

Israel And The Nations

Introduction:

Multitudes In Confusion and Consternation

Joel 3:14

14. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision (consternation) For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. NKJV

Humanistic society is headed for disintegration and destruction. The world wide problems of economic inflation, political unrest, international terrorism and starvation and AIDS will never be solved by politics, religion or diplomacy. Mankind is confronted with a myriad of problems for which there is no human solution. It is a situation that demands the intervention of Almighty God.

The Shaking Of ALL Things

"For thus saith the Lord of Hosts; yet once, for just a brief period, I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land. And I will shake all nations and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of Hosts." (Haggai 2:6,7).

Here God speaks prophetically of His intention to shake all nations in the last days, before the coming of His Son. The phrase "yet once" signifies the uniqueness of this period in that its intensity will only occur once in history on such a large scale. "For a little while" indicates that it will happen for a relatively short, not a prolonged period. Yet the intensity of it will be so great that it will affect all the nations on earth. It is a period of time that will culminate in the earthly advent of God's Messiah. So great will be the shaking that entire earthly kingdoms will be overthrown to clear the world stage for the establishment of God's great Kingdom. (Rev 11:15) The great shaking will be the necessary step to clear the stage entirely prior to the unveiling of God's visible presence and rule over the earth.

This predicted "shaking" has already begun and will spread and intensify progressively before the return of the Lord Messiah. The shaking will encompass every area of life throughout the whole earth. Every nation on our planet will experience the impact and intensity of it. The political structures, philosophies and false religious ideologies of men are about to be overthrown in preparation for the manifestation of God's Sovereign rule. This gigantic transition will not be accomplished without enormous stress. All the humanistic ideologies and societies of mankind will be broken in pieces and swept aside to clear the world stage for the appearance and presence of God's Messiah, as King of kings and Lord of lords. Every nation on earth will feel the after shockwaves of this unprecedented event. So, when we witness sweeping changes and the sudden overthrow of humanistic structures of politics and religions, those who are in Christ have no need to fear for all these things must happen before the return Christ's return to earth.

The Desire of All Nations

Many different interpretations have been given to this statement but careful reading of the Biblical prophecies will convince an open mind that it clearly refers to the Messiah. The events surrounding this verse are obviously a prelude to Messiah's Coming. When God speaks of "The Desire of all nations," (Haggai 2:7) we Christians know to whom He refers. He is obviously speaking of Christ the Messiah. But can we honestly say at this point in time, that Christ IS the desire of all nations?

Is He truly the desire of the Communist nations?

Is He the desire of the Islamic nations?

Is He truly the desire of the materialistic capitalistic Western World?

The honest answer to these questions is NO. Christ is not presently the desire of these nations. They are not looking for Him and longing for His appearance. This title, the "Desire of all Nations," must be understood in its context.

Let me try to paraphrase what I believe God is saying. "I am going to so thoroughly shake all the nations on earth, and when I get through with shaking them, they will be crying out for a deliverer and Christ will become the desire of those nations." For God will shake their confidence, their pride and resources. They will be broken, and helpless. God will bring them face to face with reality of their ultimate inability to run this world without Him. The pride of the United Nations Organisation will be in the dust. The strength of Godless Communism will be smashed. The fervency of militant Islam will be exhausted. The wealth of Babylon will be bankrupted. Every humanistic institution will be dissolved. From the smouldering ruins of humanism, the Kingdom of God will arise with great authority and glory. God says,

"I will overthrow the thrones of Kingdoms and I will destroy the strength of the Kingdoms of the Heathen" (Haggai 2:22)

God says ***"Yet once more will I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word 'yet once more' signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a Kingdom which cannot be moved (shaken) let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and Godly fear."*** (Heb.12:26-28).

