

PROMISE OF A BRIGHT TOMORROW

(All 11 parts of the series)

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PROMISE OF A BRIGHT TOMORROW, PART 1

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Here's the promise:

"You will go out in joy, and be led forth in peace."

Sounds good! If you're feeling joyous, whatever the details are, it's got to be good! And peace? Yeah, the world can sure use plenty of that! But who is the "You" who goes out in joy and peace, and who is making the promise? The answer to the first question is, "The whole world is who is joyfully and peacefully being led out of our present mess." I'll explain the "why" and "how" of this in due time, just keep in mind the good news isn't limited to any one group of people. Everyone benefits! We'll answer the second question about who made the promise in a moment.

These days, nothing spoils a good mood faster than the national or world news. If we're talking about national news, first, there's the economy to worry about. And secondly, there's politics—if you're a Republican, you probably believe it will be the end freedom and Mom's apple pie if Kamala Harris wins. And if you're a Democrat, you probably believe it will be the end of democracy if Trump wins.

But, the world news is even scarier. You don't even want to think about that. The war in Ukraine—and Russia, too, now—has dragged on and on. But, it's also gradually gotten more and more dangerous. Both sides have become more and more desperate. And now, nuclear-armed Russia has actually been invaded by Ukraine.

Meanwhile, the Middle East is ready to boil over. It wasn't bad enough when it was just the October 7 massacre and the Gaza War. Nope—it had to expand to Houthis threatening world shipping and Hezbollah firing missiles at Israel, and Israel invading Lebanon, and Iran firing hundreds of ballistic missiles—I'm out of breath! And it can easily spread further!

Yep, if you want to be happy, the best thing to do is ignore all that bad stuff and focus on everyday life and entertainment. The problem is, that miserable stuff out there doesn't stay "out there". Eventually, if it doesn't get fixed, it affects everyone.

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So, what do we do? Well, there's that promise: "You will go out in joy, and be led forth in peace." If whoever made it is telling the truth, there's hope. Because to be honest, what's happening in the Middle East is sounding like the Doomsday prophecies in the Bible, and according to a lot of End Times movies and books, it will escalate and billions—not millions—of people will die. Here's where we're lucky: the same God who put those Doomsday prophecies in the Bible and in Muslim sacred books is the same Being who promised we'd all...

Isaiah 55:12 "...go out in joy, and be led forth in peace."

The question is, how do we get from here, where things are scary and suck, to where we all feel joyous and secure? The answer to this question will become more and more evident over the next few days. That's because this is about as long as an article can go these days and still have people read it. So, I'm going to stop it here and make it be part 1 of a series with new parts posted daily over the next few days. Part 2 will be posted tomorrow.

Ps: There is one thing you can do to get a head-start on that answer, which is to go to our main website at www.godspeaceplan.org or our FaceBook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/godspeaceplan> and download a free copy of "God's Peace Plan for the Holy Land".

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PROMISE OF A BRIGHT TOMORROW, PART 2

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In Part 1, which was posted yesterday, we learned the God who spoke to Jews, Christians, and Muslims promised humanity would "...go out in joy, and be led forth in peace." (Isaiah 55:12). We noted the world is presently stuck in a downward spiral hell-bent on disaster, and the question was asked, "How do we get from the present mess we find ourselves in, to the "promised land" of joy and peace?" We'll start to answer this question, but first, something must be said about God speaking to "Jews, Christians, and Muslims".

What must be said is this: God didn't communicate with only these three groups. God has spoken to all peoples, throughout time. Trust me on this: If God spoke only to followers of those three religions, there'd be no "promised land" of joy and peace awaiting us. To learn more on this theme, you can click on the following link, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/godspeaceplan/permalink/5720967734588593>

The link will take you to a post, at the bottom of which is a powder-blue bar with the words "The-Way-of-Holiness-the-Sacred-Hoop.pdf-version 1" on it. Click on it, and you'll download a pdf book titled, "The Way of Holiness & the Sacred Hoop". I meant what I said when I wrote the promise is meant for all peoples, just like the following prophecy from Isaiah indicates.

Isaiah 49:6 says when peace comes to what many call "the Holy Land", this peace and attendant benefits will spread over the entire world. So, what first benefits those in the Holy Land is only the beginning of a process of salvation that spreads everywhere. Keep in mind as you read the prophecy the "tribes of Jacob" are the Israelites, which surprisingly, includes everyone living there today, both Israelis and Palestinians. Now, here's the prophecy:

Isaiah 49:6;

"[God] says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

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When both groups of Israelites have their rights "restored" and agree to peace, God promises salvation will "reach to the ends of the earth". Not bad! Except, how is there ever going to be a peace over there where both groups get along with each other? Jesus was known to say, "'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'" (Matthew 19:26). He was right!

So, here's where the answer to "How do we get from here to there" comes in. Let's go back to the first promise: Isaiah 55:12, where God promises we'll "...go out in joy, and be led forth in peace." In the verse just prior to that, God says, "11 ...my word...will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." God's word will serve the purpose for which it was sent: to lead us out of our dilemma in joy and peace.

Which brings us to "God's Peace Plan for the Holy Land". (You'll find the links below.) "God's Peace Plan for the Holy Land" uses specific instructions God put into the sacred books (literally, God's "word") to guide us in how to share the land properly. In a nutshell, God calls for the Holy Land to be a single nation, with two "states", like California and New York, with Jerusalem the shared national capital. It also shows how and why all peoples presently living in the Holy Land belong there, even if some of them appear to have come from elsewhere. This knowledge is crucial, because the entire world has become entangled in this dispute and needs the ultimate referee to sort things out.

OK. So there's a peace plan. Now what? Here's what—God is encouraging you to share the peace plan far and wide!

Isaiah 52:7;

⁷ How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

When we follow the instructions God provided us, God reigns! You can download a free copy of the peace plan at www.godspeaceplan.org or go to our FaceBook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/godspeaceplan> and download a pdf from the files section. Or, you can download a copy here by clicking the link below.

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But, why believe me or do anything I suggest? That's a perfectly fair question, which I'll answer tomorrow, as this is the end of Part 2.

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In Parts 1 & 2 (which was posted yesterday), we learned the God who has spoken to all peoples, promised to lead humanity in joy and peace out of our collective death spiral, into a bright future. We also learned our Creator provided us with a peace plan to resolve the dispute between Israelis and Palestinians, and that once peace is established over there, it will spread throughout the entire world.

Sounds great! But there's a "catch"—why should anyone believe me or do anything I suggest? To be honest, no one should believe me or do anything I say on account of me or my personal history or genealogy. Nor would I want you to, as that would defeat perhaps the most important reason for the peace plan (which I'll get to shortly). The reason to believe and act upon that belief is because God tells you to.

What??? Because God tells us to??? Please allow me to explain: The One God is omnipresent. That is, there's nowhere God isn't already there. Including inside you, me, everyone else, all living beings, the Earth, the atmosphere. Everywhere! Which means the collective Intelligence we call "God" has the ability to communicate directly to each of us.

Before going further, to understand what I'm trying to say, it's important you know how the peace plan came to be. It wasn't something I planned to write, nor was I particularly interested in events in the Holy Land, or religion. In fact, I viewed religion and sacred books the same way my father did—as something that caused wars and persecution and something to stay away from.

But, back in November 1992, I had something akin to a NDE (Near Death Experience), and that's where the peace plan and pretty much everything I've written of a spiritual nature comes from. So, from my perspective, I know the peace plan isn't "mine". And I also know the Being whose peace plan it is, will bring it to fruition because that is the Designer's intent.

My job was to put it on "paper" and share it. To do the best I can to the best of my ability, and then get out of the way and let God do the rest—which includes speaking inside and convincing enough of the people who read it so there's enough to spread it worldwide and get it enacted into law.

The primary purpose for the peace plan is to initiate a process of salvation that commences in the Holy Land and spreads worldwide. One aspect of this salvation is a mass spiritual "evolutionary" leap. The first step is to let humanity know there really is an Intelligence far vaster than our ego-based consciousness, which is a bit tricky to accomplish when to human senses (i.e., visual, audio, etc.), God is invisible. But, God is very smart, and devised a way to make His/Her Presence known. We'll discuss this in detail in the next post tomorrow.

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PROMISE OF A BRIGHT TOMORROW - PART 4

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In Parts 1, 2, & 3 we learned God spoke to all peoples, and promised to lead us joyfully and peacefully out of our collective death spiral into a bright future. To do this, God provided us a peace plan to resolve the dispute between Israelis and Palestinians, which will initiate a worldwide process of salvation. We learned an essential aspect of salvation is a mass spiritual "evolutionary" leap, which begins with our first recognizing God exists, i.e, there really is an omnipresent Intelligence invisible to our visual and audial senses. And lastly, we learned God devised a technique to make His/Her Presence known to us.

There's a very good reason why it's essential we realize God exists: Why follow an imaginary Being's guidance? Until we recognize God exists, we won't trust what God says. Once we realize God exists, we'll be ready to listen to the guidance we need for getting us out of our dilemma. Next, I'll step aside, so the Expert can describe the technique. (A note for Muslims: Wherever you see "God" and "Lord", you can substitute "Allah swt" to make it more meaningful.)

Isaiah 46:9-10;

⁹ ...I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me.

¹⁰ I make known the end from the beginning,
from ancient times, what is still to come.

Isaiah 42:9;

⁹ See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare;
before they spring into being I announce them to you."

Isaiah 44:24, 26;

²⁴ "...I am the LORD, the Maker of all things...

²⁶ who carries out the words of his servants
and fulfills the predictions of his messengers,

Isaiah 41:4;

⁴ Who has done this and carried it through,
calling forth the generations from the beginning?

I, the Lord—with the first of them and with the last—I am he."

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Isaiah 44:7-8;

⁷ Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it.
 Let him declare and lay out before me
 what has happened since I established my ancient people,
 and what is yet to come—yes, let them foretell what will come.

⁸ Do not tremble, do not be afraid.
 Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?
 You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?
 No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

PROPHECIES

Fulfilling prophecies made long ago provides evidence a Being exists who spans the dimension of Time. An Intelligence above and beyond us mortal, ego-based entities. Once this fact is established, the prophecies contain guidance for how humanity can safely navigate the turbulent waters of our times.

Of course, people are free to argue about the authenticity of texts and differing interpretations. That's ok and to be expected. But, if the purpose for prophecies is so God can communicate with us and provide guidance, and if God is omnipresent and inside each one of us, there will be a natural "knowing" if the interpretation rings true.

Now, there are "happy" prophecies and scary sad ones. We're going to start with the scary sad ones, not because I want to scare you, but because those are the ones that are being fulfilled every day in the news, so they prove someOne must have seen this in advance. As soon as we realize the prophecies are being fulfilled right now, hopefully we'll be motivated to read and share the peace plan, and open up the path to the fulfilling the happy prophecies. So, PART 5 (the next article) will be a collection of prophecies being fulfilled in the Middle East. Probably PART 6, too. There's a lot of prophecies being fulfilled!

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In Parts 1-4 we learned God promised to lead all humanity out of our collective death spiral into a bright future. We learned God provided us with a peace plan to resolve the dispute between Israelis and Palestinians, and that this will initiate a process of salvation beginning in the Holy Land and then spreading worldwide.

