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Isaiah 34:8–10

*<sup>8</sup>For Jehovah hath a day of vengeance, a year of recompense for the cause of Zion, <sup>9</sup>And the streams of Edom shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch. <sup>10</sup>It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever; from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever (ASV, 1901).*

This is one of the various descriptions of the Tribulation in the Bible, A Day of Vengeance.

## THE CAMPAIGN OF ARMAGEDDON

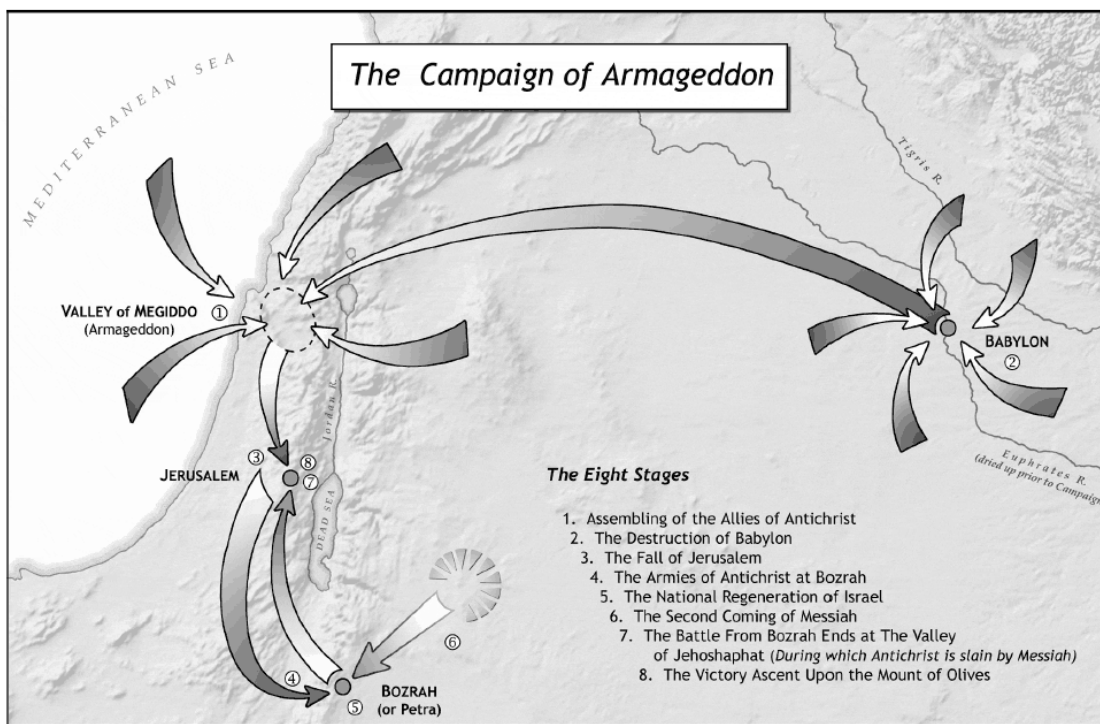
The Campaign of Armageddon is actually a multi-staged event. It is not just the invasion of Jerusalem.

The campaign of Armageddon involves eight stages. They are as follows:

- ~~1. The Assembling of the Allies of the Antichrist.~~
- ~~2. The Destruction of Babylon.~~
- ~~3. The Fall of Jerusalem.~~
4. The Armies of the Antichrist at Bozrah (Petra).
5. The National Regeneration of Israel (Zechariah 12)
6. The Second Coming of the Messiah.
  - a. The Place of the Second coming.
  - b. The Manner of the Second Coming.
7. The Battle from Bozrah to the Valley of Jehoshaphat.
8. The Victory Ascent Up the Mount of Olives

## STAGE FOUR: THE ARMIES OF THE ANTICHRIST AT BOZRAH:

The main concentration of Jews and their leaders will have fled Jerusalem and Israel. They will be at the sheepfold of Bozrah in the land of Edom or present-day south Jordan. This is known today as Petra. Since the main purpose of the Campaign of Armageddon is the annihilation of the Jews, the armies of the world will move southward from Jerusalem to Bozrah. Jeremiah chapter forty-nine describes this quite clearly.



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### Jeremiah 49:13-14

*<sup>13</sup>For I have sworn by myself, saith Jehovah that Bozrah shall become an astonishment, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes. <sup>14</sup>I have heard tidings from Jehovah, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, saying, Gather yourselves together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle (ASV 1901).*

The next place where the nations of the earth will gather is at Bozrah in order to destroy the Remnant of Israel that will be gathered there. With the completion of the fourth stage, the last three days before the Second Coming begins. However, before the Second Coming there is a national conversion of the State of Israel.

