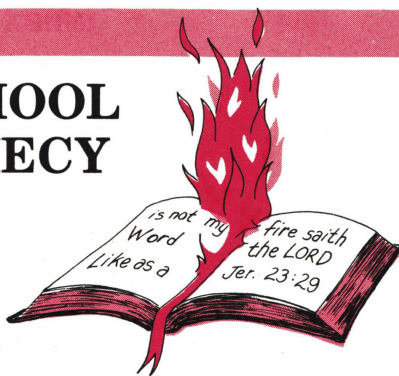


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END-TIME BIBLE PROPHECY “THE GATHERING STORM”

DECLARATION:

“Knowing this first, that **no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.**” II Peter 1:20.

The prophecies of Jesus Christ are the **anchor** prognostications that span the Old Testament prophecies of Daniel to those of the New Testament Book of Revelation, and bring them into harmony with all the other Bible prophecies of the end-time written by the Holy Prophets of God and Apostles of Jesus Christ.

The Book of Isaiah the prophet is a main source of Messianic prophecies — that is, of Christ’s coming and the prophetic fulfillments surrounding His return. Jesus quoted most frequently from the scriptures of Isaiah, and he proclaimed: “These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, **and in the prophets**, and in the psalms, concerning me.” Luke 24:44.

Old Testament prophecies are primary and fundamental to the clarification of the prophecies of the New Testament. **All prophecy of the scriptures have a two-fold fulfillment — both historical and future — applicable to our end-time age.** New Testament prophecy is primarily directed to the future of the Church and Christians — Old Testament prophecy for the end-time is directed primarily to Israel, but it also includes revelations directed to the Church and Gentile nations that they too will be caught in the rising Gathering Storm of prophetic, end-time fulfillment.

Both Divine Intervention and Demonic Activity will presage the return of Jesus Christ, resulting in prophetic fulfillment that includes famine, pestilence, and terrorism. Thus, the end-time, near-future events that will determine the destiny of earth’s billions now alive can be entitled, **“The Gathering Storm!”**

INTRODUCTORY SCRIPTURES

Jesus prophesied of our end-time generation: “But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass, but the end is not by and by [i.e., the end is not yet]. Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences [epidemics]; and fearful sights and **great signs shall there be from heaven . . .** And there shall be **signs** in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, **the sea and the waves roaring**; men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after

those things which are coming on the earth.” Luke 21:9-11, 25-26. This is perhaps the greatest end-time prophecy in the Holy Scriptures, and from the world’s greatest prophet — Jesus Christ of Nazareth; and it will be discussed thoroughly further along in the Lesson Exposition.

[HOW TO STUDY BIBLE PROPHECY].

“Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. **For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little** [i.e., here a scripture, there a scripture] . . . that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.” Isa. 28:9-13.

No prophecy of the Holy Scriptures is of any private interpretation — that is, no one prophet spoke a revelation that must not be fully corroborated by another prophet’s prophecy or revelation. **The Book of Revelation is fully dependent on the prophecies of Daniel and Christ to be understood.** And, by the way, no revelation of a present-day prophet is valid unless confirmed and fully corroborated by the prophecies of the Holy Prophets, Jesus Christ, and His Holy Apostles.

Remember: Prophetic revelation comes in this manner to a true end-time prophet of God — For, “Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.” Amos 3:7. Also: Jesus declared, “the scripture cannot be broken.” John 10:35.

LESSON EXPOSITION.

Jesus spake prophetically of the “sea and the waves roaring”—of “the distress of nations with perplexity” — of “men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth.” Luke 21:25-26.

The “sea and the waves roaring” means that the billions of present-day human masses will be in violent revolution (Rev. 17:15). “Distress of nations with perplexity” means that every nation will be caught in the grip of economic, social, and security problems that have no known solution. People’s hearts will fail with fear because of the dreadful causes of these distresses and perplexities — The Gathering Storm!

When & Where Does The Gathering Storm Begin?

