

HEBREWS 13:15

Happy THANKSGIVING

*...let us continually offer up a sacrifice of
praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that
give thanks to His name.*

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP



Looking Ahead –

Nov. 25 – No Class – Thanksgiving break.

Dec. 2 & 9 – Class

Dec. 16,23,30 – No Class – Christmas break.

Jan. 6, 2019 – Class resumes.

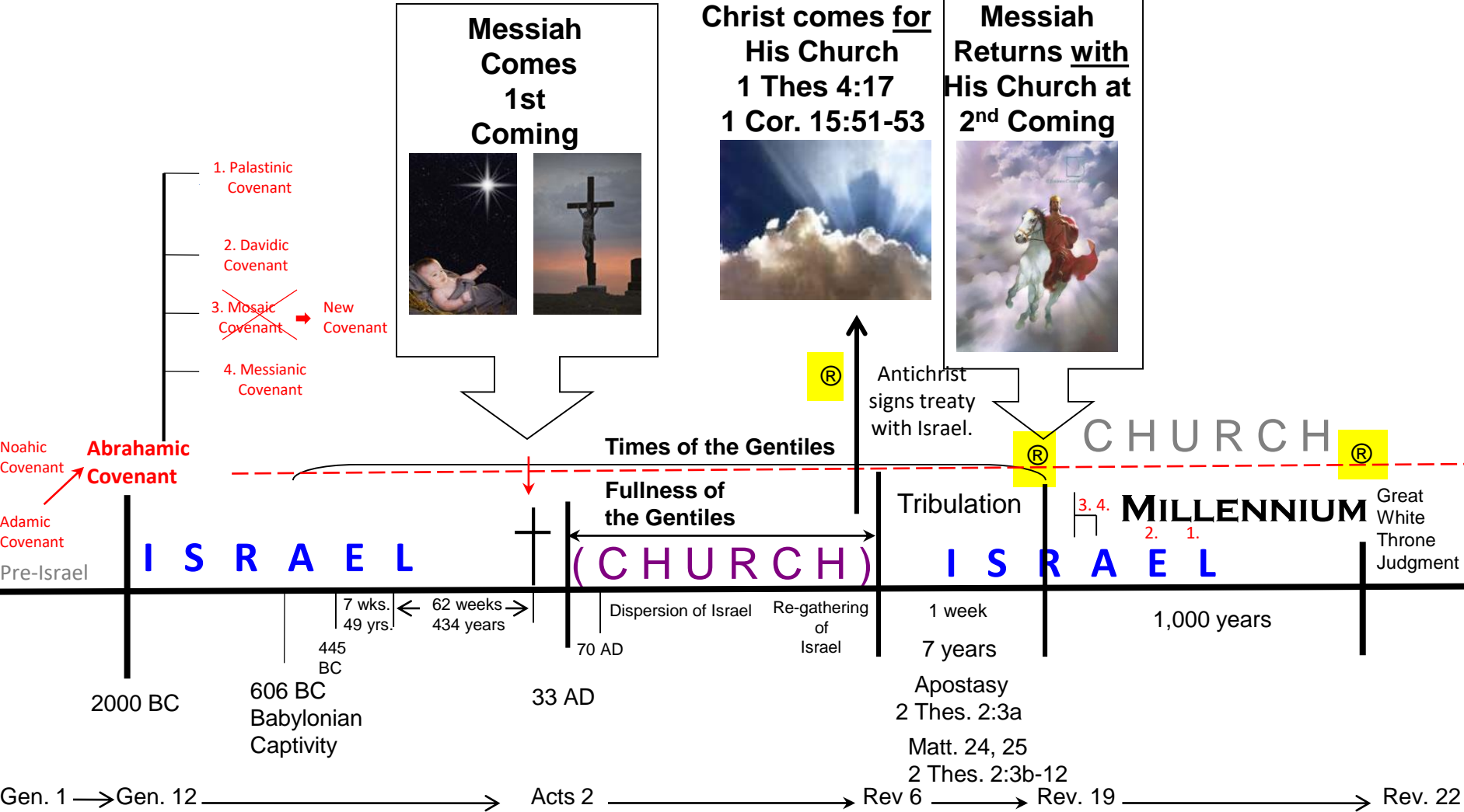
“The Judgment of the Great Harlot”

Part 5

Rev. 17:14-18

Nov. 18, 2018

Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



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7 Year Tribulation

Messiah Returns
2nd
Coming

ABOMINATION
OF
DESOLATION
(Matt. 24:15)