But, in order for people to have enough confidence in "God's Peace Plan for the Holy Land" to actively share it with other people, at a minimum, they'll have to believe God actually exists. So, in Part 4 we learned one purpose of prophecies—and in particular, fulfillment of prophecies—is to prove God exists. We also learned the prophecies contain guidance to help us to navigate safely through perilous times.

Part 4 ended with the following paragraph:

"Now, there are "happy" prophecies and scary sad ones. We're going to start with the scary sad ones, not because I want to scare you, but because those are the ones that are being fulfilled every day in the news, so they prove someOne must have seen this in advance. As soon as we realize the prophecies are being fulfilled right now, hopefully we'll be motivated to read and share the peace plan, and open up the path to the fulfilling the happy prophecies. So, PART 5 (the next article) will be a collection of prophecies being fulfilled in the Middle East. Probably PART 6, too. There's a lot of prophecies being fulfilled!"

After prayer, I changed my mind. We're going to have dessert before supper. We'll look at some "happy" prophecies, because if we know in advance a happy outcome is truly waiting for us, we may be more willing to look at the sad and scary prophecies which have already been fulfilled—and which we need to see in order to build up confidence God really does exist and span Time. Once we truly believe, faith moves mountains.

So, the two articles following this one will focus on the sad and scary prophecies already fulfilled, while the rest of this article will be a reprint of a previously written article on the "happy" prophecies titled, "Beating Swords Into Plowshares"...

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BEATING SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES

Most, if not all, the members of this group share a belief in God and a desire for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land. But, if Jews, Muslims, and Christians are worshipping different Gods, how would peace be possible? Fortunately for us, whether they realize it or not, all three religions worship the same God (albeit imperfectly, or there'd be far fewer troubles between them).

The Qur'an repeatedly affirms the Evangel (New Testament), the Tawrat (Torah), and Old Testament prophets. The New Testament also affirms the Old Testament prophets. So, the sacred books of the latter two religions view the Old Testament prophets as divinely inspired, as do Jews. Beginning at this starting point, let's take a look at a wonderful prophecy regarding the time of salvation...
Isaiah 55:11-12, Hashem/the Father/ Allah swt;

¹¹...my word...will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.
¹² You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace..."

Hallelujah! Instead of the world being incinerated, God's will is for us to "go out in joy and be led forth in peace". But notice, please, God's "word...will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it", i.e., that we be led out in joy and peace. God's will, expressed through the words of the prophecies, provides the guidelines for "God's Peace Plan for the Holy Land". But, is the salvation this peace plan brings meant only for Jews or those living in the Holy Land?

In Isaiah 49:6 (a prophecy foretelling the peace plan) Creator promises salvation will commence with peace in the Holy Land, and then spread to the entire world.

^{49:6} ..."It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob [God's Peace Plan]
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Isaiah 49:6 depicts a process which begins with resolution to perhaps the greatest obstacle to world peace—the ongoing dispute between Israel & Palestinians, which has proven to be unsolvable by humans. However, the deadlock is overcome through the power of the Almighty's word (which provides the guidelines for the peace plan). God's peace plan restores the rights of ALL the tribes of Jacob, which includes BOTH parties to the dispute.

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God then promises the salvation received by the people of the Holy Land will spread to the "ends of the earth". So, God's promised peace and its attendant blessings aren't limited to the Holy Land. The promises extend everywhere on Earth, with their blessings to be enjoyed by all peoples!

An essential aspect of salvation is the lesson Creator is teaching us by basing the peace plan on the sacred books of all three Abrahamic religions. This shows us God has spoken to humanity through more than one religion's sacred book—and that together, the sacred messages can unite humanity and miracles can happen. These miracles can and will transform Earth into a paradise. Here is one such prophecy... Isaiah 2:4 promises at the time of salvation.

"4 ...They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore."

Sounds like the "Peace Dividend"! In a moment we'll take a look at what some of the benefits of salvation might look like as the swords and spears are transformed into "plowshares" and "pruning hooks". But before we do that, it's important we address the following crucial questions:

How is peace salvation for millions of good people who are employed in defense and related industries, if armaments are no longer needed?

Does God intend to punish good people whose sin is that they were born into an out-of-balance system and now have their livelihoods depending on jobs necessary in the times before salvation?

Thankfully, God is known as the most Wise, Merciful, and Compassionate. The prophecy calls for converting war production to peaceful uses, meaning people employed in defense industries will still have good jobs. It's just that humanity won't constantly waste valuable resources rebuilding what we've just destroyed. If resources aren't being wasted, they can be used to make life better in parts of the world suffering from lack of resources.

For instance, I have a friend who lives in Lagos, Nigeria. In the past three years, he's lost his home and subsequent lodgings to floods when the Niger River overflows in the rainy season. Of course, hundreds of thousands of his neighbors lost their homes along with him. Meanwhile, in northern Nigeria many farmers have too little water for crops, and as the fertile land becomes desert there is less and less arable land. Desertification is a deadly problem in many places. It causes famine and conflict for scarce resources. And yet, the prophecies promise...

Isaiah 35:6;

“...Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.”

Isaiah 44:3;

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground;”.

Isaiah 41:18'

I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys.

I will turn the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs.”

Isaiah 35:1;

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.”

Isaiah 32:15;

till the Spirit is poured on us from on high,
and the desert becomes a fertile field, and the fertile field seems like a forest.”

Perhaps the same equipment militaries presently use for building defenses could be used to build a dam on the upper Niger to save the homes downstream in Lagos while providing life-giving water to the farms in the north.

Speaking of water, our out of balance climate is causing sea levels to rise, flooding low lying, desperately needed farmland and entire island nations. What if solar and tidal powered desalinization plants were constructed along coastlines, and seawater presently drowning farms and islands sent onto arid land, transforming it into a blessing allowing plants of all kinds to flourish there. These plants would consume vast quantities of carbon dioxide (which causes global warming) while creating oxygen, rebalancing the atmosphere. The minerals extracted from seawater could be used for many beneficial purposes, and the canals carrying water into the desert could serve as a fishery. Sound far-fetched?

Isaiah 43:19;

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

Isaiah 33:21;

There the Lord will be our Mighty One.

It will be like a place of broad rivers and streams.

No galley with oars will ride them, no mighty ship will sail them.”

Ezekiel 47:9-10;

⁹ Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows.

There will be large numbers of fish...

¹⁰ Fishermen will stand along the shore;...

The fish will be of many kinds—like the fish of the Mediterranean Sea.”

Clearly, part of God's salvation comes in the form of water sent to desert areas.

While the next prophecy is specifically aimed at the people of Jerusalem, once again, it's important we remember the salvation beginning in the Holy Land spreads worldwide. So, what's promised to the people of Jerusalem is also promised to the entire world.

Isaiah 65:17-25;

¹⁷ "See, I will create new heavens and a new earth.

The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create,
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.

¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people;
the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

²⁰ "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not live out his years;
the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child;
the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹ They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat.

For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people;
my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune;
for they will be a people blessed by the Lord, they and their descendants with them.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear."

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will feed together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,
and dust will be the serpent's food.

They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,"
says the Lord."

This is what the peace plan leads to. When salvation comes to the Holy Land, salvation spreads to the "ends of the earth".

Now, let's talk about you. You must be special. You are special, because for some reason, God put you in the right time and place to be one of the first to receive word of "God's Peace Plan for the Holy Land"--the specific instrument through which God's salvation will commence to flow. You've been given an honor beyond comprehension—if you accept it. Or, you can cast it aside as something meaningless and kick yourself for that for the rest of eternity.

God put you in a position where you can make a real difference. But, will it please God if you share the peace plan? Here's God's response to this question...

Isaiah 52:7;

⁷ How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

(When people do what the scriptures in God's Peace Plan say they should do, they're obeying God, which means God is reigning.)

And Jesus has this to add...

Matthew 5:9;

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

A suggestion:

Share the peace plan and the parable with everyone! Post them on your homepage. Now is the time! And please, let the other group members know some of what you're doing to help encourage them, too!

Thank you, and God bless you!

ps: There's plenty more positive prophecies out there.
But, this article is long enough as it is.

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PROMISE OF A BRIGHT TOMORROW - PART 6

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Now, it's time to look at these sad and scary prophecies. Since God has spoken to more than one people, it only makes sense that also includes prophecies, especially those pertaining to the people of the region where they were given. So, while we'll start with three Muslim prophecies, there will be plenty of Bible ones in this and the following articles, too. This first unhappy prophecy foretold the massacre Hamas committed on October 7, 2024, at the Nova music festival near the town of Re'im, in southern Israel.

OCTOBER 7

The prophecy foretelling Hamas' bloody attack is found in "Sahih Muslim", one of the canonical collections of hadiths (sayings by the Prophet (saw)). This translation was made by Abdul Hamid Siddiqi. From Volume IV Chapter MCCV (6985) page 1510...

" Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying: The last hour would not come unless the Muslims will fight against the Jews and the Muslims would kill them until the Jews would hide themselves behind a stone or a tree and a stone or a tree would say: "Muslim, or the servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him; but the tree Gharqad (3036) would not say, for it is the tree of the Jews."

The only positive thing to say about this, is the prophecy perfectly describes the horrific events of October 7, providing additional proof the Prophet (saw) was...

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indeed a prophet. If you've read accounts of the massacre, you probably know many of the fleeing victims tried to hide themselves behind shrubbery, but sadly, most of them were discovered and killed.

Slaughtering that many Israeli civilians (and soldiers) so cruelly ensured Israel would come after Hamas with a vengeance—which is precisely what Hamas desired. That's why afterwards Hamas members publicly vowed an even bloodier future repeat of October 7.

Hamas knew Israel would be furious and come after them hard, determined to destroy them. They also knew Palestinian civilians—a lot of them—would die as they were caught in the middle of the fighting. But, they also knew the more Palestinian civilians who died—especially women and children—the more the world would turn against Israel.

Hoping to ignite an "Un-Holy War" between Islam and Israel, Hamas murdered Israelis and deliberately sacrificed Palestinian civilians as a means to their evil ends. That was the strategy of the apostate hypocrites who call themselves "Hamas", who have the audacity to claim they are Muslims as they commit their sacrilegious acts in the name of God! Nowhere in the Qur'an will one find justification for their abominable behavior.

Yet, sadly, as the next prophecy and so many similar ones the Prophet (saw) made attest to; the barbaric, apostate theology of Hamas that masquerades as being Islam was foreseen by the very Prophet they pretend to revere. "Sahih Al-Bukhari" is another one of the canonical collections of the Prophet's (saw) hadiths...

Sahih Al-Bukhari: The Book of Al-Fitan Chapter 6 # 7062, 7063;

"Narrated 'Abdullah and Abū Mūsā;

The Prophet (saw) said,

"Near the establishment of the Hour

there will be days during which general ignorance will spread,

(religious)* knowledge will be taken away (vanish)*

and there will be much Al-Harj, and Al-Harj means killing."

God is and will pay Hamas back for both their crimes and disgracing Islam.

The events of October 7 led directly to the destruction of Gaza by the IDF, and countless photos of towering clouds of smoke rising from the dying city. The billowing columns of smoke fulfilled one of the principal signs of the "Last Hour", "the SMOKE", which you'll find in the Qur'an in chapter 44...

