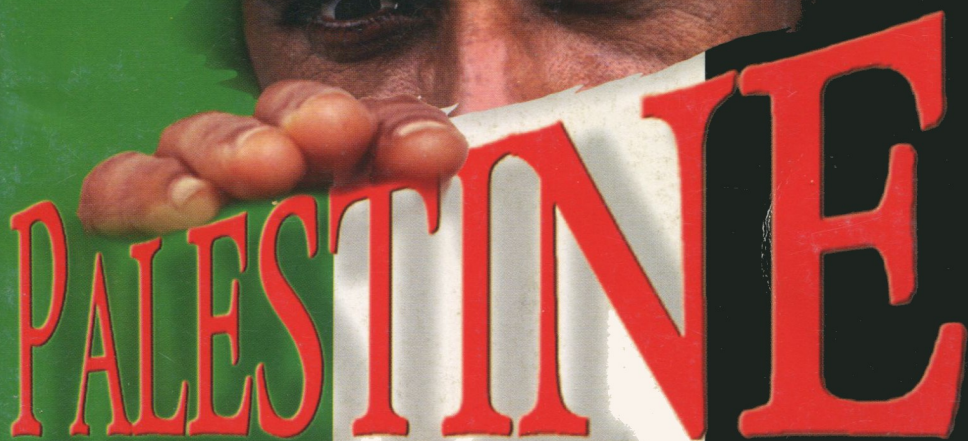


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CHAPTER 1

ISRAEL — “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. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

Zechariah 12:2-3

God’s Word has long stood the test of time. Whether it is the ancient times of Zechariah or the modern times of today’s prophets and apostles; God’s Word has borne out to be true time and time again — no matter what the test!

As Zechariah prophesied so many years ago, Jerusalem has indeed proven to be “*a cup of trembling*” to the nations.

No other city has been so controversial, caused so many wars, been fought over for so long, and been the subject of adoration for so many.

From the Old Testament times to the time of Jesus, Jerusalem was constantly in the hearts of the Jews; and in A.D. 70, when the Jews were dispersed from the land, the nation and its capital became the subject of a new set of wars.

During the Crusades of the Middle Ages, Jerusalem was the carrot that led so many to dedicate their lives to leave their European homelands and attack the “infidels” that had “polluted” the city of David.

The Muslims against whom the Europeans were fighting

meanwhile, fought for a land that had become their home—and a city that had become their religion's third-holiest site, the site of their prophet's "nighttime journey."

Once again, Jerusalem was the "*cup of trembling*" that stirred the hearts of nations.

From Sept. 29, 1923, until May 14, 1948, Britain controlled the region, but by 1947 Britain appealed to the United Nations to solve the complex problem of competing Palestinian and Jewish claims to the land.

Slowly, the Jews, **after almost 2,000 years**, began to return to the land of their ancestors. After the Holocaust, where German madman Adolph Hitler tried—almost successfully—to rid the entire world of Jews once and for all, the Jews began to desire a state of their own. They wanted to be a nation, not a dispersed people.

In Aug. 1947, the U.N. proposed dividing Palestine into a Jewish state, an Arab state, and a small international zone. Arabs rejected the idea. As soon as Britain pulled out of Palestine in 1948, neighboring Arab nations invaded, intent on crushing the newly declared State of Israel.

Israel emerged victorious in the war, affirming its power and right to exist. The remaining areas of Palestine were divided between Transjordan (now Jordan), which annexed the West Bank, and Egypt, which gained control of the Gaza Strip.

But Jerusalem was still the main point of contention between the various nations in the Middle East—and largely the world.

In the 20th century, a new commodity became precious to nations all over the world. That commodity—petroleum, added fuel to the fire, so to speak, because the Arab nations of the Middle East were rich with it, and the rest of the world needed it.

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The dilemma changed the dynamics of the world's dealing with the Middle East.

Through a series of political and social policies, Jordan sought to consolidate its control over the political future of the Palestinians and to become their speaker. Jordan even extended citizenship to the Palestinians in 1949. In the Gaza Strip, administered by Egypt from 1948 to 1967, poverty and unemployment were high, and most of the Palestinians lived in refugee camps.

