



Israel At The Time Of The End

EZEKIEL:

THE LORD'S WATCHMAN

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Last week we went over the 3 stages of the Lord's return at the end of the seven year Tribulation confirmed in several Old and New Testament passages. These prophecies are not hidden to Islam or the Jewish people, but are known as we found out last week. You and I, followers of Jesus Christ are commanded to know these "things" (promises in God's Word) as well.

At the end of the Tribulation, Jesus Christ, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords says, enough is enough - the seven years is over and prophecy must be fulfilled.

Zechariah 12:2 KJV

2 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 12:9 KJV

9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

This judgement is not talking about the war of Gog and Magog, but the battle of Armageddon.

Revelation 16:16 KJV

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

Before this last battle (Armageddon) in the Valley of Jezreel on the Plains of Megiddo, Jesus goes out by Himself to 2 different locations to free the remnant and kill the anti-christ armies in those areas. **That first stage is the Judah stage...**

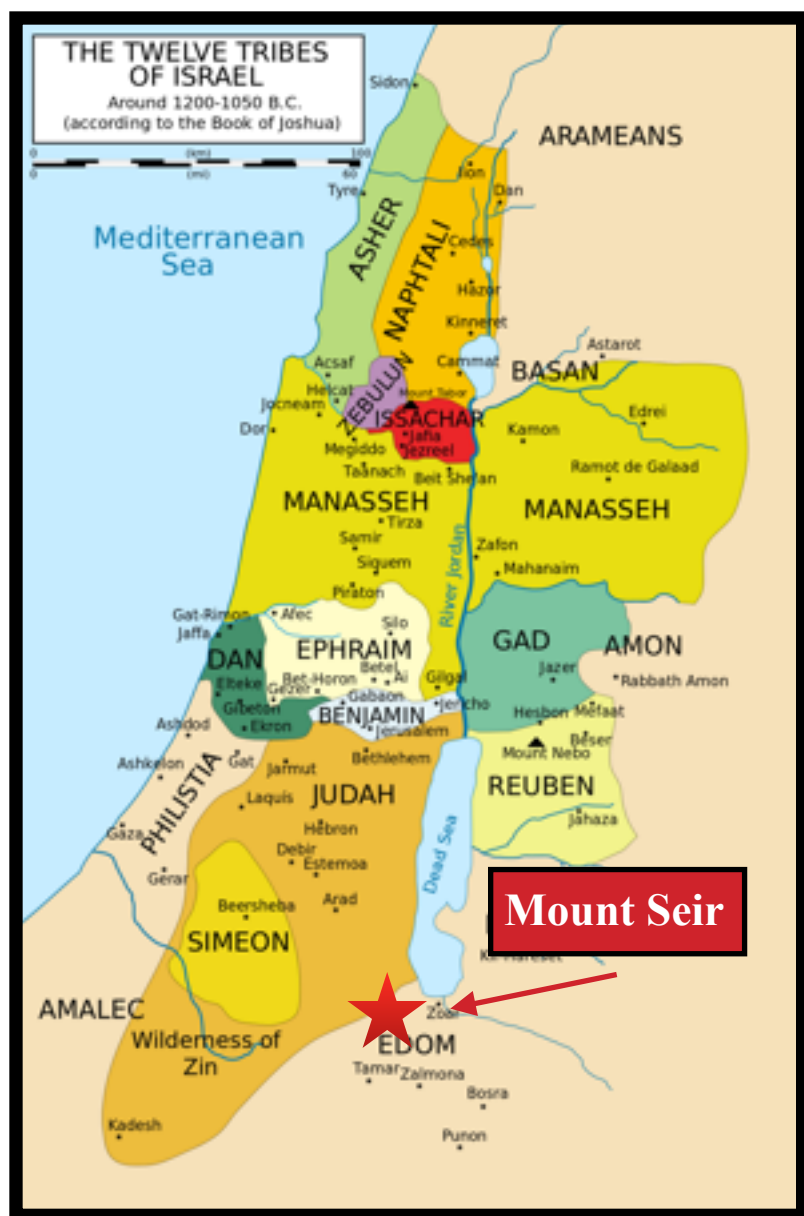
Zechariah 12:7-9 KJV

7 The Lord also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah.

8 In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them.

9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

Why Judah first? Because that is His tribe, that is His territory, that is where He is from. He is called the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.



