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THE SAVED REMNANT SING

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These are the words of the remnant, now triumphing and singing. They are also calling upon others also to glorify the Lord in the fires of persecution due to the Great Tribulation, in which they had just been freed. They also proclaim the Word of God that goes all over great distances over the entire earth described as even to *the isles of the sea*. As God brings His judgment on the earth the remnant all over the earth proclaim His justice to the righteous. They realize first-hand the glory of God as He brings the Great Tribulation to the earth and provides for their salvation. The righteous are those who became believers during the Tribulation into whom the righteousness of Christ will be imputed to them.

## II Corinthians 5:21

*For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him (KJV).*

Upon seeing the vision that the wicked would be vanquished, Isaiah expresses consternation, for he knows that many Jews will perish for their lack of faith in God. Realizing that only the righteous will remain Isaiah repeats his lament three times to underscore his deep sorrow. It also alludes to the severe loss of life during the Great Tribulation when 2/3 of the world's population of Jews will die due to their sins. He also realizes that the final salvation will come neither quickly nor easily.

## Zechariah 13:8-9

*<sup>8</sup>And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith Jehovah, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. <sup>9</sup>And I will bring the third part into the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried. They shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people; and they shall say, Jehovah is my God (ASV 1901).*

Isaiah has prophetic insight of this joyful time, when finally, the saints shall reign with their Lord in the bliss of the Messianic Kingdom, which Isaiah foresees compared to the misery of the present, and his own participation in it. A time of suffering, of wasting, and pining away must be endured until then. He has not been given the length of time before the start of the Messianic Kingdom, but he has hope and confidence in its eventual arrival. This is the period of his “*leanness*”. This sudden change from song to groan, within one verse, is similar to the effect of that little “*opened book*” that the apostle John took from the hand of the mighty “*cloud-clothed angel*” in Revelation chapter ten. When he obeyed the angel's command, and ate it, it was in his mouth as sweet as honey, but as soon as he had eaten it his belly was bitter. That “*little book*” is an image of Israel's final recovery and perfect blessedness. It is initially very sweet, but after the book is swallowed it becomes very bitter. It relates of that time of unparalleled tribulation that must come first; and that bitterness is realized by Isaiah in these groans he makes as he receives this prophecy. The end is sweet (national salvation and the Messianic Kingdom) but the path to it is very bitter.

Isaiah is terribly troubled for it has been revealed to him that there will be four periods of subjugation of Jerusalem during the Times of the Gentiles preceding the Nation Israel's final regeneration. Israel will suffer under Babylon, Media–Persia, Greece, and the imperialistic form of government initiated by Rome. It has been revealed to him that salvation is far off, in the very distant future. *Treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously; yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously* It will not come until enemies arrive, plunderers after plunderers and marauders after marauders.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE EARTH FEAR

### Isaiah 24:17

*<sup>17</sup> Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth (KJV).*

Jesus warns us as recorded in Matthew 10:28 not to fear those that can kill the body, but to fear the one that can destroy both body and soul in hell. Those that are persecuting them will die bodily the first time and the second time spiritually as well. Those that are saved during the Tribulation may die physically but not spiritually.

Revelation 8:1

*And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour (KJV).*

Music is painted on a canvass of silence. They are the rests and are just as important as the music. From a position of extreme noise in all the earthly convulsions, the Lord declares a complete silence in Heaven for a half-hour. Surely, since the Lord lives in a place where there is no time this must be taken as a figurative exposition designed to allow us to realize the cessation of calamities for a short time (1/2 hour). The seal opens and not a voice is heard; not a motion is seen and an awful frightful pause is sensed. One might want to compare this to the calm before the storm or the calmness in the eye of a hurricane. Those familiar with these storms realize that the worst is yet to come. With this pause in heaven everything is mute and motionless. The silence will create a deep fear upon the earth's inhabitants. It raises their anxiety.

