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Chapter 1

A Planned Insurrection

In the year 2000, a period of relative peace in the region of Israel exploded into a war of violence unlike any that had happened in years.

To date, hundreds of people have been killed, and thousands more have been injured both physically and emotionally by suicide bombers, shootings of civilians and other violence that occurs almost daily.

The violence all started when Israel's controversial former General Ariel Sharon, made a visit to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem on September 28, 2000.

Sharon is deeply hated and mistrusted by the Palestinians in Israel for many reasons. The 74-year-old was long a general in the Israeli army, responsible for many overwhelming Israeli victories.

Much of Israel's awesome military machine can be attributed to Sharon and his skill as a general and a leader.

Sharon has been a controversial figure in Israeli politics for decades. In 1971, he ordered a crackdown on Palestinian terrorists in Gaza for which he is still reviled to this day. First elected to the Knesset in 1977, Sharon was defense minister during the June 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon. An Israeli tribunal found Sharon indirectly responsible for the September 1982 massacre by Lebanese militias of thousands of Palestinian and Lebanese civilians living in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps. As a result, Sharon was removed as defense minister but retained a role in the Cabinet as "minister

without portfolio."

His fierce love for the nation of Israel and steely resolve against surrendering Jerusalem, which he considers the rightful, eternal capital of the nation of Israel, has made Sharon even more unpopular among those who would like to see a Palestinian state established with Jerusalem as its capital.

Since 1987, Sharon has maintained a heavily guarded residence, draped in an Israeli flag, in the Muslim Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City, further upsetting the Palestinians.

In the early 1990s, while serving as housing minister, he promoted a massive construction drive to increase Israeli settlement in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Sharon was a vociferous critic of Prime Minister Ehud Barak. But it was his visit to al-Haram al-Sharif on September 28, 2000, that touched off the current Palestinian civil war.

When Barak resigned and called for new prime ministerial elections, Sharon won with 60 percent of the vote.

But the unreported fact of the matter is that the Palestinians were not "shocked and appalled" by Sharon's presence on the Temple Mount. In fact, since the Israelis have given the Palestinian Authority de facto control over the Temple Mount, Sharon was required to—and did—register his visit with the Palestinian Authority, which gladly gave him permission to be there.

The Palestinian Authority controls the Temple Mount because, as a result of the Oslo Accord, Israel gave up day-today control over portions of Palestinian areas, including the Temple Mount, instead delegating daily administration of those areas to the Palestinian Authority.

Though Israel largely retains ultimate say over those areas, it is a hands-off control; Palestinians have essentially free reign in those areas.

So when Sharon visited the area, the world saw a shocked Palestinian Authority, who displayed horror at the idea that such a "warmonger" would dare visit such a holy place.

The global media, largely sympathetic with the Palestinian Authority and especially media darling Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, breathlessly covered the horrified Palestinians as they expressed outrage over Sharon's presence.

What the media did not cover, however, was that the Palestinians themselves had given Sharon the OK to be there.

In other words, the outrage, the horror, the shock were all manufactured emotions—his presence there was no more shocking than the presence of the ancient mosque that adorns that mountain.

But the media and the Palestinian Authority did not let that fact stop them from whipping up the rank and file Palestinians into a fury—a murderous fury that has continued to this day through suicide bombings, armed uprisings and insurrections.

The media and the Palestinians were counting on one 'tragically reliable fact—the residents of the world do not pay attention; they do not take the time to investigate any matter thoroughly unless it directly involves them.

Most of the world do not have time to thoroughly investigate the Israeli/Palestinian issue, so they rely on the media to be their eyes and ears in the region—and to explain what is going on and why.

But the media have continually shown themselves to be

unreliable sources in the Middle East, obfuscating, telling half-truths and downright lying when they thought it necessary.

By careful choice of words, the media have also conspired—there's no other word that adequately describes it, Partner—to distance Palestinian terrorism from the United States' September 11, 2001, terrorism.

For instance, where the media call the September 11, 2001, hijackers "terrorists" without any reservation, suicide bombers in Israel who blow citizens up routinely are called "militants."

While Osama bin Laden's group is called a "terrorist organization," the extremist fringes of Palestinian insurrection are called "militia."

Some media outlets even call the Palestinian terrorists "Palestinian Nationalists."

Instead of "extremists," they're called "fundamentalists."

Instead of "mass murder," it's called a "suicide bombing" or worse, a "civilian attack."