Revelation 5:5 KJV

5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

The area of Judah goes down to the area of Edom where He will fight the enemy in Bozrah and rescue the remnant. The area of Edom is where Mount Seir is located and the Edomites were the descendants from Esau. This is also the area of Bethlehem and Jerusalem where Jesus and King David were born. So, Jesus will come and save a remnant there in Judah.

The second stage is the Bozrah Stage.

Isaiah 63:1-4 KJV

1 Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

2 Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?

3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

4 For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

This is Jesus Christ, the Messiah, literally coming back to battle with the sword of His mouth wiping out the armies of the antichrist who are going after a remnant in Petra.

Then, after this second stage battle, but before Armageddon, Jesus comes back to heaven to get you and I, the End Times army or ***armies which were in heaven (Rev. 19:14).***

Revelation 19:11-16 KJV

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King Of Kings, And Lord Of Lords.

The third stage is the Jerusalem Stage. This is the part where **we get involved....** (1 Thessalonians 4: those who were alive and those who had died - IN CHRIST and have gone up in the Rapture.)

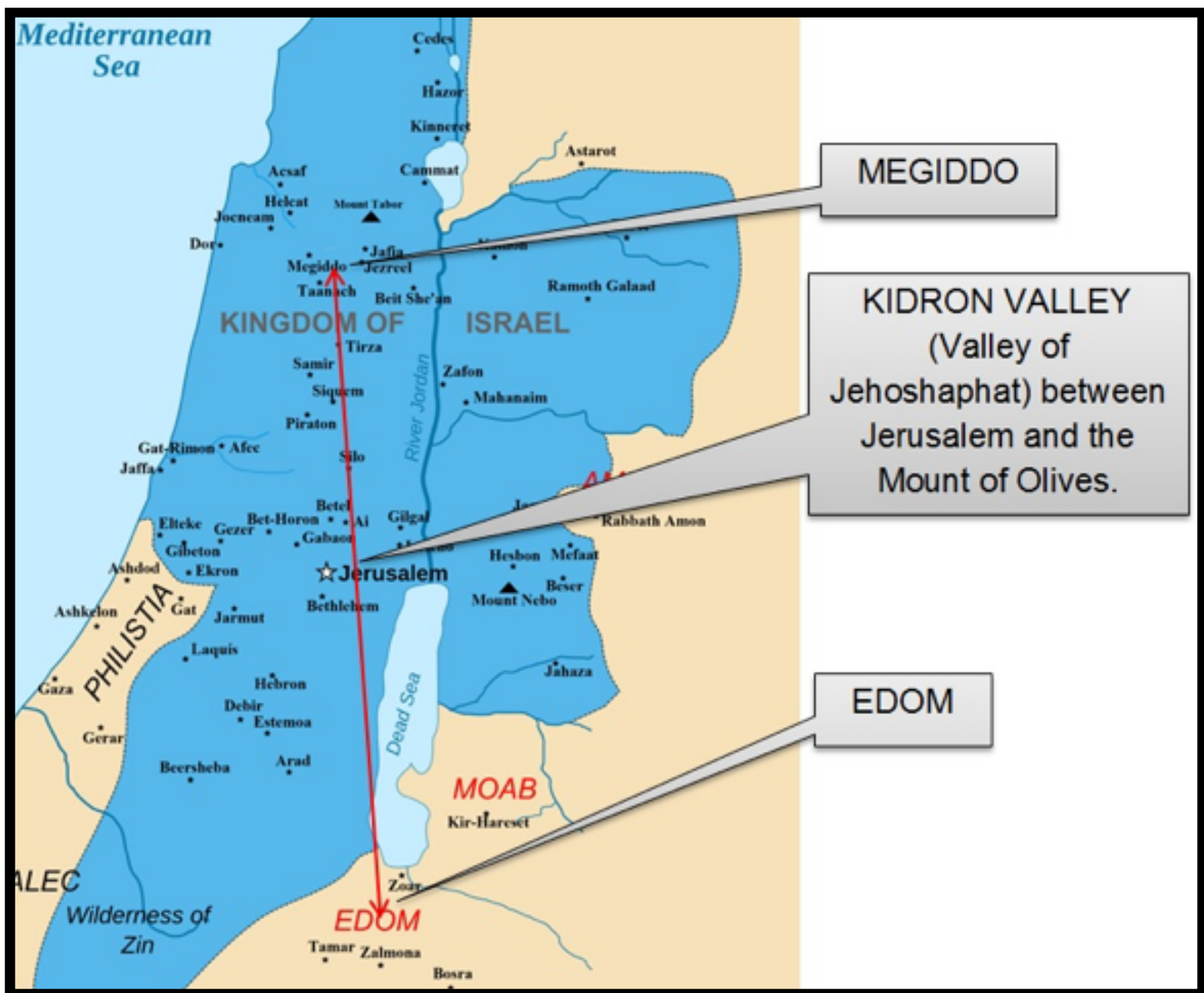
Zechariah 14:4 AMPC

4 And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from the east to the west by a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north and half of it toward the south.

This final stage, the Jerusalem Stage starts right at the Mount of Olives, and this is very important. There is a passage in the Bible which is the fulfilled prophecy in Revelation from the three stages that John wrote about going back to Zechariah and Isaiah. These 3 stages of battles from Armageddon, Jerusalem to Bozrah are exactly 200 miles long in a straight line.

Revelation 14:20 KJV

20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs. (200 miles)



In this series we've learned about the Jezreel Valley. This is where Megiddo is located and this area is significant because the Battle of Armageddon will be fought here. Megiddo is a city located in the territory given to the Israelite tribe of Manasseh when they entered the Promised Land. The word itself is translated from the Hebrew & means to slaughter or cut off.