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THE SMOKE

Sura 44:10-11;

...“But mark them on the day when the heaven shall give out a palpable SMOKE,
Which shall enshroud mankind: this will be an afflictive torment.”

The smoke of Gaza is seen worldwide by all peoples, like no smoke has ever been seen before. You'll find the “Smoke” in the following graphic Bible prophecy...

Isaiah 14:29-31 (King James Version);

^{14:29} Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina,
because the rod of him that smote thee is broken:
for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice,
and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent.”

³⁰ And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety:
and I will kill thy root with famine, and he shall slay thy remnant.”

³¹ Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Palestina, art dissolved:
for there shall come from the north a smoke,
and none shall be alone in his appointed times.”

Verse 29 refers to “Palestina” (the Latin name for Gaza and the surrounding area where Philistines lived). “the rod of him that smote thee” refers to Ariel Sharon, who “smote” Palestinians back in 1982 in the massacres at the Sabra & Shatila refugee camps in Lebanon. He's dead now, but out of his political/ideological root—Likud—a new “serpent” arose, Benjamin Netanyahu. (From a Palestinian perspective “serpent” fits Mr. Netanyahu. But, it's worth remembering many people on both sides are acting like “serpents”.)

As for the “cockatrice” whose “fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent”: A cockatrice is a mythical winged creature with a dragon's body and a rooster's head (You'll find a picture of a cockatrice on page 20. Compare it with the picture below it of a large Predator-style drone, and as you do, envision that drone firing Hellfire missiles. And now you know what the “fiery flying serpent” coming from the “cockatrice” is. Isaiah described what the drone and missile resembled to him in vivid detail.

Verse 30 describes Israel limiting food shipments into Gaza, while people needing medical care are being evacuated, and the IDF slaying the “remnant” of Hamas.

Verse 31 describes what happened in North Gaza at the beginning of the IDF's campaign against Hamas. Note also in photos of Gaza how the bombed-out buildings look like they're dissolved or melted. The New International Version of verse 31 clarifies what “none shall be alone in his appointed times” means. Here it is...

NIV ³¹ Wail, you gate! Howl, you city! Melt away, all you Philistines!
A cloud of smoke comes from the north, and there is not a straggler in its ranks."

So, verse 31 describes Israel's military attacking northern Gaza at the start of its campaign to destroy Hamas.

The smoke of Gaza caught the eye of the Houthis in Yemen, leading to fulfillment of yet another one of the principal signs of the Last Hour: "A fire will drive the people to their last gathering place."

THE HOUTHIS

From "The Signs Before The Day of Judgement" by Ibn Kathir, p. 89...

"As mentioned in the *Sahih Ahadith*, the fire which will appear before the Day of Resurrection will burst forth from the direction of Aden, and drive people to the place of their final assembly. It will move with them, and devour any who lag behind."

Aden is a city south of Mecca, situated on the southern coast of Yemen along the southwestern edge of the Arabian Peninsula. If you drew a line from Mecca to Aden, the path takes you over northern Yemen, an area controlled by the Shiite Houthi regime. In November, the Houthis started firing missiles at ships in the Red Sea. Each time a missile was launched, a fire "burst forth from the direction of Aden".

Now, the Houthis and their Iranian backers have created an international crisis. The United States' Navy, along with the British Navy and some others, have begun bombing the Houthi missile launchers. And in response, the crisis has escalated as Russia and China are getting involved. This is heading humanity towards an event the Bible calls "Armageddon", in which Earth's armies confront each other. This prophecy calls it, "the place of their final assembly". And if the merchant ships don't go fast enough, a Houthi missile will "devour any who lag behind."

Please keep in mind the purpose for these prophecies isn't to glorify or justify violence. It's to prove God sees exactly what's happening today, showed it to the prophets long ago, and intends to use them to show us the way safely out of peril.

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This is what a "cockatrice" looks like.*



And below, a Predator drone firing a Hellfire missile.



It's pretty easy to see why someone from way back in Isaiah's time would think what they were seeing was a cockatrice whose "fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent".

PROMISE OF A BRIGHT TOMORROW - PART 7

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In the previous six parts we learned God promised to lead humanity out of our collective death spiral into a bright future. To do this, God provided us a with peace plan to resolve the dispute in the Holy Land, and then initiate a process of salvation that spreads worldwide. We learned an essential aspect of salvation is a mass spiritual "evolutionary" leap, which begins with using prophecies and their fulfillment to prove God exists, and also to provide guidance.

In Part 5, we looked at some "happy" prophecies, hoping this will help make us more willing to look at the mostly negative prophecies which have already been fulfilled (and which prove God really does exist). In Part 6, we looked at the sad and scary prophecies depicting the massacre on October 7, 2024, the subsequent destruction of Gaza, and the Houthis entering the fray by firing missiles at international shipping.

Yesterday, I said we'd look at Isaiah 9 today, but on further reflection, I realize it should wait until tomorrow. That's because in order to understand it, you need to know how it's encoded, which will take up most of this article. Remember, these articles must be short so people can get through them. So, we'll limit this article to a short prophecy concerning the fate of Hamas in Gaza, followed by a prophecy interpretation primer. Then tomorrow, we'll do Isaiah 9.

MALACHI 4:1-3 - THE UTTER DESTRUCTION OF HAMAS

^{4:1} "Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire," says the Lord Almighty [a.k.a. "Allah swt"]. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them.

² But for you who revere my name,
the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays.
And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.

³ Then you will trample on the wicked;
they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,"
says the Lord Almighty [a.k.a. "Allah swt"]."

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Verse 1 describes the fate of Hamas after perpetrating their sacrilegious massacre of Israeli civilians on October 7. No doubt you've already seen photos and news on TV showing Israeli aircraft and artillery bombarding Gaza, so you know why "burn like a furnace", "stubble", "set them on fire", and "Not a root or a branch will be left to them" describe what's happened to Hamas so accurately.

Verse 2 implies Hamas terrorists yelling "Allahu Akbar" ["God is great"] as they murdered and pillaged are "arrogant...evildoer[s]", whose actions are like those who revere Satan, not God.

This is a harsh pill for many Muslims to swallow, but people need to understand Allah swt is impartial, and the Prophet (saw) would not be the Prophet if his prophecies never came to pass. He made it abundantly clear Islam would be astray at the Last Hour, the same way Bible prophecies say Christians and Jews would also be led astray. Iblis has been at it for a long time, and has been successful in misleading believers, as Surah 15:42-43 attests:

15:42 Lo! As for My slaves, thou hast no power over any of them
save such of the forward as follow thee,
43 And lo! for all such, hell will be the promised place."

However, not all Gazans are Hamas, and the prophecy says there's a bright future waiting for Gazan residents who don't support Hamas. Once they're gone, God promises life will be much better for those who were forced to accept Hamas' wicked rule.

Verse 3 is horribly graphic, but perfectly accurate. Hamas terrorists are dying underground. Whoever survives in Gaza will literally be walking on the ashes of the wicked—according to the word of Allah swt.

Here's a pertinent question: Why on Earth would Allah swt have quietly sat by and permitted Israel to exterminate Hamas if they were truly serving the Almighty? God can intervene at any time, but has chosen not to. There's wisdom there for those with eyes to see it. That's it for interpreting that prophecy. Now, on to the prophecy primer...

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PROPHECY PRIMER

The first step in interpreting prophecies is understanding for whom they're intended and why. Prophecies have the greatest value for people who will be alive at the time they're fulfilled. If the prophecy is going to be fulfilled way off in the far future, it's of no immediate benefit. But, if you're alive when "End Times" and "Last Hour" prophecies are being fulfilled—like now—then prophecies are the means through which Creator is providing us the guidance we need.

However, for various reasons we won't discuss now, it's important the guidance remained "hidden" until the right time arrived for it to be revealed. That's why Archangel Gabriel said what he did to the prophet Daniel in...

Daniel 12:4;

"...Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. ..."

So, the prophecies are sealed with a code. That's a big reason why people have to interpret them! If they were clear and direct, you wouldn't need to interpret them.

But, if the purpose is to provide guidance to humanity, it also makes sense to encode them in an easily understandable manner providing a clear and accurate picture—when you know the "key". Giving us a "jar of guidance" with a human-proof "lid" makes no sense. So, the key to the code must be simple as pie--especially if we're in a perilous spot and God wants us to decode it quickly so we can act upon the guidance before it's too late. That's why Jesus said what he did in...

Matthew 11:25;

25 "...I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned,
and revealed them to little children."

and Matthew 18:3;

"..."Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children,
you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

One of the two principal encoding techniques is use of figurative speech.

John 16:25, Jesus;

Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming
when I will no longer use this kind of language [figurative speech]
but will tell you plainly about my Father."

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The Prophet Muhammad (saw) taught the same...

Sura 3:7;

[Allah] it is who hath sent down to thee "the Book.[Qur'an]"
Some of its signs are of themselves perspicuous [literal]; ...and others are figurative."

And so did the apostles...

1 Corinthians 2:13, Paul;

¹³ This is what we [the Apostles] speak,
not in words taught us by human wisdom [conventional definitions]
but in words taught by the Spirit,
expressing spiritual truths in [figurative] spiritual words."

One method to encode words using figurative speech is childishly simple:
Use a word to symbolize something else. Then, somewhere in scripture, place a
phrase which provides us the key to the code. Here's three superb examples...

Psalms 57:4, King David;

⁴ I am in the midst of lions; I lie among ravenous beasts—
men whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords."

Jude 1:12-13;

¹² These men are...shepherds who feed only themselves.
They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind;
autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted—twice dead.

¹³ They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame;
wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever."

...And from Islam:

"The Signs Before The Day Of Judgement", p.33, citing Ahmad, Musnad:
"The Prophet said, Among my Ummah, some will be...transformed into animals."

In Psalms 57, men are figuratively called "beasts" and "lions". Somewhere else in a
prophecy, you'll find "beasts" and/or "lions", and the prophecy won't make sense until
you substitute "men" in their place. In Jude 1:12-13, men (in this case, false teachers)
are allegorically defined as being "clouds", "trees", "waves of the sea", and "stars". And
the Prophet's (saw) prophecies contain loads of these, often in a very uncomplimentary
way. So, whenever you see these words in a prophecy, they may be code for "people".

Can't get much simpler than that. But, that's the beauty of it. People want to make it
hard and complicated. To bury the key and make it excruciatingly difficult to discover.
And so, they overlook the simple. Paul described it this way...

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1 Corinthians 2:14, Paul;

¹⁴ The [literalist] man without the Spirit
does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God,
for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them,
because they are spiritually discerned."

And then, there's metaphors. Some major metaphorical themes in prophecy are "Water", "Plants", "Topography", and "Heaven & Earth". We'll begin with the "Water" metaphor, where every person is a single drop of water in the collective "sea" of humanity.

Revelation 17:15;

"...The waters you saw,...are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages."

...We can also be individual drops of rain in a "cloud" made up of a crowd of people.

Hebrews 12:1 is a great example of this metaphor...

^{12:1} "...since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses..."

With the "Plants" metaphor, the common, "small" people are "grass" and the rulers who loom over them are "trees". The "Topography" metaphor is similar, only here the common people are "valleys" and the rulers are "mountains".