Our generation is the last generation of the age of man which is by prophetic designation — **The Time of the End!** Daniel 12:4, 9. The prophetic storm of terrorism, world-wide violence, and revolution began simultaneously with our last generation — 1945 - 1948. The atom bomb was introduced in 1945 — Israel became a sovereign state in 1948, and the Turbulence that precedes the Storm arose, especially over the controversy of Israel or Zion. Isaiah 34:8.

Remember: A Biblical or Prophetic Generation is approximately 40 years!

A REBELLIOUS SOCIAL ORDER.

The greater underlying factor that has preceded the rise of the prophesied Gathering Storm of Terrorism, Famine, and Pestilence is the widespread **Rebellion against God’s Word**, especially rejection of the discipline it imposes upon the Home, Church, School, and the whole of Society in mores and morals.

God’s judgments will be poured out upon this rebellious society in the form of hunger, disease, epidemics, and terrorism! Our day is increasingly becoming like Noah’s, as said Jesus. In what ways? (1) “And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” Gen. 6:5; and, (2) “The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence [i.e., terrorism and revolution].” Gen. 6:11.

NOAH’S DAY & SODOM TODAY!

Jesus’ accurate prognostication of the character of the generation of His Return is recorded thusly: “And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank [i.e., intemperately], they married wives, they were given in marriage [i.e., divorced & remarried promiscuously], until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.” Luke 17:26-27.

Twenty million Sodomites (Homosexuals) pollute our nation alone — God’s judgment will soon fall upon them. “For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature [lesbians].

And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman [Homosexuals], burned in their lust one toward another: **men with men working that which is unseemly** [i.e., ugly], and receiving in themselves that recompence [i.e., God’s judgment] of their error which was meet [i.e., that which they are worthy to receive].” Rom. 1:26-27.

REBELLION IN THE HOME.

Most American homes are citadels of bristling rebellion against God’s Word — both parents and children to wit: **“As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them.** O my people, they which lead thee [i.e., women, children, and pantywaist preachers] cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.” Isa. 3:12. This is an end-time prophecy concerning the sorry plight of God’s own people — but alas, ERA has invaded the home — now the women and children have taken over! **The cause: sorry fathers and pantywaist preachers!**

REBELLION IN THE CHURCH.

The following prophecies to our end-time generation fully characterize today’s Church and Christians:

(1) “After their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; **And they shall turn away their ears from the truth** [i.e., the whole truth of God’s Word], **and shall be turned unto fables.**” II Tim. 4:3-4.

(2) “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times [i.e., our generation] some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits [i.e., religious demons], and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron.” I Tim. 4:1-2.

(3) “And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write . . . because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, **I will spue thee out of my mouth.** Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, **and blind,** and naked.” Rev. 3:14-17. **Today’s church of Jesus Christ is Laodicean in character and spewed out of the mouth of Jesus!**

SOURCES OF END-TIME PROPHECY.

The Apostle Peter wrote to our generation prophetically: “This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of

the words which were spoken before **by the holy prophets** [of the Old Testament], and of the commandment of us **the apostles of the Lord and Saviour**: Knowing this first, **that there shall come in the last days scoffers . . .**" II Peter 3:1-3.

The Old Testament Books of the Prophets contain many prophecies yet to be fulfilled upon the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ's prophecies of Matthew 24, Luke 21, and Mark 13 are anchor prognostications that span Daniel with Revelation — Isaiah and Zechariah with the New Testament Epistles. Much Old Testament prophecy is directed to our end-time generation which is primary and fundamental to a complete understanding of New Testament prophecy.

Another apostle of Jesus Christ, Paul, warned: "Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets [i.e., of the Old Testament]; Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man [of God] declare it unto you. And when **the Jews** were gone out of the synagogue, **the Gentiles** besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath." Acts 13:40-42. Much prophecy directed primarily to Israel also will be fulfilled upon the Gentiles and Christ's Church.