### THE NATIONAL MOURNING BEGINS

### Zechariah 12:11

*<sup>10</sup>And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look unto me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born (ASV 1901).*

First the Lord will plan to execute judgment against all the Gentile nations that come against the apple of His eye Israel. Then the Lord in His everlasting grace toward humankind and His chosen,

the Israelites pours out His *spirit of grace and of supplication* which causes the Jews to realize that it was *them* who persecuted Jesus and had Him nailed to the cross at Calvary. The Lord in the first person (me) begins to describe the mourning process the Jews will go through when they finally realize that it was the body He entered to live and die for them as Jesus the Messiah. The degree of mourning is unparalleled in the lives of humans. He draws an analogy to one losing a child. In order to cite this event of losing a child with the greatest pain one can experience He says it is like the loss of a parent's only male child. Then He further defines the situation as one who loses their first-born child. Our first-born children are the ones wherein we learn parenting and spend the most time and effort attending to their care. We usually invest more of ourselves into the first-born child than we do to any other. A loss of this child will give us an immense amount of pain that will *never* leave us while we are still on this earth. This is the extent of pain the nation Israel will experience when they finally realize what they have done to their Messiah Jesus.

#### ALL THE FAMILIES IN ISRAEL MOURN FOR JESUS

##### Zechariah 12:12-14

*<sup>12</sup>And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; <sup>13</sup>the family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of the Shimeites apart, and their wives apart; <sup>14</sup>all the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart (ASV 1901).*

The text before us continues to describe the extent of the mourning that will take place in Israel when the Jews realize it was them that rejected Jesus and it was them for whom He died. This text describes every family from the leaders of the government and Temple to the general population. All will mourn in national repentance for the way they rejected the Lord Jesus when He came the first time. This is like Psalm 51 wherein David mourned over his sin with Bathsheba only on a national scale.

##### John 1:10-11

*<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world knew him not. <sup>11</sup>He came unto his own, and they that were his own received him not. <sup>12</sup>But as many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God, even to them that believe on his name: <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth (ASV 1901).*

#### BABYLON'S DESTRUCTION IS TIED TO THE REGENERATION OF ISRAEL:

##### Jeremiah 50:4-5

*In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the*

*LORD their God. They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten (KJV).*

Now we can see from our present day and age that Israel is back in their land but they are back in unbelief. Their regeneration as a believing nation will not come about until the Antichrist's armies try and attack them at Bozrah (Petra). So, these chapters are discussing end time events, not historical events. We must remember that there is a chronology to the entire Bible from creation to the re-establishment of the eternal order (New Jerusalem). We live in time and space and one event follows another until all has been fulfilled in God's timing. Then time and space will be eliminated as God fulfills the prayer, He taught us "Thy Kingdom come, Thy, will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." In heaven there is no time or space.

During this time as Israel is beginning to seek out God, they will enter into the everlasting covenant with Him. This is the same as the New Covenant, which is everlasting. (Prophecied in Jeremiah 31:31-34) Christ Himself announced it at the last supper and it was inaugurated with the coming of the Holy Spirit. The New Covenant, which Jeremiah prophecied is specifically addressed to the Jews but the Church, is the beneficiary of the Spiritual aspects of it so that the Jews will be made jealous of our freedom in Christ. We leave the covenant at the time of the rapture and the Jews will be left to seek God themselves as demonstrated by the events of the Great Tribulation. It will bring them to their knees so they want God's everlasting covenant. Then they will experience the Spiritual as well as the physical aspects of the Covenant in complete fullness.

#### STAGE FIVE: THE NATIONAL REGENERATION OF ISRAEL

One of the principal reasons for the Great Tribulation is to break the will of the Holy People, the Jews (Daniel 12:7). Here we will examine the tremendous pressure the remnant will be under and the circumstances surrounding their confession. There are two aspects to this national regeneration and they are the same as for anybody coming into God's Kingdom as a believer.

#### Confession of Sins

Requesting (pleading) for God to save them.

The confessional aspect is given in the three passages of the Old Testament. The first is in the twenty-sixth chapter of the book of Leviticus, which discusses God's blessings and cursings prophecies pertaining to the Nation Israel.

#### Leviticus 26:40-42

*If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me; And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity: Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land (KJV).*

Another key passage related to Israel's repentance is Jeremiah chapter three.