When Palestinian officials spew anti-Semitism and vitriol, it's called "impassioned speech." When Israeli leaders speak of protecting their country, it's called "right-wing rhetoric."

Palestinian weapons are called "arms." Israeli weapons are called "war machine" or "war plane" or "high-powered sniper rifle."

Palestinian cities—especially when Israeli troops are sent there—are called "refugee camps," as if thousands of people are sitting around in tents with mud floors, waiting to be returned to their homeland.

Do you see the subtle bias of words here? Which words

make you less sympathetic? A "militant" seems much nicer than a terrorist.

A "militia" seems like something you could belong to on the weekend in the rural areas of your state, not a group of people who have no qualms about murdering innocent women and children to achieve their goals.

"War planes" sound like something that would be used by a big bully. "arms" sound like little pistols and rubber bands.

The rhetoric from the media is completely biased with a specific purpose. When Israel began a crackdown on terrorism, it was called the "Israeli invasion campaign," as if Israel had invaded territory it didn't already own.

All of the territory Israel moved its armed forces into, however, was territory it had already won in either The Six-Day War—where Israel was attacked by practically all of its neighbors—or any of a number of subsequent wars.

In other words, the "Israeli invasion" was nothing of the sort.

When Israel cracked down on one of the world's most prolific terrorism factories—the city (not a "refugee camp," as ' the media would have you believe) of Jenin in the West Bank—it was called by the media a "massacre."

Immediately, the Palestinians used that media bias to leverage themselves with an all-too-willing United Nations, calling for an investigation into "Israeli atrocities" in the city, where the world's most vicious terrorists have long originated.

Photos of destroyed buildings, crying mothers, dirty children and dejected men raced across the news wires with the speed of light, slapped onto news pages by sympathetic editors,

rushed into the news cycle by television stations and decried by talking heads and professional pundits.

As the United Nations—little more than a shill for the world's most violent terrorist nations—began assembling a team to investigate the Jenin campaign, Israel insisted on the inclusion of military representatives to accompany the team so that a balanced picture of the campaign could be presented.

The U.N. refused.

Instead, politicians, diplomats and others who all had their own agendas were dispatched to view the site.

The outcome could have been predicted before the team ever set foot on Israeli soil.

As Palestinian terrorists shot at Israelis in the West Bank city of Bethlehem—the birthplace of Jesus Christ—Israel responded by sending in the troops. The terrorists fled into the Church of the Nativity, regarded by liturgical Christians as the actual birthplace of Jesus. The building was constructed only a few hundred years after Jesus lived, and the terrorists knew the Israeli army would not do anything to damage the building, which is both a historical treasure and an important tourist attraction.

So for days, the terrorists held children and priests hostage in the building as the Israelis tried to flush them out.

But to hear it in the news media, you would have thought the Israelis were keeping them inside the building. Talk of psychological warfare, wounded Palestinian "militants" and sympathetic talk of the horrors of being "forced" to stay in the church with dead and rotting terrorists dominated the airwaves.

Partner, all of this bias from the media has a tremendous

effect that even the most discerning of skeptics is still susceptible to.

After a constant barrage of such talk, even the most ardent opponent will feel his sympathies shift.

The Palestinian Authority knows this, and uses it effectively to court world opinion in its own favor.

Yasser Arafat uses the media with the skill of a media genius to gain support for the Palestinian cause and demonize the Israeli nation.

His skill with the media has evolved to such a degree that the media again, the world's leading source of information have completely ignored and forgotten Arafat's history.

Everywhere he has gone, civil war, terrorism and unrest have followed.

When Arafat was in Syria, civil war and unprecedented terrorism were the order of the day.

When he was in Jordan, the same thing happened.

Now that he's back in Israel, terrorism on unheard-of levels is back in force, and if the current uprising can't be called a civil war, nothing can.

Arafat continually claims that he cannot control the terrorism, yet he steadfastly refuses to condemn terrorism in the Arabic language.

Such a condemnation is important for many reasons, the chief of which is Arafat's followers don't consider anything in any other language binding.

Arafat denounced terrorism in English to the press, but has

never denounced it or renounced it in Arabic, the language of his followers. Instead, he continues to praise the terror campaign and call for the end and destruction of the state of Israel in the Arabic press.

His most powerful tool of late has been to claim that he is powerless to stop the terrorism, working to make the world believe the many different Palestinian groups do not follow him or obey his orders.