Antichrist is World Ruler
(Defeats all Kings and nations)

10 member Roman
Confederacy
Rev. 13:1; 17:12

VS

GREAT WAR
OF
ARMAGEDDON
Rev. 16-19

Antichrist Ascends to Power

King of the South - Egypt+
King of the North -
Russia+
King of the East - China
Dan. 11:40-44

Israel is
to flee
to mountains.
(Matt. 24:16-20)

3 1/2 years

Nations gather
in Israel to do
war with God.
Rev. 17:14; 19:19

Millennium

Earthquakes
(Matt. 24:7)

Famines
(Matt. 24:7)

Satan Worship. Rev. 13:3,4

Worldwide
evangelism
Matt. 24:14
Rev. 14:6,7

Two Witnesses Begin Their
Ministry Rev. 11:3-6

**One World
Religion** Rev. 17

False Prophet
Rev. 13:11-15.

(Matt. 24:21, 22)

144,000 Jews are Saved & Sealed
Rev. 7:4-8

Trumpet

Bowl Judgments - Rev. 16

Wars & Rumors of Wars (Matt. 24:6,7)

Judgments Increase in Severity

Seal Judgments - Rev. 6

- *Deception, Wars, Famine
- *1/4 of pop. will die
- *Earthquakes
- *Sun darkened, moon becomes like blood, stars fall.
- *Mountains & islands are moved.
- *Panic & Terror