The Jezreel Valley is also where Queen Jezebel was killed (2 Kings 9) for killing God's Prophets. In addition, inside the Jezreel Valley is the plain of Megiddo which is known as the great battlefield of Palestine. Many decisive battles, especially in ancient times, have been fought in or near this area.

To the south of the Jezreel Valley is the Kidron Valley which also used to be known as the Valley of Jehoshaphat. In the book of Joel, it was prophesied by the Prophet Joel that God will bring the Judgement in the Valley of Jehoshaphat.

Prophet defined by 1828 Webster's Dictionary:

1. One that foretells future events; a predictor; a foreteller.
2. a person illuminated, inspired or instructed by God to announce future events; as Jeremiah, Elijah, Isaiah, Ezekiel etc.

A Prophet is never wrong - NEVER WRONG !

Joel 3:2 AMPC

2 I will gather all nations and will bring them down into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, and there will I deal with and execute judgment upon them for [their treatment of] My people and of My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations and [because] they have divided My land.

Joel 3:12 AMPC

12 Let the nations bestir themselves and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there will I sit to judge all the nations round about.

The prophet Joel is speaking of the anti-christ and his armies making a last surge to take the remnant and the city of Jerusalem in the Valley of Jehoshaphat but Jesus Christ and His army wipes them out.

2 Thessalonians 2:8 KJV

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

We finished last week by looking at the prophecy in Ezekiel of Jesus coming through the East Gate or Golden Gate (riding the donkey; Matthew 21:9-10) then leaving Jerusalem (dying on the cross and going into heaven) then to return again through the East Gate at the Time of The End.

This prophecy is so clear to the Jewish people that they are buried on the west side of the East gate waiting for the Messiah to come back. They believe they will rise up with Him for the final battle and as a result, they have left the East Gate sealed waiting for His return.

