:15,16; see also Mark 13:14]

But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. Then let those in Judea flee to the mountains... [Luke 21:20]

And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south.

Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, for the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the LORD my God will come, and all the saints with You. [Zechariah 14:4,5]

At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. He shall also enter the Glorious Land (Israel), and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his (anti-Messiah's) hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of **Ammon**. [Daniel 11:40,41] (also see Zephaniah 2:9; Odadiah 9,10)

* These peoples mentioned in the three countries above are from the areas in Jordan around Petra, where many Jews may escape to, at the time of the Great Tribulation, for Yeshua's command to His believers is that they are to flee to the mountains, when the abomination is set up in the Temple.

When the Lord returns at Yom Kippur, He may first come in battle to the area around Bozrah [Petra] (see Isaiah 63:1-7), where His Jewish remnant may have been hiding and protected by God, and where Yeshua first rescues them, and then proceeds to annihilate all His enemies who have come against His people and His land Israel.

Also, a great love affair will be re-kindled there in the wilderness between God and His remnant people Israel...

Therefore, behold, **I will allure her (Israel), and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfort to her**. I will give her her vineyards from there, and the Valley of Achor as a door of hope; **She shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, as in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt**.

And it shall be, in that day, says the LORD, that **you will call Me My Husband**, and no longer call Me My Master, ... In that day I will make a covenant for them... bow and sword of battle I will shatter from the earth, to make them lie down safely.

I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and justice, in lovingkindness and mercy;

I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, and you shall know the LORD. [Hosea 2:14-16,18-20]

In that Day... I will assemble the lame and gather the outcast...

Now why do you cry aloud? Is there no king in your midst? Has your counselor perished? For pangs have seized you like a woman in labor. Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, **O daughter of Zion**, like a woman in birth pangs.

For now you shall go forth from the city, you shall dwell in the field,
and you shall go **even to Babylon** (Babel). There you shall be delivered;

There the LORD will redeem you from the hand of your enemies.

Now also many nations have gathered against you, who say, 'Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion.' But they do not know the thoughts of the LORD, nor do they understand His counsel; for He will gather them like sheaves to the threshing floor. 'Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion;' for I will make your horn iron, and I will make your hooves bronze; you shall beat in pieces many peoples; [Micah 4:6,9-13]

They (Israel) shall waste with the sword the land of Assyria, and the land of Nimrod at its entrances; Thus He shall deliver us from the Assyrian, when he comes into our land and when he treads within our borders.

Then the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples, like dew from the LORD, like showers on the grass, that tarry for no man, nor wait for the sons of men. And **the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles**, in the midst of many peoples, **like a lion** among the beasts of the forest, **like a young lion** among flocks of sheep, who, if he passes through, both treads down and tears in pieces, and none can deliver. Your hand shall be lifted against your adversaries, and all your enemies shall be cut off.

And it shall be in that day, says the LORD, that I will cut off... and I will execute vengeance in anger and fury on the nations that have not heard. [Micah 5:6-10,15]

I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob, I will surely gather **the remnant of Israel**; I will put them together like sheep of the fold, **like a flock** in the midst of their pasture; they shall make a loud noise because of so many men. **The one who breaks open** will come up before them; they will break out, pass through the gate, and go out by it;

Their king will pass before them, with **the LORD at their head**. [Micah 2:12,13]

Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' there it shall be said to them, 'You are sons of the living God.' Then the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and appoint for themselves **one head**; and they shall **come up** out of the land, for great will be the day of Jezreel! [Hosea 1:10-11]

The LORD will save them in that day, **as the flock of His people**.
For they shall be like **the jewels of a crown**, lifted like a banner over His land.
[Zechariah 9:16]

In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory,
and for a diadem of beauty, to the residue of His people... [Isaiah 28:5]

Seek the LORD, all you meek of the earth, who have upheld His justice.
Seek righteousness, seek humility. **It may be that you will be hidden**
in the day of the LORD's anger. [Zephaniah 2:3]

When the Lord Yeshua returns to earth, possibly those on earth who are still alive and have called on Him to be their Savior and LORD **will be changed to incorruption and immortality** **just by coming into His presence**; just as those with whom He returns will have been changed into immortality by being in His presence and Glory in Heaven.

...we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And **everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself**, just as He is pure.
[1 John 3:2,3]

Finally, there is laid up for me **the crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. [2nd Timothy 4:8]

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You. Trust in the LORD forever, For in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength. [Isaiah 26:3,4]

Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your Power; in the beauty of holiness, from the womb of the morning. [Psalm 110:3]

For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel: **In returning and rest** you shall be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength. [Isaiah 30:15]

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.
[1st Chronicles 16:34]

They shall walk after **the LORD: He shall roar like a lion**: when He roars, then His children shall come trembling from the west. [Hosea 11:10]

And he said: **The LORD roars from Zion**, and utters His voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds mourn, and the top of Carmel withers. [Amos 1:2]

The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; but the LORD will be **a shelter** for His people, and **the strength of the children of Israel**. So you shall know that I am the LORD your God, **dwelling in Zion My holy mountain**.

Then **Jerusalem shall be holy**, and no aliens shall ever pass through her again. And it shall come to pass **in that day** that the mountains shall drip with new wine, the hills shall flow with milk, and all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water; a fountain shall flow from the house of the LORD... [Joel 3:16-18]

The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the excellence of Carmel and Sharon. **They shall see the glory of the LORD**, the excellency of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are fearful-hearted, be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; **He will come and save you**. [Isaiah 35:1-4]

A highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called

The Way of Holiness.

The unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for others.

The wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it;

it shall not be found there. But **the redeemed** shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing, with **everlasting joy** upon their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. [Isaiah 35:8-10]

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the word of our God stands forever!

Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, **His reward is with Him**, and His work before Him. He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young. Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust on the balance; All nations before Him are as nothing, and they are counted by Him, less than nothing and worthless. [Isaiah 40:8,10,11,15,17]

* And from the time the regular sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that desolates set up, shall be **a thousand two hundred and ninety days** (1290 days).

Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days (45 days later, 75 days past 3 1/2 years). But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days. [Daniel 12:11-13]

‘...If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us, He will deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, **that we will not serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up.**’

‘...Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?’

They answered and said to the king, ‘True, O king.’

He answered and said: ‘Look, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.’
...these men...**on whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was the hair of their head singed, nor were their garments affected, nor was the smell of fire on them.**
[Daniel 3:17,18,24,25,27]

A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked.
[Psalm 91:7,8]

Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love.

Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you. [Jeremiah 31:3]

But now thus says the LORD that created you, **O Jacob**, and He that formed you, **O Israel**, **‘Fear not:** for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name; you are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you: when you walk through the fire, you shall not be burnt; neither shall the flame kindle on you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior: I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for you.

Since you were precious in My sight, **you have been honored, and I have loved you:** therefore I will give men for you, and people for your life.

Fear not; for I am with you: I will bring your seed from the east, and gather you from the west: I will say to the north, ‘Give up’; and to the south, ‘Keep not back’: bring My sons from far, and My daughters from the ends of the earth; even every one that is called by My name: for I have created him for My glory,

I have formed him, yes, I have made him.

You are My witnesses, says the LORD, and **My servant** whom I have chosen; that you may know and believe Me, and understand that **I am He:**

before Me there was no God formed,

neither shall there be after Me.

I, even I, am the LORD; and beside Me there is no **Savior**.

Yes, before the day was **I am He**; and there no one who can deliver out of My hand: I work, and who will reverse it?’ [Isaiah 43:1-7,10,11,13]

But **when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies**, then know that its desolation is near. Then let those in Judea **flee to the mountains**, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 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 be fulfilled**. And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectations of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then they will see **the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory**. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near. [Luke 21:20-28]

Behold, I will make **Jerusalem** a cup of trembling to all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make **Jerusalem** a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, **though all nations of the earth are gathered against it**.

In that day, says the LORD, I will strike every horse with confusion, and its rider with madness; I will open My eyes on the house of Judah, and will strike every horse of the peoples with blindness. And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, 'The inhabitants of Jerusalem are my strength in the LORD of hosts, their God.'

In that day I will make the governors of Judah like a firepan in a woodpile, and like a fiery torch in the sheaves; they shall devour all the surrounding peoples on the right and on the left, but Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place - Jerusalem.

The LORD will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall not become greater than that of Judah.

In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and **the house of David shall be like God**, like the Angel of the Lord before them.

It shall be in that day that **I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem**. And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem **the Spirit of grace and supplication**;

then they will look on Me whom they have pierced; they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. In that day there shall be **a great mourning in Jerusalem...** and the land shall mourn, every family by itself... [Zechariah 12:2-12]

For, behold, the day comes, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yes, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, that it will leave them neither root nor branch.

But to you that fear My name shall the **Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings**; and you shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the Day that I shall do this, says the LORD of hosts. [Malachi 4:1-3]

My anger is kindled against the shepherds, and I will punish the goatherds. For the LORD of hosts will visit **His flock, the house of Judah**, and will make them as His royal horse in the battle.

