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It is our desire to draw ever closer to the Lamb of God, Jesus Our Creator and Messiah. It is only through Him that redemption can be found.

Verse-by-Verse we draw closer to God and experience true freedom in the truth of His Word.



My sheep hear
my voice, and I
know them, and
they follow me:
John 10:27

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Learning God's Word One Verse at a Time

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THE MID TRIBULATION EVENTS

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Revelation chapter ten introduces the reader to the events of the middle of the Tribulation.

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3. ~~Satan Cast Down to the Earth—Revelation 12:7–12~~
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THE PERSECUTION OF THE JEWS, PART 1

From the implementation of the Abomination of Desolation the Antichrist will break the covenant with Israel and begin the worst persecution of the nation Israel that there ever has been. Because they have been chosen by God to bring His word and Messiah to this earth they have been persecuted repeatedly since the earliest days of their time on the earth.

Genesis 15:13

¹³And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land [that is] not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years (KJV).

Throughout the Bible there are many Jewish persecutions listed and the reasons for them. They will be examined those as well as the persecutions the Jews have suffered throughout the Church Age ending with the greatest of them all which will occur in the Great Tribulation. That one will begin with the Antichrist's declaration of himself as god and breaking of the covenant he made with Israel. We should be aware of the fact that Nazi Germany killed 1/3 of the world Jewry. The Anti-Christ will kill 2/3 of them. (Zechariah 13: 8-9)

This outline will chart our path through the chronology of Jewish persecutions.

1. Oppression in Egypt
2. Amorites defeat Jews at Ai (Joshua 7:5)
3. An Angel of the Lord leaves false gods in Israel to snare the Jews at Bochim (Judges 2:3)
4. Cushanrishathaim of Mesopotamia (Judges 3:8)
5. Midians oppression (Judges 6:1)
6. Servitude under Philistines & Ammonites (Judges 10:7)
7. Servitude under the Philistines for 40 years (Judges 13:1)
8. Saul's Reign produces persecutions as constant warfare (I Sam 14:47)
9. Assyrian captivity of Northern ten tribes in 722 B.C.
10. Babylonian captivity of Judah and Benjamin in 586 B.C.
11. Greek persecution under Antiochus Epiphanies
12. Roman Captivity of Israel by Pompey 63 B.C.
13. Herodian rule over and persecution of Jews
14. Roman persecution of 70 AD
15. Roman persecution of 132 AD
16. Roman emperor Theodosius enacts laws persecutes Jews AD 388
17. Byzantine persecutions 330-1453 AD
18. Crusades
19. Expulsion of Jews from England 1290 AD
20. France & England expulsion of the Jews 1300 AD
21. Spanish persecutions (inquisitions) 1391 AD
22. Expulsion of Jews from Spain 1492 AD
23. Portuguese inquisition 1536-39 AD
24. Russian persecutions 1825-1917
25. Russian pogroms; the pale 1881-2 AD
26. Nazi persecutions 1933-45 AD
27. Hungarian persecutions 1938-1948 AD
28. Soviet persecutions under Stalin 1939-53 AD
29. Arab-Muslim persecutions 1948-present
30. Tribulation persecutions starting with the Abomination of Desolation

We need to completely understand God's nature in this regard and how He used the Jews as our barometer to see how He works with the human spirit on planet earth. Remember that God is in complete control of all events on this earth. Nothing escapes Him.

OPPRESSION IN EGYPT

There are two principal reasons for the Egyptian persecution and slavery. The first is the refinement that God desired to accomplish in His children Israel. The second is to allow the Amorites a chance to turn from their sins. God did not want the Jews to enter Canaan with the extremely sinful Amorites still there

The first persecution was initially announced in approximately 2067 B.C. within the Abrahamic Covenant.

Genesis 15:13–15

¹³And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land [that is] not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; ¹⁴And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance ¹⁵And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites [is] not yet full (KJV).

God wanted the Hebrews to be holy. He wanted them to imitate Him in their thoughts and behavior (Leviticus 11:44-45).

He wanted them to be holy as He is holy. The Bible teaches that the way to holiness is refinement through suffering (Deuteronomy 8:5 Job 5:17-18,36:8-12; Isaiah 48:10).