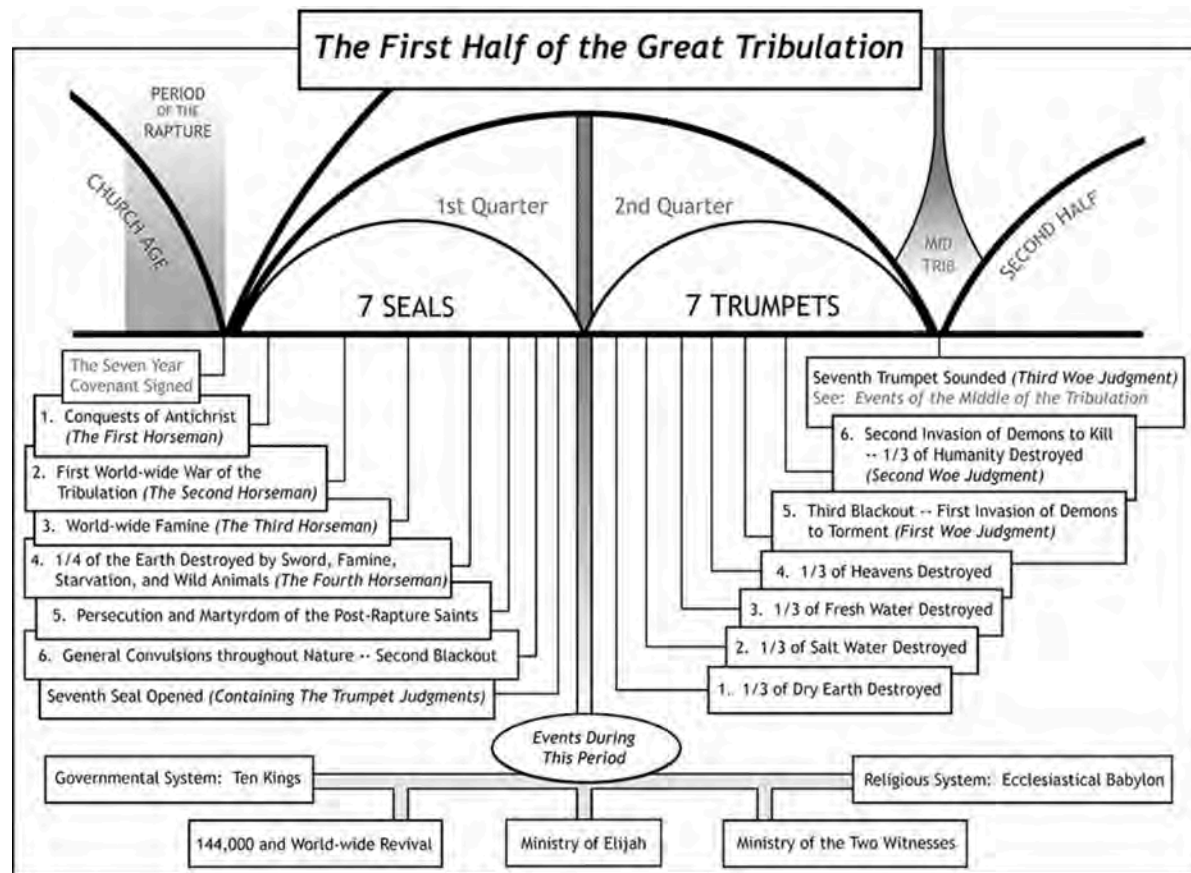


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## THE WICKED FALL INTO THE PIT

Isaiah 24:18

*<sup>18</sup> And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake (KJV).*

From all the fearful noise that will be made right before and after the silence, many shall fall into the pit. What the world is hearing are the voices and thunderings heard in the heavens above, the sea and waves roaring below; and the noise of war, and terrible armies approaching and pursuing. The pit has the connotation of a place of wickedness. Many shall fall into the pit; of ruin and destruction, dug for the wicked (Psalm 94:13). This happened to the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah as they fell into the slime-pits, when they fled from their conquerors, (Genesis 14:10). *And he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare*; means that he that escapes one trouble will fall into another, so that there will be no safety anywhere. The pit can also be a grave. The nature of the pit during the Tribulation which is also known as the Abyss is further described in Revelation chapter nine as the temporary dwelling place of the demonic angels who will be released during the Tribulation to bring additional havoc on the earth. This is one of the snares.