From him comes **the cornerstone** ...the tent peg...the battle bow, from him every ruler together. They shall be like mighty men, who tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle. They shall fight because the LORD is with them, and the riders on horses shall be put to shame. [Zechariah 10:3-5]

You went forth for the Salvation of Your people, for Salvation with Your Anointed. You struck the head from the house of the wicked, by laying bare from foundation to neck. Selah You thrust through with his own arrows the head of his villages. They came out like a whirlwind to scatter me; their rejoicing was like feasting on the poor in secret. You walked through the sea with Your horses, through the heap of great waters. When I heard, my body trembled; my lips quivered at the voice; rottenness entered my bones; and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble. When He comes up to the people, He will invade them with His troops. [Habakkuk 3:13-16]

“Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion; for I will make your horn iron, and I will make your hooves bronze; you shall beat in pieces many peoples. I will consecrate their gain to the LORD, and their substance to the Lord of the whole earth.” [Micah 4:13]

They shall waste with the sword the land of Assyria, and the land of Nimrod at its entrances; thus He shall deliver us from the Assyrian, when he comes into our land and when he treads within our borders. Then the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples, like dew from the LORD, like showers on the grass, that tarry for no man nor wait for the sons of men. And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among flocks of sheep, who, if he passes through, both treads down and tears in pieces, and none can deliver. Your hand shall be lifted against your adversaries, and all your enemies shall be cut off. [Micah 5:6-9]

Be silent in the presence of the Lord GOD; **For the day of the LORD is at hand**, for the LORD has prepared a sacrifice; He has invited His guests.

And it shall come to pass at that time that I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and punish the men who are settled in complacency, who say in their heart, ‘The LORD will not do good, nor will He do evil.’ Therefore their goods shall become booty, and their houses a desolation; they shall build houses, but not inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine.

The great Day of the LORD is near; it is near and hastens quickly. The noise of the day of the LORD is bitter; there the mighty men shall cry out. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of devastation and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, **a day of trumpet and alarm against the fortified cities and against the high towers**.

I will bring distress upon men, and they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD; Their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like refuse. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in **the day of the LORD’s wrath**; but the whole earth shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy, for He will make speedy riddance of all those who dwell in the earth.

My determination is to gather the nations to My assembly of kingdoms,
to pour on them My indignation, all My fierce anger;
all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of My jealousy.

For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language,
that they all may call on the name of the LORD, to serve Him with one accord.

Sing, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O Israel!
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!
The LORD has taken away your judgments, He has cast out your enemy.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; You shall see disaster no more.
In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

‘Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak.

The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save;
He will rejoice over you with gladness,
He will quiet you in His love,
He will rejoice over you with singing.’

[Zephaniah 1:7,12-18; 3:8,9,14-17]

Woe to the multitude of many people, which make a noise like the noise of the seas;
and to the rushing of nations, that make a rushing like the rushing of many waters!
The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: **but God shall rebuke them**,
and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the
wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind. And behold at eventide trouble;
and before the morning he is not. This is the portion of them that spoil us, and
the lot of them that rob us. [Isaiah 17:12-14]

And this shall be the plague with which the LORD **will strike all the people who
fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet,**
their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, and their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.

It shall come to pass in that day that a great panic from the LORD will be among
them. Everyone will seize the hand of his neighbor, and raise his hand against
his neighbor’s hand; Judah will also fight at Jerusalem. And the wealth of all the
surrounding nations shall be gathered together: gold, silver, and apparel in great
abundance. Such also shall be the plague on the horse and the mule, on the camel
and the donkey, and on all the cattle that will be in those camps. So shall this plague be.
[Zechariah 14:1-5,9,12-15]

Behold, the day of the LORD comes, and your spoil shall be divided in the midst of
you. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken,
and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into
captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as He fights
in the day of battle. **And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives**,
which is before Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two,
from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward
the north and half of it toward the south.

Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, for the mountain valley shall reach
to Azal. Yes, you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah
king of Judah.

Thus the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with You.

And the LORD shall be King over all the earth.

In that day it shall be ... **The LORD is One**, and His name **One**.

It shall be that I will gather all nations and tongues; and **they shall come and see My Glory**. I will set a sign among them; and those among them who escape I will send to the nations; to Tarshish and Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My Glory. And they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles.

Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to the LORD out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. And **I will take some of them for priests and Levites**, says the LORD. [Isaiah 66:18-21]

We see from this text that there are those who have not heard of God's fame nor seen His glory. This means that not all the world will be reached before Yeshua Comes! Also, is God saying in this passage that He would be taking some of the brethren from the saved Gentiles, to be His priests and Levites, to serve Him in Jerusalem? I think so.

And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship **the King, the LORD of hosts**, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship **the King, the LORD of hosts**, on them there will be **no rain** (no Birthday Blessings). [Zechariah 14:16,17]

But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave, For He shall receive me. [Psalm 49:15]

“Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed **a day** on which He will Judge the world in righteousness by the Man (Yeshua) whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.” Acts 17:30-31

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. Daniel 12:1,2

“For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth, those who have done good, **to the Resurrection of Life**, and those who have done evil, to the Resurrection of condemnation. John 5:21,25,28,29

B.3 THOSE WITH THEIR NAMES WRITTEN IN GOD'S BOOK OF LIFE

There are many scriptures referring to God's Books, from which will come His **Mercy** and His **Salvation**, or His **Judgment** for each one of us. This will occur when Messiah Yeshua returns to earth on the feast of Yom Kippur...

And the LORD said unto Moses, 'Whosoever has sinned against Me, him will I blot out of My book.' [Exodus 32:33]

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great Prince which stands for the children of your people; 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.** [Daniel 12:1]

Then I saw a Great White Throne and Him who sat on It... 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. [Revelation 20:11,12]

He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from **the Book of Life**; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. [Revelation 3:5]

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. And there was no more sea. Then I, Yochanan, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. ...but there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but **only those who are written in**

the Lamb's Book of Life.

[Revelation 21:10,27]

B.4 YESHUA TREADS THE WINEPRESS OF THE WRATH OF GOD

Then the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore **His own arm brought salvation for Him**; And **His own righteousness**, it sustained Him. For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head;

He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak. According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, fury to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies; The coastlands He will fully repay.

So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him. The Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob, says the LORD. [Isaiah 59:15-20]

Zechariah 9:14-16, shows that at the LORD's first appearing in the heavens, He is coming in battle, as He returns to the earth on Yom Kippur...

Then the LORD will be seen over them, and His arrow will go forth like lightning. The LORD God will blow the shofar, and go with whirlwinds from the south. The LORD of hosts will defend them; they shall devour and subdue with sling stones. They shall drink and roar as if with wine; they shall be filled with blood like basins, like the corners of the altar. The LORD will save them in that day, as the flock of His people. For they shall be like **the jewels of a crown, lifted like a banner over His land**.

Come near, you nations, to hear: And heed, you people! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it, the world and all things that come forth from it. For the indignation of the LORD is **against all nations**, and His fury **against all their armies**;

He has utterly destroyed them, He has given them over to the slaughter. Also their slain shall be thrown out; their stench shall rise from their corpses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; all their host shall fall down as the leaf falls from the vine, and as fruit falling from a fig tree.

For My Sword shall be bathed in heaven; indeed it shall come down **on Edom**, and on the people of My curse, for judgment. The Sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made overflowing with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom. The wild oxen shall come down with them, and the young bulls with the mighty bulls; their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust saturated with fatness.

For it is the day of the LORD's vengeance, the year of recompense for the cause of Zion. Its streams shall be turned into pitch, and its dust into brimstone; its land shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night or day; **its smoke shall ascend forever**. From generation to generation it shall lie waste; no one shall pass through it forever and ever. [Isaiah 34:1-10]

The LORD came from Sinai, and dawned on them from Seir;
He shown forth from Mount Paran, and He came with myriads of holy ones;
From His right hand came a fiery law for them. [Deuteronomy 33:2]

God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of His praise. His brightness was like the light; He had rays flashing from His hand, and there His power was hidden. Before Him went pestilence, and fever followed at His feet. He stood and measured the earth; He looked and startled the nations. And the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills bowed. His ways are everlasting. O LORD, were You displeased with the rivers, was Your anger against the rivers, was Your wrath against the sea, that **You rode on Your horses, Your chariots of Salvation?** Your bow was made quite ready; oaths were sworn over Your arrows. You divided the earth with rivers. The mountains saw You and trembled; The sun and moon stood still in their habitation; at the light of Your arrows they went, at the shining of Your glittering spear. You marched through the land in indignation; You trampled the nations in anger.

You went forth for the Salvation of Your people, for Salvation with Your Anointed. You struck the head from the house of the wicked, by laying bare from foundation to neck. You thrust through with his own arrows the head of his villages. They came out like a whirlwind to scatter me; their rejoicing was like feasting on the poor in secret. You walked through the sea with Your horses, through the heap of great waters. **When I heard, my body trembled; My lips quivered at the voice;** rottenness entered my bones; and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble. When He comes up to the people, He will invade them with His troops.

Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines; though the labor of the olive may fail, and the fields yield no food; though the flock be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls, **yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet, and He will make me walk on my high places.** [Habakkuk 3:3-6,7-13,14-19]

For behold, the LORD is coming out of His place; He will come down and tread on the high places of the earth. The mountains will melt under Him, and the valleys will split like wax before the fire, like waters poured down a steep place. All this is for the transgression of Jacob and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? Is it not Samaria? And what are the high places of Judah? Are they not Jerusalem? Micah 1:3-5

Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe.