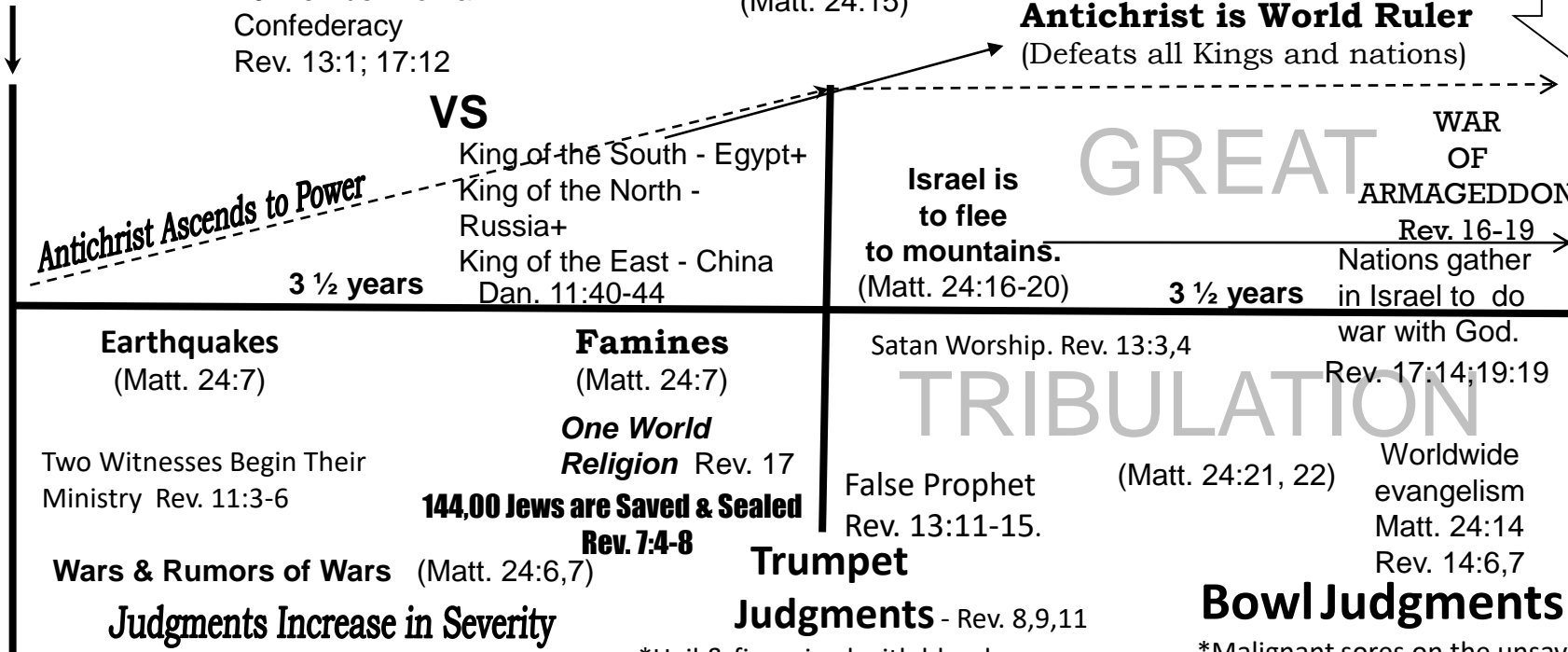
Judgments - Rev. 8,9,11

- *Hail & fire mixed with blood.
- *1/3 of earth burned up.
- *1/3 of sea turns to blood & 1/3 of life in sea die.
- *Great star falls from heaven & poisons waters & kills many.
- *1/3 of sun, moon, & stars are darkened - affects light & temperatures.
- *Another 1/3 of world's pop. die
- *Earthquakes.
- *Great hailstorm.

- *Malignant sores on the unsaved..
- *Seas become blood & everything in them dies.
- *Rivers & springs become blood.
- *Sun scorches men with fire.
- *Greatest earthquake ever - cities of the world destroyed.
- *Every mountain & island disappear.
- *100 pound hailstones fall on men..

Antichrist
signs treaty
with Israel.
(Dan. 9:27)

Church
Age



Quiz

Women

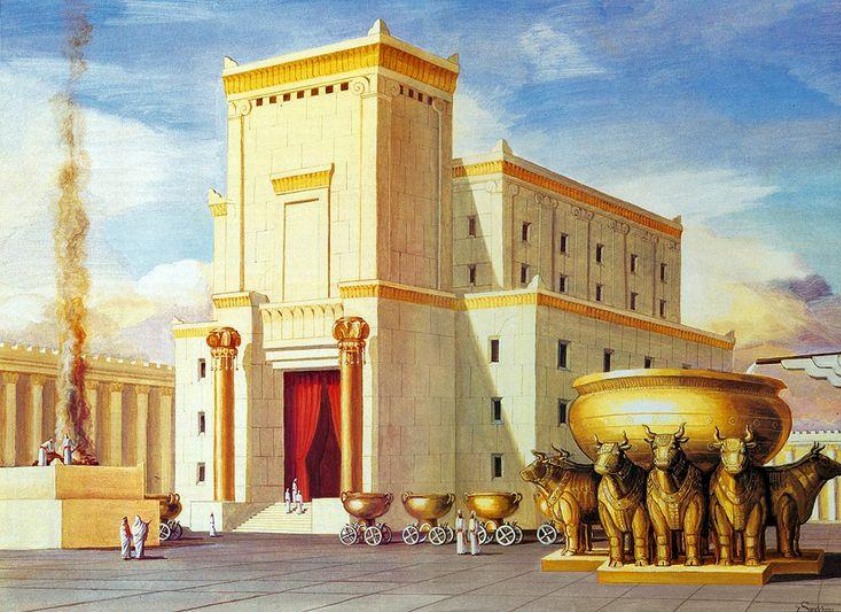
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False