A SURE WORD OF PROPHECY.

The Apostle Peter has assured that the Old Testament prophets were holy men of God, their prophecies are sure, and that their prophecies also are in complete harmony: "**We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place . . .** no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation [i.e., prophecies are interpreted by other prophecies] . . . For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." II Peter 1:19-21.

PART I. UNFULFILLED BIBLE PROPHECIES.

SUMMARIZATION.

Most Bible Prophecy has already been fulfilled, **for one-third of the Bible is prophecy** — but the **vital part** directed to our end-time generation is that which shall be fulfilled in the near future. To be a little more specific, the very vital portions of Bible Prophecy are the fulfillments which apply to the True Church of Jesus Christ and to True Christians of this very generation.

The Big Question.

The 64-dollar question about prophetic fulfillment is: **What prophecies are yet to be fulfilled before Jesus Christ will return and take away His Bride out of the world?**

Most preachers and theologians teach that all prophecy has been fulfilled that relates to the Church, and that Jesus can come at any moment. “Are those teachings the truth?” you may ask! **The answer: NO!** Many Bible prophecies that relate to the Church of our Lord and that directly involve the Church and all Christians are not fulfilled — but they will be very soon — and, unfulfilled prophecies are very numerous.

A DECLARATION.

Jesus Christ will not return, nor can he return until many other Bible prophecies are completely fulfilled.

PART II. PROPHECIES YET TO BE FULFILLED BEFORE JESUS CHRIST COMES.

DISCUSSION.

The coming of Christ for a Bride out of His Church is the subject of this section of prophetic study. This Coming is commonly called the Rapture or a Catching-Away of Christians. However, only the Sanctified and Holy Ghost-Baptized believers have the promise of being in Christ's Bride; therefore, many Christians and others in God's Elect will go through the entire Tribulation Period of 7 years. **The Bride of Christ will go through the first 3½ years of the Tribulation Period.**

a. BEGINNING OF SORROWS.

DECLARATION.

Jesus Christ prophesied boldly and vividly of **OUR** generation: “And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for these things must come to pass, but **the end is not yet.** For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. **ALL THESE ARE THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS.**” Matt. 24:6-8.

All the predictions of Christ in this passage of prophetic scripture are historical — but these portend to a magnitude of the fulfillment of these occurrences in our generation that give rise to greater sorrows yet to come — more wars, more severe earthquakes, greater epidemics!

False Prophets. “Many false prophets shall arise, and shall deceive many.” Matt. 24:11, 24. All these sorrows will come upon the Church and all Christians before Jesus comes again, to “purify and try them, and make them white even until the time of the end.” (Dan. 12:9-10).

REBELLION IN THE CHURCH TODAY.

SUMMARIZATION.

Today’s Church has been Bewitched, Seduced, Deceived, Mesmerized, and Mislead by soothsaying preachers and false prophets. These phonies are everywhere! **The Result:** Christians by the millions have rebelled against God’s True Word — they hate the doctrines of Repentance, Holiness, the Fear of God, preaching against Sin, and warnings of the Judgments of God — and, **they hate the man of God who fearlessly and boldly preaches these Truths.** “They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.” Amos 5:10.

THE PROPHECIES OF THIS REBELLION:

(1) “There shall be false teachers among you [Christians], who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them . . . And many shall follow their pernicious ways: by reason of whom the way of truth [Holiness] shall be evil spoken of.” II Peter 2:1-2.

(2) “In the latter times some shall depart from the faith [of God’s Word], **giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.**” I Tim. 4:1.

(3) “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves . . . Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away . . . **Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.**” II Tim. 3:1-7.

(4) “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine [and that is right NOW]; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers [i.e., those who whisper sweet nothings], having itching ears; **And they shall turn away their ears from the truth [and this is happening in the Church NOW], and shall be turned unto fables.**” II Tim. 4:3-4.