Revelation 9:1–6

*And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment [was] as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them (KJV).*

This passage begins with a fallen star who is given the key to the Abyss. The word “fallen star” is symbolic of a fallen angel. The Abyss is a temporary place of confinement for fallen angels or demons. It is the place where demons feared to be sent when they were cast out by Christ. (Luke 8:31). It is temporary, for the final abode for fallen angels will be the Lake of Fire. Not all demons are confined in the Abyss at the present time. Those that are, are waiting to be released for the specific judgments on mankind expressed in Revelation chapter nine.

When the fallen angel opens the Abyss, the third blackout occurs and for the third time there is a total cessation of light from the sun reaching the earth. Total blackness is a frightening experience.

But it is not the blackout that makes the fifth Trumpet Judgment the first Woe Judgment. Out of the Abyss a great number of demons are released for the first of two demonic invasions. These demons are commissioned to carry out the fifth Trumpet Judgment. They are commanded to refrain from destroying any vegetation and told to torment only those who do not have the seal of God on their

foreheads. So, the 144,000 Jewish evangelists are safe to continue their work. Furthermore, these demons are commanded to kill no one, but only to torment men for five months or 150 days. Generally, the apostle John does not reveal the duration of time for each of these Judgments, but in this case the timing is given. There will be a limit as to how much destruction these demons will be allowed to render. Unsaved mankind will be open to torment, but not death.

Not only will the demons be unable to kill, but also the tormented men will not be able to kill themselves either. Because of the tremendous torment inflicted by these demons, men will seek death. They will attempt suicide, but all suicide attempts will fail. Mankind will be forced to endure the torment in all its fury.

### THE STRUCTURE OF THE EARTH CHANGES

Isaiah 24:19–20

*19 The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. 20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again (KJV).*

One result of the Tribulation is the leveling of the earth surface through multiple earthquakes. Some of this occurs during the judgments of the bowls which follow after the trumpets during the second half of the Great Tribulation.

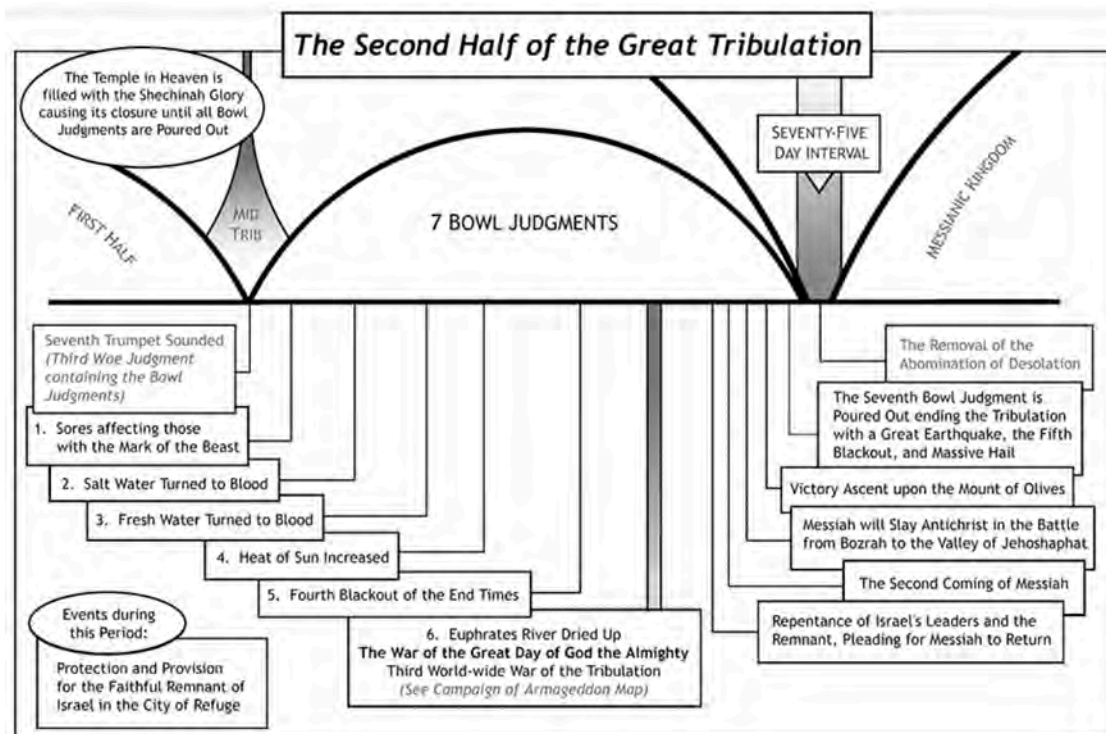


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## Revelation 16:17–21

*17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. 18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. 19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. 20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great (KJV).*