The entire world began to pay attention to the tiny strip of land between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River. The Jews were not willing to give up their claim to it, and the Arabs were not willing to let Jews control their third-holiest site.

In 1967, Egypt, Syria and Jordan invaded Israel to lay claim to the land they regarded as their own.

Far from accomplishing their goal, however, the war was a disaster for the three nations.

Israel, over a period of six days, defeated the military forces of Egypt, Syria, and Jordan and annexed the territories of East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and all of the Sinai Peninsula.

The shockwaves were massive. Israel, a tiny nation that had been around for less than 20 years, had in six days defeated three of the Middle East's most powerful militaries, including that of Egypt.

Not only had Israel defended its own territory, it had actually gained more ground through the aggression of its neighbors.

Of course, the fact that Israel now exclusively controlled Jerusalem set off indignation in nearly every Muslim all over the world.

The Palestinian Liberation Organization bent its efforts of terrorism on Israel's annihilation.

Palestinian rioting, demonstrations, and terrorist acts against Israelis became chronic. In 1974, PLO leader Yasser Arafat addressed the U.N. General Assembly, the first stateless government to do so. Violence again escalated in 1987 during the "intifada" (shaking off,) a new era in Palestinian mass mobilization. In 1988, Arafat proclaimed the independence of the Palestinian State (including the West Bank and Gaza Strip) as a government-in-exile, and publicly denounced the use of terrorism to achieve political goals.

In 1993, secretive talks in Norway between the PLO and the Israeli government resulted in "the Oslo Agreement."

The accord stipulated a five-year plan in which Palestinians of the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip would gradually become self-governing. On Sept. 13, 1993, Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzak Rabin signed a historic agreement, under which, Israel pulled out of the Gaza Strip and Jericho in the West Bank, in 1994.

Under this agreement, the Palestinian Liberation Organization became the Palestinian Authority, with Arafat as its leader, and worked toward self-governance.

But in the year 2000, that all fell apart. Provoked by Likud hard-liner Ariel Sharon's visit to the compound called Temple Mount by the Jews and Haram al Sharif by the Muslims, a fiercely contested site that is sacred to both Jews and Muslims. The continuing violence, dubbed the Al Aqsa intifada, fueled growing concerns about Israeli security, paving the way for Sharon's stunning landslide victory over Barak in February, which outraged Palestinians and much of the Arab world. Palestinians

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began to riot and launch terror attacks on Israeli citizens, and Israel’s response, often with military force, only increased the vehemence of the Palestinians’ outrage.

The danger to the world is multiple.

Radical hard-liners like Osama bin Laden twist Islam’s teachings to fit their own peculiar beliefs, including: killing non-Muslims is righteous.

So, all over the world, the Israeli “occupation” of Jerusalem has become a pretext for terrorism, with brainwashed young men killing themselves in the hopes of winning eternal glory for their “martyrdom.”

The extent of that terror became obvious on Sept. 11, 2001, as 19 young men hijacked four airplanes and crashed two into the World Trade Center Towers, in New York City; the Pentagon, in Washington D.C.; and lost another to a passenger rebellion over the skies of Pennsylvania.

But the political balancing act that the Western world must perform was patently obvious even before the terror attacks of Sept. 11. During the Gulf War, in which America mustered a coalition of many nations to liberate Kuwait from the invading Iraqi armies and to protect Saudi Arabia from Iraq, Saddam Hussein played upon anti-Israeli fervor among the Middle Eastern nations, as he sent Scud missiles raining into Israel, in an attempt to draw the Jewish state into the conflict.

Hussein was banking on the idea that if he could get Israel to join the war against him, Muslim outrage would galvanize the Middle East against Israel and the American “infidels” who were attacking Hussein.

With incredible success, America convinced Israel to forgo retaliation for the death that was raining down from the skies, so that, the anti-Iraq coalition could hold

together under the numerous international pressures it faced.

But even more, the Middle East's oil keeps the world on its toes; the nation that offends the Middle Eastern oil-rich countries does so at its own peril. If the region cuts off the oil supply, the consequences would be dire—global depression could easily result from such a situation.