(5) “**And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the com-**

mandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” Rev. 12:17. The woman is a type of Christ’s Church of the end-time — not just Israel as many teach erroneously, for both Jews and Gentiles compose the body of Christ which is the Church. Cf. Eph. 2:11-22; Eph. 3:5-6. The devil will raise violent persecution upon all of God’s Elect, and a remnant shall flee into hiding. “Wilderness” means a hiding place. Cf. Rev. 12:6, 14.

SORROWS UPON GOD’S SAINTS.

What is happening now (1982) — the violence, revolution, wars, terrorism, hunger, epidemics, earthquakes, and religious deception, are only the beginning — of sorrows — of the Gathering Storm. **Don’t be deceived — Christians will all be here to endure these sorrows of which Christ assured His disciples would surely come to pass in our end-time generation.**

SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES FOR FURTHER STUDY.

Isa. 66:5-8	Dan. 7:19-25	Dan. 11:31-35	Joel 1:14-17
Rev. 6:9-11	Dan. 8:23-25	Dan. 12:6-10	Joel 2:1-11

[b.] RUSSIA’S INVASION OF ISRAEL

SOURCE: Ezekiel 38 & 39

Time: “In the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword . . . against the mountains of Israel” — “And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land: **it shall be in the latter days.**” Ezekiel 38:8, 16.

THE INVADERS. “Thus saith the Lord God; Behold I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech [Moscow] and Tubal [Tobolsk] . . . And I will bring thee forth, and all thine army . . . Persia [Iran], Ethopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togormah [i.e., the Central European and Balkan nations] of the north quarters, and all his bands.” Ezekiel 38:1-6.

THE OPPOSING NATIONS.

“Sheba, and Dedan [Saudia Arabia], and the merchants of Tarshish [maritime nations], with all the young lions thereof [Great Britain and English speaking nations], shall say unto thee [i.e., lodge a diplomatic protest], Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey, to carry away silver and gold . . . ?” Ezekiel 38:13. These protesting nations will not fight over Jerusalem! Only a UN protest will be lodged!

THE INVASION REPELLED!

God will defeat and destroy the armies of Russia and her allies by divine judgments! “And I will turn thee back, and leave but the

sixth part of thee," God declares to Gog and his pagan conspirators: Ezek. 39:2. **How?** "And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face . . . In that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel . . . all men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. And I will call for a sword against him . . . every man's sword shall be against his brother. **And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.** Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord." Ezekiel 38:18-23.

The Iron Curtain is then torn down for 3½ years, permitting intensified Evangelism in the Communist-dominated and Moslem nations!

IS THIS ARMAGEDDON?

The answer is **NO!** This prophesied invasion ushers in the "Time of the Heathen" — Ezek. 30:1-5. "And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land: it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, **that the heathen may know me,** when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes." Ezek. 38:16; 39:7, 21.

At Armageddon: "I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle" (Zech. 14:2) — not just Soviet Russia and her allies. **At Armageddon:** "And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought at Jerusalem: **Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.**" Zech. 14:12.

Tourists shall come from all over the world to see what God has done to Gog's army and his God-hating, Jew-hating allies: "And the passengers [i.e., tourists] that pass through the land, when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog." Ezek. 39:15.

PURPOSE OF RUSSIA'S INVASION OF ISRAEL.

God has prophesied of Gog: "Thou shalt think an evil thought: And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages . . . To take a spoil, and to take a prey." Ezek. 38:10-12. **Russia's rulers hate Israel! Russia needs food, chemicals, oil, and a warm water port.** The Dead Sea has trillions of dollars worth of petrochemicals necessary to the manufacture of arms, ammunition, and fertilizer. Iran is

the gateway to the Dead Sea, the Arabian oil fields, and to a Persian Gulf port for Russia's Navy and merchant fleet. The attack on Israel will be a pretext to invade Saudi Arabia, and, God will draw these Communist and Marxist Armies on Israel's mountains to destroy Communism's power.