God wanted the Jews to become holy through suffering. He put them into the cauldron of persecution in Egypt so that they would be refined. The same is true of the Church. As long as we are in this world the process continues until we are glorified.

Daniel 11:35

³⁵And [some] of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make [them] white, [even] to the time of the end: because [it is] yet for a time appointed (KJV).

Daniel 12:10

¹⁰Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand (KJV).

Those whom God has chosen to understand Him, in other words, those who are wise will be purged and made holy. This refinement process will continue for His chosen until we leave the earthly bodies, which we now inhabit. For the entire earth this will continue until the end of the Tribulation.

Remember the three reasons for the Tribulations.

To make an end of sin and wicked people.

To bring about the largest and final worldwide evangelization.

To break the will of the Jews, God's holy chosen people

This third purpose is what finally ends all the persecutions of the Jews throughout all of human history beginning with the Egyptian bondage and affliction. This purpose is to break the will of the stubborn Jewish nation. This will end the Tribulation. God intends to break their will so that he can bring about a national regeneration.

Daniel 12:5

⁵Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. ⁶And [one] said to the man clothed in linen, which [was] upon the waters of the river, How long [shall it be to] the end of these wonders?⁷And I heard the man clothed in linen, which [was] upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that [it shall be] for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these [things] shall be finished (KJV).

A man clothed in white and standing upon water gives the prophet Daniel a prophecy regarding the Great Tribulation and one of its reasons. This man is a preincarnate appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The means by which He will do this is given us in Ezekiel 20:33-38

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³³As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, surely with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, will I be king over you: ³⁴and I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out;³⁵and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there will I enter into judgment with you face to face. ³⁶Like as I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I enter into judgment with you, saith the Lord Jehovah ³⁷And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant; ³⁸and I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me; I will bring them forth out of the land where they sojourn, but they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am Jehovah (KJV).

God uses a simile of the Exodus to describe the persecution He will bring upon the Jews through the Tribulation. He says that He will accomplish four (4) things with this final phase of their persecutions.

1. God gathers the Jews from the various countries on the earth,
2. He enters into a period of judgment with them,
3. The rebels are purged out from among them,
4. The whole new refined nation can then enter into the Promise Land under King Messiah.

It is important understand and realize that nothing happens by chance on this earth. It is all part of God's master plan. The various human reasoning's for the Jewish persecutions are mostly incorrect. Just as God caused them all, He will cause the last and greatest of them under Antichrist, which will start exactly in the middle of the Great Tribulation. This should humble us as Paul tells us not to be conceited about our salvation. Far too many in the greater Christian community believe

that the Church has replaced the Jews in God's plan. They will be very sorry for this unbiblical attitude at the Bema Seat Judgment. The Bible is very clear that God is not done with them yet.

Romans 11:25–36

²⁵ For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. ²⁶ And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: ²⁷ For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. ²⁸ As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. ²⁹ For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. ³⁰ For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: ³¹ Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. ³² For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all. ³³ O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! ³⁴ For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? ³⁵ Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? ³⁶ For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen (KJV).

GOD DOES WHATEVER PLEASES HIM.

Psalms 135:6

⁶ Whatsoever the LORD pleased, [that] does he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places (KJV).

He knows all things and He brings all things both past present and future to come to pass. He is in complete control of all things.

Isaiah 46:9–11

⁹ Remember the former things of old: for I [am] God, and [there is] none else; [I am] God, and [there is] none like me,¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times [the things] that are not [yet] done, saying, My counsel shall stand and I will do all my pleasure. ¹¹ Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken [it], I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed [it], I will also do it (KJV).

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Leviticus 11:44–45

⁴⁴For I [am] the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I [am] holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. ⁴⁵For I [am] the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I [am] holy (KJV).

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Deuteronomy 8:5

⁵Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, [so] the LORD thy God chasteneth thee (KJV).

Job 5:17

¹⁷Behold, happy [is] the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty (KJV).

Isaiah 48:10

¹⁰Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction (KJV).

So God wanted the Jews to become holy through suffering. He put them into the cauldron of persecution in Egypt so that they would be refined. The same is true of the Church. As long as we are in this world the process continues until we are glorified.

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