Again, because of its position at the center of the controversy, Jerusalem has proven itself to be the fulfillment of the Bible's Words—“*a cup of trembling*” to the nations.

The issues that divide the two sides are deep. They can't be solved with campaign slogans, and they can't be solved by brute force. The solution will have to come through both sides realizing that each has a legitimate claim.

Israel received the land as God's gift to their father, Abraham. God promised Abraham that the land would be a possession for his descendants forever.

The nation inhabited the land from 40 years after their liberation from Egypt until their dispersion at the hands of Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar some 400 years before Christ. It then inhabited the land from a time of about 70 years later until the dispersal at the hands of the Roman armies in A.D. 70.

But the Palestinians lived in the land for a long time, too. They lived there through the ages in which Israel was dispersed.

Though they did not have a national identity, while in the land, they considered the land their home; and when they were removed from it, the disgruntlement ran deep.

Solving such deep identification with the land while

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appeasing both sides is made more difficult by the fact that the tiny strip of land is revered by three of the world’s largest religions.

Judaism’s reverence of the land is obvious – it was the land given to them by their father, Abraham.

Islam’s reverence of the land is based upon the mosque where their prophet was supposed to have ascended to heaven.

And Christians hold the land in reverence because it was both the land of Abraham and the land in which Jesus walked, taught, and performed his miracle ministry while He was in human flesh on the earth.

Those dynamics complicate the picture to the point that some have given up hope that there will ever be peace in the region.

But, the reality is, peace will come to the region – and likely sooner than anyone thinks possible.

CHAPTER 2

CAN THERE BE PEACE?

There's an old—and largely mythological—statement in newsrooms around the world: “if it bleeds, it leads.”

The statement means that gory news is likely to garner the “lead” position on a newspaper or in a newscast—the position of most prominence, ostensibly because it is the news the reader wants to read about the most.

No newspaper in the world is going to run a story that says, “33 years and counting, and Bob Smith still hasn't killed anyone. Details in tomorrow's paper.”

A plane taking off, flying to its destination and landing without incident is not news, a plane crashing is.

Nations getting along with each other is not news.

Normal people acting in normal ways is not news, to most people.

If most people want to read about normal people, they can read their own diary, not the newspaper. If they want to see a video about normal people, they can watch a Christmas video from their own house.

News is made up of the extraordinary.

When a plane crashes, it's news because it's unusual, and it's horrifying to think that hundreds of people with no control over their situations careened helplessly to their deaths; impotent to do anything but watch death approach outside their porthole-sized windows.

If a plane crashed every day, it would soon cease to be

news—it would be ordinary, and people would grow weary of reading about it.

Similarly, when groups of people gather to protest a certain action or nation, it's generally not considered very important news unless huge numbers are arrested—or if some of them die.

That is the reality of the modern news cycle.

In a very real sense, “if it bleeds, it leads.”

Such an idiom, in-practice, tends to give the spotlight to elements of society that otherwise would never receive a public forum.

More radical elements receive news coverage because they tend to do more radical things.

Moderates aren't deemed worthy of news coverage because moderates tend to act in moderation.

The radicals who blow up school buses and disco halls get the lion's share of international news coverage in Israel.

The extremists who shout anti-Israeli sentiments and burn American flags or those who murder innocent citizens, get huge amounts of coverage—and that, disproportionate coverage situation tends to give the world a skewed view of the Middle East, and of Israel in particular.

As the world looks through their television sets, they tend to think of Israel as a violent place, where galvanized actions fight all the time, with every citizen vested fundamentally in one side or the other.

But that perception is far from accurate.

There are plenty of people on both sides of the Israel/Palestine debate who are not radical partisans of

either side.

Many Palestinians just long for the violence and trouble to end.

Many Israelis just long for peace and quiet, and the ability to send their children to school without worrying about whether the next bus that's blown up will be the one carrying their children.

Though there are factions on both sides that are radical and will likely never give up their sides, there are such radical segments in any population.

Even in America, there are extremists like Timothy McVeigh, who so thoroughly distrust and disdain the American government that they resort to techniques similar to the PLO's terrorism to accomplish their goals.