But recent revelations and papers prove that Arafat not only still orders terror attacks, he actually finances them!

Where is the call of the world press for Arafat to be tried in the World Court for war crimes? Strangely silent.

Where is the outrage at his obvious patronage of terrorism and terror? Nowhere.

Instead, a relentless attack on Israel and its motives is still the order of the day. Arafat's clear terrorism is ignored again and again as the press continues its public relations campaign for the Palestinians and Arafat, the world's leading sponsor of terrorism to this day.

Meanwhile, Americans, who fully support America's efforts to rout out terrorism half a world away, call for Israel to bow, surrender and let the terrorists in their own front yard win.

When terrorists wanted to negotiate with the United States after September 11, 2001, the President rightly said there was nothing to negotiate. And the public overwhelmingly stood behind him.

But now that the terror victim is Israel, the public opinion has changed. They want Israel to negotiate with Arafat to stop

the violence.

This is the result of the media's overwhelming anti-Israel campaign. Its success is stunning.

And it will continue until the media believes it has achieved its objective: the eradication of the Israeli state and the establishment of the Palestinian state.

Calls for Israel to "withdraw from Palestine" persist to this day as pundits bemoan the idea that Israel, which conquered the areas around it, would occupy areas it conquered.

The calls are to return the land to the people who used the land to launch attacks on Israel. The defeated people are called "refugees."

But the hypocrisy of the media is clear; those living in the lap of luxury would never seriously entertain thoughts of abandoning America and giving it back to the Indians who were there before the Europeans conquered them and corralled them into reservations.

The Indians are told they are sovereign nations, but they are still subject to the laws and rule of the United States. They're not called "refugees," though. They're called a "minority." The same situation exists in Israel, but the minority there are called "refugees," and their reservations are called "refugee camps."

Still, the call for Israel to withdraw and give the Palestinians land from which they were conquered will persist until Israel either bows to the will of the leftist media or until the United Nations launches a military campaign to force Israel to obey the desires of those who have no idea what it's like to live surrounded by enemies who would stop at nothing—including surprise attacks on innocent women and children—to

achieve their eradication.

Chapter 2

The Enemy, Satan

Israel's fight is physical, natural. It is obvious who Israel's enemy is. However, when Prime Minister Ariel Sharon began talking about Israel's enemy in the civil war, he inadvertently revealed the parallel spiritual truth that is unraveling in Israel.

Sharon, in a powerful speech before the media, called Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat a terrorist and the enemy of Israel.

When Sharon called Arafat an enemy, he used a Hebrew word which is a parallel word to the one we use for the enemy of our souls: Satan.

You see, the Hebrew word for "adversary" is "Satan".

There are many times throughout the Bible that the word "satan" is used without the intention of conveying the personal proper noun referring to the devil.

In fact, in a court of law, a plaintiff or defendant's adversary could correctly be called "the satan"-the adversary or enemy.

So when Sharon called Arafat Israel's enemy, he inadvertently called the Palestinian leader the "satan" of Israel.

And thus he unknowingly revealed the spiritual parallel of the physical battle Israel faces.

Israel is in a physical battle for its very existence.

Every day, it faces opposition from millions of people who would like nothing more than to see every Jew killed and gone

from the region.

The Jewish nation must be on constant vigil against the enemies who surround it. As such, it has built the world's most awesome military—outside that of the United States.

Its defensive and offensive capabilities have no peers in the region. Israel is head and shoulders more powerful than all of its neighbors combined—as it proved in The Six-Day War.

But if Israel let up for even one day, that could be the day that its enemies would swarm in, quickly bringing about its destruction.

And, just as the spiritual battle we face, Israel's physical "satan", Yasser Arafat, realizing that he can't accomplish his goals by the means he at first tried—in this case a military solution—has reverted to other tactics. His manipulation of the media in this case is his alternative tactic.

That is exactly how our spiritual enemy—the real Satan—does things. If he can't get you to destroy yourself with a frontal assault, he will switch tactics and seek to destroy you through other means.

Partner, as I have said many times before, all truth is parallel—the truths that are revealed to us in the natural have parallel truths in the spiritual.

While Israel is currently involved in a physical war against terrorism, their battle reflects the parallel spiritual battle we are now engaged in against the forces of darkness.

The devil—much as the terrorists in this case—has most of the world on his side in the war against our souls. The morality, of man is based on the morality of the flesh, which is the ally of the devil.