Jeremiah 3:11-18

*And the LORD said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah. Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever. Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD. Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more. At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart. In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers (KJV).*

The third passage is found in Hosea chapter five.

Hosea 5:15

*I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early (KJV).*

The second requirement for the regeneration of the Nation Israel is for them to plead for their Messiah to return. This is found in two passages.

Zechariah 12:10

*And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn (ASV, 1901).*

Matthew 23:37-39

*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left*

*unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord (KJV).*

When the armies of the Antichrist begin their invasion of Bozrah (Petra) the campaign is nearing the end. It has only three days left according to Hosea.

Hosea 6:1-3

*Come, and let us return unto Jehovah; for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. <sup>2</sup>After two days will he revive us: on the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live before him. <sup>3</sup>And let us know, let us follow on to know Jehovah: his going forth is sure as the morning; and he will come unto us as the rain, as the latter rain that watereth the earth (ASV, 1901).*

This section of Hosea follows the Jews confession of their sins in Hosea 5. The chapter and verse divisions were not in the original autographs. Verses 1-2 show the Jewish leaders telling the nation to repent and confess their national sins. Verse 3 shows the physical blessings that will be restored to them. Israel's leaders will finally realize that then entire Tribulation has come upon them due to their turning away from Jehovah and the Lord Jesus. Several communication mediums have been given to them in the past to try and reach them.

1. Scriptures
2. Preaching of the 144,000 Jewish Evangelists
3. The Two Witnesses
4. The third sign of Jonah (Luke 11:32)
5. Ministry of Elijah (Malachi 4:5-6)

Just as the leaders rejected Jesus, they will come to accept Him. The call to the nation is Hosea 6:1-3. The confession will last for two days. The confessions actual words are given in Isaiah.

Isaiah 53:1-9

*Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my*



*people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth (KJV).*

They admit that the nation looked upon Jesus as nothing more than an ordinary man, even a criminal who died for His own sins. Now they realize that He was no ordinary man but the perfect Lamb of God, the Christ (Messiah) Himself. They also realize that He died for their (our) sins so that they (we) need not be stricken by God with eternal punishment. The national regeneration will come about by means of the confession in Isaiah chapter 53. On the third day the entire nation will be saved fulfilling the prophecy the Apostle Paul gave us in Romans eleven.

Romans 11:25-27

*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. 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: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins (KJV).*

All Israel means just exactly what it says. It means all of those Jews that are living at the time of the national confession. Remember Hitler exterminated one third but Zechariah says that 2/3rd will die (Zechariah 13:8-9) Therefore within two days after the leaders call the entire nation Israel will repent and accept Jesus as their Messiah. The effects of the Great Tribulation and the final pressure of the armies of the Antichrist at the gates of Petra will break the power of the Holy People finally after more than twenty centuries of national unbelief in Jesus. The pleading of the Jews is the subject of much discussion in the Bible. God in Christ tells the story Himself in Zechariah.

Zechariah 12:10-13:1:

*<sup>10</sup>And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look unto me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born. <sup>11</sup>In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon. <sup>12</sup>And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; <sup>13</sup>the family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of the Shimeites apart, and their wives apart; <sup>14</sup>all the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart. **13** <sup>1</sup>In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness (ASV, 1901).*

The pleading for Messiah to return will include Jews everywhere. The nations, leaders call will be responded to across the entire earth. This passage mentions specifically the Jews in Jerusalem. They all plead for the one whom they have pierced. This results in an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Israel's mourning for the Messiah and the cleansing of Israel's sins.



Another prophecy of this event is given in Joel.

Joel 2:28-32

*<sup>28</sup>And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: <sup>29</sup>and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit. <sup>30</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. <sup>31</sup>The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of Jehovah cometh. <sup>32</sup>And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of Jehovah shall be delivered; for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those that escape, as Jehovah hath said, and among the remnant those whom Jehovah doth call (ASV, 1901).*

Since regeneration is the work of the Holy Spirit, we see that He will be poured out in this passage, which results in some rather spectacular manifestations with the Jews. Some have tried to attribute this passage to the birth of the church in Acts 2. When Peter made reference to this passage, he was simply saying that something like the Joel prophecy was occurring when the Holy Spirit was poured out at Pentecost. The Joel passage clearly sets the chronological context as being at the end of the Great Tribulation and provides a partial prophetic fulfillment between testaments referred to theologically as repeat foreshadowing. There will be wonders in heaven and the Jews of Jerusalem will be delivered and escape as well as the remnant in Bozrah.

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