But the difference between Israel's troubles and America's troubles is, that despite the existence of radical extremist factions in both nations, America is largely at peace from within.

But Israel is wracked with violence nearly every day.

America proves that people who profoundly disagree with each other can live together without their disagreements becoming the impetus for violence.

So, from the perspective of diametrically opposed factions living in peace together, peace is certainly possible, if each side is given the freedom to express their viewpoints without being given free reign to act on those feelings to the detriment of society.

But, even more so, peace is possible—more now than ever in Israel because both sides are sick of fighting.

Palestinians are sick of fighting the Israelis. Many Palestinian residents simply want a place they can call their own so they can put the entire conflict with Israel behind

them.

And, many Israelis just want to be able to walk down the street without having to look over their shoulders or cringe at the sight of an unfamiliar car parked in front of their apartment buildings.

Peace is possible because both sides in the conflict are war-weary.

On top of those factors, peace has become a primary objective of the American President George W. Bush.

For the first time, an American president has publicly stated that the creation of a Palestinian state is among the chief goals of U.S. / Middle Eastern policy.

That gives more legitimacy to the Palestinian push for a national homeland, and it puts extra pressure on Israel to give more concessions to the Palestinians in negotiations for peace.

But more than that, the declaration gives the world a glint of real hope that peace can and will be achieved in Israel in our lifetimes.

With American support for a Palestinian state, it is almost a certainty that it will become a reality. In fact, all that really needs to be worked out now are the details.

The Palestinian vision for a Palestinian state is the creation of a state comprised of the West Bank and The Gaza strip, with Jerusalem as its capital.

But Bush has signaled that the Palestinians will have to make concessions on "the Jerusalem issue" to achieve their vision for a Palestinian state (more on that in the next chapter).

It appears as well, that the Palestinians have given the Americans assurances, that if a Palestinian state is created, peace will come to the region because their pretext for

terrorism will be gone.

The Palestinian Authority has essentially promised to crack down on terrorism, if, it gets what it wants—a nation of its own.

Many skeptical Westerners view such promises as empty and unattainable because of the history of failure to deal with terrorism.

But in this case, their skepticism does not seem to be well placed.

Even though, the history of terrorism is deep and enduring with the PLO, the situation now is different—America has declared war on terrorism, and a Palestinian state that supported terrorism would not long endure.

Part of that war on terrorism, is doubtlessly a goal to end terrorism, in Israel—meaning the Americans will extend tremendous effort to see peace come to the region.

Is peace in the region possible? Not only is it possible, it is very improbable that peace will not come to the region.

CHAPTER 3

A PALESTINIAN STATE

The great fear in Israel about the idea of a Palestinian State is based on solid history.

In past wars, the attacks on the Jewish state were launched from the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and the Golan Heights.

The fear runs deep that the creation of a Palestinian state would hand over that strategic land to a nation that has declared itself the enemy of Israel forever, leading to yet another costly war.

The fear is not frivolous.

In charter documents, Palestinians have declared that nothing but the elimination of the nation of Israel would satisfy them.

The radical elements that rain terrorism down on Israel are also adept at manipulating a largely sympathetic world press. To the international press, the radicals portray themselves as peace-seeking persecuted people. While the press considers radicals friendly, the radicals spew forth vitriolic hatred of Israel, Christians, and Jews.

“These Zionists are not fit to establish a nation or to have their own language or even their own religion. They are nothing more than a hodgepodge,” states an article in the Palestinian Authority newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* on Sept. 2, 1997. Another article in the same issue claimed:

The Jews live by the Talmud and the Protocols of the Elders of Zion. The conflict between Muslim and Jews is

an eternal conflict, similar to the conflict between mankind—the Muslims, and Satan—the Jews, and how unfortunate the Palestinians are that they have to serve as the Muslims’ avant-garde in the eternal battle of the Muslims and all the nations against the nation of Jews.

Palestinian Authority, President Yasser Arafat said,

Rescuing Jerusalem from the devil of invasive settlements and from the danger of Judaization obliges us to take serious and urgent actions to protect the city and prevent the Israeli plan ... to protect it from the danger of invasive Judaization, which aims at eliminating its Islamic and Arab identity, obscure its historic and cultural heritage, and sully the lofty holy and religious sites.