When Christians want to live by Christian morals, the world is outraged, unable to stomach living by the guidance of the Spirit of the living God every day. They'd rather legislate any morality depending on the law of man and the rules of the flesh to govern their society.

Similarly, the world is on the Palestinians' side in the conflict in Israel; instead of investigating the matter themselves, looking for the truth, they'd rather base their opinions on what they are fed by the media, trusting implicitly an industry that polls show they say they don't trust.

Partner, let me explain that. Poll after poll shows the media are some of the least-trusted people in the world. When pollsters ask people to lucidly evaluate their feelings about the media, the people invariably come back with the idea that they do not trust the media to accurately represent the truth!

But when people are watching the news on television, that lucid thought process is nowhere to be found. They shut down their skepticism and their reservations about the trustworthiness of the media as they swallow every word, hook, line and sinker.

After all, seeing is believing.

The spiritual is parallel! Ask anyone if they believe in the morality of the devil and, with very few exceptions, you will get a resounding "NO"!

But in practice, when people get a choice between following the flesh—the ally of the devil—and the living God, they invariably choose to follow the morality of the flesh!

So just as Israel is in a war against their adversary, we are in a war against the adversary of our souls.

And both are tied together.

In these last days, nothing can happen in Israel that is outside the prophecies contained in the Bible.

Read that paragraph again, Partner! Not an action can occur in Israel except for those that are designed to culminate in the fulfillment of the prophecies uttered by holy men of God centuries ago and recorded in the Scriptures by which we conduct our Christian lives!

Many books and videos come out talking about the woeful condition of Israel—how the people are more secular than Jewish—and about the terrorism in Israel and about the laws the Israeli legislature tries to pass banning evangelism...

All of these things are true, and the people should know about them.

But the fact is, all of those things are leading up to the fulfillment of Bible prophecies in Israel—and EVERYTHING WE DO in Israel will end up working together with every other event to bring about those prophecies.

Though we don't know how God will fulfill those prophecies, we must understand that even our actions in Israel will be a part of those prophecies coming to pass!

So even though Israel today is in a fight for its life, I can say with confidence that Israel will survive—Bible prophecy demands it!

Chapter 3

A Cup Of Trembling

"Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. "

Zechariah 12:2

The world and its system are completely built on fear.

Now it may not seem so, but the fact is true nonetheless. When the recent recession hit, the newspapers, magazines and television shows were filled with stories of woe, talking about how millions were going to be without jobs, about how this recession was so similar to the Great Depression and about how they worried that the U.S. and world economies might not be able to recover.

Then, when it turned out that the recession was one of the shortest and weakest in recorded history, the media did not rejoice. Instead, they began reporting how the recovery might be happening too quickly and how people were going to suffer because the economy was too healthy.

Though the media claim to want to report "good news," the old adage, "if it bleeds, it leads," is still true. Good news does not sell newspapers, and it doesn't bring viewers to television news.

A ratings war has been going on between CNN and the Fox News network for a few years. After the Gulf War, CNN was the undisputed king of 24-hour news channels, with over-the-top, round-the-clock coverage of just about any subject.

Many established networks, recognizing the revenue

opportunities and feeling the threat from CNN, got into the cable news business, launching their own all-news channels to try to compete with CNN. But CNN had already established itself as the go—to station for cable news, so all of the competitors fell to the wayside.

So when Fox Chairman Rupert Murdoch decided to get into the cable news business, nobody even paid attention. Shortly later, however, the promise of "we report, you decide"—a fair and balanced form of news coverage—began to draw viewers to Fox News, not CNN. In 2001, Fox News overtook CNN as the No. 1 cable news channel. People apparently wanted more balanced coverage that more thoroughly investigated both sides of every issue.

Except for one case—when the news was bad enough, the viewers turned back to CNN. After the September 11, 2001, attacks, CNN's ratings surged again. A short time later, when the shock had calmed down, Fox News again became the leader. When the war in Afghanistan began, CNN's ratings again won. When that became old news, Fox was ahead again. When television actor Robert Blake was arrested in the slaying of his wife, CNN went wall-to-wall with coverage of the case—and ratings soared again.

The fact is, people claim they want good news, but when bad news happens, they're glued to the television set watching it.

Fear drives the motives of the viewing public, and as a result, fear drives the news cycle.

Good economic news does not draw in viewers, so the news organizations must find a way to communicate fear through even good news.

And there are very few situations in the world that can communicate fear as effectively as the current war in Israel between Israel and the Palestinians.