This is a direct reference to Haggai 2:6,7. It refers to the shaking of the kingdoms (nations). God is predicting a time when He will shake the earth so violently that every man-made thing (Heb.12:27) - as of things that are made will be smashed. The only things that will survive this testing are those things that are the "established by the Lord." Earthly kings, rulers, dictators, presidents and governments will be brought to the ground. All earthly rule will be smashed. Law and order will disintegrate. Anarchy will prevail. So fearful will be the result that men everywhere, will begin to cry out fervently for the government of God to come.

"And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty, when He ariseth to shake terribly the

earth. To go into the cleft of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty, when He ariseth to shake terribly the earth." (Isaiah 2:19,21)

Christ, as the true King of the Universe, will become the Desire of ALL Nations (Haggai 2:7).

Phil.2:10,11 "Every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"

Zech.2:11 "Many nations shall be joined unto the Lord in that day and shall be my people and I will dwell in the midst of them."

"Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of Hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord" (Zech.8:22).

Psa.113:4 "The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens"

Jer.10:7A,10 "Who shall not fear Thee, O King of the nations? The Lord is the true God, He is the living God, and an everlasting King: at His wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide His indignation."

Psa.72:17" And all men shall be blessed in Him: and all nations shall call Him blessed."

The Kingdom Emerges In Much Tribulation

Acts14:22 "That we must, through much tribulation enter the Kingdom of God."

In this statement Paul shares a principle of the Kingdom, that it is through much "testing" that we 'enter' the Kingdom. The implication of this statement is consistent throughout the Scriptures. The word that is most frequently translated tribulation is the Greek word "*thlipsis*." It occurs frequently in the Bible and is variously translated, testing, trial, tribulation. It usually refers to a time or condition of trial that becomes a test for God's people to reveal how they will act and respond under such adverse circumstances. It also refers to times of tribulation that serve to refine and purify God's people as they are pushed to seek Him more diligently and more fervently because of the difficult times in which they find themselves.

We Christians should not imagine that we shall escape the effects of this shaking. As God shakes the world, its institutions, politics, and the economy, millions of lives will be affected, including those of many Christians. The Church itself will experience many severe shakings too. It will seem as though everything in life is being shaken and tested. Our faith in God will be tested. Our perception of the Church will be tested. Our belief system, the doctrines we hold so dear, everything will be subjected to trial and testing. God is seeking to show us what is really in our hearts.

God would like His people to enter the Kingdom in the easy way. **"Fear not,"** He says, **"it is the Father's good pleasure to 'give' you the Kingdom."** (Luke 12:32) But the perversity of human nature usually refuses the opportunity to come the easy way and chooses instead to come the hard way, entering the Kingdom through much tribulation.

God wants to make the Kingdom a gift to His people. He wishes for them to receive it simply and easily by surrendering completely to His Will. Unfortunately we often make it difficult for Him to do so. I have often observed that we can come into the purposes of God in either of two ways:

Firstly, God seeks to bring us in the easy way. He seeks to DRAW us into His purpose. But if we will not allow Him to draw us into His plans, then He will allow circumstances to develop, that will DRIVE us into them. This is so often the case, that He says **"You will enter the Kingdom through times of great tribulation and testing."** (Acts 14:22). This is true of us individually and it is true of the Church collectively. This principle also pertains to the nations, that will ultimately come under His rule (Rev.11:15). They elect to come the hard way.

The Battle Of The Kingdoms

In Revelation. 11:15 we read a very exciting statement, great voices in heaven saying **"The Kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever."**

In contrast to this, in Rev.13:7 is a chilling statement concerning Anti-Christ, **"and power was given him over all kindreds and tongues, and nations."**

Throughout the book of Revelation we witness the two greatest spiritual forces in the universe battling for control of the nations. On one hand, Satan gives power and authority to the Anti-Christ, that he might rule the world. On the other hand the statement of God's eternal purpose is again declared, that all the earthly Kingdoms are ultimately to become the Kingdoms of the Lord. These two great opposing forces are confronting each other today. The demonic forces of Satan are battling against the Army of the Lord.