So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into **the great winepress of the wrath of God.** And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs. [Revelation 14:17-20]

Who is this who comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah?
This One who is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength?
I who speak in righteousness, **Mighty to Save**. Why is Your apparel red,
and Your garments like One who treads in the winepress?
I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with Me.
For I have trodden them in My anger, and trampled them in My fury; Joel 3:11-14

Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My robes.
For the day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come.
I looked, but there was no one to help, and I wondered that there was no one to
uphold; Therefore My own arm brought salvation for Me; and My own fury,
it sustained Me. I have trodden down the peoples in My anger, made them drunk
in My fury, and brought down their strength to the earth. [Isaiah 63:1-6]

Assemble and come, all you nations, and gather together all around. Cause Your
mighty ones to go down there, O LORD. Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the
Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to Judge all the surrounding nations. Put in the
sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; for the winepress is full, the vats
overflow, for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision!
For the Day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. Joel 3:11-13

“Will I not in that Day,” says the LORD, “Even destroy the wise men from Edom, and
understanding from the mountains of Esau? Then your mighty men, O Teman, shall be
dismayed, to the end that everyone from the mountains of Esau may be cut off by
slaughter. For violence against your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you, and you shall
be cut off forever.” Obadiah 1:8-10

I will utterly consume all things from the face of the land, says the LORD;
I will consume man and beast; I will consume the birds of the heavens, the fish of the sea,
and the stumbling blocks along with the wicked. I will cut off man from the face
of the land, says the LORD. I will stretch out My hand against Judah, and against all
the inhabitants of Jerusalem. I will cut off every trace of Baal from this place, the names
of the idolatrous priests with the pagan priests, those who worship the hosts of heaven
on the housetops; those who worship and swear oaths by the LORD, but who also
swear by Milcom; those who have turned back from following the LORD, and have
not sought the LORD, nor inquired of Him.

Be silent in the presence of the Lord GOD; **for the Day of the LORD is at hand**,
for the LORD has prepared a sacrifice; He has invited His guests. And it shall be, in
the day of the LORD’s sacrifice, that I will punish the princes and the king’s children,
and all such as are clothed with foreign apparel. In the same day I will punish all those
who leap over the threshold, who fill their masters’ houses with violence and deceit.

And there shall be on that day, says the LORD, the sound of a mournful cry from
the Fish Gate, a wailing from the Second Quarter, and a loud crashing from the hills.
Wail, you inhabitants of Maktesh! For all the merchant people are cut down; all
those who handle money are cut off. [Zephaniah 1:2-11]

Through God we will do valiantly, for it is He who shall tread down our enemies.
[Psalm 108:13]

A distressing vision is declared to me... Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold of me, as the pangs of a woman that travails: I am bowed down at the hearing of it: I was dismayed at the seeing of it.

For thus has the Lord said to me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he sees. ... And he answered and said, **Babylon is fallen, is fallen**, and all the graven images of her gods He has broken to the ground. [Isaiah 21:2,3,6,9]

I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet-colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornications: and upon her forehead was a name written,

**MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT,
THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Yeshua.

...The beast that you saw was, and is not; and shall descend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

And here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sits. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he comes, he must continue a short pace. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goes into perdition. And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength to the beast.

These will make war with the Lamb, and **the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.**

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, **‘Halleluia! Salvation and Glory and Honor and Power to the LORD our God: for true and righteous are His judgments; for He has judged the great whore, which corrupted the whole earth with her fornication; and He has avenged the blood of His servants shed by her hand.’** And again they said, **‘Halleluia! And her smoke rises up forever and ever.’** [Revelation 17:3-6,8-14;19:1-3]

* The beast is the New World Order of 10 regional nation groups, [represented by many powerful groups and leaders in Satan’s inner circle of earth slaves, such as those in the Illuminati, The Council of Foreign Affairs, etc,... made up of greedy money lords, all controlled by this ‘mystery woman’ functioning under the demonic powers of Satan.

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man... Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever.

For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men, committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, unloving, untrustworthy, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them. [Romans 1:18-32]

Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame. And they gathered them together to a place called in Hebrew, Armageddon (Mount Megiddo). [Revelation 16:16]

Lift up a banner on the high mountain, raise your voice to them; wave your hand, that they may enter the gates of the nobles. I have commanded My sanctified ones; I have also called My mighty ones for My anger, those who exalt in My exaltation.

The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like that of many people! A tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together! The LORD of hosts musters the army for battle. They come from a far country, **from the end of heaven**, even the LORD and His weapons of indignation, to destroy the whole land.

Wail, for the Day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. Therefore all hands will be limp, every man's heart will melt, and they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; they will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; They will be amazed at one another; their faces will be like flames.

Behold, **the Day of the LORD comes, cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger**, to lay the land desolate; and He will destroy its sinners from it. For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, and **the moon will not cause its light to shine**.

I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, a man more rare than the golden wedge of Ophir.

Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth will move out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts and in the day of His fierce anger. ...Everyone who is found will be thrust through, and everyone who is captured will fall by the sword. [Isaiah 13:2-13,15]

Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, 'Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great.'

And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against **Him that sat on the horse, and against His army.**

And the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet that worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast, and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat upon the horse. [Revelation 19:17-21;]

Now hear this, you heads of the house of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity, who build up Zion with bloodshed and Jerusalem with iniquity: Her heads judge for a bribe, her priests teach for pay, and her prophets divine for money. Yet they lean on the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD among us? No harm can come upon us.

Therefore because of you, Zion shall be plowed like a field, Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins, **and the mountain of the temple** like the bare hills of the forest. [Micah 3:9-12]

Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! Add year to year; let feasts come around. Yet I will distress Ariel; there shall be heaviness and sorrow, and it shall be to Me as Ariel. I will encamp against you all around, I will lay siege against you with a mound, and I will raise siegeworks against you. You shall be brought down, you shall speak out of the ground; your speech shall be low, out of the dust; your voice shall be like a medium's out of the ground; and your speech shall whisper out of the dust.

Moreover the multitude of your foes shall be like fine dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones shall be as chaff that passes away; Yes, it shall be in an instant, suddenly.

You will be punished by the LORD of hosts with thunder and earthquake and great noise, with storm and tempest and the flame of devouring fire. The multitude of all the nations who fight against Ariel, even all who fight against her and her fortress, and distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision. It shall even be as when a hungry man dreams, and look, he eats; but he awakes, and his soul is still empty; or as when a thirsty man dreams, and look, he drinks; but he awakes, and indeed he is faint, and his soul still craves: so the multitude of all the nations shall be, who fight against Mount Zion. [Isaiah 29:1-8]

For a nation has come up against My land, strong, and without number; his teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he has the fangs of a fierce lion. The grain offering and the drink offering have been cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests mourn who minister to the LORD. Gird yourselves and lament, you priests; wail, you who minister before the altar; come, lie all night in sackcloth, you who minister to my God; for the grain offering and the drink offering are withheld from the house of your God.

[Could this be what Daniel 9:27 is referring to, where it says that the anti-Messiah stops the offerings and sacrifices in the Temple?]

Consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly; gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD your God, and cry out to the LORD.

Alas for the day! For **the Day of the LORD** is at hand; it shall come as destruction from the Almighty. Is not the food cut off before our eyes, joy and gladness from the house of our God? O LORD, to You I cry out; for fire has devoured the open pastures, and a flame has burned all the trees of the field.

Blow the trumpet (shofar) in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the LORD is coming, for it is at hand: a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, like the morning clouds spread over the mountains.

A people come, great and strong, the like of whom has never been; nor will there ever be any such after them, even for many successive generations. **A fire devours before them, and behind them a flame burns**; The land is like the Garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; Surely nothing shall escape them.

Their appearance is like the appearance of horses; and like swift steeds, so they run. With a noise like chariots over mountaintops they leap, like the noise of a flaming fire that devours the stubble, like **a strong people set in battle array**.

Before them the people writhe in pain; all faces are drained of color. They run like mighty men, they climb the wall like men of war; every one marches in formation, and they do not break ranks. They do not push one another; every one marches in his own column. And when they lunge between the weapons, they are not cut down. They run to and fro in the city, they run on the wall; they climb into the houses, they enter at the windows like a thief. **The earth quakes before them, the heavens tremble; the sun and moon grow dark, and the stars diminish their brightness.**

The LORD shall utter His voice before His army,

for His camp is very great;

for strong is the One who executes His word.

For the day of the LORD is great and terrible; who can endure it?

[Joel 1:6,9,13-16,19; 2:1-11]

Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him **one hundred and forty four thousand**, having **His Father's name written on their foreheads**. And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

And they sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; **and no one could learn the song except the hundred and forty four thousand who were redeemed from the earth**. These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who **follow the Lamb wherever He goes**. These were **redeemed from among men, being firstfruits** to God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile, for they are without fault before the throne of God. [Revelation 14:1-5]

“For **the Day of the LORD** upon all the nations is near; as you have done, it shall be done to you; your reprisal shall return upon your own head. For as you drank on My Holy Mountain, so shall all the nations drink continually; yes, they shall drink, and swallow, and they shall be as though they had never been. **But on Mount Zion there shall be Deliverance, and there shall be Holiness**; the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame; but the house of Esau shall be stubble; they shall kindle them and devour them, and no survivor shall remain of the house of Esau,” for the LORD has spoken.