Most of the world doesn't know anything about Bible prophecy.

The word "Armageddon", for instance, has become embedded in the English lexicon as the end of the world, but most people don't have any idea that Armageddon is a valley in Israel where the greatest battle in the end-times will occur.

Armageddon is so associated with the end of the world that a Hollywood movie titled Armageddon recently came out, but it had nothing to do with the valley in Israel or with the battles prophesied in the Bible. Instead, it was about an asteroid heading toward earth that had to be destroyed before it obliterated all life on the planet.

Most of the world knows the term "antichrist" and many of them even know the mark of the beast that the Bible prophesies.

But most of them don't know that the antichrist will rule from the Middle East, or that he will seek to conquer Israel, or that he will take over the Temple and make the sacrifice stop, putting an image of himself in the Temple instead.

If the world was aware of these prophecies, their attention would be on Israel for entirely different reasons than it is now.

Most of the world has no clue that the Bible prophesies the ten kingdoms of the Middle East will give their power to the antichrist for the purpose of attacking Israel—and that when that attack is thwarted by the hand of the living God, the ten kingdoms will turn their fury on Babylon, destroying it with fire.

Most of the world doesn't understand that, when Israel is dwelling in peace, Russia and a coalition of other nations will invade and be completely decimated by the hand of God.

Instead, the world implicitly understands that Israel is important, but they really don't have a firm grasp on why.

When the violence in Israel flares up—the media—and thus the world—pays attention, turning their rapt attention to the tiny sliver of a country on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea.

But if you were to ask a hundred people why Israel was so important and why the violence there is worthy of such wall-to-wall news coverage, you'd likely get a blank stare as an answer from most of them.

Those who did answer would likely answer that Israel is likely to be the starting place of the next world war, because the Temple Mount in Jerusalem is considered the holy place of three of the world's most significant religions.

They would likely cite the fact that the entire Muslim world is offended that non-Muslims are in control of the third-holiest site in their religion—and that much of the extremist violence that goes on in the name of religion in the world today is directly attributable to the presence of Israel in the land Muslims consider the traditional Palestine.

All of those things are true—and without knowing it, they would be citing Bible prophecy—the same prophecy with which I began this chapter. Jerusalem is indeed "a cup of trembling" to the nations round about. Everyone in the world implicitly understands that Jerusalem is the big bone of contention between the entire Muslim world and the Western world.

And, though Jerusalem is home of the third-holiest site in Islam, it is home of THE holiest site in Judaism—and the Jews have come back to Israel, their traditional homeland, with the power and determination to keep it as their homeland with Jerusalem as its "eternal capital".

So, even from a secular perspective, the tremendous dynamic predicted in the Bible is patently obvious to everyone—Jerusalem is the big issue in the Middle East. It is indeed "a cup of trembling" because everyone understands that Jerusalem could easily be the touchstone that ignites the third world war. At stake is much more than religion.

The Middle East is rich with oil. That much is obvious, and almost nobody is unaware of that fact. What most people don't realize, however, is that the Caspian Sea region north of the Middle East is even richer with oil, but the oil there is difficult to get out of the region because the easiest places to transport that oil from are the Persian Gulf and the Mediterranean Sea.

But getting the oil to either of those bodies of water is no simple task—the many nations of that region all have their own rules, and many are not friendly to the West in general and the United States in particular.

The world runs on oil, so inexpensive oil is essential. Right now, the Middle East not only controls its own oil, it also controls the oil that flows from the Caspian Sea region, ' because it can stop that flow of oil if it wants to.

So unrest in the Middle East has the potential to destroy the world's economy as oil prices drive inflation upward and productivity downward. Another embargo like that of the 70s has the potential to drive the world into another recession—and perhaps even a depression.

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So the world understands that appeasing the Muslim sensibilities is an important priority. But it can't do that while Israel still controls the Temple Mount.

And therein lies the inherent conflict in the region.

Israel is a nuclear power with one of the world's most powerful militaries. It's one thing to tell them to give back the Temple Mount and another thing entirely to get them to actually do it .

So the world understands that an impasse is under way in Israel—and every day the tension ratchets up just a little bit more with no end in sight except for the possibility of peace talks.

Or
World War!

Chapter 4

The Peace Of Jerusalem

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee. Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good. "

Psalms 122:6-9

From a natural perspective, it is foolish *to* think there will ever be peace in Jerusalem.