In a statement, the Palestinian Authority’s Ministry of Information claimed that archaeological excavations in the Old City have found “Umayyad Islamic palaces, Roman ruins, Armenian ruins and others, but nothing Jewish.” The ministry also falsely claimed that “there is no tangible evidence of any Jewish traces/remains in the old city of Jerusalem and its immediate vicinity.”

In addition, this sermon was broadcast by the Palestinian Authority’s official radio station: “The colonialist settlers are the descendants of monkeys and pigs,” declared the senior PLO religious authority, Mufti Ikrama Sabri, in a sermon at the Al Aqsa mosque.

With such hatred of the Jews being published openly in the Palestinian Authority-controlled media, it’s a small wonder that the Western world rarely hears such talk.

Arafat was heard once to remark that Adolph Hitler, who killed 6 million Jews, didn’t go far enough.

But Westerners rarely hear such proclamations.

Instead, they get the watered-down peace ovations.

A Palestinian State

It is that duplicity that makes Jewish nationals and their friends skeptical of Palestinian overtures to peace.

But the fact is (as we'll see in the next chapter), Palestine will not only make peace with Israel as a condition of statehood, it will KEEP that peace and honor its agreement – for a time.

CHAPTER 4

FROM NOW TO THE END

As I have mentioned in previous books and articles, the next major fulfillment of Bible prophecy on the horizon is the coming War of Gog and Magog.

It is during this war, that Russia will assemble a cadre of anti-Israeli nations and invade the tiny country.

This incredible war is prophesied in Ezekiel 38 and 39:

And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I [am] against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts [of armour, even] a great company [with] bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: [and] many people with thee. Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them. After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land [that is] 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. Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee.

Ezekiel 38:1-9

As I have mentioned many times, the war God is speaking about here is preceded by something many people have assumed could never happen in the Middle East: PEACE.

Israel and its people—“all of them”—will be dwelling safely after they are gathered out of the nations.

Partner, that “gathering out of the nations” started in the early parts of the 20th century, and it is still going on today, in fact it is increasing in intensity as more and more Jews return to the land given by God to their ancestors.

Now, the next event is the PEACE that must first come before the war of Gog and Magog can come.

Until November of 2001, when U. S. President George W. Bush proclaimed his support for a Palestinian state, peace seemed not only unlikely, but IMPOSSIBLE in the Middle East, and particularly Israel.

Now, however, it not only seems possible, it seems certain that peace will come to Israel and the region.

When that peace comes, many will proclaim it to be the peace treaty signed by the antichrist—but it will instead be the peace that is necessary for the war of Gog and Magog to happen.

And that time, partner—the time that is SOON COMING is the time that both Jews and Christians expect to see the Messiah Come.

Because the war of Gog and Magog is believed by most Christians to immediately precede the beginning of the lesser tribulation, Christians look for the promised return of Jesus during the period immediately preceding or following the War of Gog and Magog.

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

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*And while they looked stedfastly 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

That blessed event is called the rapture, and whether it precedes or follows the War of Gog and Magog, it is our blessed hope and it is a SURETY that, no matter what its timing is – IT WILL HAPPEN!

For 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. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

I Thessalonians 4:15-18

That blessed hope has been held dear to generations of Christians since the first century A.D.; for nearly 2,000 YEARS!

But as the time approaches, the power of that prophecy becomes ever more real!

But Christians are not the only ones looking for Messiah to come during the period of time in which we now find ourselves!

The Encyclopedia Judaica states this: “The war of Gog and Magog will be the final war, after which there will be no servitude, **and it will presage the advent of the Messiah.**”

Jews believe that the Messiah will come immediately

after the War of Gog and Magog. Though they believe He is coming for the first time, and we believe He is coming for the second time, the universal belief that He IS coming during this time pervades both Christianity and Judaism.

After the return of Jesus, the world will enter into a time of peace, war, death, famine, plague, and misery. The antichrist, according to the prophet Daniel, will rise from obscurity and become the world's most powerful dictator, though the people to whom he is dictating will not believe they are oppressed.

And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries. And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflowed from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant. And after the league [made] with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.