1. Solomon's Temple

Date Built: 950 BC by Solomon

Date Destroyed: 586 BC by Babylon

Scripture: 1 Kings 5-8, 2 Chron. 5



2. Zurababble's Temple

Date Built: 515 BC by Zurababble

Date Destroyed: 168 B.C. by Antiochus Epiphanes

Scripture: Ezra 5,6



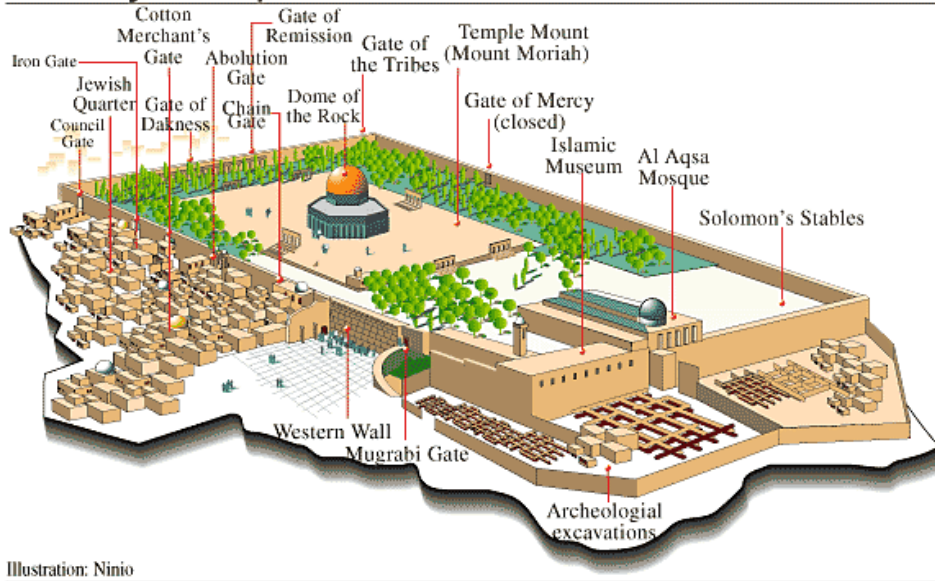
3. Herod's Temple

Date Built: 20 B.C.

Date Destroyed: 70 AD by Titus

Scripture: Matt. 24:1-3

Old City - Temple Mount



4. Tribulation Temple

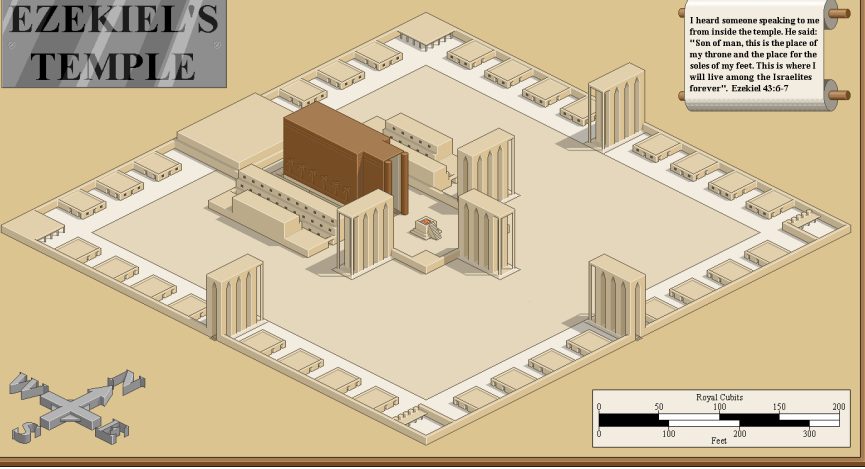
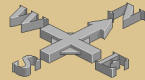
Date To Be Built: Beginning of the Tribulation by Israel - granted by the Antichrist.

Date Destroyed: Mid-point of the Tribulation by the Antichrist.

Scripture: Dan. 9:24-27, Matt. 15, 2 Thess. 2:4, Rev. 11:1,2

EZEKIEL'S TEMPLE

I heard someone speaking to me from inside the temple. He said: "Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet. This is where I will live among the Israelites forever". Ezekiel 43:7



5. Millennial Temple

Date To Be Built: Beginning of the Millennium.

Date Destroyed: End of the millennium with the creation of the new heavens and the new earth.