Think about the Balkans for a second.

Conflict in the Balkans has been going on for thousands of years-and the First World War was a direct result of that conflict.

Many empires—from Rome to Great Britain—have attempted to equitably divide the land in the Balkans between the ' warring powers, creating new nations.

The conflict there has even introduced a new word into the lexicon: Balkanization, which means to split up into tiny factions that continue warring against each other.

Every attempt to settle that dispute has ended in war. Even today, after centuries of bloodshed, the struggles continue in the region. Peace is nowhere in sight for the Balkans, just as it hasn't been since the beginning of their conflicts.

The conflict there is ethnic—and as long as the two ethnic groups are distinct, the conflict will remain.

Similarly, the conflict in Israel is, at its heart, religious. As long as the two religions remain, the conflict will also remain.

To the world, that truth is obvious. Peace cannot happen in Jerusalem or in Israel as long as the fundamental conflict between Judaism and Islam still remains.

So the only prospect for peace in the region is reconciliation between the two religions—at least in the view of the world.

But the wisdom of God is foolishness to the world.

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. "

I Corinthians 2:14

God's call to us through the Bible in the Psalm I quoted at the beginning of this chapter is simple: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

God would never have called us to pray for it if it could not happen!

There are two levels to the peace that **MUST** come to Jerusalem.

There is a spiritual level and a physical level to that peace that is coming.

On the physical level, the peace will come because the Bible prophesies that the nation of Israel will be living in peace in the very near future. It says they will be a people who are:

*"...brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always, waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, **and***

they shall dwell safely all of them."

Ezekiel 38:8

On that physical level, praying for the peace of Jerusalem may seem foolish to the world, but to the Christian and to the Jew, it is a reality that **MUST** come to pass!

That peace will come, and nothing on this planet can stop it.

Former U.S. President Bill Clinton spent the latter days of his administration trying to bring peace to the region of Israel to build a legacy for his administration other than the legacy he is certain to get.

But his efforts were to no avail. In fact, his efforts did nothing but further fan the flames of violence in the region by emboldening the Palestinian Authority to believe that it had the unconditional backing of the United States in any endeavor it undertook.

When a new administration took power in the United States, that false perception rapidly became clear as the administration of President George W. Bush made it clear to the Palestinian Authority that terrorism would not be tolerated.

In the natural, then, it seems there is no hope for peace, but Christians believe that peace will come, because the Bible has **NEVER** been wrong!

God, after all, is a worker of miracles.

In the natural, our prayer for the peace of Jerusalem is based on the hope that God will accomplish what He has said He would do throughout His Word.

But the prayer for the peace of Jerusalem also has a

spiritual aspect that many overlook.

There is a Peace coming to Jerusalem that is spiritual in nature!

That Peace was prophesied in the book of Isaiah:

"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, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel. "

Isaiah 9:6-8

Jesus, when He left this earth, left from a mountain in Jerusalem.

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. "

Acts 1:9-11

Jesus is returning to Jerusalem, and when He does return, the age of the Gentile church will end.

Partner, I cannot stress how important the revelation truth contained in that statement is.

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When the PEACE returns to Jerusalem, the age that has been marked by the predominantly Gentile Church will end, and a new age will commence. Here's how Paul says it:

"For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? 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 fullness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. "

Romans 11:24-27

When the Peace comes back to Jerusalem, it will signal the beginning of a new Church age—an age in which Jews are the predominant ethnicity in the Church; an age in which Gentiles have met with Jesus in the air through the rapture of the Church.

That peace will—and MUST—come to Israel.

So a physical peace must come, and a spiritual peace must also come.

They will not likely come at the same exact time, but they will happen in the same time frame.

Let me explain.

Most Jewish scholars believe the coming of Messiah will happen either immediately before or immediately after the War of Gog and Magog, Ezekiel 38.

That war is the war I referred to earlier when I quoted the verse about Israel living in peace—all of them.

And while Jewish scholars believe the Messiah will be coming for the first time (around the time of The War of Gog and Magog). Christians believe the Messiah will come for the SECOND TIME about the SAME EXACT TIME!

Most Christian scholars believe the rapture will happen around the same time as the War of Gog and Magog, after which the tribulation will begin.

So we can rejoice—though we don't know exactly WHEN Jesus is coming, we KNOW HE IS COMING BACK! We can begin to look toward the sky, because our redemption draweth nigh! Hallelujah!



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