Happily the outcome is already known. John saw it prophetically and wrote, **"These, (the earthly rulers) have one mind and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, for He is the Lord of lords and the King of kings, and they that are with Him are called, and chosen and faithful."** (Rev.17:13,14)

We are witnesses of this great battle today. The struggle for power, in evidence throughout the earth, is really the result of a gigantic battle that is being fought in the heavenlies. We are witnessing the effects of that battle here on earth. The real conflict today is not Communism versus Capitalism. It is not Black versus White. It is not ultimately political, social, economic or religious. Unregenerate man is merely a pawn or puppet in the hands of a greater, diabolical power. The wicked principalities that occupy

strongholds in the heavens are waging their fiercest battle in order to delay the manifestation of God's righteous rule over the earth. A tremendous battle is being waged in the heavenly realms that is having fearful repercussions here on planet earth.

Isaac And Ishmael

The great spiritual battle that is presently taking place in the heavenly realms is the culmination of the family feud that began in Genesis 16, the animosity between Ishmael and Isaac. Down through the centuries an invisible, spiritual battle has manifested itself in the prejudice incited against the Jews, Isaac's descendants, by the offspring of Ishmael. The book of Genesis holds the keys to all human history. Within its pages God pre-writes a prediction of history. As part of this scenario we discover clues in Gen 25 about the eventual climax of this family feud. After long years of acrimony and animosity Isaac and Ishmael eventually came together at the death of their mutual father Abraham.

Gen 25:7-11

8. Then Abraham breathed his last and died at a good old age, an old man and full of years; and he was gathered to his people.

9. His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah near Mamre, in the field of Ephron son of Zohar the Hittite,

10. the field Abraham had bought from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried with his wife Sarah.

11. After Abraham's death, God blessed his son Isaac, who then lived near Beer Lahai Roi. NIV

Isaac and Ishmael were evidently reconciled at the death of their father standing together to bury him. Following the funeral Isaac dwelt in Israel where God blessed and increased him. Ishmael returned to the land of his own people. Gen 25:17.

A Modern Anti-Christ

About fourteen centuries ago (approximately 622 AD) a new religion which became known as Islam, sprang up in Arabia. It began in Mecca when Allah (the Muslim concept of God) is said to have revealed himself to a young man named Ubu'l Kassim who came to be known as Muhammad. Muslims believe that Allah revealed to Muhammad the sayings that were recorded in the Koran, which became the Muslim equivalent of the Holy Bible. The Koran proclaims that Islam is the same religion practised by Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus in their respective periods of history. Muhammad who was born in 570 A.D. is said to be a descendant of Abraham and Ishmael. Muslims are descendants of Ishmael and a major difference between the Koran and the Bible is that Ishmael is exalted and preferred above Isaac. Also, many of its stories about Jesus are said to have taken place in Arabia.

Belief in the prophets, an aspect of Islamic theology, involves all the prophets in the Koran and identifies them thus,

- a. Adam, was the chosen one of God
- b. Noah, was the prophet of God
- c. Abraham, was the friend of God.

- d. Ishmael, was the sacrifice of God.
- e. Moses, the converser with God.
- f. Jesus, was the word of God.
- g. Muhammad, is the final and greatest messenger of God.

The Koran claims that its message is none other than a repetition of the one contained in the “previous scriptures.” (a Muslim euphemism for the Holy Bible) It therefore claims that Islam is a new facet of Judaism and Christianity, but a later, superior, final revelation of God. It further claims that Muhammad and the Koran superseded Judaism and Christianity the followers of which are now infidels worthy only of conversion (to Islam) or death.

The Arab world into which Muhammad was born was polytheistic, having some 360 shrines used to worship stone idols and spirits. (jinn’s) Although they acknowledged a deity whom they called Al-Ilah or Allah, as the supreme being, they did not worship him as such. They worshipped some 360 hand-made idols as Allah’s daughters. It was amongst these conditions that Muhammad is said to have been called by Allah to warn the Arabs around Mecca that they should worship Allah and his prophet Muhammad.