In the "Heaven & Earth" metaphor, common people are "down to Earth", and the "Heavens" and "sky" are the government reigning over them. "Stars" and "heavenly bodies" are individual members of the ruling class, who collectively form the "heavens".

One last thing, regarding use of specific periods of "Time" in prophecy. According to the rules, a stated period of time is variable, and can mean however long God wants it to mean. It's according to God's standards, not ours. Here's the rule...

2 Peter 3:8;

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends:
With the Lord a day is like a thousand years,
and a thousand years are like a day."

This advantage in sealing prophecies is almost unfair, but God makes the rules and its no use arguing. I hope this tutorial was helpful. That's enough to digest in one reading. Part 8 will be out tomorrow or the next day. Please keep in mind how accurate and precise these prophecies are. It's for a good purpose!

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ISAIAH 9:8-21, WITHOUT COMMENTARY

Isaiah 9:8-21;

⁸ The Lord has sent a message against Jacob; it will fall on Israel. ⁹ All the people will know it—Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria—who say with pride and arrogance of heart, ¹⁰ "The bricks have fallen down, but we will rebuild with dressed stone; the fig trees have been felled, but we will replace them with cedars." ¹¹ But the Lord has strengthened Rezin's foes against them and has spurred their enemies on. ¹² Arameans from the east and Philistines from the west have devoured Israel with open mouth. Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away, his hand is still upraised.

¹³ But the people have not returned to him who struck them, nor have they sought the Lord Almighty. ¹⁴ So the Lord will cut off from Israel both head and tail, both palm branch and reed in a single day; ¹⁵ the elders and dignitaries are the head, the prophets who teach lies are the tail. ¹⁶ Those who guide this people mislead them, and those who are guided are led astray. ¹⁷ Therefore the Lord will take no pleasure in the young men, nor will he pity the fatherless and widows, for everyone is ungodly and wicked, every mouth speaks folly. Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away, his hand is still upraised."

¹⁸ Surely wickedness burns like a fire; it consumes briars and thorns, it sets the forest thickets ablaze, so that it rolls upward in a column of smoke. ¹⁹ By the wrath of the Lord Almighty the land will be scorched and the people will be fuel for the fire; they will not spare one another. ²⁰ On the right they will devour, but still be hungry; on the left they will eat, but not be satisfied. Each will feed on the flesh of their own offspring; ²¹ Manasseh will feed on Ephraim, and Ephraim on Manasseh; together they will turn against Judah. Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away, his hand is still upraised."

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And now we'll look at the same passage again, but this time, add commentary.

ISAIAH 9:8-21, INTERPRETED

The key to interpreting this prophecy and others about events in the Holy Land, is recognizing exactly who Palestinians and Israeli Jews are. As it turns out, both groups are either directly descended from Israelite tribes, or should be accorded that status according to a law described in Ezekiel 47:21-23. Palestinians who have lived there the longest come from the tribes "Ephraim" and "Manasseh". So, in the prophecy, Ephraim and Manasseh are Palestinians, and "Judah" means Israeli Jews. I have to keep this short, so if you want proof of this, read chapters 2 and 3 of the peace plan. The link is at the end of this article. Note: everything within brackets ("[" "]") is my commentary.

Isaiah 9:8-21:

⁸ The Lord has sent a message against Jacob; it will fall on Israel."

⁹ All the people will know it—Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria—who [Israeli settlers] say with pride and arrogance of heart,

¹⁰ "The bricks have fallen down, but we will rebuild with dressed stone; the fig trees have been felled, but we will replace them with cedars."

[Jacob's heirs include both Israeli Jews and Palestinians, not one or the other. The "message against Jacob" in verse 8 "falls" on both branches of Israelites. Neither Israeli Jew nor Palestinian escapes Creator's attention in Isaiah 9.

Samaria is the northern half of the West Bank. Palestinians (Ephraim) have lived there for thousands of years, so referring to them as both "Ephraim" and "the inhabitants of Samaria" in the same sentence is redundant. Instead, "inhabitants of Samaria" in verse 9 refers to Israeli settlers living in settlements in the West Bank. The settlers are saying Palestinian villages pre-dating Judah's return from exile have been destroyed, along with their fig and olive orchards. These have been replaced by Israeli settlements and ornamental cedar trees, along with a giant cement Wall of "dressed stone" to keep Palestinians out.]

^{9:11} But the LORD has strengthened Rezin's foes against them and has spurred their enemies on."

[Rezin was king of Aram (Syria—see 2 Kings 15:37, 16:5,6,9). Aram competed with Assyria (Iraq), Phoenicia (Lebanon), and the Hittites (Turkey) in the Levant. Verse 11 tells us Iraqi Shiite militias (Iraq), Hezbollah (Lebanon & Syria), and Turkey are confronting Israel, mainly due to the war with Hamas, but for other reasons, too.]

Isaiah 9:8-21, cont.:

^{9:12} Arameans from the east and Philistines from the west
have devoured Israel with open mouth.

Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away, his hand is still upraised."

["Arameans from the east" is Syria, while "Philistines from the west" is Hamas, which rules in Gaza, where Philistines lived. In verse 12, "devoured...with open mouth" doesn't mean literal cannibalism—it means allegorically "eating someone alive" in the media—i.e., public relations warfare. Hamas is defeating Israel in the battle for international support by gathering sympathy for all the dead and wounded civilians as Israel tries to defeat Hamas for its genocidal attack on October 7.]

^{9:13} But the people have not returned to him who struck them,
nor have they sought the LORD Almighty."

[One could make a case for "him who struck them" being Benjamin Netanyahu, who ordered the IDF strike on Gaza. But, it really means neither side is in the right from God's perspective. Israelis won't view Palestinians as Israelites, and Palestinians do the same to Jews. Neither side obeys their name for God. And until they do and agree to the peace plan, they'll both have hell to pay.]

^{m9:14} So the LORD will cut off from Israel both head and tail,
both palm branch and reed in a single day;

¹⁵ the elders and dignitaries are the head, the prophets who teach lies are the tail.

¹⁶ Those who guide this people mislead them, and those who are guided are led astray.

¹⁷ Therefore the Lord will take no pleasure in the young men,
nor will he pity the fatherless and widows,

for everyone is ungodly and wicked, every mouth speaks folly.

Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away, his hand is still upraised."

["palm branch" and "reed" allegorically represent people. See Psalms 92:12 and Song of Songs 7:7-8 for "palm branch" and 2 Kings 18:21 for "reed". God allowed both Israelite factions to split apart and tell their self-serving lies to justify their actions. Both sides deny the other's birthright as fellow Israelites, and the rights that come with this status. So, God "chose" this headstrong people as an example to the rest of humanity, to show what happens when God is excluded from our decision-making. Unfortunately, that's what both factions of Israelites decided to do. And by doing so, they chose suffering and disgrace, instead. Since both sides deny the other's rights and deceitfully tell only one side of the story... "everyone is ungodly and wicked, every mouth speaks folly".]

Isaiah 9:8-21, cont.:

¹⁸ Surely wickedness burns like a fire; it consumes briars and thorns, it sets the forest thickets ablaze, so that it rolls upward in a column of smoke."

Verse 18 looks like it's describing a wildfire in the woods, but it isn't. To unlock the hidden meaning, let's take a look at Micah 7:3-4, Ezekiel 28:24, and Jude 1:12; Micah 7:3-4;

³ ...the ruler...the judge...the powerful...all conspire together.

⁴ The best of them is like a brier, the most upright worse than a thorn hedge." And Ezekiel 28:24;

"No longer will the people of Israel have malicious neighbors who are painful briars and sharp thorns. ..."

And Jude 1:12;

¹² These men are...autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted—twice dead."

...The three passages define "briars", "thorns", and "trees" as code for "people". A forest is a large group of trees. Cities are a large group of people. Thickets are dense concentrations of trees. High-rise apartment buildings are dense concentrations of people. With these allegorical definitions, we're ready to interpret the passage...

Interpreted, verses 18-21 read;

¹⁸ Surely wickedness burns like a fire; it consumes briars and thorns [burning people alive], it sets the forest thickets [high-rise apartment buildings] ablaze, so that it rolls upward in a column of smoke."

[The "SMOKE" has been rising from Gaza for over a year now.]

^{9:19} By the wrath of the Lord Almighty the land will be scorched and the people will be fuel for the fire; no one will spare his brother."

[God, please make this end!]

²⁰ On the [political] right [Israel] will devour [land in the West Bank], but want more; on the [political] left [Palestinians] will eat [whatever aid Israel lets through.], but not be satisfied. Each will feed on the flesh of his own offspring: [sacrificing their young to endless wars fueled by greed.]

[On the political "right", Israel continually devours land in the West Bank for settlements, but always wants more. Those on the political "left", i.e., Palestinians, have barely gotten by on whatever outside aid Israel permits them to receive, and yes, they aren't satisfied with that. Again, no one is blameless. Neither side has honored the sacred covenants their ancestors agreed to.

The part where “Each will feed on the flesh of their own offspring:” is particularly disgraceful. Both groups sacrifice their children to unending war while violating the holy covenants for selfish gain. Hamas uses civilians for human shields when they're alive, and for sympathy when they're dead. Israel does the same with the victims of October 7 and the hostages taken by Hamas.]

Isaiah 9:8-21, cont.:

²¹ Manasseh [Hamas] will feed on Ephraim [Palestinian Authority],
and Ephraim on Manasseh;
together they will turn against Judah [Israel].”

[Hamas and the Palestinian Authority compete with each other for public support. When one group commits acts of violence, the other group is spurred on to commit similar acts of violence of their own. But, when all is said and done, both groups will “turn against [Israel]” Please note God says this is wickedness. Also note all three sides played a part in bringing this tragedy to pass.]

Isaiah 9:8-21, verse 21, cont.:

“...Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away, his hand is still upraised.”

[People have a choice. They can ignore the history recorded in the sacred books which proves all inhabitants of the Holy Land have the right to be there and share the land peacefully. They can greedily insist the land belongs to them alone until nukes start falling and everyone dies. Or, they can listen to God's guidance, repent, and fulfill the prophecies in a godly way—and live in peace.]

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In Parts 1-4 we learned God promised to lead us out of our collective death spiral joyfully and peacefully, by providing us a peace plan to resolve the dispute in the Holy Land, which will initiate a process of salvation that spreads worldwide.

In Parts 5-8, we interpreted prophecies, beginning with "happy" prophecies to give us hope, before reading tragic prophecies about the Holy Land which have already been fulfilled. One such prophecy depicted Hamas' October 7 massacre, while others depicted Gaza's destruction, Houthis firing missiles at shipping, and ongoing tragedy in the Holy Land. Today, we'll examine two more tragic prophecies: one depicting violence in the West Bank leading to a global confrontation, and the other one taking place at the al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem ("al-Quds" for Muslims).

We'll begin with Matthew 24:15-21, which describes violence spreading into the West Bank. We'll first present the prophecy in its original form, and next, present the interpreted version...

Matthew 24:15-21, Jesus;

¹⁵ "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house. ¹⁸ Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. ¹⁹ How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! ²⁰ Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again."

INTERPRETED VERSION...