Then saviors shall come to Mount Zion to judge the mountains of Esau,
and the Kingdom shall be the LORD'S! Obadiah 1:15-18,21

And it shall come to pass afterward that **I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;** **your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.** And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of **the Great and Awesome Day of the LORD**. And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD (Yeshua) shall be saved. For **in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance**, as the LORD has said, among the remnant whom the LORD calls. Joel 2:28-32

Afterward he brought me to the gate, the gate that faces toward the east. And behold, **the glory of the God of Israel** came from the way of the east. **His voice** was like the sound of many waters; and **the earth shown with His glory**. And **the glory of the LORD** came into the temple by way of the gate which faces toward the east (the Golden Gate). [Ezekiel 43:1,2,4]

When the LORD shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His Glory. [Psalm 102:16]

And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then **they will look on Me whom they have pierced**; they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves; all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves. Zechariah 12:10-14

Look to Me, and be Saved, all you ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other. I have sworn by Myself;
The Word has gone out of My mouth in Righteousness, and shall not return, that
to Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall take an oath.
In the LORD all the descendants of Israel shall be justified, and shall glory.
[Isaiah 45:22,23,25]

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 will bring them down
to the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will enter into judgment with them there**
for My people and for My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered
among the nations, and divided My land. And they have cast lots for My people;
and have given a boy for a harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.

Proclaim this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the
men of war draw near; let them come up: beat your plowshares into swords, and your
pruning hooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. Assemble yourselves, and
come, all you heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: cause your mighty
ones to go down there, O LORD. Let the heathen be wakened, and **come up to
the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the surrounding nations.**

Put in the sickle, for **the harvest is ripe**: come, go down, for the winepress is full,
the vats overflow; for their wickedness is great. **Multitudes, multitudes in the valley
of decision!** **For the Day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.**
The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; and the
heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be a shelter for His people, and
the strength of the children of Israel. So shall you know that I am the LORD your God
dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain. **Then Jerusalem shall be holy, and no strangers
shall pass through her any more.** And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains
shall drip with new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah
shall flow with waters, and **a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD...**

Judah shall abide forever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.
For I will acquit them of bloodguilt, whom I had not acquitted; [Joel 3:1-3,9-18,20,21]

I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. [Zechariah 3:9]

And if your hand offend you, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed,
than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: where
their worm dies not, and the fire is not quenched. And if your foot offend you, cut it off.
It is better for you to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the
fire that never shall be quenched: where their worm dies not, and the fire is not quenched.
And if your eye offend you, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter into the Kingdom
of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: where their worm
dies not, and the fire is not quenched. [Mark 9:43-48]

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren (to the Jews first, and to the Gentiles), you did it to Me.'

Then He will also say to those on the left hand, '**Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire** prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison, and you did not visit Me.'

Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'LORD, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, **inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.**' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life. [Matthew 25:31-46]

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, that old serpent, who is the Devil, and Satan, **and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.**

And I saw **a great white throne**, and **Him** that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and **the books were opened**: and **another book was opened, which is the book of life**: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

And whosoever was not found written in the book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. [Revelation 20:1-3, 11-15]

And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, **shall all flesh come to worship before Me**, says the LORD.

And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against Me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh. [Isaiah 66:23,24]

Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the Master of the house has risen up **and shut the door**, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us,' and He will answer and say to you, '**I do not know you, where you are from,**' then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.'

But He will say, '**I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.**'

There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God. And indeed there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last. [Luke 13:24-30] (see also Matthew 7:23)

Seventy weeks are determined upon your people and upon the holy city, to finish transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem, until the Messiah the Prince, shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times.

And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people (Romans) of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and **the end of it shall be with a flood**, and till the end of the war desolations are determined. And he (little horn) shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease, 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. [Daniel 9:24-27]

The land shall not be sold permanently, **for the land is Mine!**
[Leviticus 25:23]

And you shall hallow the 50th year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all the inhabitants thereof; it shall be **a jubilee** for you; and you shall return every man his possession, and you shall return every man his family.

A jubilee shall that 50th year be to you; ...it shall be holy to you;
[Leviticus 25:10,11,12]

* **When LORD Yeshua returns to Israel, it will be on the next ‘true’ biblical year of Jubilee!**

In any case, LORD Yeshua is our Jubilee!

And as in Exodus 19:13, at the first Jubilee it says that when the Jubal sounds long, they shall Come Up!

Moses went up and came down from Mount Sinai... The second time he came down was on the day that would later become known as Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement;

On the day he came down, Moses began directing the people to start bringing articles to the Lord for the building of the Tabernacle, which were gathered and brought in for five days. And then at the end of five days, Israel began building the Tabernacle, under Moses’ direction. And guess what feast day that was to become?

Yes, the building of the first Tabernacle in the Sinai, began on the 15th of Tishri, which later became known as Succoth or the feast of Tabernacles. [Exodus 34:38; 36:8]

On that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David (praise and worship), which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old; that they may possess the remnant of EDOM, and all the nations upon whom My name is called, says the LORD who does this thing.

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD... the mountains shall drip with sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. [Amos 9:11-13]

...for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people. [Isaiah 56:7]

For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of
the Glory of the LORD,
as the waters cover the sea. [Habakkuk 2:14]

**The Glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.**
[Isaiah 40:5]

He brought me to **the banqueting house,**
and His banner over me was Love.
[Song of Solomon 2:4]

C. SUCCOTH : THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES :

THE GREAT FALL HARVEST CELEBRATION

THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

Succoth: [Tishri 15 to 21] : The Great Seven Day Celebration Feast of Rejoicing

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be **the Feast of Tabernacles** for seven days to the LORD. **On the first day there shall be a holy convocation.** You shall do no customary work on it. For seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. It is a sacred assembly, and you shall do no customary work on it...

Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the feast of the LORD for seven days; **on the first day there shall be a sabbath rest**, and on the eighth day a sabbath rest. And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days.

You shall keep it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year.

It shall be **a statute forever** in your generations.

You shall celebrate it in the seventh month. You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths, that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.' [Leviticus 23:33-36,37-43]

You shall keep... the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you have gathered in the fruit **of your labors** from the fields. [Exodus 23:15,16]

It is very clear from the scriptures that the feast of **Succoth** is **the feast of rejoicing**... '...and **you shall rejoice** before the LORD your God for seven days.' [Leviticus 23:40] 'And **you shall rejoice** in your feast...' [Deuteronomy 16:14] 'Seven days you shall keep a sacred feast to the LORD your God in the place which the LORD chooses, because the LORD your God **will bless you** in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that **you surely rejoice**.' [Deuteronomy 16:15]

The only other time we find the word rejoice being used regarding another Jewish feast is the feast of Shavuot or Weeks, where the term rejoice is used only once:
'And **you shall rejoice** before the LORD your God...' [Deuteronomy 16:11]

'**Sing**, O daughter of Zion! **Shout**, O Israel! **Be glad and rejoice** with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away your judgments, He has cast out your enemy. **The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst**; You shall see disaster no more.' In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: 'Do not fear, Zion, let not your hands be weak. The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; **He will rejoice over you with gladness**, **He will quiet you with His love**, **He will rejoice over you with singing**.' [Zephaniah 3:14-17]

With all this rejoicing, this has to be the Marriage Celebration on the feast of Succoth!

Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying: Behold, the Man whose name is **the Branch**! From His place He shall branch out, and **He shall build the temple of the LORD**; Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. **He shall bear the glory**, and shall sit and rule on His throne; so **He shall be a priest on His throne**, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. [Zechariah 6:12,13]

'But I have set **My King** on **Zion, My holy mountain**.' [Psalm 2:6]

And He said to me, 'Son of man, this is the place of My throne, and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever;' [Ezekiel 43:7]

Thus says the LORD: 'I am returning to Jerusalem **with mercy**; **My house shall be built in it**,' says the LORD of hosts. [Zechariah 1:16]

When the building of the Tabernacle was finished in the Sinai, on the 1st of Nisan... the cloud covered the Tabernacle of meeting, and **the glory of the LORD filled the Tabernacle**. And Moses was not able to enter the Tabernacle, because the cloud rested above it, and **the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle**. [Exodus 40:33-35]

Also, **the glory of the Lord filled the first Temple** in Jerusalem, on the day of its dedication by King Solomon. (Second Chronicles 5:1,13,14)

And **the glory of the LORD came into the house** by the way of the (Golden or Eastern) gate which faces toward the east. The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, **the glory of the LORD filled the temple**. [Ezekiel 43:4,5]

In the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, (the last day of the feast of Succoth), the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying... For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the desire of all the nations (Messiah) shall come, and **I will fill this House with Glory**', says the LORD of hosts.

'The Glory of this latter house shall be greater than that of the former', says the LORD of hosts; 'and **in this place I will give peace**', says the LORD of hosts. [Haggai 2:1,6,7,9]

Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, and He will cause **the rain to come down** for you, **the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month**. The threshing floor shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil. [Joel 2:23,24]

And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, 'We will eat our own food and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by your name, to take away our reproach.'

In that day the branch of the LORD shall be **beautiful and glorious**, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for those of Israel who have escaped. And it shall come to pass, that he who is left in Zion, and he who remains in Jerusalem, **shall be called holy**, **every one who is recorded among the living** in Jerusalem: when the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. And the LORD will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night.

For over all the glory will be a canopy (the chupah).