Scripture: Ez. 40-48, Rev. 21:22

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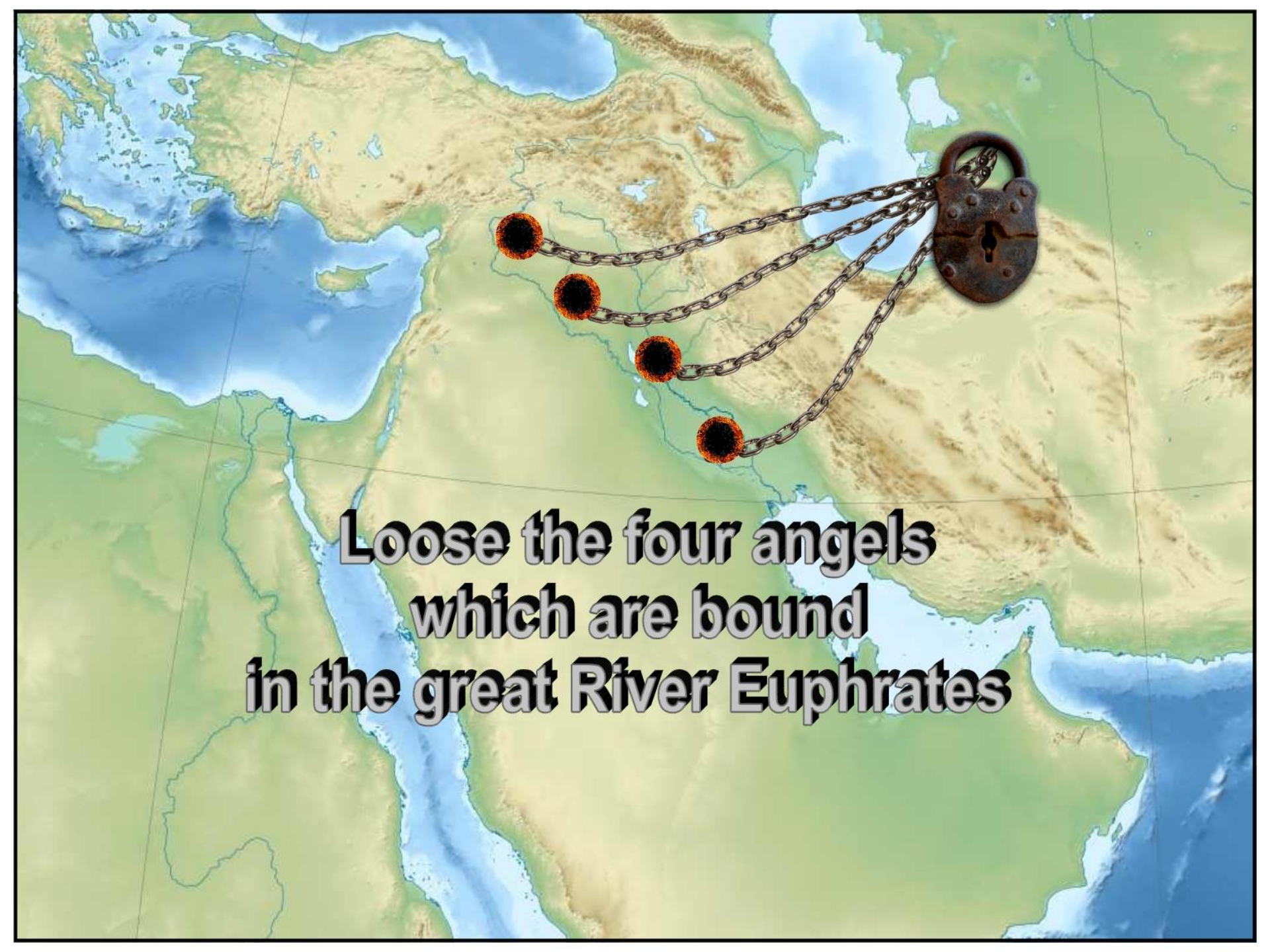
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A topographical map of the Middle East and surrounding regions. A large, dark metal padlock is positioned in the upper right quadrant, with four heavy metal chains extending from it to four circular, glowing orange-red spots. These spots are arranged in a vertical line along the Euphrates River valley, starting from the northern part of the river and moving southwards. The text is centered in the lower half of the map.

**Loose the four angels
which are bound
in the great River Euphrates**

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4. **T or F** A cubit is about 18 inches long.

True

Women

5. **T or F** It is wrong to cry out to God asking for vengeance against our enemies.

False

Examples in Scripture of believers crying out for God's vengeance on the wicked:

• Rev 6:9-10

9 When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained;

10 and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

- Imprecatory Psalms – **5, 7, 35, 58, 59, 69, 70, 79, 83, 109, 129, 137, 139, 140, 144**

They are called "Imprecatory" because they are a call for God's wrath and judgment to fall on the enemy, the wicked and the evil.

• Ps 79:10

10 Let there be known among the nations in our sight,
Vengeance for the blood of Your servants which has been shed.

• Luke 18:6-8

6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge said;

7 now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them?

8 "I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly.

Men

6. **T or F** “Dual covenant” is a biblical way to express God’s special relationship to Israel.

False

Women

7. **T or F** The hailstones at the end of the Bowl Judgments will weigh about 100 pounds.

True

Men

8. **T or F** Rev. 11 tells us that the 1st Beast is the Antichrist and the 2nd Beast is the False Prophet.

False

Women

9. **T or F** The church is mentioned in Revelation in chapters 2,3,7,13.

False

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10. **T or F** It was not unusual for idols in the O.T. to speak.

False

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Rev 17:9-13

9 "Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits,

10 and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while.

11 "The beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth and is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction.

12 "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour.

13 "These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast.

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Ps 2:2-3

2 The kings of the earth take their stand

And the rulers take counsel together

Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying,

3 "Let us tear their fetters apart

And cast away their cords from us!"

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- The battle is briefly announced here.
- The Lamb is King over all who reign, and Lord over all authority upon the earth.
- The Lamb is supreme, He is sovereign, all power in Heaven and in earth is His (Matthew 28:18).
- Therefore the outcome is settled: “The Lamb shall overcome them.”