Matthew 24:15-22, Jesus;

¹⁵ "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—"

[Verse 15, which links this prophecy to Daniel 11 & 12, was recently fulfilled, and serves as an indicator on the prophecy timeline for when the next part of the prophecy commences. However, since verse 15 occurs elsewhere, and here we're focusing on events in the Holy Land, we'll look at 15 in detail in a following post.]

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Matthew 24:15-22, Jesus, cont.:

^{24:16} then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains."

[Judea of Jesus' time was a Roman province. Today, it's the southern half of the West Bank. It includes the Old City of Jerusalem ("Al-Quds"), Hebron, and Bethlehem. "mountains" refers to the hilly area of the northern half of the West Bank. The vast majority of people living in the southern half (Jesus' Judea) are Palestinians, and predominantly Muslim or Christian. Both religions recognize Jesus as a valid prophet, whereas Jews do not. So, Jesus was directing his warning to those most in danger and willing to listen to him—Palestinians, not Israeli Jews.]

^{24:17} Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house."

[Look at Gaza's buildings after Israeli bombing, with floors collapsed and victims crushed inside. That's why Jesus warned people to get out as fast as possible.]

^{24:18} Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak."

[When the Israeli tanks come, Palestinian farmers in olive orchards and fields will likely be treated as combatants and shot, so they should run for their lives. And if the tanks don't kill them, armed settlers will.]

^{24:19} How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers!"

[You've probably already seen more than enough photos of dead Gazan mothers and children to know what Jesus was warning Palestinians about.]

^{24:20} Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath."

[When people flee, they take "flight". So here, "flight" doesn't refer to flying on an airplane. It means desperate people fleeing for their lives. And wouldn't you know it? It's almost November and winter is coming. Pray, people!]

²¹ For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again."

Verse 21 (above) links this prophecy to Daniel 12:1 (below)...
Daniel 12:1, archangel Gabriel;

^{12:1} There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then."

Gabriel told Daniel it would be the all-time worst distress—and for "nations" plural, not just Israel. While there have been times of great distress in the past, prior to the 20th century they were localized or regional, not worldwide.

But today, the entire world is faced with potential extermination through nuclear war, pandemics, and climate change—together perfectly fulfilling the prophecy. Next, we'll visit Jerusalem ("al-Quds" for Muslims) to see what's happening there...

REVELATION 6, THE FIFTH SEAL

First, the original form...

Revelation 6:9-11;

⁹ When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.

¹⁰ They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?"

¹¹ Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been."

And next, the Fifth Seal, unsealed...

Revelation 6:9-11,

⁹ When he opened the fifth seal,

I saw under the altar the souls of [Palestinians] who had been slain because of the word of God, and the testimony they had maintained."

[The altar described is located in Jerusalem at the Al-Aqsa Mosque on the Temple Mount (the "Noble Sanctuary" or "Al-Haram al-Sharif" for Muslims). Martyrdom is esteemed in the Qur'an, the "word of God" for Muslims. To them, fighting to the death for a righteous cause is considered to be one of the holiest forms of testimony.]

Revelation 6:9-11, cont.,

¹⁰ They called out in a loud voice,

"How long, [Allah swt,] holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth [Israel and its allies] and avenge our blood?"

¹¹ Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been."

White robes are worn by many Muslims when they're at a mosque. It symbolizes equality. The "full number" to balance the suffering of their fellow Israelites from the tribe of Judah and allied tribes—the people driven from their homes two thousand years ago and suffered for centuries, but were not welcomed home by their Ephraimite Israelite brethren—who had happily resided all those centuries on Judah's former homeland. It's so understandable, and so tragic!

You may ask what a prophecy about Palestinian Muslims is doing in the Bible's Book of Revelation. In a book with so many prophecies about Israelites, this one is just one more, only this one deals with the Israelites who abandoned Judaism and Christianity and accepted Islam as their religion. Including them in Revelation is God's way of letting us know the Almighty knows exactly who they are.

That's enough to digest in one reading. Part 10 should be out tomorrow. Please remember, studying these prophecies is in no way intended to glorify violence. The accuracy and precision is meant to help us believe God really exists. And then, knowing this, to listen to and act upon the guidance God provided to lead us out of our collective peril and initiate a process of salvation that spreads worldwide. So please, share this article with your friends!

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PROMISE OF A BRIGHT TOMORROW - PART 10A

The Man of Lawlessness and a Stolen Election

By Robert Leon Mendelson, 12/2/2024

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God uses prophecies to warn us of danger in advance. If we're in great danger, the prophecy's warning must be direct and readily understandable when its needed. Otherwise, we may not react in time, and God's attempt to help us would be thwarted. God doesn't like being thwarted, so vital prophecies come to life at the proper time.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12, as is;

¹ Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, ² not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. ³ Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.

⁴ He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵ Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? ⁶ And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. ⁷ For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

⁹ The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, ¹⁰ and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. ¹¹ For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie ¹² and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness."

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12, deciphered;

¹ Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, ² not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. ³ Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction."

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12, deciphered, continued;

[*Some people are taught all the prophecies were fulfilled two thousand years ago. But, if that is true, where is the thousand year kingdom of Christ of Revelation 20:4? It's been nowhere to be found for the last two thousand years. Verses 2 & 3 warn people not to make this mistake. The "rebellion" of verse 3 is the attempted coup by Trump and a mob of his supporters on January 6, 2021, when they attacked the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. As a result, today, Donald Trump is revealed as the "man of lawlessness" spoken of in verse 3. Accordingly, his doom is at hand.]*

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12, cont.:

**⁴ He will oppose and will exalt himself
over everything that is called God or is worshiped,
so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God."**

[*In the first link below, Trump declares he's the "Chosen One". In the next one, he tacitly agrees he's replaced Jesus as "King of Israel" and "second coming of God".*

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/21/politics/donald-trump-chosen-one/index.html>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2019/08/22/im-an-evangelist-trump-voter-trump-second-coming-god-is-blasphemous/>

And then, there's his boast he could shoot someone in the middle of New York City and not lose votes, or declaring he had "absolute immunity" as president, both of which imply he's above human law, i.e., he's God! This fulfills the proclaiming to be God part. But, how about where he "sets himself up in God's temple"? Don't all churches belong to God? Aren't they all, "God's temple[s]"? Trump "sets himself up" by pretending to be a believer by attending church and hosting prayer breakfasts. But, his words and deeds prove his "Christian" persona is a false image conjured up to deceive us.]

⁵ Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?

**⁶ And now you know what is holding him [the man of lawlessness—Trump] back,
so that he may be revealed at the proper time."**

**⁷ For the secret power of lawlessness [hacking the election] is already at work;
but the one [Joe Biden] who now holds it back
will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way [forced out of the race]."**

[*As stated above, this prophecy wasn't fulfilled two thousand years ago, or at any time since then. The "proper time" is today, shortly after Joe Biden was forced out of the race (i.e., "taken out of the way"), the election stolen, and the powers of darkness stand on the brink of victory—Now! When the world is truly in distress! More about "the secret power of lawlessness" on the next page...]*

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12, continued;

⁷ For the secret power of lawlessness [hacking the election] is already at work;"

Consider the following:

When Joe Biden won in 2020, Trump tried his best to steal the election. His co-conspirators actually illegally gained access to voting machines.

During the latter part of the campaign, Trump had billionaire Elon Musk bouncing about on stage with him—Elon Musk, owner of the Starlink satellites, which beam electronic signals down to Earth to manipulate electronic devices,...

And then, there's "our little secret":

(from www.theguardian.com)

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2024/oct/28/trump-mike-johnson-little-secret-election>

"Donald Trump faced mounting suspicion of hatching a plot to steal next week's presidential election as Democrats and commentators focused on his references to a "little secret" at Sunday night's tumultuous Madison Square Garden rally."

Trump was also quoted as saying,

"We can take the Senate pretty easily, and I think with our little secret we are gonna do really well with the House. Our little secret is having a big impact. He and I have a little secret – we will tell you what it is when the race is over."

So narcissistic he couldn't help himself by keeping his mouth shut! The following video is well worth watching...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RJR5uQpweko>

They had four years to perfect their technique. And now, we've all seen the results—a "counterfeit miracle"! (See verse 9, next page...)

Who fits the title "man of lawlessness" better than the "Teflon Don", who's made an art-form of dodging accountability for crime after crime. God couldn't be clearer! We've just been informed the election was stolen. Since God sent this prophecy to alert us about it, and since God sees whatever wicked deeds are done in secret, then He for sure can reveal exactly how Trump did it! We just need to have faith, and pray!!! And let our pastors know. And the President! And Vice President! And do whatever we can to help uncover the truth. In two months! Let's get moving!]

^{2:8} And then the lawless one [Trump] will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming."

["breath of his mouth" is God's word through his messengers.]

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12, continued;

⁹ The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders,"

[*Counterfeit miracles like "winning" the election with a landslide, after virtually all pre-election polls called the race neck-and-neck; a "counterfeit miracle" "Red wave" sweeps the Democratic "stars" out of government, and much to my wonderment, Democratic Party leaders haven't demanded a recount with the paper ballots which accompany the electronic vote!*

Then, there's his miraculous ability to escape accountability time after time, by merely uttering the words, "Fake News" or throwing lawyers and endless lawsuits at justice. Astonishing! Another wonder? Despite smashing the record for number of lies told by a president, to this very day a significant percentage of Americans believe whatever he says. Even more amazing is his uncanny ability to maintain the support of millions of misguided Christians, while doing everything Jesus described as being the behavior of "goats" (Matthew 25). People worldwide are astonished such a corrupt and contemptible man was ever elected president of the United States.]

2:10 and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing."...

[*The perishing is physical, economic, and spiritual. Trump lied to Americans about coronavirus, claiming for months it was nothing more than the common flu. He did nothing to prepare us for what was to come. We now know Trump knew Covid was a deadly virus that could spread through the air as early as late February 2020. We know this because he said so to Robert Woodward in an interview. Due to his inaction, the loss of life and economic cost to Americans was devastating.*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7_vdlq6jik&ab_channel=TODAY

<https://www.npr.org/2020/09/10/911368698/trump-tells-woodward-he-deliberately-downplayed-coronavirus-threat>

Millions of deceived Christians perish spiritually by ignoring evidence and blindly enabling this master sorcerer, dismissing his antichrist behavior and portraying him as being a martyr and messiah, instead!]

"¹⁰ cont.: ...They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved."

[*Trump's spellbound worshipers reject the truth whenever evidence of his immoral and illegal behavior is presented. If anything tarnishes their idol's image, they simply deny or ignore it. On the rare occasions they acknowledged his sins, they said if he ran for office again, they'd vote for him. By putting Trump above human law, they turned him into an idol and false god. As a result, they cannot be saved from their sin...]*

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12, continued;

**¹¹ For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion
so that they will believe the lie
¹² and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth
but have delighted in wickedness."**

[Verse 11 says God sent "them a powerful delusion". Why would God do that? First, God provided us ample warning wicked leaders would be present today, and the two worst would deceive many. So, it's not like we weren't warned. We were—repeatedly. But, we must also remember we're being tested, and we're supposed to grow spiritually during our lives on Earth. One pitfall we must overcome is pride. Trump preys on our fears (some of which are valid), then tempts us with solutions filled with antichrist "poison pills" which implicate us in his crimes. Once people come under his spell, pride makes it very hard for them to admit they were duped. This is God's "tough love" way to teach us none of us are infallible, not even people who go to church.]