To prevent Jesus from coming through the East Gate, the muslims (when under their control) sealed the gate and put a muslim cemetery in front of it believing that a holy man would not defile himself by walking through a muslim cemetery. Little did they know, they were fulfilling prophecy by doing this.

The muslims and Jewish people believe this prophecy, believe the End Time events in their own way to fit their religion. but, it's going to happen as the Bible said it will and not how religion says it will!

This land of Israel will look so different after Jesus touches down on the Mount of Olives and takes over the city of Jerusalem. Everything that you see today will look drastically different.



These are the changes in Israel that will take place. First, starting with the 12 Tribes of Israel, they will be given the land from the sea of Egypt all the way to Damascus.

Ezekiel 47:13-23 KJV

13 Thus saith the Lord God; This shall be the border, whereby ye shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph shall have two portions.

14 And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another: concerning the which I lifted up mine hand to give it unto your fathers: and this land shall fall unto you for inheritance.

15 And this shall be the border of the land toward the north side, from the great sea, the way of Hethlon, as men go to Zedad;

16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazarhatticon, which is by the coast of Hauran.

17 And the border from the sea shall be Hazarenan, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hamath. And this is the north side.

18 And the east side ye shall measure from Hauran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and from the land of Israel by Jordan, from the border unto the east sea. And this is the east side.

19 And the south side southward, from Tamar even to the waters of strife in Kadesh, the river to the great sea. And this is the south side southward.

20 The west side also shall be the great sea from the border, till a man come over against Hamath. This is the west side.

21 So shall ye divide this land unto you according to the tribes of Israel.

22 And it shall come to pass, that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget children among you: and they shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

23 And it shall come to pass, that in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give him his inheritance, saith the Lord God.

These divisions will be done in horizontal sections. Each tribe will be given their land as it extends out towards the Mediterranean Sea. Jerusalem is going to be enlarged as well. It will be one large square and it will be leveled off and straightened everywhere.



Isaiah 40:4 KJV

4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

Jerusalem, now being made a giant square will also have 12 gates surrounding the city according to the Prophet Ezekiel.

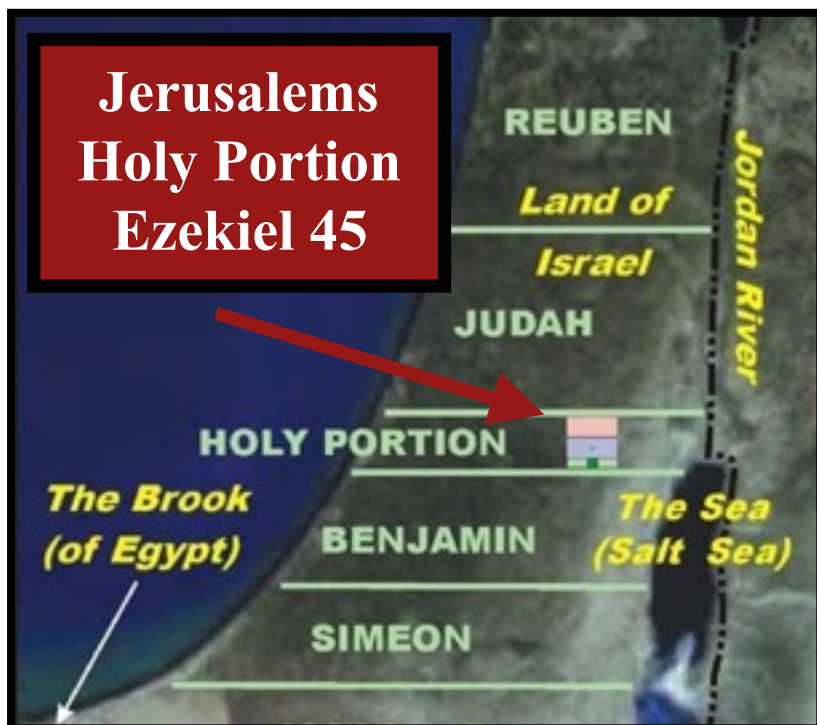
Ezekiel 48:31-34 KJV

31 And the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward; one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi.