The city of Mecca, birth-place of Muhammad, became the main centre for Islamic pilgrimage and worship. The ka’bah (black stone) which is also called Beit Ullah (the house of God) is said to have been built by Abraham and Isaac. The Arabs used to worship this stone and even modern Muslims venerate it as a mark of respect to their ancestor Abraham.

From childhood Muhammad devoted much of his time to quiet meditation in pursuit of truth and guidance. At such times he often devoted himself so deeply to prayer and meditation that at times he would go into a trance and even into convulsions. He was initially reticent to accept the call to be Allah’s prophet, fearing that he may become mad or become possessed by an evil spirit. In such times of pressure he frequently considered committing suicide. The essence of the “revelations” he received was a strange combination of Jewish and Christian beliefs altered to serve Muhammad’s purpose. Muhammad regarded and proclaimed himself as the final and greatest of all the prophets. Some of his relatives, especially his wife Khadijah reassured him and convinced him to accept the task before him. Muhammad’s keen sense of vocation constantly drove him to spread his message far and wide throughout his homeland. He eventually died in 632 A.D. at the age of 62 by which time he had conquered most of Arabia. The small army of followers he had amassed continued his mission after his death and Islam began to spread throughout the earth. Today there are almost 1,000 million Muslims around the world and they constitute one of the world’s fastest growing religions.

Throughout the history of Islam, since the death of Muhammad, eleven Imams have reigned over Islam. According to common Sunni tradition, when the 11th Imam died at a young age he is said to have left no heir. This dilemma threw Islam into great confusion and caused his followers to divide into numerous sects one of which was the Shi’ite tradition which today comprises the majority of the citizens of Iran. This sect claimed

that the 11th Imam actually did have a son named Muhammad born in 869 A.D. who was hidden by his father. He is believed to still be somewhere on earth and will one day reappear to take his place at the head of Islam. Belief in the existence of the hidden twelfth imam and his future return became one of the distinguishing features of the Shi'ite sect. It is significant that his name was Muhammad because his prophetic task is to fulfil the work begun by his forefather of the same name.

The title of the hidden one is "Al-Mahdi" or the "rightly guided one." He is the Islamic equivalent of our Messiah, an anti-Christ, usurping the place of Christ and His coming Kingdom. According to a statement by the fifth Imam it is known what Al-Mahdi will look like. "He is a young man of medium stature, with a handsome face and beautiful hair which flows to his shoulders. The hair of his beard and head are black. A light rises on his face." (The similarities between he and Jesus Christ are obviously intentional.)

The present government of Iran is seen to be only temporary until the emergence of Al Mahdi who is recognised as the only legitimate ruler of all Muslims. He will one day return to "fill the earth with justice and establish universal Islamic rule over the nations." His kingdom of justice is described as "paradise on earth." "In his time injustice will be completely removed from the earth. No person of any religion other than Islam will remain without being shown the truth of Islam and confessing belief in it." The concept that Muhammad al Mahdi will soon appear as the universal saviour and renewer of Islam is held throughout the entire Islamic world though it is the Shi'ites that have grasped this concept with the greatest fervour. They believe in the inevitable conquest of the world by Islam, largely through Jihad (holy war) and the return of al-Mahdi.

We can readily see that Muhammad al Mahdi is actually an anti-Christ, i.e. a substitute or replacement for the true Christ. One meaning of anti-Christ is "in place of Christ." The Islamic rule that Mahdi is supposed to establish on earth would be an Islamic world rulership, usurping the role of the Kingdom of Jehovah God. It is also clear that the spiritual war raging today in heavenly places and causing the great fear and unrest that fills our world, is actually a battle between the spiritual armies of Jehovah God and the principalities and powers of darkness. In this great battle Jerusalem is the major prize and ultimately only Jehovah will be capable defending it and securing it for His people Israel.