Now, that we know what we know, what to do next? Share this with your friends! Contact your pastor! Find a way to get this to the President & Vice President! While there's time! And one more thing: visit www.godspeaceplan.org and download... <http://godspeaceplan.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Gods-Peace-Plan-for-the-Holy-Land-1.pdf> or go to the FaceBook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/godspeaceplan> and download it there. And then, follow God's advice...

Isaiah 52:7;

**⁷ How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"**

All glory goes to God!

Promise of a Bright Tomorrow, Part 10B

By Robert Leon Mendelson, 11/11/2024

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In Matthew 24, verse 21, Jesus prophesied:

²¹ For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again."

The world sure has lots of distress! The Middle East and Eastern Europe are engulfed in war. Russia, China, Iran and North Korea are confronting the West, and the world is teetering on the edge of World War III. Then, there's climate change, monster hurricanes, floods, plagues, famines, and other disasters. And now, as you learned in Part 10A of the "Promise of a Bright Tomorrow" series, "The Man of Lawlessness and a Stolen Election", (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12), the election was stolen by the "man of lawlessness", Donald Trump.

I can't recall a single point in time since Jesus made the prophecy all the way up until today, when the world has been in more distress. However, before continuing, I ought to let you know there's a happy ending waiting for virtually all humanity. In Isaiah 55:12, God promised "You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace..." That promise extends to all humanity. And in Matthew 24:22, while speaking of these times of greatest distress, Jesus promised, ²² "If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened." So, knowing the ending is happy, the purpose of this message is to help us get from the perilous "here" to the happy and secure "there".

But, if we've arrived at that time mentioned in Matthew 24, then other Bible prophecies say a few characters must also be present—a "dragon", a "beast", and a "false prophet", to name three. There's a purpose for this. In the verse preceding God's promise to lead us out of peril in Isaiah 55:12, God said this...

Isaiah 55:11:

"... ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

In other words, God's purpose is to lead us out of our peril by using something all Christian believers can rely upon: God's word in the Bible will guide us. No way for any imposter to deceive us with lies, appearances, or charisma.

There's two kinds of guidance, one which says, "Do this", and one which says, "Don't do that". This message will focus more on "Don't do that" in the context of 2 Peter 2:1-2;

¹ But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. ² Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute."

It's even conceivable some well-intentioned but misguided people might tragically be duped into joining the crowd depicted in Revelation 14:11;

¹¹ And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever.

There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name."

God willing, this message will help steer believers clear of that torment!

The reason God included villain characters in the prophecies, is to steer us away from going in the direction these wicked critters are trying to lead us. Much the same way professional wrestlers have stage names like "Mauler" or "Crusher", God ascribed the titles "dragon" and "beast (and many more) to prophecy villains, who are usually (but not always) people. God does this as a means to conceal their identity until the time arrives when it serves God's purpose to reveal it, as the following example illustrates...

2 Thessalonians 2:3,8;

³ Don't let anyone deceive you in any way,
for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs
and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.

⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed,
whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth..."

Following are a few examples of how God, Christ, and their servants overthrow villains with "the breath of his mouth"...

Hosea 6:5;

⁵ Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets,
I killed you with the words of my mouth..."

Isaiah 30:27;

"See, the Name of the Lord comes from afar,
with burning anger and dense clouds of smoke;
his lips are full of wrath, and his tongue is a consuming fire."

Examples, cont.:

Jeremiah 5:14, the Lord God Almighty:

"...“Because the people have spoken these words [or other evil acts],

I will make my words in your mouth a fire and these people the wood it consumes.”
Ephesians 6:17;

“Take...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

2 Corinthians 10:4;

“The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world.

...they have divine power to demolish strongholds [and would-be dictators].”

Jeremiah 23:29;

“Is not my word like fire,” declares the Lord,
“and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”

Revelation 2:16; Repent therefore!

Otherwise, I ...will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.”

2 Thessalonians 2:8;

⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed,
whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth...”

Revealed prophecies are divine weapons God uses to strike down evil, arrogant men. God does this by assigning a fake name like “dragon” or “beast” to a villain, and next describes their personal characteristics and memorable acts he or she has done. God takes this information back in time and gives it to prophets living thousands of years ago (or takes them forward in time to see it in person). The prophets put what they receive into prophecies, where it quietly sits until we arrive at the time the target villains are threatening the world’s well-being. At that point, God selects a servant to reveal who they are. I am one such servant. That’s why I’m here today. It’s time to reveal the identity of Satan and his right-hand demon, the “beast”, a.k.a. the “abomination that causes desolation”, and yes, “man of lawlessness”, too.

Before proceeding, we must take into account that God decided the meaning of the prophecies and the guidance they contain would remain hidden until the right time for it to be revealed arrived. That’s why archangel Gabriel said what he did to the prophet Daniel in Daniel 12:4;

“4...Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. ...”

If God wants to seal a prophecy, decoding it won’t be easy unless you know the key. That’s because God knows how our minds think, and can say things in a way our mental tendencies will naturally lead us off on a wild goose chase. So, it will be very useful spending a few minutes to get a basic understanding of how to decode them.

The first step, is understanding for whom “End Times” prophecies are intended and why. Prophecies have the greatest value for people who will be alive at the time they are fulfilled. If the prophecy is going to be fulfilled way off in the far future, it’s of no immediate benefit. But, if you’re alive when the “End Times” prophecies are being fulfilled—like now—then prophecies are the means through which Creator provides us the guidance we need.

So, the prophecies are sealed with a code. That’s a big reason why people have to interpret them! If they were clear and direct, we wouldn’t need to interpret them. But, if the purpose is to provide guidance, it also makes sense to encode them in an easily understandable manner which provides a clear and accurate picture—once we know the “key”. Giving us a “jar of guidance” with a human-proof “lid” makes no sense. So, the key to the code must be simple as pie--especially if we’re in a perilous spot and it needs to be decoded quickly, so we can act upon God’s guidance before it’s too late. That’s why Jesus said what he did in...

Matthew 11:25;

“...“I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned,
and revealed them to little children.”

and Matthew 18:3;

“...“Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children,
you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

One of the two principal encoding techniques is use of figurative speech.
John 16:25, Jesus;

“Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming
when I will no longer use this kind of language [figurative speech]
but will tell you plainly about my Father.”

And so did the apostles...
1 Corinthians 2:13, Paul;

¹³ This is what we [the Apostles] speak,
not in words taught us by human wisdom [conventional definitions]
but in words taught by the Spirit,
expressing spiritual truths in [figurative] spiritual words.”

Because “End Times” prophecies are meant for the people of today—when they are being fulfilled, they oftentimes use modern-day figures of speech (i.e., “slang”). Remember; for the prophecy to serve God’s purpose, it must be written in a manner easily understandable by its target audience. “Slang” is perfect for that.

One method to encode words using figurative speech is childishly simple: Use a word to symbolize something else. Then, somewhere in scripture, place a phrase which provides us the key to the code. Here's two superb examples...

Psalm 57:4, David;

"⁴ I am in the midst of lions; I lie among ravenous beasts—men whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords."

Jude 1:12-13;

¹² These men are...shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted—twice dead.

¹³ They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever."

In Psalms 57, men are figuratively called "beasts" and "lions". Somewhere else in a prophecy you'll find "beasts" and/or "lions", and the prophecy won't make sense until you substitute "men" in their place. In Jude 1:12-13, false teachers are defined as being "clouds", "trees", "waves of the sea", and "stars". So, whenever you see these words in a prophecy, they may be code for "people". Can't get much simpler than that! That's the beauty of it. But, people try making it overly hard and complicated, and so, they overlook the simple. Paul described it thusly...

1 Corinthians 2:14, Paul;

¹⁴ The [literalist] man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned."

And then, there's Metaphorical Themes. Some major metaphorical themes found in prophecies are "Water", "Plants", "Topography", and "Heaven & Earth". We'll begin with the "Water" metaphor, where every person is a single drop of water in the collective "sea" of humanity. Revelation 17:15;

"^{17:15} ...The waters you saw,...are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages."

We can also be individual drops of rain in a "cloud" made up of a crowd of people. Hebrews 12:1 is a great example of this metaphor...

^{12:1} "...since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses..."

With the "Plants" metaphor, the common, "small" people are "grass" and the rulers who loom over them are "trees". The "Topography" metaphor is similar, only here the common people are "valleys" and the rulers who loom over them are "mountains". In the "Heaven & Earth" metaphor, common people are "down to Earth", and the "heavens" and "sky" the government reigning over them. "Stars" and "heavenly bodies" are individual members of the elite, who collectively form the "heavens".

One last thing, regarding use of specific periods of "Time" in prophecy. According to the rules, a stated period of time is variable, and can be however long God wants it to be. It's according to God's standards, not ours. Here's the rule...
2 Peter 3:8;

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends:
With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day."

God making up the rules for sealing prophecies is almost unfair, but it's no use arguing. God rules! I hope this tutorial was helpful. Now, let's dive into the prophecies. Because the article must be short enough to be read quickly, and yet still have enough "meat" to have the desired impact, we'll only examine a few "beast" prophecies. There are many more, as God has done a very thorough job. So, God willing, there will be more in the future. Today, we'll first look at some highlights from Revelation 13 and Matthew 24. Then, we'll take a closer look at Revelation 13:2-8, and last, John 8:42.

In Revelation 12:9, the "dragon" or Satan, "^{12:9}...leads the whole world astray." Think for a moment: Would it be effective for Satan to lead the world astray as a ruler of a tiny country? What prestige or power does that provide a being as hungry for fame and power as Satan is known to be? Wouldn't it make more sense for him to choose a world leader from a country like the U.S.A., Russia, or China as a target for demonic possession? Please keep this in mind as you read the following pages.

Revelation 13:1, 3, 18;

¹ "The dragon stood on the shore of the sea.
And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads,
with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name."

³ "One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound,
but the fatal wound had been healed.
The whole world was astonished and followed the beast."

¹⁸ "This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate
the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666."

The "sea" of verse 1 is defined as being "humanity" in Revelation 17:15, where we learn, "...The waters you saw, ...are peoples, ...nations and languages." So, the "dragon" and "beast" come out of humanity—they're people. Now, some may believe the "beast" is an international alliance of nations. But if this were so, please be honest and tell me; what eight nations have blasphemous names? People don't name their nations that way! If anything, they use names they think are honorable.

On the other hand, we know Satan is a fallen angel, and demonic possession is Biblical. The "beast" is Satan's right-hand man and the second-most antichrist individual. From the time of John's prophecy up to Donald Trump (who happens to be the eighth "head"), the seven heads are the corrupt and wicked rulers the "beast" spirit possessed over the ages prior to him, like Nero—who tried to exterminate early Christianity, Hitler (of course), and now, the eight and latest, Donald Trump. Now, those are truly blasphemous names!

Revelation 13:3 reads,

³ One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound,
but the fatal wound had been healed.

The whole world was astonished and followed the beast."