And a succah (tabernacle) shall be there for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain. [Isaiah 4:1-6]

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; There the LORD **commanded the blessing**,

Life forevermore. [Psalm 133:1-3]

For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim. Afterward the children of Israel shall return, and shall seek the LORD their God **and David their king**, and they shall fear **the LORD** and His goodness **in the ends of the days**. [Hosea 3:4,5]

I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; **that they all may be one**, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also **may be one in Us**, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

And the Glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; **that they may be made perfect in one**, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may **be with Me** where I am, that they may behold **My Glory** which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O Righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them **Your name**, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them. [John 17:20-26]

Thus says the Lord GOD: I will gather you (Israel) from the peoples, assemble you from the countries, where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. And they will go there, and they will take away all its detestable things and all its abominations from there.

Then **I will give them one heart**, and **I will put a new spirit within them**, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and **give them a heart of flesh**, that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God. [Ezekiel 11:17-20]

In that day **Israel will be one of three** with **Egypt** and **Assyria**, even **a blessing** in the midst of the land: whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, ‘Blessed be Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.’ [Isaiah 19:24,25]

Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name’s sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went. And I will sanctify My great name, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when I am hallowed in you before their eyes.

For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and **you shall be clean**; from all your filthiness and from all your idols. **I will give you a new heart** and put **a new spirit within you**; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you **a heart of flesh**. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. 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 36:22-28]

And **the ransomed of the LORD shall return**, and **come to Zion with singing**, with everlasting joy **on their heads**. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. [Isaiah 35:10]

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make **a New Covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD.

But **this is the covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: **I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts**; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' **for they shall all know Me**, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. **For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.** [Jeremiah 31:31-34]

In those days and in that time, says the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought, but there shall be none; And the sins of Judah, but they shall not be found;

For I will pardon those whom I preserve. [Jeremiah 50:20]

In that day a fountain **shall be opened** for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. [Zechariah 13:1]

For **Zion's sake** I will not hold my peace, and **for Jerusalem's sake** I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. And Gentiles shall see **your righteousness**, and all kings **your glory**. You shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God...

for the LORD **delights in you**, and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you;
And **as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride**,

so shall your God rejoice over you.

I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem, who shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, and give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes **Jerusalem a praise in the earth**. [Isaiah 62:1-7]

But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create: for, behold,
I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

And I will **Rejoice** in Jerusalem, and **Joy** in my people:
and the voice of weeping shall be heard no more in her, nor the voice of crying...
They shall not hurt nor destroy **in all my holy mountain**, says the LORD.
[Isaiah 65:18,19,25]

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, **all you who love her**;
Rejoice with joy for her, all you who mourn for her; that you may feed and be satisfied
with the consolation of her bosom, that you may drink deeply and be delighted with the
abundance of her glory. For thus says the LORD: Behold, I will extend peace to her
like a river, and the glory of the nations like a flowing stream. Then you shall feed; on
her sides shall you be carried, and be dandled on her knees. As one whom his mother
comforts, so **I will comfort you**; and **you shall be comforted in Jerusalem**.

When you see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like grass;
The hand of the LORD shall be known to His servants...

For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain
before Me, says the LORD, **so shall your descendants and your name remain**. And it
shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another,
all flesh shall come to worship before Me, says the LORD. [Isaiah 66:10-14,22,23]

Awake, awake! Put on your strength, O Zion;
Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city!
For the uncircumcised and the unclean shall no longer come to you. [Isaiah 52:1]

‘Behold, the days are coming,’ says the LORD, ‘that I will raise to David a Branch
of righteousness; **A King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and
righteousness** in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely;
Now this is **His name by which He will be called**:

THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.’ [Jeremiah 23:5,6]

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God;
for **He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,**
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its bud, as the garden causes the things that are sown in it
to spring forth, so the Lord GOD will cause **righteousness** and **praise** to spring forth
before all the nations. [Isaiah 61:10,11]

Thus says the LORD: **Again there shall be heard in this place**, of which you say it is desolated, without man and without beast, in the cities of Judah, in the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate, without man and without inhabitant and without beast, the voice of joy and the voice of gladness,

the voice of the bridegroom
and the voice of the bride,

the voice of those who will say: 'Praise the LORD of hosts,
for the LORD is good, for His mercy endures forever,'
and of those who will bring **the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD.**

'Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah: In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David **a Branch of Righteousness**; He shall execute **judgment** and **righteousness** in the earth.

In those days **Judah will be saved**, and **Jerusalem will dwell safely**.
And this is **the name by which she will be called**:

'THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.'

For thus says the LORD: 'David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the House of Israel; **nor shall the priests, the Levites, lack a man** (Yeshua, Melchizedek) to offer burnt offerings before Me, to kindle grain offerings, and to sacrifice continually.'

Thus says the LORD: '**If you can break My covenant with the day and My covenant with the night**, so that there will not be day and night in their season, **then My covenant may also be broken with David My servant**, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levites, **the priests**, My ministers.
[Jeremiah 33:10,11,14-18,20,21]

God has been describing the new priestly garments of His redeemed Bride.

For since the beginning of the world
men have not heard,
nor perceived by the ear,
neither has the eye seen,
O God besides You,
what You have prepared for him that waits for You.
[Isaiah 64:4]

You are those who have continued with Me in My trials.

And I bestow upon you **a kingdom**, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me;
that you may eat and drink **at My table in My kingdom**,
and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. [Luke 22:28-30]

With desire I have desired to eat **this Passover** with you before I suffer.
For I say to you, I will no longer eat of it, until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And
He took **the cup**, and gave thanks, and said, 'Take this, and divide it among yourselves:
for I say to you, **I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God comes.**'

And He took bread, and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave it to them, saying,
'**This is My body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of Me.**'
Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying,
'**This cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you.**'
[Luke 22:15-20] (see also Mark 14:22-25)

As the Lord's first miracle was done at a wedding celebration in Cana, where Yeshua
turned the water into wine, even so **His own Blood gives us the Eternal Wine**,
for those of us who have been called and have accepted His sacrifice for our lives.

Our full acceptance and gratitude for what God Yeshua has done for us is
OUR INVITATION TO THAT ETERNAL WEDDING BANQUET CELEBRATION.

Come, for all things are now ready. [Luke 14:17]

Yes, Lord!

THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

And he said to me, write,

‘Blessed are they which are called

to **the Marriage Supper** of the Lamb’.

[Revelation 19:9]

And as they were eating, Yeshua took **bread, and blessed it**, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat, this is My body.’

And He took **the cup, and gave thanks**, and gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on, until **that day when I drink it new with you** in My Father’s kingdom.’
[Matthew 26:26-29]

He brought me to the banqueting house, And his banner over me was love.
[Song of Solomon 2:4]

This Most Special of all Wedding Banquets

will take place

ON EARTH,

as you shall now see.

‘And **in this mountain (Jerusalem)** the LORD of hosts will make for all people **a feast** of choice pieces, **a feast of wines** on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of well-refined **wines** on the lees.

And **He will** destroy in this mountain

the surface of the covering cast over all people,

and **the veil** that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death **forever**, and the LORD GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from off all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.’

And it will be said in that day: ‘Behold, this is our God;
We have waited for Him, and **He will save (Yehoshua)** us.

This is our LORD; We have waited **for Him; we will rejoice**
in His salvation (Yeshua).’

[Isaiah 25:6-9]

Succoth, the feast of rejoicing, the great fall harvest festival,
with the abundance of blessings. Wine and

Eternal Life!

YESHUA'S PARABLES: GUESTS AT THE MARRIAGE SUPPER

The following are the four parables that Yeshua spoke about the wedding supper, recorded in Matthew and Luke. Matthew 22:1-14; Luke 12:34-40; Luke 14:7-14; and Luke 14:16-24. But these were from early texts found in Greek, and researchers and scholars now know that **the original Gospels of Matthew and Mark and Luke were in Hebrew**, for Hebrew was the spoken language of the Jewish people during the time that Yeshua and his disciples were here on earth. This means that our earliest Greek translations are copies from the Hebrew originals, which would be clearer and easier to read and comprehend if they still existed, and could be discovered, especially the many idiomatic expressions which would make for a more exact translation. I mention this point because of the obvious conclusions I have drawn from Greek texts, which may or may not be the same conclusions I would have found, if the original Hebrew texts were now available to study.

Matthew 22: Yeshua is telling us in parable, the events and Jewish feasts leading up to the Wedding Banquet, and who the Guests will be at this special Banquet...

Yeshua spoke to them again in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven is like **a king who prepared a wedding banquet [yauovs] for his son**. He sent his servants to call the ones who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared **my dinner**: [apiotov] My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. **Come to the wedding banquet [yauovs]**.'

But they paid no attention and went off, one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He (first) sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

Then he said to his servants, '**The wedding banquet [yauovs]** is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. Go to the street corners and invite to the **banquet [yauovs]** anyone you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and invited all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding chamber was filled with **reclining ones**. But when the king came in to see **the reclining ones**, he noticed a man there who was not dressed in a dress of wedding.

'Friend,' he asked, 'how did you get in here without a dress of wedding?' The man was speechless. Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are invited, but few are chosen.' [Matthew 22:1-14]

* This word 'friend' is the greatest clue, for Yeshua is telling us who the guests will be at His Wedding Banquet.

They will only be His true friends and the friends of His Bride, who love the Bride and the Bridegroom. This is really what a special wedding should be!

The Bride and Groom **and their Friends**, will make up the Body of Saved Jewish and Gentile believers, for the Millennial Age. **Nobody else, except God's friends** will enter that Wedding Banquet of the Bride and Bridegroom.

And just whom are Yeshua's friends? That's easy, Yeshua told us in His Word... **This is My commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.** Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

You are My friends, if you do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knows not what his Lord does, but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known to you.

