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I WILL MAKE JERUSALEM A BURDENSOME STONE

There are two great wars we expect to occur in the future.

The first is the war of Gog and Magog spoken of in Ezekiel 38–39. The second is the battle of Armageddon spoken of in Revelation 16:15 and Revelation 19:11–21, where God Himself will intervene.

There is also a third conflict that will occur after the 1,000-year reign of Christ, which again involves Magog—but we will not discuss that here today.

The War of Gog and Magog

The first prophecy declares that a king from the north will descend, leading certain surrounding nations. Their purpose will be to remove Israel from the map of the world.

At present, the nation directly north of Israel and the most powerful in that region is Russia. This is identified with Gog and Magog. In the last days, this event will occur—but they will not prevail.

They will be destroyed in a massive slaughter. Scripture says their corpses will be buried for seven months in Israel, and their weapons will be used as fuel for seven years because of their abundance.

“And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.

Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord GOD.

And they shall sever out men of continual employment,

passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search.” — Ezekiel 39:12-14

At that time, it will mark the end of that northern power.

The Battle of Armageddon

The second war is Armageddon. This one will be led by nations from the east—far eastern nations. And this time, it will not involve only a few nations. All remaining nations of the world will unite with their leaders to attempt once more to destroy Israel.

You may ask: Why Israel? Why would the entire world unite against such a small nation?

Israel does not interfere in global politics the way some major powers do. Yet Israel is hated. Many do not realize that this hatred originates from the Lord’s prophetic plan.

If even now, before the full restoration of the Jews in grace, they

are already hated by many nations—what will happen when they fully turn to their Messiah?

The pressure we see today will intensify a hundredfold as the days approach. God Himself will stir the nations in an extraordinary way so that this word will be fulfilled:

“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about...

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

This will lead the nations to their final judgment.

They will gather at Armageddon. By that time, Israel will have believed in their Messiah, Jesus Christ. Surrounded by the nations, they will cry out for Him to fight for them as in ancient times.

Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven

with power and great glory, accompanied by His saints who were previously caught up.

At that moment, the nations will mourn—but it will be their end. The Lord will destroy them with the sword that proceeds from His mouth.

“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.

His eyes were as a flame of fire...

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

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

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations...

And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.” — Revelation 19:11-16

The Signs of the Times

That time is very near. Today we all witness what is happening in the Middle East. The number of nations opposing Israel continues to grow. Religions that hate Israel are increasing.

All of this pressure is from the Lord Himself—showing us that the end is near.

Before these events unfold, the rapture of the Church will occur. The signs indicate that at any moment the trumpet may sound. The dead in Christ will rise and attend the marriage supper of the Lamb in heaven.

But for those left behind, the door of grace will no longer remain open as it is now.

Why delay allowing Christ into your life? Do not be deceived by rumors of peace. The Bible says:

“For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.”

For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them... and they shall not escape.”
— 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3

Do you see?

Repent of all sin. Turn to Christ while there is still time before the trumpet sounds. Set your life in order. The Gospel we have now is urgent—harvest time is near.

May my prayer be that both you and I will be found among those who sanctify themselves.

May the Lord bless you.

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