32 And at the east side four thousand and five hundred: and three gates; and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan.

33 And at the south side four thousand and five hundred measures: and three gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun.

34 At the west side four thousand and five hundred, with their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali.



This is not talking about heaven or the New Jerusalem, we are talking about the Jerusalem that will be built during the 1,000 year reign of Christ. Ezekiel goes on to give great detail of the walls surrounding the city. The outer walls of the city in that day will have carvings of palm trees and cherubim.

Ezekiel 41:18-19 KJV

18 And it was made with cherubims and palm trees, so that a palm tree was between a cherub and a cherub; and every cherub had two faces;

19 So that the face of a man was toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side: it was made through all the house round about.

The cherubim will have 2 faces, the face of a lion and the face of a man. Why? Because Jesus came in the form of a man to be the Messiah but now He is coming as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. This will be carved all over the city walls during the Millennial Reign.

Revelation 5:5 KJV

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The Prophet Ezekiel then gives us the dimensions of the Temple in great detail...God is very specific, He's not ambiguous.

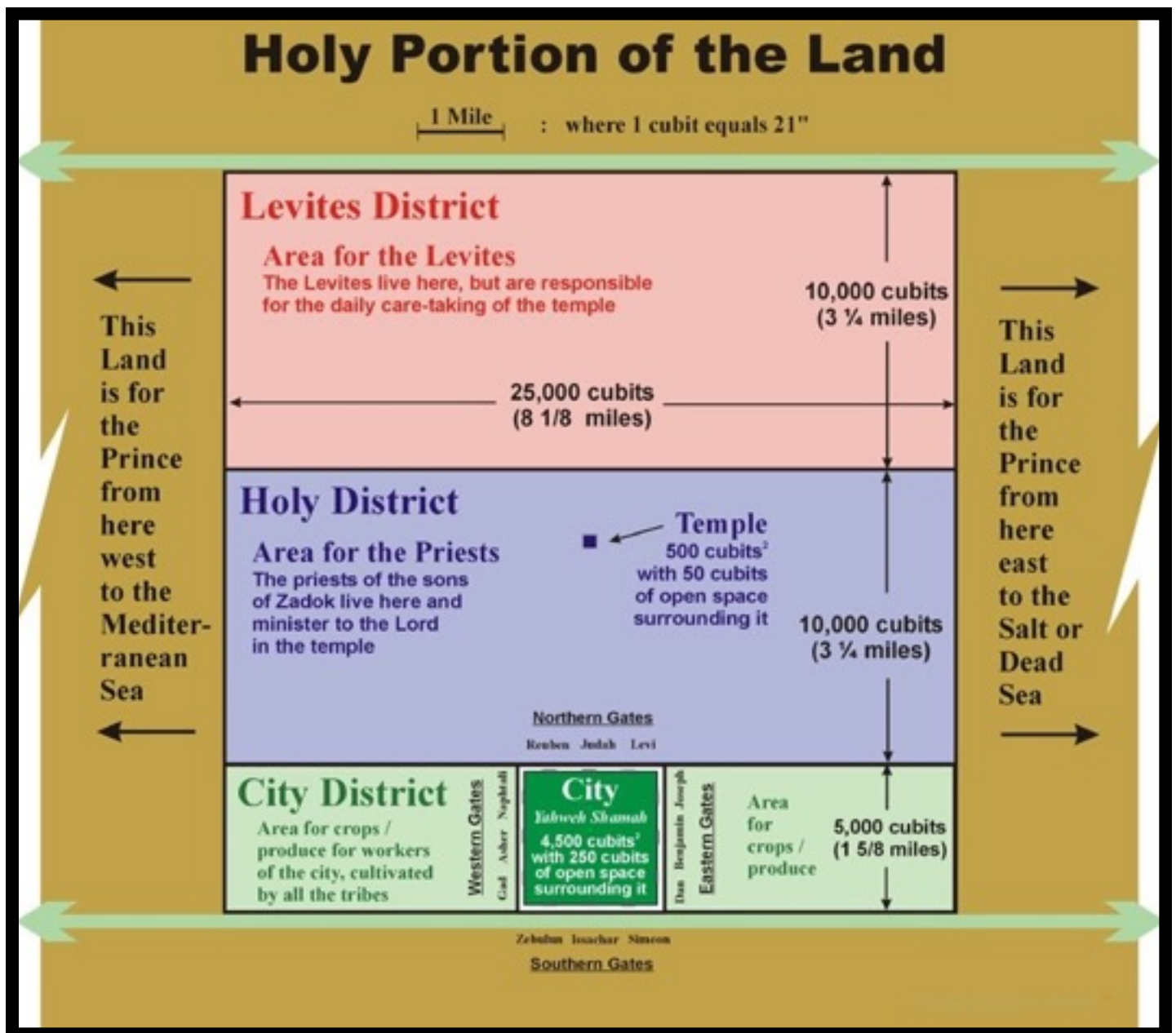
Ezekiel 45:1-4 AMPC

1 Moreover, when you shall divide the land by apportioned and assigned lots for inheritance, you shall set apart as an offering to the Lord a portion of the land to be used for holy purposes. The length shall be 25,000 cubits, and the breadth 20,000. It shall be holy (set apart and consecrated to sacred use) in its every area.

2 Of this there shall belong to the sanctuary a square plot 500 by 500, and 50 cubits for the open space around it.

3 And in this sacred section you shall measure off a portion 25,000 [b]cubits in length and 10,000 cubits in breadth. And in it shall be the sanctuary which is most holy.

4 It is a holy portion of the land; it shall be for the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, who come near to minister to the Lord; and it shall be a place for their houses and a holy place (set apart as sacred) for the sanctuary.



During the Millennial Reign of Christ, the size of Jerusalem will be 50 miles x 50 miles. The city will be rebuilt during this time period of Bible prophecy because of the destruction that took place during the last 42 months of the Tribulation.