You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever you shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it to you.

These things I command you, that you love one another. [John 15:12-17]

Looking at this parable about 'friend', in Matthew 22, certain things are obvious: 1) **The wedding banquet** is really the supper or meal celebration; 2) before the wedding banquet is held, God will first send his armies to destroy the evil ones. He sends His armies on the day He executes judgment on the earth when He returns with His armies; and this is on the feast day of Yom Kippur. And after this is done, then he will hold this **wedding banquet** at a later date, (which will be on Succoth, described in the above scripture from Isaiah 25 on page 184); 3) the banquet is for the recliners, or guests.

*** You will notice that there is no mention of His Bride or a Wedding, in this or any of the other parables that Yeshua told about the Wedding Banquet or Supper.**

The parable of the ten virgins (Matthew 25) is the only parable that Yeshua gives where He mentions **the actual Wedding** (in Heaven) and **the Bridegroom coming** for His Bride, those virgins who were ready.

Yeshua also spoke the following parable to his disciples, from Luke 12: 'For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Let your loins be girded about and your lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding festivities (yauwv, in Greek); that when he comes and knocks, they may open to him immediately. **Blessed** are those servants, whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you, that He will gird himself, and make them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them.

And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, **blessed are those servants**. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken into. **Therefore you also be ready**, for the Son of man is coming at an hour when you do not expect. [Luke 12:34-40; see also Matthew 24:45-47]

*** Do not miss this point of what God just said, that He would come for these servants after the Wedding was over, and would invite them to a supper that He would serve!**

So He told a parable to those invited when He noticed how they chose out the best places, saying to them: ‘When you are invited by anyone to **a wedding festival** [yauovs], recline not down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; and he that invited you and him come and say to you, give place to this man; and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place, so that when he who invites you comes, he may say to you,

‘friend, go up higher’: then shall you have glory in the presence of those who are reclining with you. For whosoever exalts himself will be abased; and he who humbles himself well be exalted.’

Then he said also to him who invited him, ‘When you make **a dinner or a supper**, do not ask your friends, your brethren, your relatives, nor your rich neighbors; lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. But when you make a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: and you will be blessed; for they cannot repay you: for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.’

Now when one of those who sat at meat with Him heard these things, he said to Him, ‘Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.’ Then Yeshua said to him, ‘A certain man made **a great supper**, and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, **‘Come; for all things are now ready.’**

And they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it: I ask you to have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them: I ask you to have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the servant came, and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor, and the maimed, and the lame, and the blind.’ And the servant said, ‘Master, it is done as you have commanded, and still there is room.’ Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say to you that none of those men which were invited shall taste my supper.’ [Luke 14:7-24]

* It is so important to mention again that in all of these parables that Yeshua gave about the wedding banquet or supper, that there is no mention of a bride, but only those who are reclining, whom we would call **‘the guests’** at this wedding supper.

In fact, almost all of Yeshua’s wedding parables are about the supper or banquet, except for His one parable about the ten virgins, in Matthew 25. In all these other parables, we find only food and those reclining, the guests. The reason I have used the term reclining ones, instead of guests, is because that is the term that the earliest Greek texts show. Also, it was a Jewish custom to eat in this manner, reclining, as you will recall the Lord’s last supper with His twelve disciples.

God’s Wedding Banquet will have only **One Bride and One Bridegroom**; and there will be many guests. And these guests will be **saved friends, both Jewish and Gentile**, who have been invited to this most special occasion by our Lord and Savior,

The Bridegroom, Yeshua, our King Messiah!

This is an accurate description of the **Body of Messiah, One Bride**, the First-Fruits of Jews and Gentiles, and the **many friends of the Bridegroom**, also Jews and Gentiles. What a special Wedding Celebration Banquet this will be. It may last for seven days and be this first great Millennial feast of Succoth.

Many believers who believe they are part of the Bride of Messiah need to press in, closer to the Messiah Yeshua like never before. Most believers are in for a surprise, as I have shown in this book that only a very small group of believers will become part of Yeshua's Bride, others will be blessed to become His Friends and make it into His Body. However, to many He will say: 'Depart from Me, for I never knew you!'

It seems that only His Bride is raised up to Heaven for the actual Wedding ceremony with Her Bridegroom Yeshua; but possibly some of Their friends may be raised up also, those who have been made ready by their surrender to the work of the Holy Spirit.

As Yochanan said: 'He who has the bride is the bridegroom, but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.' [John 3:29]

Many believers, who do not fall away from the faith, will either die during the great tribulation, (...to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. [2nd Corinthians 5:8]), while many others will survive and remain alive until Messiah Yeshua returns to earth with His Bride, to rescue them, on Yom Kippur.

For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so **we, being many, are one body in Messiah**, and every one members of one another. [Romans 12:4,5]

We must remember these most important words of Yeshua... **he that endures to the end, the same shall be saved!** [Matthew 24:13 and Mark 13:13]

For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of My God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. [Psalm 84:10]

It was the custom in the days of Yeshua that the wedding banquet feast would be held in the house of the bridegroom, or in his father's house.

We see in the scripture of Isaiah 25:6-10, 'And in this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all people a feast...', that the mountain being talked about is **Jerusalem**, and may specifically refer to the area of mount Zion, where this special wedding banquet feast will be held. God's Word shows this truth in other places.

Yet have I set My King on My Holy Hill of Zion. [Psalm 2:6]

'Blessed are those who are called to the supper [seivov] of the marriage [yauov] of the Lamb.' [Revelation 19:9]

The Bridegroom and His Bride will be there, along with Their friends.
You can be sure that the Lord's original faithful disciples will be there. [Matthew 9:15]

Where will you be?

You are invited!

Will you be there?

Lord Yeshua, help us, that we each may be there with You, the Lover of our souls.

I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, **My servant David**. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and **My servant David a Prince among them**; I, the LORD, have spoken.

I will make a **Covenant of Peace with them**, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land... I will make **them and the places all around My hill a blessing**; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing. [Ezekiel 34:23-26]

But they shall serve the LORD their God, **and David their king**, whom I will raise up for them. [Jeremiah 30:9]

I have found **My servant David**; with My holy oil I have anointed him ... but My faithfulness and My mercy shall be with him... He shall cry to Me, 'You are my Father, My God, and the Rock of my salvation.' Also I will make him **My firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth**. My mercy I will keep for him **forever**, and My covenant shall stand firm with him. His seed also I will make to endure forever, and his throne as the days of heaven. [Psalm 89:20,24,26-29]

Then say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all;

David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them. Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to **Jacob My servant**, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children forever; and **My servant David shall be their Prince forever**.

God means exactly what He says,
David will be King and Prince under Lord Yeshua!

Moreover I will make a **Covenant of Peace** with them, and it shall be
an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them,

and I will set

My Sanctuary in their midst forevermore.

My Tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed **I will be their God, and they shall be My people**. The nations also will know that I, the LORD, **sanctify Israel**, when My Sanctuary is in their midst forevermore. [Ezekiel 37:21,22,24-28]

**For the earth will be filled with the knowledge
of the Glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.**

[Habakkuk 2:14]

THE SEVENTH DAY

THE 1000 YEAR MILLENNIAL REIGN

SHABBAT : GOD'S SABBATH REST WITH HIS PEOPLE

YESHUA TABERNACLES WITH MANKIND ON EARTH

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: 'Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you. You shall **keep the Sabbath**, therefore, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people. Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.

Therefore the children of Israel shall keep **the Sabbath**, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant.

It is a sign between Me
and the children of Israel forever;
for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and
on the seventh day

He rested
and was refreshed.' [Exodus 31:12-31]

The LORD reigns; Let the people tremble! He dwells between the cherubim;
Let the earth be moved! The LORD is great in Zion, and He is high above all the people.
Let them praise Your great and awesome name. He is Holy. [Psalm 99:1-3]

So **the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion** from now on, **even forever.**
[Micah 4:7]

And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be...
The LORD is One, and His name One. [Zechariah 14:9]

Six days you shall work, but **on the seventh day you shall rest:**
in plowing time and in harvest you shall rest. [Exodus 34:21]

Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day shall be to you a holy day,
a **Sabbath of rest to the LORD...** [Exodus 35:2]

We are about to enter that special **Seventh Day, the Sabbath Rest of the LORD,**
the Millennial Age of **Peace on Earth**, where God Yeshua will dwell with man.

Between Yom Kippur, (the 10th of Tishri) and Succoth, (starting the 15th of Tishri),
following the pattern of Moses in the Sinai, Yeshua may begin the Millennial Tabernacle
in **Jerusalem**, where **His Wedding Banquet Celebration** will be held on Succoth...

The Marriage Supper of The Lamb.

Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls, because of the multitude of
men and livestock in it. For I, says the LORD, will be a wall of fire all around her,
and I will be the glory in her midst. [Zechariah 2:4,5]

Now it shall come to pass **in the last 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 will 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 shall rebuke many people;
They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.
O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of the LORD. [Isaiah 2:2-5]
(also see Micah 4:1-4)

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner of the people;
for **the nations shall seek Him**, and His resting place shall be Glorious.

It shall come to pass in that day that the LORD shall set His hand again the second time to recover **the remnant** of His people... He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. [Isaiah 11:9-12]

The nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see: they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side. Then you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. They shall bring gold and incense, and they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall ascend with acceptance on My altar, and **I will glorify the house of My glory.**

Surely the coastlands shall wait for Me; and the ships of Tarshish will come first, to bring your sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, to the name of the LORD your God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because He has glorified you. The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in My wrath I struck you, but in My favor I have had mercy of you.