## Isaiah 24:21–23

*21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. 22 And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited. 23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously (KJV).*

*The host of the high ones that are on high* are the antichrist and his dignified unsaved clergy, unsaved cardinals, unsaved archbishops, and unsaved bishops. These are the followers of Satan who exalt themselves with him above all that is called God, sitting in the high place in the temple of God, as if he was God. Therefore he, with all his mighty ones, will Christ, who is the true God, destroy with the breath of his mouth and the brightness of his coming; (II Thessalonians 2:4, 8; Revelation 19:18): *and the kings of the earth upon the earth*; the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication with the whore of Rome; and who will make war with the Lamb, and shall be overcome by him, (Revelation 17:2, 14). *And they shall be gathered together*, which is the first stage of the battle of the Campaign of Armageddon. The armies of the world will gather in the Jezreel valley near the mountain of Meggido (Harmeggido in Hebrew) under the leadership of Antichrist thinking they will conquer the earth for Satan. This occurs during the sixth bowl judgment;

## Revelation 16:12–16

*12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. 13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. 15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. 16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon (KJV).*

of God Almighty at Armageddon, (Revelation 16:14, 16; 19:19) and there being overcome and taken, they shall be gathered together *as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison;* in the prison of the grave, and in hell; as captives are, till such time as their resurrection is determined and ordered what to be done with them: *and after many days shall they be visited;* or punished, that is, after the thousand years of the Messianic Kingdom are ended, when the wicked dead will be all raised; after Satan, the beast, and false prophet, and all their adherents, shall be cast into the lake which burns with fire and brimstone after the second resurrection (Revelation 19:20, 21; 20:5, 8, 9, 10).

Jesus said that the sun, moon and stars shall be altered after the Tribulation.

Matthew 24:29

*Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken (KJV).*

Christ defeats the multitudes of the nations during the final stage of the Campaign of Armageddon. God initiates a worldwide blackout, which is the fifth during and just preceding the Great Tribulation. He causes a great earthquake, which produces a fissure in the Mount of Olives so as to provide a way of escape of the Jews in Jerusalem. This then ends the Great Tribulation and the campaign of Armageddon.

Jesus as the absolute ruler on earth will govern the Messianic Kingdom. His throne will be in Jerusalem. The government will be split into two branches, a Jewish branch and a Gentile branch. It is quite clear from both Testaments that Jesus will sit upon David's Throne in Jerusalem ruling the Jews and Gentiles. It is important to realize that Jesus the Messiah will be a king over a literal physical kingdom on the earth.

GOD SET UP HIS SON AS THE KING IN JERUSALEM.

Psalms 2:6-8

*<sup>6</sup> Yet I have set my king Upon my holy hill of Zion. <sup>7</sup> I will tell of the decree: Jehovah said unto me, Thou art my son; This day have I begotten thee. <sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will give thee the nations for thine inheritance, And the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession (KJV).*

Although the Throne will be established in Jerusalem, the Kingdom will extend over the entire earth including all the Gentile nations.

Isaiah 9: 6-7

*<sup>6</sup> For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it*



*with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will perform this (ASV, 1901)*

A child is to be born into the Jewish nation Who is a Son of the House of David upon Whom the entire control of the government will rest. The names given to this child can only apply to God Himself. With the eternality of the Davidic Dynasty assured, the Throne and Kingdom will rest upon the God-Man. From a human standpoint He will be a descendant of David. From a deity standpoint He is eternal and so is His Throne. Isaiah describes the characteristics of the rule of the Messianic King.

1. The government will increase in authority and peace.
2. There will be no end to Messiah's rule or the Throne of David.
3. The God-Man will establish it and will uphold it.
4. It will be characterized by justice and righteousness forever
5. The burning zeal of God guarantees the establishment of the Kingdom
6. God's zeal will continue to burn until the Kingdom is realized.

NEXT MESSAGE: THE LITTLE APOCALYPSE PART III (THE RAPTURE & RESURRECTION OF THE CHURCH)

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