On July 13, 2024, at a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, Trump was shot in the left ear during a failed assassination attempt (It had to fail so the prophecy would be fulfilled.) And now, everyone is following Trump's campaign in the news. And next, we have verse 18:

^{13:18}; This calls for wisdom.

If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number.
His number is 666."

Street addresses are certainly man-made. How coincidental Trump's daughter Ivanka is married to Jared Kushner, whose real estate empire's flagship property is located at 666 Fifth Avenue in New York City.

Next, we'll look at a character called "the abomination that causes desolation", from the prophecy at the beginning of the article about this being the time of greatest distress (Matthew 24:21). Six verses earlier we find...

Matthew 24:15, Jesus;

¹⁵ "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—..."

The five verses in between depict the violence in the West Bank today. Not Gaza. That's in prophecy, too, but Judea is the southern half of the West Bank. What has happened recently—prior to violence intensifying in the West Bank—that qualifies as "standing in the holy place"? (clue: Jesus knew how to say "the Temple", if that was the "holy place" he meant.) The answer: The August 29, 2024 headline of a story published by USA Today reads, **"Trump's appalling desecration of Arlington National Cemetery shows he still can't be trusted"**

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/columnist/2024/08/29/trump-arlington-national-cemetery-army-statement-military-leaders/74970013007/>

In a statement made September 1, 2024, U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth said, "Donald Trump's latest incident at Arlington National Cemetery is just another example of someone who has no idea what it means to serve anything greater than himself. Arlington National Cemetery is sacred ground for those who gave their lives to defend and protect this nation, not the backdrop for a photo op that desecrates and disrespects their service."

Matthew 24:15, Jesus:

¹⁵ "So when you see standing in [Arlington National Cemetery] 'the abomination that causes desolation [Mr. Trump's new title],' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—..."

REVELATION 13:2-8

Revelation 13:2-8, as is:

² The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. ³ One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was astonished and followed the beast. ⁴ Men worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?" ⁵ The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months. ⁶ He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. ⁷ He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. ⁸ All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb..."

Revelation 13:2-8, Decoded;

² **The beast I saw resembled a leopard,..."**

[*A leopard is a big yellow "pussy" cat with black spots. The color yellow represents cowardice, which Trump displayed by dodging the draft with a doctor's note claiming he had "bone spurs". (Yet they never interfered with his golfing.) The black spots represent his countless sins.]*

² cont.: "...but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. ..."

[*Russia's symbol is the bear. "feet like those of a bear" represents the Russian election meddling that enabled Trump to walk into the White House in 2016, and again in 2024. And Trump constantly "roars like a lion" at the press and his opponents.]*

Revelation 13:2-8, Decoded, continued;

13:2 cont.:

The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority."

[*Russia launched a massive disinformation campaign via right-wing media and the internet. As a result, Trump won the election and became Putin's puppet. So, yes, Putin is the unlucky human Satan chose to possess...*

In John 14:30, Jesus said,

"I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming..."

If you translated the underlined part into Russian, Jesus said...

"I will not say much more to you, for Vladimir is coming..."

From <https://babynames.com/name/vlad> : "Vlad" is, "...a male name of Slavic origin that means Prince". From <https://nameberry.com/babynome/vladimir> : "...Vladimir [means] "...ruler of the world". God has plans for Putin/Satan, too!]

**13:3 One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound,
but the fatal wound had been healed.**

The whole world was astonished and followed the beast."

[*We covered this two pages ago. Verse 3 details the failed assassination attempt on July 13, 2024, at a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, and now, everyone is following Trump's campaign antics in the news.]*

**13:4 Men worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast,
and they also worshiped the beast and asked,**

"Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?"

[*American Christians who should know better support Putin's war of aggression because Satan's puppet, Donald Trump, tells them they should. Of course he does! Putin's/Satan's dark money and disinformation machine is what put Trump in power. And now, despite virtually all the polls saying the race was neck and neck, shazam!!! The "counterfeit miracle" of an illegitimate "Red Wave". In despair, downhearted Democrats say, "Who is like Trump? Who can beat him?"...]*

**13:5 The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies
and to exercise his authority for forty-two months."**

[*While verse 5 hasn't occurred yet, it's likely one of two things: 1) Barring a miracle, Trump will utter proud words and blasphemies right up to his dying day 42 months into his crippled presidency. Or, 2) God will defeat him before he takes office, and this is how long his term would have been if he'd actually become president.]*

Revelation 13:2-8, Decoded, continued;

^{13:6} **He opened his mouth to blaspheme God,
and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven."**

[*In a speech he made on the White House lawn in 2019 during his first presidency, Trump claimed he was the "Chosen One"*

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/21/politics/donald-trump-chosen-one/index.html>

Earlier that day, he re-tweeted a post made by a supporter, who claimed Israelis view Trump as the "King of Israel" and the "second coming of God". Trump replied, "Wow! Thank you to Wayne Allyn Root for the very nice words."

[https://beta.washingtonpost.com/politics/trump-quotes-conspiracy-theorist-claiming-israelis-love-him-like-he-is-the-second-coming-of-god/2019/08/21/603cea14-c405-11e9-9986-1fb3e4397be4_story.html?](https://beta.washingtonpost.com/politics/trump-quotes-conspiracy-theorist-claiming-israelis-love-him-like-he-is-the-second-coming-of-god/2019/08/21/603cea14-c405-11e9-9986-1fb3e4397be4_story.html?hpid=hp_hp-top-table-main-trump%3Aconspiracy-theorist%3Aclaiming-israelis-love-him-like-he-is-the-second-coming-of-god%3Ahomepage%2Fstory&hpid=hp_hp-top-table-main-trump%3Aconspiracy-theorist%3Aclaiming-israelis-love-him-like-he-is-the-second-coming-of-god%3Ahomepage%2Fstory)

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/world/donald-trump-tweets-claim-he-is-king-of-israel-and-second-coming-of-god-a4218461.html> *Now, that's blasphemy!]*

⁷ **He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation."**

[*The "War Powers Resolution" does exactly what verse 7 says.*

From Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War_Powers_Resolution

"The War Powers Resolution...(50 U.S.C. 1541-1548)[1] is a [federal law](#) ... [which] provides that the [U.S. President](#) can send the [Armed Forces](#) into action abroad only by [declaration of war](#) by Congress, "statutory authorization," or in case of "a national emergency created by attack upon the United States, its territories or possessions, or its armed forces... [It] requires the President to notify Congress within 48 hours of committing armed forces to military action and forbids armed forces from remaining for more than 60 [days](#), with a further 30-day withdrawal period, without a Congressional authorization for use of military force (AUMF) or a [declaration of war by the United States](#)."

In other words, the U.S. Congress granted the president the authority to attack any nation on Earth for 48 hours acting solely on his own discretion.]

⁸ **All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—
all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb..."**

[*Notice how "all inhabitants of the earth" is modified to mean only those "whose names have not been written in the book of life...", and not every last human being. So, it's mostly Trump supporters and copycats worldwide who have to worry.]*

Now, on to John 8:42, and the "father of lies"...

father of lies

John 8:42, Jesus:

When [Satan, a.k.a. Vladimir Putin] lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

John 8:42, Jesus, slightly amended:

When [Donald Trump, a.k.a. the "beast"] lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the ["son" of the father] of lies."

The "father of lies" is Satan, a.k.a. the "dragon", a.k.a. Vladimir Putin. His "son" is Donald Trump. We'll cover the "son", first. If you don't already know how proficient and prolific a liar Donald Trump is, you may be offline and living on a remote desert island. In that case you probably won't be reading this. Otherwise, you already know he's one of the biggest liars you've ever encountered, whether you like him, hate him, are willing to overlook his lying, or even admire his extraordinary talent for it. One way or another, you have to give him credit for being a masterful liar. Here is a list of links covering this topic...

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Veracity_of_statements_by_Donald_Trump

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/donald-trump-washington-post-fact-checker-figure_n_5d526ff0e4b0c63bcbecbba

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/donald-trump-has-made-more-than-12000-false-or-misleading-claims-since-becoming-president-wapo>

<https://www.nrdc.org/trump-lies>

<https://projects.thestar.com/donald-trump-fact-check/>

<https://www.factcheck.org/2018/12/the-whoppers-of-2018/>

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/10/23/opinions/trumps-lies-on-syria-were-jaw-dropping-ghitis/index.html>

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/oct/24/donald-trump-impeachment-inquiry-ukraine-watergate>

The following three stories are not included in Appendix 1, but the first two are well worth reading. The third one is a video, and well worth watching.

<https://www.politifact.com/personalities/donald-trump/statements/byruling/false/>

<https://www.esquire.com/news-politics/a28697908/donald-trump-veterans-choice-lie-80th-time/>

<https://www.msnbc.com/morning-joe/watch/trump-has-told-13-435-while-in-office-wapo-71560773873>

However many lies Trump tells, he'll never be able to match the "father of lies", Vladimir Putin, because all Trump does is tell lies with virtually every breath he takes. But, he's only one man, and if he told a lie every minute, he'd only be able to tell 1,440 lies in a day. Putin employs teams of people to create and tell lies.

RUSSIAN BOT FARMS

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_web_brigades

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/russian-bot-farm-used-ai-lie-americans-what-now>

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-leads-efforts-among-federal-international-and-private-sector-partners>

Trump can never match the champion "father of lies"!

And then, there's the whoppers Putin tells all by himself:

In 2014 Putin claimed the "little green men" who invaded Crimea weren't Russians.

In 2022, he claimed he had no intention of attacking Ukraine while he massed and prepositioned his army prior to the invasion. He claims Russia isn't invading Ukraine—it's defending Russia from an invasion by NATO, despite the fact NATO is a defensive alliance and has made no move to attack. And the invasion of Ukraine? It isn't a war, it's a "*special* military operation".

Through his mouthpieces in the Russian military and state television Putin lies while he claims Russian artillery and aircraft attack only military targets, and carefully avoid hurting civilians. He boldly repeats this lie, despite the Russian military's constant bombardment of Ukrainian cities, schools, hospitals, shopping malls, churches, and civilian homes. He then has the audacity to claim Ukrainians are destroying their own cities and slaughtering their own citizens.

Russia signed an agreement with Ukraine and Turkey to permit the shipping of Ukrainian wheat from Ukrainian ports to feed a hungry world. And then, barely one day after signing the agreement, Russia fired missiles at the Ukrainian port of Odessa to prevent what it had just agreed to.

Just like his "son", Putin tells lie after lie after lie. And the biggest lie of all? Claiming to be a devout follower of Christ!

11th Hour Redemption for Christians who support Putin and Trump

Psalms 50:16-22

¹⁶ But to the wicked, God says:

"What right have you to recite my laws or take my covenant on your lips?"

¹⁷ You hate my instruction and cast my words behind you.

¹⁸ When you see a thief, you join with him; you throw in your lot with adulterers."

[Both Putin and Trump are thieves and adulterers, with long histories of extortion and theft, and marital infidelity. Despite this, the worshipers of the "dragon" and "beast" just can't seem to get enough of them. Pure idol worship.]

¹⁹ You use your mouth for evil and harness your tongue to deceit.

²⁰ You speak continually against your brother and slander your own mother's son."

[We're all God's children. So, when you despise immigrants or blaspheme against other religions you know nothing about—you do all these.]