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Matt 22:14

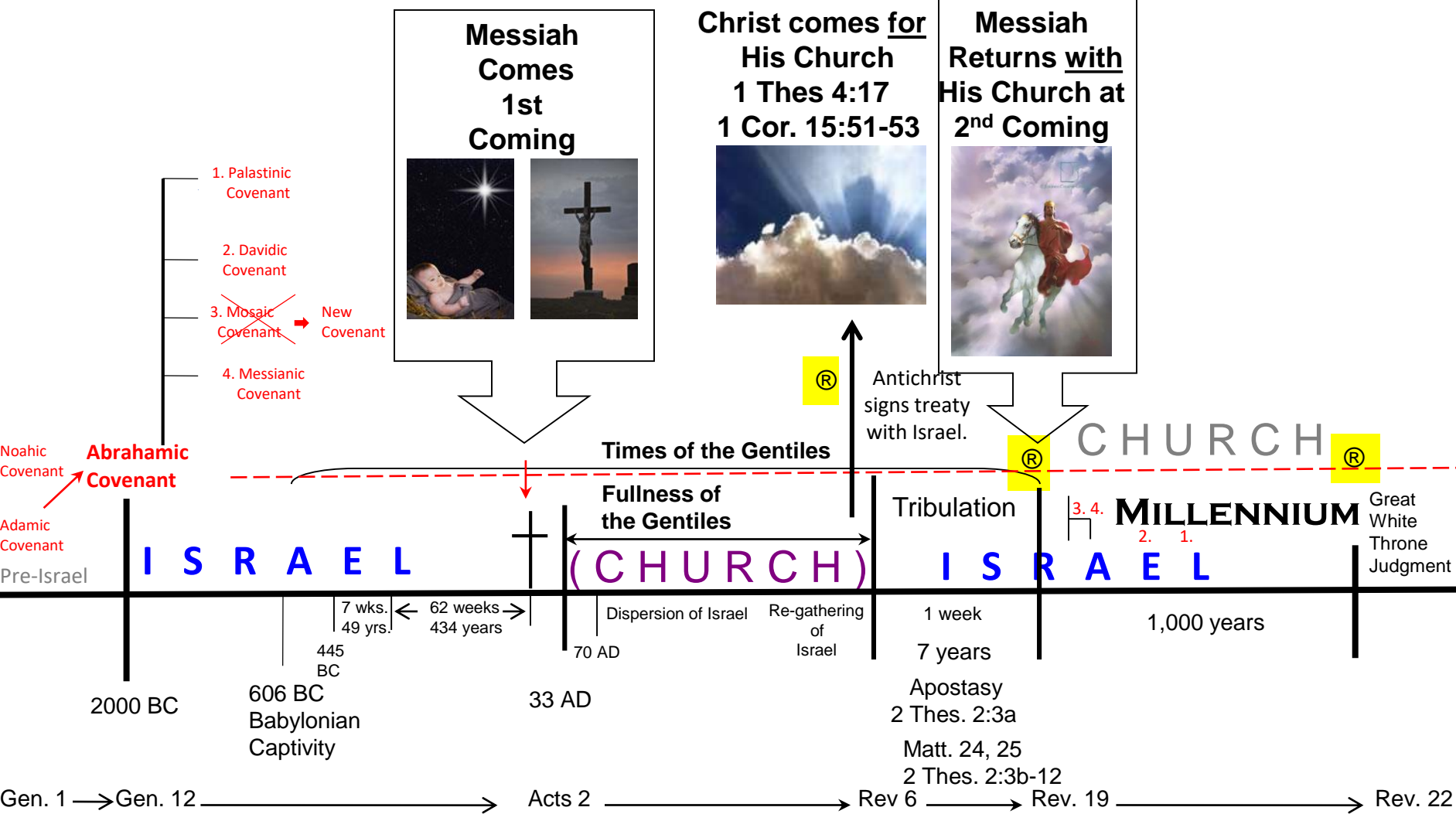
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1 Peter 2:9

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Church age believers who have their resurrected bodies.

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- This shows how far the influence of the Babylonian system of religion has spread.
- It is global, it is worldwide. All peoples, populations, nations, and languages – everyone on the planet but a few believers. This religion is holding the entire world captive at this time. It literally has control of them.
- And the Babylonian system of religion is going to be judged for the billions and billions upon billions of people she has held captive and has ushered them straight into eternal damnation.