The Result.

(1) The kingdom of the antichrist will then arise from the 10 European Common Market nations. Dan. 7:17-25.

(2) **God's two great prophets of Revelation 11 appear with God's end-time message of Reconciliation and Restoration.**

(3) World-wide Revival for 3½ years — the world's last harvest of souls. Rev. 14:6-17. **The True Church of Jesus Christ and God's saints will still be here!** They will be persecuted by the Antichrist's system.

c. THE WORLD CHURCH ARISES.

SOURCE: Revelation 17.

“And I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls . . . And upon her forehead was a name written, **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**” Rev. 17:3-5. **A woman in Bible Prophecy characterizes a church** as in Revelation 12 and in Old Testament prophecies such as Jeremiah 4:30-31. “Mystery Babylon” characterizes the corrupt, swiftly-arising World Church, the result of Ecumenicism — comprising the World Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church!

A Harlot Church.

Babylonian liturgy and the ritualistic garbs of the church of Rome, Greek and Russian Orthodox, and dead Protestant churches are part of the revelation: **“The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls.”** verse 4. This also includes the attire of a harlot. No wonder God's holy angel calls this pagan, idolatrous, end-time church, “the great whore.”

Medieval Barbarism.

The terrible omen to the true end-time Church of Jesus Christ is: **“And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.”** Rev. 17:6. The World Church will very violently persecute God's true saints of this very generation, **before Jesus comes!** It is the World Church of the False Prophet which will ride the Antichrist's power and popularity to great authority, to wit: “I saw [the] woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast [the Antichrist], full of names of blasphemy, having

seven heads and ten horns." verse 3. Also: **"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him [i.e., the Beast or Antichrist], whose names are not written in the book of life."** Rev. 13:8.

d. PERSECUTION OF GOD'S SAINTS

(1) Christ Predicted Great Persecution would come upon His end-time saints — Matthew 24.

"Then shall they deliver you [Christians] up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended [i.e., stumble and fall away], and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another." verses 9-10. Jews are not hated for the sake of Jesus' name.

(2) Daniel Predicted Great Persecution Upon Christ's End-time Saints.

"I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came [God the Father] . . . And he [Antichrist] shall speak great words against the most High, and wear out the saints of the most High . . . " Dan. 7:21-22, 25. **When?** **"For at the time of the end shall be the vision."** Dan. 8:17.

(3) Christ's Apostles Predicted Great Persecution Upon Christ's End-time Saints.

" I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held . . . And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled." Rev. 6:9-11.

(4) **"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands . . . And he [an elder] said unto me, **These are they which came out of great tribulation,** and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."** Rev. 7:9-14.

Also: **"And they [God's saints] overcame him [i.e., Satan] by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."** Rev. 12:11.

And: **"It was given unto him [the antichrist] to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations."** Rev. 13:7.

FURTHER: **"And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast [the anti-christ], and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God."** Rev.

15:2. The “sea of glass mingled with fire” is symbolic of the great tribulation — and God’s true saints will all be tested by the Antichrist before Jesus Christ comes again!

e. GOD’S LAST TWO PROPHETS WILL PROPHESEY IN THE SPIRIT & POWER OF ELIJAH.

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the father [i.e., parents] to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.” Mal. 4:5-6.

A very valid hope and prayer of the Church and all of God’s elect is for Elijah to come and **Restore** all that Satan has stolen from God’s people. Jesus Christ was asked by His disciples: “Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias [Elijah] truly shall first come, and **RESTORE** all things.” Matt. 17:10-11.

Why Restoration?

“**But this is a people robbed and spoiled** [today’s Christians]; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses; they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, **Restore.**” Isa. 42:22.

ELIJAH CAME . . .