Life during this Millennial Reign will be very different. The Bible says in Zechariah that the people who survived the Tribulation will be coming up to Jesus and asking Him questions and going to see him...

Zechariah 13:6 KJV

6 And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

Zechariah 8:23 KJV

23 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.

In addition, those who survived will have to come up to the city of Jerusalem to worship during the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zechariah 14:16 KJV

16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

We will be going to Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Tabernacles, this is in the Bible!

During my teaching, preaching and conferences over the years I will mention things regarding Hebraic roots that are in Christianity such as the feasts, to which people will tell me, “That’s all been done away with”...no it’s not, read the Bible during the Millennial Reign Of Christ. In Zechariah 8:23, where they *take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew*, that is the Tallit or the prayer shawl that they are wearing.

When the Bible speaks about celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles, that is one of the 7 Feasts of Israel that is perpetual even in the Millennial Reign.

In the book of Ezekiel there is a priesthood during the Millennial Reign. There are priests and Levites, and the sons of Zadok are ministering in the Temple.

Ezekiel 44:15 KJV

15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord God:

Ezekiel 48:11 KJV

11 It shall be for the priests that are sanctified of the sons of Zadok; which have kept my charge, which went not astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray.

Now, who are the sons of Zadok? In the time of Israel's captivity in Babylon (605-535 BC), God gave Ezekiel the prophet a message for His people, explaining the many reasons their nation was going to be destroyed and the people taken captive. Remember, Isaiah spoke of this 150 years earlier about repenting unless judgment would come. He said from the top down (religious leaders and those who they were training) the people were sinful, loaded with iniquity and evil.

Isaiah 1:1-20 AMPC

1 The vision [seen by spiritual perception] of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah [the kingdom] and Jerusalem [its capital] in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the Lord has spoken: I have nourished and brought up sons and have made them great and exalted, but they have rebelled against Me and broken away from Me.