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"And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast,"

- Ten horns – the ten kings who make up the ten member Roman confederacy of nations under the command of the Antichrist.
- They along with the Beast (Antichrist) will now turn on the harlot and destroy her.

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5 things the Antichrist and the Roman Confederacy will do to the harlot:

- 1. They will hate her** – they hate her because she is competition. He has supported her for selfish reasons. She has brought him to a place of prominence. She has made him look good as a supporter of peace, unity, & love. But the tryst is over. The love affair is done. The rendezvous with the harlot is finished. He used her and now he will destroy her.
- 2. They will make her desolate.** ερημωω – to bring to nothing, to take out of existence. They will confiscate her wealth, her treasure, her power by which she has grown rich by extortion of the world's masses.
- 3. They will make her naked.** She will lose everything that made her enticing – no scarlet and purple clothes, no gold, no precious stones, no pearls, no gold cup. They strip the system bare. She is exposed for what she really is – a bankrupt, morally corrupt system giving false security to those deceived into following her.

4. They will eat her flesh.

Just as Jezebel's flesh was eaten by dogs, so the Beast and his kings will murder the priests and priestesses involved in the hierarchy of her religious system.

5. They will burn her up with fire.

Κατακαίω – to burn down to the ground, burn-up.

The religious system of the world is left with nothing. Totally consumed. Religion and the city that was her capitol, Babylon, will totally disappear.

Jer 51:58

"The broad wall of Babylon will be completely razed

And her high gates will be set on fire;

*This destruction of the city of Babylon is Satan's desire so he can establish his throne and his ruler in Jerusalem where God is planning to establish His throne and His ruler.

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“heart” – καρδια - the seat and center of human life. The heart is the center of the personality, and it controls the intellect, emotions, and will.

- God’s directive went to the mind and down into the heart.
- In the heart they could exercise their will and make a decision concerning what to do.
- In the present case, the Beast and RC make a decision (unknowingly) to do God’s will by destroying the harlot.

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- “His purpose” – His purpose is for them to unite.
 - God always has a purpose for everything.
 - They are delivering over their kingdoms. They are giving it all up and uniting behind the Antichrist.
 - They think this is all their doing. They’re making the plans, they’re executing, and they’re fulfilling their purpose.

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- All the prophecies of judgment, all the prophecies of Christ's return, and the establishment of the kingdom are to be fulfilled. The mysteries of God are to be finished. And it's going exactly that way.
- God wants it just this way that Satan is taking this thing so that God in one great act can destroy it all.

"This verse denies the existence of any ultimate dualism in the world. In the final analysis the powers of evil serve the purposes of God."

- Robert Mounce

God's use of evil is a theme that runs throughout scripture.

Rev 13:5-6

5 There was **given to him** a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, **and authority to act** for forty-two months was given to him.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven.

Rev 6:2

2 I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and **a crown was given to him**, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

Prov 16:4

4 The Lord has made everything for its own purpose, Even the wicked for the day of evil.

Hab 1:5-11

- 5 "Look among the nations! Observe! Be astonished! Wonder!
Because I am doing something in your days — You would not believe if you were told.
- 6 "For behold, **I am raising up** the Chaldeans, That fierce and impetuous people Who march throughout the earth To seize dwelling places which are not theirs.
- 7 "They are dreaded and feared; Their justice and authority originate with themselves.
- 8 "Their horses are swifter than leopards And keener than wolves in the evening. Their horsemen come galloping, Their horsemen come from afar; They fly like an eagle swooping down to devour.
- 9 "All of them come for violence. Their horde of faces moves forward. They collect captives like sand.
- 10 "They mock at kings And rulers are a laughing matter to them. They laugh at every fortress And heap up rubble to capture it.
- 11 "Then they will sweep through like the wind and pass on. But **they will be held guilty**, They whose strength is their god."

Gen 50:19-20

19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in God's place?"

20 "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

Deut 32:4

4 "The Rock! His work is perfect,

For all His ways are just;

A God of faithfulness and without injustice,

Righteous and upright is He.

1 Kings 22:21-23

21 "Then a spirit came forward and stood before the Lord and said, 'I will entice him.'

22 "The Lord said to him, 'How?' And he said, 'I will go out and be a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' Then He said, 'You are to entice him and also prevail. Go and do so.'

23 "Now therefore, behold, **the Lord has put a deceiving spirit** in the mouth of all these your prophets; and the Lord has proclaimed disaster against you."