“And he [John the Baptist] shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias [Elijah], to turn the hearts of the fathers [i.e., parents] to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; **to make ready a people prepared for the lord.**” Luke 1:17. This prophecy came from Angel Gabriel about John. Jesus taught His disciples, “Elias [Elijah] is come already . . . Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.” Matt. 17:12-13. This “Elijah” was killed after only 6 months of ministry — his message was rejected and Full Restoration postponed until the end-time!

ELIJAH IS COMING!

“And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. . . **And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies;** and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.” Rev. 11:3-5.

The only way to keep a true prophet alive, who will preach all of God’s Word in the arising “time of sorrows,” is through divine protection that is Supernatural. The world, the church, and almost everyone hates a true prophet and his heart-piercing message.

TWO PROPHETS WITH ELIJAH'S SPIRIT!

Elijah's Spirit is a mixture of the Holy Ghost with the spirit of a strong, holy man of God who is inflexible, resilient, and indomitable! Just think — not one, but two “Elijahs” are coming very soon! These will have unprecedented power and Holy Ghost anointing **To Restore** the True Church and True Israel back to God's Divine favor!

“These [also] have power to (1) shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and (2) have power over waters to turn them to blood, and (3) to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.” Rev. 11:6. (Study verses 7-13 also). **Also: “These two prophets tormented them that dwell on the earth,”** and the world will rejoice at their death after 3 1/2 years of **Restoration!** A true prophet of God still torments worldly Christians and soothsaying preachers. Jesus will not return from the right hand of the Father in heaven **until after** this coming 3 1/2 years of **Restoration** to His Church.

“And he [God] shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution [i.e., Restoration] of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.” Acts 3:20-21.

SUPPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURES AND STUDY.

Zech: 4:11-14 II Tim. 3:1-7 II Thess. 2:1-12 Mark 13:12
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PART III. CHRIST'S SECRET COMING!

SUMMARIZATION.

There is a secret coming of Jesus Christ and an open unveiling or Revealing called the Day of the Lord — **both advents** will take place in our generation, approximately 3½ years apart! The Rapture is not the Return of Jesus Christ — it is the “catching away” of His Bride or Jewels, to wit:

(1) “A book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels.” Mal. 3:16-17.

(2) “This we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: **and the dead in Christ shall rise first**: Then we which are alive and remain shall be **caught up** together with them in the clouds, **to meet the Lord in the air**: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” I Thess. 4:15-17.

(3) “**Behold, I come as a thief**. Blessed is he that keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.” Rev. 16:15.

(4) “So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; **and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.**” Heb. 9:28; Cf. I Cor. 15:51-55. At Christ’s literal return and unveiling, every eye shall see him — even His enemies. At his secret coming to catch away His Bride and Jewels, only those will see Him who are ready and looking for His return — those who are blameless, without sin!

(5) “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, **we shall be like him**; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.” I John 3:2-3.

MANY CHRISTIANS WILL NOT BE READY — BUT THEY WILL BE ASHAMED.

(1) “And now, little children, abide in him; that, **when he shall appear**, we may have confidence, **and not be ashamed before him at his coming.**” I John 2:28.

(2) “Hear the word of the Lord, **ye that tremble at his word; your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name’s sake, said, Let the Lord be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.**” Isa. 66:5.

PART IV. THE ANTICHRIST REVEALED.

DISCUSSION.

”Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day [the day of Christ] shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of

sin be revealed, the son of perdition.” II Thess. 2:3. The “man of sin” is the Antichrist himself who will be Revealed when he sits in the Temple of God as God — verse 4.

Now notice carefully — when he sits in the Temple and declares that he is God, “Then shall that Wicked [or wicked one] **be revealed.**” II Thess. 2:8. The key word in this revelation is **Revealed, which means:** “To make known something hidden or kept secret; to make known by supernatural or divine means; **TO UNVEIL: to make MANIFEST.**” **Manifest means** “to be apparent to the 5 senses; clear; obvious; something proved.”