3 The ox [instinctively] knows his owner, and the donkey his master's crib, but Israel does not know or recognize Me [as Lord], My people do not consider or understand.

4 Ah, sinful nation, a people loaded with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, sons who deal corruptly! They have forsaken the Lord, they have despised and shown contempt and provoked the Holy One of Israel to anger, they have become utterly estranged (alienated).

5 Why should you be stricken and punished any more [since it brings no correction]? You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick, and the whole heart is faint (feeble, sick, and nauseated).

6 From the sole of the foot even to the head there is no soundness or health in [the nation's body]—but wounds and bruises and fresh and bleeding stripes; they have not been pressed out and closed up or bound up or softened with oil. [No one has troubled to seek a remedy.]

7 [Because of your detestable disobedience] your country lies desolate, your cities are burned with fire; your land—strangers devour it in your very presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by aliens.

8 And the Daughter of Zion [Jerusalem] is left like a [deserted] booth in a vineyard, like a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, like a besieged city [spared, but in the midst of desolation].

9 Except the Lord of hosts had left us a very small remnant [of survivors], we should have been like Sodom, and we should have been like Gomorrah

10 Hear [O Jerusalem] the word of the Lord, you rulers or judges of [another] Sodom! Give ear to the law and the teaching of our God, you people of [another] Gomorrah!

11 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me [unless they are the offering of the heart]? says the Lord. I have had enough of the burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts [without obedience]; and I do not delight in the blood of bulls or of lambs or of he-goats [without righteousness].

12 When you come to appear before Me, who requires of you that your [unholy feet] trample My courts?

13 Bring no more offerings of vanity (emptiness, falsity, vainglory, and futility); [your hollow offering of] incense is an abomination to Me; the New Moons and Sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot endure—[it is] iniquity and profanation, even the solemn meeting.

14 Your New Moon festivals and your [hypocritical] appointed feasts My soul hates. They are an oppressive burden to Me; I am weary of bearing them.

15 And when you spread forth your hands [in prayer, imploring help], I will hide My eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood!

16 Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes! Cease to do evil,

17 Learn to do right! Seek justice, relieve the oppressed, and correct the oppressor. Defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.

18 Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool.

19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

20 But if you refuse and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

Jeremiah said for every command (the 10 commandments) not repented for, 7 years would God's people be in bondage or captivity. Just as the prophet spoke, God's people did not repent and stayed in their iniquity so they were taken into captivity for 70 years. Then, Daniel was praying for the release and reminding God in Chapter 10 of His promise to release His people after 70 years in captivity as we have studied.

The main reason above all the rest for the punishment was they had weak priests or weak pastors, who refused to stand against the evil of their time and lead the people into God's truth.

This is what God said to Ezekiel...

Ezekiel 22:26 KJV

26 Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

The priests refused to tell the truth about right and wrong, so the people went astray. The “church” wasn’t being The Church. Her leaders refused to clearly distinguish between God’s way and the world’s way. They mixed the holy and the profane. They preached a watered down message so the people wouldn’t be offended.

Enter Zadok and his descendants. He was a Godly priest who was faithful during the time of rebellion under King David, while the other priests simply went along with the cultural climate of the day (1 Kings 1-2). As a result, God blessed Zadok and his sons for drawing the line of truth in the sand.

Ezekiel prophesied of these “sons of Zadok” a remnant of priests who only spoke the truth to the people. These were the ones in the middle of all the other priests who stood up and spoke the Word of God clearly, leading the people toward the truth instead of away from it. No matter how strong the influence of culture was against them, the sons of Zadok remained and would remain teaching the way of God in truth unafraid. Because of who they were, God tells us that they will be used for a special purpose.

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23 And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

This is why God chose them to be in the Millennial Reign. The Zadok priests made clear judgements about right and wrong based on God's Word, the other priests clouded the truth and refused to show the way of righteousness.

Then at the end of the 1,000 year reign, satan is freed. We will find out next week what happens....