**²¹ These things you have done and I kept silent;
you thought I was altogether like you.**

But I will rebuke you and accuse you to your face.

**²² "Consider this, you who forget God, or I will tear you to pieces,
with none to rescue..."**

Revelation 14:9-11;

**⁹ ..."If anyone worships [Donald Trump] and his image
and receives his mark on the forehead [bright red "MAGA" cap]
or on the hand [so you can get back in if you leave one of his rallies],**

**¹⁰ he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury,
which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath.**

**He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels
and of the Lamb.**

¹¹ And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever.

**There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image,
or for anyone who receives the mark of his name."**

Matthew 7:21-23, Jesus;

²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name,'

[...that Putin will prevail and Trump is a modern-day "Cyrus"...]

..."and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?"

[claim to "save" souls while they served the "beast"]

²³ Then I will tell them plainly,

'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

Matthew 10:25-27, Jesus;

²⁵ ...If the head [Putin] of the house [Kremlin] has been called Beelzebub, how much more the members of his [political apparatus] household!

²⁶ "So do not be afraid of them.

There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.

²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs."

Isaiah 58:1;

"Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet."

Daniel 12:3, Gabriel;

Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever."

Now, we're done with the "Don't do that" portion of the message, and here's what believers *should* do. Visit "God's Peace Plan for the Holy Land" and download...

<http://godspeaceplan.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Gods-Peace-Plan-for-the-Holy-Land-1.pdf>

or go to the FaceBook group and download it there.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/godspeaceplan>

Then, follow God's advice...

Isaiah 52:7;

⁷ How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

All glory goes to God!

PROMISE OF A BRIGHT TOMORROW - PART 11

By Robert Leon Mendelson, 11/13/2024

(This message is a gift meant to serve as guidance. As such, anyone may copy and share it as the spirit moves them. They may even profit financially as they do so. If so, consider that to be a gift, too. But remember: All glory goes to God! Don't take credit when reproducing any part of this message. All scripture quotes are from the NIV version of the Bible.)

In Parts 1-4 we learned God promised to lead us in joy and peace out of our collective death spiral, by providing us a peace plan to resolve the dispute in the Holy Land, and to initiate a worldwide process of salvation. In Parts 5-9, we interpreted prophecies, beginning with "happy" prophecies to give us hope, before reading tragic prophecies about the Holy Land which have already been fulfilled, like Hamas' October 7 massacre, Gaza's destruction, Houthis firing missiles at shipping, violence spreading to the West Bank, and agonized worshipers at the Al-Aqsa mosque. And now, Israel has retaliated against Iran. It looks like Satan ("Iblis" for Muslims) is getting what he planned: He wants the war to intensify and watch all three spiritual branches of Abraham (Jews, Christians, and Muslims) slaughter each other in the name of God.

And finally, in Parts 10A & 10B, we looked at prophecies alerting us to the danger posed to the world by two particularly greedy and cruel men, a.k.a. the "dragon" and "beast" ("dajjal" for Muslims). But, Jesus has these encouraging words to say... Matthew 24:21-22, Jesus:

²¹ For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.

²² "If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened."

The distress part isn't encouraging. What is encouraging, is the good news that the Tribulation (a.k.a. Great Fitnah) will be cut short before we annihilate each other. (By the way, the "elect" aren't any one religion or nationality. They are good people all over the world. I'll explain why at another time.) Jesus isn't the only one with encouraging words. As you may recall, in Isaiah 55:12 God promised us...

^{55:12} "You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace..."

and in Isaiah 49:6, also promised...

^{49:6} "...It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Restoring the tribes is achieved through "God's Peace Plan for the Holy Land". And afterwards, salvation spreads over the planet. But first, the peace plan must be accepted by both sides. Now, we can see what's at stake regarding the peace plan and the prophecies. In order for "God's Peace Plan for the Holy Land" to be authentic, it must be God's peace plan, not mine. And if it's God's, it must be in full alignment with the prophecies concerning it. If it isn't, then it can't really come from God—at least, not the positive polarity of God.

But, saying anything comes from God invariably comes at a high cost for the messenger. Happens every time. Naturally, people will claim I'm a nutcase, or accuse me of being a glory-seeker, imposter, or worse. Nevertheless, I have to supply the "proof", that is, show how and why the peace plan fits in prophecy. So, here it is... Malachi 3:1;

"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me.
Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple;
the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,"
says the Lord Almighty."

But, who is this "messenger of the covenant"? Let's find out...
Malachi 4:4-5;

⁴ "Remember the law of my servant Moses,
the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.
⁵ See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you
before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes.
⁶ He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children,
and the hearts of the children to their parents;
or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction."

Verse 5 says Elijah is the person who will present the peace plan. And as for the "decrees and laws", these are the basis of "God's Peace Plan for the Holy Land". More about that in a moment. First, we need to wrap up the identity proof.

Malachi 3:1 again; ¹ "I will send my messenger...the messenger of the covenant..." who, according to Malachi 4:5, is "the prophet Elijah". Next, a passage from the Apocrypha in the Catholic version of the Bible)
Sirach 48:4, 10;

⁴ How awesome, are you, Elijah! ¹⁰ It is written that you are destined at the appointed time to allay the wrath of God before it erupts in fury, to turn the hearts of parents back to their children and to restore the tribes of Jacob."

Do you remember Isaiah 49:6, where God says, "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob..."? Two verses later, in verse 8, God clarified what "restore the tribes of Jacob" means...

^{49:8} This is what the Lord says:

"In the time of my favor I will answer you,
and in the day of salvation I will help you;

I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people,
to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances,"

So, clearly, "restore" is meant in a manner including "reassign[ing]" the land's "desolate inheritances". How can one "restore the tribes of Jacob" unless it's according to the laws God gave them? That's why in Malachi 4:4, God tells us to "remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel". When you add all these prophecies up, they are talking about a peace plan sent from God and which must be delivered by Elijah.

So, I have an announcement to make: Here I am! I'm the prophet Elijah ("Elias", for Muslims), trying my best to prevent total destruction. But, there's an apparent problem with this centering around some things Jesus said in Matthew 11 & 17... In Matthew 11:9-11, 14, while speaking about John the Baptist, Jesus said:

^{11:9} Then what did you go out to see? A prophet?

Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women

there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist...

¹⁴ And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come."

Matthew 17:10-13;

¹⁰ The disciples asked [Jesus],

"Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?"

¹¹ Jesus replied,

"To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things.

¹² But I tell you, Elijah has already come,
and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished.

In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands."

¹³ Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist."

There's two issues that need to be worked out before we can proceed...

First, the original Elijah was an elderly prophet when he was taken up to heaven in a flaming chariot. Yet, in Luke 1:57—which comes centuries later—we learn John the Baptist was born as a normal baby. How can an old man disappear for centuries and then return as a baby? Secondly, while John both preceded and baptized Jesus, he didn't come close to doing all that Elijah's mission required him to accomplish, and in particular, he didn't "restore the land and...reassign its desolate inheritances."

We'll start by answering the question, "How can an old man disappear for centuries and then return as a baby?" One possibility is that "Elijah" is a symbolic title for a future person with a specific function. But, that alternative doesn't work because John did nothing about reassigning the land's "desolate inheritances". And since Jesus said John was *that* "messenger", John had to complete that part of his task, or else Jesus was wrong about John's identity. And we know that won't work!

If "Elijah" isn't a symbolic title, that leaves two other ways for these prophecies to be true and also reconcile with what Jesus said. The two alternative ways are either reincarnation or—shall we call it—"angelic possession". This may make many Christians uneasy, but unless one or the other alternative is true, either Isaiah's prophecy failed, or Elijah failed. Or worse yet, Jesus wasn't telling the truth.

The explanation has something to do with my NDE (Near Death Experience) back in 1992. Including the NDE account here would make this article too long, so if you want to read it, here's a link where you can download it:

<http://godspeaceplan.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/NDE-Experience.pdf>

In the course of the NDE, something "not me" was added to me. The best description for it I've come across is found in Isaiah 11...

"11:2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—"

Now, I can't say which is which with absolute assurance. What I can say, is several years prior to the NDE a friend gave me a "past-life regression", during which I was taken back to an ancient city in the Holy Land. As I looked out upon the city, I felt deep remorse for causing many people to die—even though they'd done much evil and deserved it. This baffled me for years until sometime after the NDE, when I read the account of Elijah and the priests of Baal in 1 Kings 18:16-40. So, I think my soul is Elijah reincarnated, and the "Spirit of the Lord" something added to that. And now, God has given me the understanding and knowledge needed to write the peace plan, to fulfill the part of Elijah's task John the Baptist left unfinished in his lifetime.

Prior to the NDE, I rejected organized religion, and in particular anything having to do with either the Bible or Qur'an. I had my reasons, which I won't go into here. I was a fairly intelligent house painter who loved Nature, and had no interest in theology or wars in the Holy Land. After the NDE, God has produced several things through this servant, including a peace plan for the Holy Land in full accord with both the Bible and Qur'an, and a book titled "The Way of Holiness & the Sacred Hoop", which reconciles sacred messages around the world. Trust me, "Bob the painter" neither could or would have written any of these things on his own.

The point about it isn't me. As a matter of fact, I believe my very imperfection played a part in the NDE occurring. The New Testament reading for my birthday, September 11, from the "ONE YEAR BIBLE" (by Tyndale House Publishers) is 2 Corinthians 12:1-10. Verses 2-4 describe the NDE...

² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows.

³ And I know that this man— whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—

⁴ was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell."

But, verse 9 is the most important verse, in my opinion.

⁹ But [the Lord] said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

That's why I'm always saying, "All glory goes to God!" I'm an imperfect human being who for God-knows-what-reason was given the opportunity to serve God and humanity at this difficult time. But because I'm so imperfect, it will make it much easier for people to give all credit and glory to God, not the messenger. Amen! But, as I said earlier, saying anything comes from God invariably comes at a high cost for the messenger. Jesus put it this way...

Matthew 5:10-12;

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

So be it. I'm in good company. You can persecute me or help out. I hope you choose the latter, But, either way, I'm committed to getting the job done, which includes the following...

BRINGING FIRE DOWN FROM THE SKY

God did it in the past with this messenger, as described in the Apocrypha... Sirach (or Ben Sira) 48:1-3 (NAB):

¹ Till like fire there appeared the prophet whose words were as a flaming furnace.

² Their staff of bread, he shattered, in his zeal he reduced them to straits.

³ By God's word he shut up the heavens and three times brought down fire."

⁴ How awesome are you, ELIJAH! Whose glory is equal to yours?"

Well first, all glory goes to God, not Elijah. And now, God is having me do it again by telling me to write Parts 10A & 10B of the "Promise of a Bright Tomorrow" series, which expose Trump as being the "beast" and Vladimir Putin as the "dragon".

It's like Jeremiah 5:14 all over again...

^{5:14} ...Therefore this is what the Lord God Almighty says;

"Because the people have spoken these words [and other evil acts],

I will make my words in your mouth a fire and these people the wood it consumes."

Malachi 3:2-6;

¹ "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.

² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness,

⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

⁵ "So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me," says the LORD Almighty."

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So, this is what I was sent here to do. And yes, Christ will be coming again. Soon!

Hallelujah!

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