Isa 31:4-6

4. This is what the LORD says to me: "As a lion growls, a great lion over his prey-- and though a whole band of shepherds is called together against him, he is not frightened by their shouts or disturbed by their clamour--so the LORD Almighty will come down to do battle on Mount Zion and on its heights. 5. Like birds hovering overhead, the LORD Almighty will shield Jerusalem; he will shield it and deliver it, he will pass over it and will rescue it." NIV

The Shi'ite Muslims today constantly attract the attention of the world media because they are the most virulently anti-Western of all Muslims. They are also a particularly savage, brutal, war-like people. In addition to observing the five pillars of Islam, they add a sixth, -jihad or holy war. Their utmost purpose is to spread the Koran and Islamic

law throughout the whole world whether through the tongue, the pen or the sword. Anything that opposes or threatens to hinder this purpose is fit only for destruction and annihilation. This includes Judaism and Christianity and all who hold those beliefs. The power of the Ayatollah's today is such that one might wonder whether an Ayatollah may not be a future anti-Christ, especially since his rise to power is said to be from a nation adjacent to Israel. Daniel 8:9.

The Emergence Of The Anti-Christ

1 John 2:18

18. Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour.
NIV

John makes a distinction between "antichrist" and "antichrists" (1 John 2:18), for he declares that "even now many antichrists have arisen," but that "THE antichrist is coming." An antichrist is one who opposes Christ and seeks to replace Him, i.e. to usurp His authority and reign. In a general sense an antichrist is a person who is opposed to the authority of Christ as head of the church and of all creation.

Early Christians looked for Antichrist as a person and not a political power or system. The general opinion of those who closely followed the Scriptures was that he would be a man in whom Satan would dwell utterly and bodily, and who would be armed with satanic and demonic powers. In the Old Testament he is prefigured under the "king of Babylon" (Isa 14:4); the little "horn" (Dan 7:8; 8:9); the king "insolent and skilled in intrigue" (8:23); "the prince who is to come" (9:26); the willful king (11:36). In the NT he is called "the man of lawlessness," "the son of destruction" (2 Thess 2:3-8); "antichrist" (1 John 2:18); and "the beast" (Rev 13:1-10).

This sinister, demon-inspired leader will rise to dominate the world in the end-time, persecute the saints, seek to destroy the Jew and banish the name of God and His Christ from the earth, and thus take over. This would mean the thwarting of God's plan for the messianic millennial kingdom, which involves the restoration of Israel (Acts 1:6) and universal peace. He is destroyed by the second advent of Christ (Rev 19:11-16), who sets up the earthly kingdom (Rev 20:1-3).

In the ongoing search for a peaceful resolution regarding Israel and Jerusalem, many persons, nations and organisations will emerge with proposals and plans. Amongst these attempts to organise and administer a peaceful solution an Anti-Christ will undoubtedly appear. His proposal will be accepted by the majority of nations and therefore implemented. The implementation of this peace plan, possibly under the auspices of the UNO, will usher in the beginning of the Great Tribulation.

The Battle For Jerusalem

Although the spiritual battle is being manifested today in many places on earth such as Sudan, Kosovo, Chechnya, Ireland, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq etc, the fiercest and most prolonged aspect of this gigantic spiritual war is being played out in Israel and

particularly with regard to Jerusalem. The city of Jerusalem will become the seat of God's government on earth. God's Messiah, Jesus, will be enthroned in Jerusalem upon the historic throne of David from where He will rule all the nations on earth. Jerusalem symbolises God's earthly eternal rule over the nations and Satan is making a final attempt to thwart God's prophetic plan by destroying Jerusalem and the Jewish nation. The Bible predicts a final concerted attempt to conquer Jerusalem and destroy the Jewish nation of Israel. This attempt, strategised and initiated by the descendants of Ishmael and the various nations who will espouse their cause for a variety of reasons, will eventually mount a frontal attack upon Jerusalem.