The Antichrist will be unveiled or manifested in the middle or midway through the 7-year Great Tribulation Period. Many of God’s very Elect, including most of the True Church, will be fooled by the Antichrist and False Prophet until he is made manifest and unveiled. He is a super-deceiver!

FOR FURTHER STUDY.

Matt. 24:15-27	John 5:43	II Thess. 2:1-12	Dan. 11:31-34
Dan. 7:7-8	I John 2:18-19	Dan. 8:23-25	Micah 5:1-6
Dan. 7:19-25	Dan. 8:9-14	Dan. 11:21-24	Rev. 13:1-8

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PART V. JESUS CHRIST REVEALED.

DISCUSSION.

“And as it was in the days of Noe . . . Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is **revealed.**” Luke 17:26-30.

Jesus Christ will return as a thief to gather the jewels of this earth, secretly — but there is a coming when he will be unveiled or manifested — **every eye shall then see him.** Rev. 1:7. However, the Antichrist will be unveiled before the Real Christ returns for His Jewels or is Revealed.

(1) “Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation [i.e., unveiling] of Jesus Christ.” I Peter 1:13.

(2) “And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, **and they shall see the Son of man** coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect, . . .” Matt. 24:30-31.

When does this unveiling or appearing or revealing of Christ take place? “Immediately after the tribulation of those days . . .” verse 29.

(3) “And to you who are troubled rest with us, **when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed** from heaven with his mighty angels . . . When he shall come to be glorified in his saints.” II Thess. 1:7-10.

(4) “Behold; the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all.” Jude 14-15.

(5) "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True . . . And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean." Rev. 19:11-14.

FOR FURTHER STUDY.

Isa. 66:15-16

Dan. 7:9-14

II Pet. 1:16

I Cor. 15:23-24

I Thess. 5:1-2

Dan. 2:40-45

James 5:7-8

I Tim. 6:14

PART VI. MEMORIZATION.**a. AN AGE OF REBELLION.**

Isa. 3:12	Amos 8:11-13	I Tim. 4:1-2	II Tim. 4:1-4
Isa. 30:8-10	Mark 13:12	II Tim. 3:1-7	II Pet. 2:1-3

b. THE COMING OF CHRIST

Acts 3:20-21	I Thess. 4:13-18	II Pet. 3:14	I John 3:2-3
Mal. 3:16-18	Dan. 7:13-14	Rom. 9:28	Matt. 24:44
John 14:1-6	Luke 17:26-30	Acts 1:9-11	Rev. 1:7

c. ANTICHRIST & FALSE PROPHET

I John 2:18-19	II Thess. 2:1-4	Rev. 13:1-3	Rev. 19:20
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d. COMING OF ELIJAH & RESTORATION

Mal. 3:5-6	Isa. 42:22	I Tim. 4:1-2	Rev. 3:14-21
Joel 2:12-16, 25	Acts 5:14-16	Acts 4:32	Rev. 11:3-10

**e. PERSECUTION OF GOD'S SAINTS & CHURCH
IN TRIBULATION**

Rev. 6:9-11	Rev. 13:7	Dan. 7:21-25	Dan. 12:9-10
Rev. 7:9-14	Rev. 15:1-4	Dan. 8:23-25	Rev. 12:9-11
Matt. 24:8-11	John 16:1-3	Acts 14:22	II Thess. 1:4-5

Lesson No. 9

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HOW JESUS' FOLLOWERS DIED

Matthew was killed by the sword in Ethiopia.

Mark was dragged to death in Alexandria, Egypt.

Luke was hanged on an olive tree in Greece.

James the Greater was beheaded in Jerusalem.

James the Less was thrown from the pinnacle of the Temple and then beaten to death.

Andrew was bound to a cross, but preached until he died.

Thomas was run through with a lance in India.

Jude was shot to death with arrows.

Simon Zelotes was crucified in Persia.

Matthias was first stoned and then beheaded.

Peter was crucified with his head downward.

Paul was beheaded in Rome.

“They that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” II Tim. 3:12

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