Therefore your gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day or night, that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations, and their kings in procession. For the nation and kingdom which will not serve you shall perish, and those nations shall be utterly ruined. The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the pine, and the box tree together, **to beautify the place of My Sanctuary;**

and **I will make the place of My feet Glorious.**

Also the sons of those who afflicted you shall come bowing to you, and all those who despised you shall fall prostrate at the soles of your feet; and they shall call you **the city of the LORD, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.** Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, so that no one went through you, **I will make you an eternal excellence, a joy of many generations.** You shall drink dry the milk of the nations, and shall milk the breast of kings; You shall know that I, the LORD, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. I will also make your officers peace, and your magistrates righteousness.

Violence shall no longer be heard in your land, neither wasting nor destruction within your borders; but **you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.** The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you; but the LORD will be to you an everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended. Also **your people shall all be righteous; they shall inherit the land forever**, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, that I may be Glorified. [Isaiah 60:3,4,5,6,7,9-21]

Again the word of the LORD of hosts came, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: **I am zealous for Zion with great zeal**; with great fervor I am zealous for her.' Thus says the LORD: **'I will return to Zion, and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem shall be called The City of Truth,
The Mountain of the LORD of hosts, The Holy Mountain.'

Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each one with his staff in his hand because of great age. The streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets.' Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, will it also be marvelous in My eyes?' says the LORD of hosts.

Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Behold, I will save My people from the land of the east, and **from the land of the west**; I will bring them back, and **they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem**. They shall be My people and I will be their God, in truth and righteousness.' [Zechariah 8:1-8]

My righteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth, and My arms will judge the peoples; The coastlands will wait upon Me, and **on My arm** they will trust.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look on the earth beneath. For the heavens will vanish away like smoke, the earth will grow old like a garment, and those who dwell in it will die in like manner; **but My salvation will be forever, and My Righteousness will not be abolished.** [Isaiah 51:5-7]

Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For behold, I am coming and I will dwell in your midst, says the LORD. **Many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and they shall become My people.** And I will dwell in your midst.

And the LORD will take possession of **Judah as His inheritance** in the Holy Land, and will again choose Jerusalem. [Zechariah 2:10,11,12]

Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants, everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath and holds fast My covenant. Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and **make them joyful in My house of prayer**. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; **For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.** [Isaiah 56:6,7]

The stranger that dwells among you shall be to you as the home-born among you, and you shall love him as yourself... I am the LORD your God. [Leviticus 19:34]

And the land shall not be sold permanently; for the land is Mine!
[Leviticus 25:23]

Thus says the Lord GOD: 'This shall be the border, by which you shall **divide the land for an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel...** And it shall come to pass, that you shall divide it by lot for an inheritance **to you and to the strangers that dwell among you, who shall bear children among you; and they shall be to you as the home-born among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.** And it shall come to pass, that in what tribe the stranger dwells, there you shall give him his inheritance, says the Lord GOD.'

[Ezekiel 47:13,22]

You stand this day all of you before the LORD your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, with all the men of Israel, your little ones, your wives, and **the stranger that is in your camp**, from the hewer of your wood to the drawer of your water: that you should **enter into covenant** with the LORD your God, and into His oath, which the LORD your God makes with you this day, **that He may establish you today for a people to Himself**, and that He may be God to you, just as He has said to you, and just as He has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Neither with you only (Israel) do I make this covenant and this oath; but with him that stands here with us this day before the LORD your God, and also with him that is not here with us this day. [Deuteronomy 29:10-15]

(The Mosaic Covenant, made with Jews and Gentiles!)

A mixed multitude went up with them also... One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and to the stranger that dwells among you. [Exodus 12:38,49]

You shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for the homeborn; for I am the LORD your God. [Leviticus 24:22]

As for the congregation, there shall be one statute both for you, and for the stranger that dwells with you, **a statute forever throughout your generations**; as you are, so shall the stranger be before the LORD. One law and one ordinance shall be both for you, and for the stranger that dwells with you. [Numbers 15:15,16]

**God is not a man, that He should lie,
nor a son of man, that He should repent.
Has He said, and will He not do it?
or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?**

[Numbers 23:19]

And I saw **a new heaven and a new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, Yochanan, saw the **holy city, New Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

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, and 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; for 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.

And He said to me, **'It is done! I Am the Alpha and the Omega, [the Aleph and the Tav], the Beginning and the End.**

I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

He who Overcomes shall inherit all things, and

I will be his God, and he shall be My son.'

Then one of the seven angels... came to me and talked with me, saying:

'Come, I will show you the Bride, the Lamb's Wife.'

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the **holy Jerusalem**, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. And her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone...

But I saw **no temple** in it, for **the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple**. And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for **the Glory of God** illuminated it, and **the Lamb is its light**. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory and honor into it. But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was **the tree of life**, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it.

And His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face,

and His name shall be on their foreheads.

And there shall be no night there: they need no lamp nor light of the sun, **for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.**

[Revelation 21:1-7, 9-11, 22-27; 22:1-5]

But now is Messiah risen from the dead, and become **the firstfruits** of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Messiah shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Messiah the firstfruits; afterward they that are Messiah's at His coming.

Then comes the end, when He shall have delivered up the Kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule, and all authority and power. For He must reign, till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For He has put all things under His feet. But when He says, 'all things are put under Him,' it is evident that He who puts all things under Him is accepted. Now when all things are made subject to Him, then shall the Son Himself also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all. [1st Corinthians 15:20-28]

Behold, **I am coming quickly!** Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book. And behold, **I am coming quickly**, and My reward is with Me, to give to everyone according to his work.

I Am the Alpha and the Omega, [the Aleph and the Tav],
the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.
Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right
to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.
And **the Spirit** and **the Bride** say, '**Come**'. And let him that hears say, '**Come**'.

And let him who thirsts **Come**.
And whosoever desires, let him take the water of life **freely**.

[Revelation 21:1-7,9-11,22-24,27; 22:1-5,7,12-14,17]

Surely I come quickly: Amen. Even so, **Come**, Lord Yeshua!

[Revelation 22:20]

Remember the former things of old:
for I am God, and there is none else;
I am God, and there is none like Me,
declaring the end from the beginning,
and from ancient times the things that are not yet done,
saying, **My counsel shall stand,**
and all my pleasure will I do. [Isaiah 46:9,10]

Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven. [Psalm 119:89]

For You have magnified Your word above all Your name. [Psalm 138:2]

but truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.
[Numbers 14:21]

The Word of our God shall stand Forever. [Isaiah 40:8]

Thank you Lord Yeshua ... for all that You have done for me,
For each one of us that You have Saved,
For forgiving all our sins,
For dying in our place,
For giving us Eternal Life,

to become true sons and daughters of God

to be with You

Forever!

PART III

YESHUA'S FULFILLMENTS OF THE THREE FALL FEASTS?

ROSH HASHANAH (YOM TERUAH) : 1st and 2nd of TISHRI

- 1 THE SEVENTH TRUMPET SOUNDS**
- 2 THE WEDDING FOR KING YESHUA BEGINS !
HIS BRIDE : THE FIRST FRUITS OF THE RESURRECTION**
- 3 THE DAY OF THE LORD BEGINS:
GOD'S WRATH POURED OUT ON THE WICKED**

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- 1 THE LAST TRUMPET : THE GREAT SHOFAR IS SOUNDED :
THE LORD RETURNS TO EARTH ON THE YEAR OF JUBILEE**
- 2 DAY OF ATONEMENT FOR GOD'S SAVED SURVIVING REMNANT :**
- 3 RESURRECTION OF SOULS AT THE LORD'S APPEARING :
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- 4 YESHUA DESTROYS HIS ENEMIES AT HIS RETURN :
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- 5 FINAL JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS : SHEEP AND GOATS**

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- 1 THE TRUE BIRTHDAY OF KING YESHUA**
- 2 CELEBRATION OF THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB :
FOR BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM, AND THE SAVED GUESTS**

QUESTIONS FOR LORD YESHUA AND FATHER GOD

I began this book by asking Jesus, Father God, and the Holy Spirit to show me the true answers to all my questions, that we, as a Body of believers, have been promised by God that we would know ahead of time, questions related to Yeshua's soon return. God has given me **many, many wonderful new insights and answers** on how everything fits together, as we head homeward toward Yeshua's soon Coming. I am very grateful for the privilege God has given me to do this book for Him, which has been a most wonderful and rewarding experience for me. It has kept me seriously studying the Word.

But, I do not have all the answers to this great mystery of the LORD's return. So, with all of you in agreement with me, I am now asking Yeshua and Father God again to show me the truths regarding all the questions that are listed in these next four pages. LORD, You have promised us, Your Body of believers, many times throughout Your Word, that **we would know what lies ahead**, so we can be prepared! For the Lord GOD will do nothing, but He reveals His counsel to His servants the prophets.[Amos 3:7]

I am listing questions before You, LORD that I feel still need more answers, more information, or a deeper understanding of the truths to the answers I have given. Also, I would like a confirmation to the accuracy of my current conclusions on these questions. Please, show me where I am in error with any of my conclusions, either where they are incorrect conclusions, or where I have missed part of the answer. Thank You Yeshua!