Judg 9:22-23

22 Now Abimelech ruled over Israel three years.

23 Then **God sent an evil spirit** between Abimelech and the men of Shechem

1 Sam 16:14-16

14 Now the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and **an evil spirit from the Lord** terrorized him.

15 Saul's servants then said to him, "Behold now, an evil spirit from God is terrorizing you.

1 Sam 18:10

10 Now it came about on the next day that **an evil spirit from God** came mightily upon Saul,

Some things to remember –

- God's sovereign rule is a holy rule.
- God's foreordination of all things is a holy foreordination.
- God's holiness makes His power and rule good and right.
- God does not express moral evil because he is unable to do so. It is impossible for the eternal God to commit an act, any act, of moral evil—he doesn't have the ability to do it.

God's Use of Evil

<u>Being</u>	<u>Character</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Intent</u>	<u>Outcome</u>
GOD	Holy Moral Purity Incapable of doing moral evil.	1. Holy Sovereignty 2. Moral goodness 3. Righteousness	To use evil acts and evil people to accomplish a greater good.	GOOD Gen 50:20b God meant it for good.
SATAN	Morally he is evil.	1. Corruption 2. Sin 3. Evil	To produce evil resulting in moral corruption and sinful acts in the human race.	EVIL Gen. 50:20a “you meant evil against me”

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"The woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth."

- This is Babylon the great, the physical rebuilt city located on the Euphrates River.



- Babylon will be the central headquarters of this false religion that has rule over the kings of the earth through her corrupting influence.

In 2 weeks we will start Rev. 18. Now that religious Babylon has been destroyed, we will turn to the destruction of political and economic Babylon.



**August L. Storm
(1862–1914)**

August Ludvig Storm was born in Sweden. At 29 he was converted to Christ in a Salvation Army meeting in Stockholm. In grateful appreciation, he joined the Salvation Army Corp and became a preacher and teacher. Storm wrote this hymn in 1891. This hymn is based on a list he wrote, with 24 reasons for thanksgiving -- sources of tears as well as smiles. It expressed his praise to God in the midst of pain as well as pleasure -- in difficulties as well as delights. The pain and difficulties of his life did more to build strength and gratefulness in his heart than did any of his human pleasure.



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Eight years after writing this hymn, at age 37, August Storm faced a crippling back problem. But God used his disability to prove His sufficiency -- and to give additional depth to the young man's teaching and writing. Storm's high calling to continual suffering made his life all the more a testimony to God's sufficiency. He knew the source of endurance and gave God the glory. This hymn was written in Swedish. It was translated into English in 1931, by Carl Ernest Backstrom (1901-1984). The original version had four stanzas, but when he made his translation Backstrom reduced the number to three, incorporating some of the ideas from the other stanzas into his adaptation. In Storm's Swedish version, he lists some thirty-two things to be thankful for.



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A year before his death on July 1, 1914, he wrote another poem in which he thanked God for the years of calm and quiet as well as the years of pain. After his funeral, the Swedish *War Cry* wrote the following:

“It was a delight to listen to his powerful, thoughtful, and well-articulated sermons. And the numerous verses that flowed from his pen are the best that have ever appeared in the Army’s publications.”



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For those of you who are Swedish, here is how the hymn begins.

Tack min Gud för vad som varit,
Tack för allt vad du beskär.
Tack för tiderna som farit,
Tack för stund som inne är.
Tack för ljusa, varma vårar,
Tack för mörk och kulen höst.
Tack för redan glömda tårar,
Tack för friden i mitt bröst.

The name of the hymn is . . .

THANKS TO GOD

Thanks to God for my Redeemer,
Thanks for all Thou dost provide!
Thanks for times now but a memory,
Thanks for Jesus by my side!
Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime,
Thanks for dark and stormy fall!
Thanks for tears by now forgotten,
Thanks for peace within my soul!

Thanks for prayers that Thou hast
answered,
Thanks for what Thou dost deny!
Thanks for storms that I have
weathered,
Thanks for all Thou dost supply!
Thanks for pain, and thanks for
pleasure,
Thanks for comfort in despair!
Thanks for grace that none can
measure,
Thanks for love beyond compare!

Thanks for roses by the wayside,
Thanks for thorns their stems
contain!
Thanks for home and thanks for
fireside,
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain!
Thanks for joy and thanks for
sorrow,
Thanks for heav'nly peace with
Thee!
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,
Thanks through all eternity!