Psalm 83:1-4

*1 Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, And do not be still, O God!
2 For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; And those who hate You have lifted up their head.*

3 They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, And consulted together against Your sheltered ones.

4 They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more."

5 For they have consulted together with one consent; They form a confederacy against You:

6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab and the Hagrites;

7 Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia (Palestine) with the inhabitants of Tyre;

8 Assyria also has joined with them; They have helped the children of Lot. NKJV

At this point, Almighty God, Jehovah, will personally intervene to rescue Jerusalem and utterly destroy those that sought to destroy her.

Psalm 83:15-18

15 So pursue them with Your tempest, And frighten them with Your storm.

16 Fill their faces with shame, That they may seek Your name, O LORD.

17 Let them be confounded and dismayed forever; Yes, let them be put to shame and perish,

18 That they may know that You, whose name alone is the LORD, Are the Most High over all the earth. NKJV

So spectacular and dramatic will be the defeat that all mankind will suddenly recognise that only the Lord, Jehovah, could have accomplished so powerful an outcome. They will recognise that He IS the Most High over ALL the earth.

It is not simply the physical city of Jerusalem that is the point of contention, it is what that site represents, -the location of the coming "New Jerusalem." And the earthly throne of God. The New Jerusalem will be situated directly above the present Jerusalem. Hence the awesome battle in the heavenly realms, concerning this city and its site.

Revelation 21:1-4

2. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

4. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

This is precisely why every Christian should pray continually for the peace of Jerusalem. Because when a permanent state of peace is established in Jerusalem it will also prevail throughout the remainder of the world.

Psalm 122:6-123:1

6. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure.

7. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels."

8. For the sake of my brothers and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you."

9. For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity.

This great spiritual battle is already engaged and no solution will be found for it until the emergence of the Messiah who will personally and physically intervene. The repercussions of this powerful battle will impact upon the whole world. Zechariah predicts that Jerusalem will become THE centre of world attention as all the Gentile nations eventually combine against her.

Zechariah 12:3

And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it. NKJV

When all the nations, probably by lateral agreement through the United Nations Organisation, unite their efforts against Israel and her capital city, Jerusalem, the Messiah will suddenly return to earth to defend and rescue her.

Zechariah 12:8-9

8. In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the LORD before them.

9. It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. NKJV

The Lord Himself will defend and deliver the inhabitants of Jerusalem after which He will reveal Himself to the House of Israel as their long awaited Messiah Deliverer.

Zechariah 12:10

10. And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they have pierced; they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. NKJV

Immediately after the tremendous victory that God will give His people in Israel, He will reveal Himself to them as the One who was pierced, i.e. the suffering servant of Isaiah 53, who was wounded and died for the sins of the whole world. He will then make that cleansing available to His Beloved people Israel.

Zechariah 13:1

13:1 In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. NKJV

The Conflict of the Ages is now upon us. Satan is making his final desperate bid to keep control of the world. God is about to overthrow him, and establish His own government once again.

"And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation and strength, and the Kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him, by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony and they loved not their lives unto the death." (Rev.12:10,11).

Zechariah 14:4, 5 And His feet shall stand in that day on the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives shall divide from its middle, from the east even to the west, a very great valley. And half of the mountain shall move toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

And you shall flee to the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah. And Jehovah my God shall come, and all the saints with You.

Zechariah 14:9 And Jehovah shall be King over all the earth. In that day there shall be one Jehovah, and His name one.

Zechariah 14:16 And it shall be, everyone who is left from all the nations which came up against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, Jehovah of Hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

How we long for the ultimate conclusion, when the voice of the great multitude, as the voice of many waters, and mighty thunderings will announce, "**ALLELUIA, FOR THE LORD GOD OMNIPOTENT REIGNETH!**"