- 1) When do you return for Your Bride? The feast? The year? Is Her harvest time, when She goes up, being She is Your Firstfruits, different from the main fall harvest?
- 2) Does Your Bride go up to heaven on Shavuot or Rosh HaShanah? And if Rosh HaShanah, as many teach, then why is She called firstfruits? What is Your fulfillment of Rosh HaShanah? Is it when You will hold Your actual Wedding ceremony in heaven? What year and feast do you return to earth with Your Bride?
- 3) Is the feast of Shavuot (firstfruits of wheat) already fulfilled, or will You raise Your Bride up into heaven on this special feast day for its fulfillment, seeing that You also rose on firstfruits of barley ? In Revelation 14:4, Your Bride is called a firstfruits offering?
- 4) Is Your firstfruits Bride made up of two loaves, as a Shavuot offering always is? Is the group of 144,000 sealed in Revelation 7 and the group of 144,000 sealed in Revelation 14, the two different loaves who both make up Your Bride? The group in Revelation 14 is called firstfruits, but only Israel can be Your firstfruits! Only this group in Revelation 14 follows the Lamb wherever He goes. It also says that only this group in Revelation 14 sang a new song, that no one could learn except this group. How then does the sealed group of 144,000 in Revelation 7 fit into all of this? Could it be that the Jewish group of Revelation 7 stays and ministers at the Temple, and the Gentiles of Revelation 14 travels with the Lamb, ministering with Him throughout the world?

- 5) When will Daniel's 70th week begin? And does it end with the 6000th Jewish year, at the beginning of the Seventh Day? Israel is now recognizing an error of over 200 years in their calendar year of 5758, to make it 5958 or later.
- 6) Does Your Bride go up late in the tribulation years? You said in Your parable of Matthew 25, that the bridegroom tarry and came at the Midnight Hour. How long does Your Bride stay with You in heaven before returning with You on Yom Kippur?
- 7) In this parable of The Ten Virgins, it says that the ten virgins **all slumbered and slept**. What does the term 'slept' mean? Does this mean that they all died? What do You mean by 'tarry' till the 'midnight hour'? Is this at the end of the Sixth Day of Creation or is it related to the end of the seven days of Daniel's 70th week? Or is it just at the end of a certain day?
- 8) Since Your Bride is Israel, and it says in Hosea 2:14, that You will woo Israel back to You in the wilderness, where She finally calls You Her Husband, it seems that this happens late in the tribulation years, just before Your return. If this is correct, then it seems that Your Bride remains in heaven only a short time before returning with You?
- 9) If your Bride is taken up into heaven on Shavuot, then is the group that You save in the wilderness who finally calls You Husband (there in the wilderness), also part of Your Bride (Hosea 2)? If this group is Your Bride, then this group also must be resurrected into heaven at Shavuot? Does this whole wilderness group go up at the same time, or do only some of them go up on Shavuot for the Wedding, and the rest remain in the wilderness until You save them at Your return? Is that possible? For You said something to this effect in Your word that two men are in the field, and one is taken, two women are grinding, and one is taken, etc. (Matthew 24:40 and Luke 17:35)
- 10) The Church teaches that the saved Church is the Bride. If the whole Church is the Bride, than who are the saved guests? In Revelation 19:9, God calls them 'blessed!' Can the number of members of Your Bride ever be added to? or does it stay fixed?
- 11) Are there two harvest seasons for Your Body, a spring harvest for Your Bride, and a main fall harvest for the rest of Your Body? Is the main fall harvest the one seen in Revelation 14:15,16, where You sit on a cloud and use a sickle to reap the harvest of the earth? The Jewish people have been given two main feasts in Leviticus 23 related to the harvest of crops. Does the harvest of Your own Body of believers relate to these two yearly harvest of crops, as You taught to Israel in Your Word?
- 12) Who will go up with Your Bride? Do some of the guests go up who are ready? Do other guests die during the tribulation and others remain alive until You return and save them at Your coming? Are they changed into their new Eternal bodies just by You appearing before them at Your return to earth? Can they be changed into their new Eternal bodies without going up into heaven?
- 13) In Daniel 8:14, how do the 2300 days (6.4 years) fit Your return timetable?

14) In Daniel 12:12, how do the 1335 days (3 1/2 years + 75 days) fit into this answer?

15) What is the Last Day? What does it mean? Is it Yom Kippur?

16) What is the Last Trump? Does it signal the resurrection of Your Bride, as some teach? Or does it signal Your return with the resurrection of the main Body of saved believers for the fall harvest? Is it the Shofar You blow on Yom Kippur, when You return with Your warrior Bride back to earth, destroying Your enemies?

17) In First Thessalonians 4:16, it says that we who are alive and remain shall be caught up. And in Luke 20:35, it says that those worthy to attain the resurrection from the dead are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. How can those who never died both be caught up, and yet also be found worthy to attain status of resurrection from the dead?

Do some saved believers never die, and yet they do not have to go through the second death? How are those who do not die, and so, are not resurrected from the dead, able to make it into Your Millennial Kingdom? Are they changed into new Eternal bodies just by Your presence, at Your return to earth? It says in First Corinthians 15:52: 'O death, where is your sting.'

Are the ones who are resurrected into heaven only those who have died, or are some who never died also raised up into heaven? Then why does resurrection from the dead seem to be Your condition of Luke 20:35 for making it into Your Eternal Kingdom?

18) Is the beginning of **the Seventh Day** and Your return counted as **2000 years from Your birth** or **2000 years from Your death**? You said: 'Destroy This Temple and in three days I will raise it up.' [John 3:19] At that time, Your word related to Your death. Is Your return based on the Third Day from Your birth or from Your death? Is it based on 2000 years since Your birth or 2000 years since Your death? With Seven Days in Creation, and Your Millennial reign for a thousand years, You know exactly the day and the year when the Seventh Day will begin, and when the 6000 years will have ended.

We must remember that we are dealing with a biblical year of 360 and not 365 days. And we are also dealing with the time period of a generation since the fig tree budded, in 1947-1948. You said, 'Truly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away until all these things are fulfilled.' [Matthew 24:34]

The days of our lives are seventy years; and by reason of strength they are eighty years. [Psalm 90:10]

19) Is there a difference between those who are saved and those who overcome?

20) When does the Gog-Magog war begin? Is it just before Daniel's 70th week begins? For it will take seven years just to bury the weapons from this war.

21) Do the ten nation groups of the one world government form quickly and very soon?

22) Does this 'little horn' wipe out three of these ten nations rapidly, soon after they form? Does this 'little horn' (anti-Messiah) first come into world recognition right after the Gog-Magog war with Israel, to bring the phony peace process to Israel?

23) Is the Temple in Jerusalem built immediately after God intervenes and ends the Gog-Magog war with Russia and the Arab nations?

24) Do the following four events all happen at the same time, or at different times?

- a) two witnesses prophesy for 42 months dressed in sack-cloth;
- b) the beast is given power 42 months, starting shortly after the two witnesses begin;
- c) from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate set up shall be 1290 days (or 42 months + 30 days).
- d) the gentiles tread the city 42 months;
- e) the woman is told to flee into the wilderness for 42 months;

25) Does Your Bride go up into heaven at the same time that the two witnesses in Revelation 11 go up to heaven? Your Bride appears to go up earlier, on Shavuot, and the two witnesses seem to go up just before the fall feast of Rosh HaShanah..

26) Was Zecharias, Yochanan's father, from both the line of Abijah and also Zadok?

27) The high priest came out from the Holy Place three times on Yom Kippur for two different offerings. The first offering was for the sins of both himself and for the other priests, and the second offering was for the sins of the people. Does this relate to the order of Your return, first for Your firstfruits Bride, and then for the main harvest of Your Body, before You proceed to destroy Your enemies?

28) Are there unsaved people who will still be alive when you return to earth? If they are not killed, and have not taken the mark of the beast, what happens to them? Can they be saved? Are they part of the human race left on the earth which will repopulate humanity? Is this related at all to the judgment of the sheep and goats?

29) It seems that all those with God's seal in their foreheads are saved. Are these only His Bride, or are some also the Guests?... some who will die on earth, while others remain alive until the Lord returns? In Revelation 9:4, after the fifth angel sounded his trumpet, the locusts come out and are commanded to harm only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

30) Is the Seventh Trumpet, which is sounded just after the two witnesses die (and are resurrected, and then raised up into heaven), the trumpet which announces the Wedding in Heaven on Rosh HaShanah, and also Your soon return to earth after this Wedding?

31) Jesus said that He would rather we be 'hot' or 'cold', but if we are 'luke warm', He would spit us out. Therefore, are all those who are saved only those who are 'hot'? Then do all those who are 'hot' make up Your Body, the Bride and the saved Guests?

32) Please email me with other good questions that can be added to the ones above...

**When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies,
then know that its desolation is near.
Then let those in Judea flee to the mountains...
For these are the days of vengeance,
that all things which are written may be fulfilled.**

**And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a Cloud
with Power and Great Glory.**

**Now when these things begin to happen,
look up and lift up your heads,
because your redemption draws near.
Assuredly, I say to you,
this generation will by no means pass away
till all things are fulfilled.
Heaven and earth will pass away,
But My Words will by no means pass away.**

**But take heed to yourselves,
lest your hearts be weighed down
with the cares of this life,
and that Day come on you unexpectedly.
For it will come as a snare
on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.
Watch therefore, and pray always,
that you may be counted worthy to escape
all these things that will come to pass,
and to stand before the Son of man.**

[Luke 21]

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