Daniel 11:21-23

This antichrist will be literally a nobody from nowhere, and he will obtain power not through military might, but by deft politics and manipulation of both the system and the people around him.

After he obtains power, the antichrist will use it to increase his reach into neighboring nations, again not by military might, but by working deceitfully, and using the same methods he used to gain power, and become strong with a very small group of supporters.

The antichrist's rise to power will be marked by his signing a peace treaty with Israel, which will have won the War of Gog and Magog by divine intervention of the living God.

That seven-year peace will be signed by a man who intends to dishonor it. When the treaty is signed, the three

and a half year period known as the “lesser tribulation” begins, and the world enters into a time of death, famine, economic tribulation and disease such as it has never known before—but the world also sees the advent of a powerful, awesome predominantly Jewish church that, with 144,000 witnesses, preaches the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

Meanwhile, the antichrist, who came to power in peace, will be building a war machine unlike any the world has ever seen.

Three and a half years into his seven-year peace with Israel, he will invade Israel, breaking the treaty and signaling the end of the “lesser tribulation” and the beginning of the “great tribulation,” during which God’s judgment rains out on the wickedness of mankind.

At the end of the “great tribulation,” the antichrist will send out evil spirits to deceive the leaders of the world into joining a massive battle against the living God. It is at this battle that the Messiah will return, and with His saints behind Him, will defeat the antichrist and the armies that have assembled to support him.

Time will end; heaven and earth will pass away; and God will create a new heavens and a new earth, with New Jerusalem as its capital. God’s Presence will light the city and His saints will live with Him forever.

Partner, this VERY SHORT and abridged view of the end-times was given to give you a clear understanding of the things God has ordained for the end-times so that, when false prophets begin declaring, “*here is Christ*” or “*there is Christ*,” you might know that they are false and haven’t read the Scriptures.

When Christ returns, His church will know it, because they—you and I—will be meeting with Him in the air!

We don't know when Jesus will return.

We believe He will return during this season—the very times in which we find ourselves—but Jesus said that no man knows the day nor the hour when He will return.

All we know is the season—this season.

I can't tell you if He will return before or after the War of Gog and Magog.

But I can tell you He WILL return.

And after that, the seeds we have planted in the world—especially to the Jews—will take root and millions will be saved and come to the Lord during the tribulation.

CHAPTER 5

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM

One of the biggest sticking points in a potential Palestinian state is Jerusalem.

What will become of the city of David, historical site of the Temple of Israel to Jehovah, and the site of the third-holiest spot in the Muslim religion?

Both religions revere the city, and neither religion is willing to give up its claim that Jerusalem is its rightful capital.

It seems that, just as peace is within grasp, the two sides are at an impasse.

In December, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has said he would agree to an independent Palestinian state if Israel's security was guaranteed; Israel radio reported.

Sharon—speaking to members of his right wing Likud party—said he would personally lead any future peace talks with the Palestinians.

A report published in London said Israel was about to propose a peace plan to the United States.

Mr. Sharon said an eventual Palestinian state would be demilitarized but would have a police force; Israel radio reported.

But the peace hinged on future plans for Jerusalem.

The Palestinians have repeatedly stated they will not settle for less than a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

Israel has also indicated and explicitly stated that the Jerusalem issue is not negotiable—Jerusalem is forever the capital of Israel.

One plan has Jerusalem split into East and West Jerusalem, much as Berlin was split after the second world war.

It's not clear which current plan—if any—will be accepted and what will happen to Jerusalem.

What is clear is that the Jerusalem issue WILL be settled; there will be peace in Israel before the War of Gog and Magog can happen.

And as that peace comes, we can,

... look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Luke 21:28

Partner, that gives a new perspective to this verse:

***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.*

Psalm 122:6-9

God's admonition to us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem takes on a new meaning—as we pray for the Jerusalem issue to be resolved and for peace to finally come to the mountaintop town of king David, we also pray for the return of Christ, because we know that peace must come before He does!

As we pray for the nation and the city, we pray for the Lord who is God over them and the entire world! We are, in effect, repeating the prayer of the Apostle John in the book of Revelation:

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:20



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