

Jesus The Messiah: Session 13: When He Shall Come In Glory

1. Review of events of the 70th Week of Daniel

Important features to remember concerning that 7-year period.

- When? They begin when the Antichrist makes a covenant or agreement with Israel, which likely includes other nations.
- During the first half of the “week” wars are taking place, but Israel is safe or mostly safe during that period.
- However, at the exact midpoint of the seven years, Antichrist breaks the covenant. The Great Tribulation begins.
- At the end of the seven years comes the return of Jesus Christ.
- Are we close to this time?

2. The Wars Of Messiah

We can see a number of phases or components to Christ's return:

1. Wars in the South
2. Fighting at Jerusalem
3. War in the North and Armageddon

2.1 Wars in the South

EGYPT: its destiny is trouble followed by glory. Severe trials await them:

The burden of Egypt. Behold, the LORD rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.

And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, [and] kingdom against kingdom.

And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.

And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts.

And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up.... In that day shall Egypt be like unto women: and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which he shaketh over it.

And the land of Judah shall be a terror unto Egypt, every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the LORD of hosts, which he hath determined against it.

In that day shall five cities in the land of Egypt speak the language of Canaan, and swear to the LORD of hosts; one shall be called, The city of destruction.

In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them.

And the LORD shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the LORD in that day, and shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto the LORD, and perform it. And the LORD shall smite Egypt: he shall smite and heal it: and they shall return even to the LORD, and he shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them.

In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians. In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the land, whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance. (Isa. 19:1-5, 16-25)

EDOM AND ARABIA:

(In Numbers, by Balaam) *I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.*

And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly. (Numb. 24:17-18)

(In Isaiah)

Who is this that comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? This one that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? "I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save." Why are you red in your apparel, and your garments like him that treads in the winepress?

"I have tread the winepress alone, and of the people there was none with me; for I will tread them in my anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. For the day of vengeance is in my heart, and the year of my redeemed is come."

"And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore my own arm brought salvation to me; and my fury, it upheld me. And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth." (Isa. 63:1-6)

(More from Isaiah)

And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falls off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree. For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.

The sword of the LORD is filled with blood... for the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea... For it is the day of the LORD'S vengeance, and the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion.

And its streams shall be turned into pitch, and its dust into brimstone, and its land shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke of it shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever. (Isa. 34:4-6, 8-10)

(In Habakkuk)

O LORD, I have heard your speech, and was afraid; O LORD, revive your work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. And his brightness was as the light; he had rays coming out of his hand, and there was the hiding place of his power.

Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet. He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways are everlasting. I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction: and the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.

Was the LORD displeased against the rivers? Was your anger against the rivers? Was your wrath against the sea, so that you rode upon your horses and your chariots of salvation? Your bow was made quite naked, according to the oaths of the tribes, even your word. Selah.

You divided the earth with rivers. The mountains saw you, and they trembled: the overflowing of the water passed by: the deep uttered his voice, and lifted up his hands on high. The sun and moon stood still in their habitation: at the light of your arrows they went, and at the shining of your glittering spear.

You marched through the land in indignation, you threshed the heathen in anger. You went forth for the salvation of your people, for salvation with your anointed; thou you wounded the head out of the house of the wicked, by laying bare discovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah.

You truck through with his staffs the head of his villages: they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly. You walked through the sea with your horses, through the heap of great waters.

When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble: when he comes up to the people, he will invade them with his troops. (Hab. 3:2-16)

As well as these passages, the entire book of Obadiah is against Edom.

2.2 Battles in Judea and Jerusalem

(In Zephaniah)

Seek the LORD, all you meek of the earth, who have worked his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be you shall be hidden in the day of the LORD'S anger. For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up.

Woe to the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! The word of the LORD is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant. And the sea coast shall be dwellings and cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks. And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed on it; in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening: for the LORD their God shall visit them, and turn away their captivity. (Zeph. 2:3-7)

(In Zechariah 12)

Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling to 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....

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

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. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. (Zech. 12:2-3, 7-9)

(In Zechariah 14)

Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, and your spoil shall be divided in the midst of you. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst of it toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. (Zech. 14:1-4)

2.3 Fighting in the North: Gog and Magog; Armageddon, etc.

One large battle or campaign is the Battle of Gog and Magog spoken of by the Prophet Ezekiel. A confederacy of large nations surrounding Israel invades it and is destroyed by the Lord's intervention.

Son of man, set your face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, and say,

Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and I will turn you back, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you forth, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armor, 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 you....

You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you, and all your bands, and the people that is with you; I will give you to the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. You shall fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, says the Lord GOD.

And I will send a fire on Magog, and among those who dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD. (Ezek. 38:2-6, 39:4-6)

When will this particular fight happen?

Revelation 19:11-21 describes the battle at Armageddon:

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 does judge and make war.

His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 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 goes a sharp sword, that with it he should strike the nations, and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; and he treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS....

And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that worked miracles before him, with which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast, and those who worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which proceeded out of his mouth; and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

Other major scenes of battle to the north of Israel include the spoiling of Assyria (various places) and the destruction of Damascus (Isaiah 17). See also Matthew 24 and 2 Thessalonians chs. 1 and 2.

3. Key Events Taking Place at the Return Of Christ

3.1. The capture and judgment of the Antichrist and the False

Prophet. (Quoted above in Rev. 19:20)

3.2. The binding of Satan. *And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled; and after that he must be loosed for a little season. (Rev. 20:1-3)*

3.3. The resurrection of those who were beheaded by the Antichrist.

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them; and I saw the souls of those who were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and who had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (Rev. 20:4)

3.4. The rescue and national salvation of Israel.

But I will remove far off from you the northern [army], and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his rear part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savor shall come up, because he has done great things. Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.

And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD has said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call. (Joel 2:20-21, 30-32)

Other places speak of Christ personally judging the nation of Israel. (Ezekiel 20:33, etc.)

3.5. The judgment of the nations. This is the sheep and goats judgment of Matthew 25. The nations are judged for their treatment of the brothers of Christ.

4. Highlights of the Millennial Reign of Christ

There are a number of important features about the millennial kingdom.

1. Changes in the geography of Israel. (Zech. 14)
2. Division of the land of Israel among the tribes. (Ezek. 45, 48)
3. Expansion of the land of Israel. (Various places.)
4. Return of all exiled Jews to Israel. (Isa. 60)
5. Construction of Ezekiel's temple and new worship instituted. (Ezek. 40-48)

6. Installation of the government of Christ over all the nations of the world. This includes the preeminence of Israel and government by the resurrected saints such as David, the Apostles, etc. (Micah 4:2-4)
7. Changes in the natural environment. (Isa. 11, 65) These include the following:
 - a. Removal of the curse or most of the curse on nature, releasing its Divinely-intended productivity.
 - b. Loss of animal ferocity.
 - c. A return of human lifespans to antediluvian lengths.

At the end of the 1000 years Satan is loosed and goes out again to deceive the nations.

5. The Eternal State

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God." (Rev. 21:1-3)

About the “Big City”:

1. When does the Big City arrive?
2. Dimensions and Shape
3. What goes on there? The end of the Book...
 - a. Conditions of the city
 - b. Construction of the city
 - c. Warnings from the Lord about His coming, and His rewards

The key feature of the heavenly city is the simple fact that God is now living with us.

Mankind will have come full circle with our God: *The dwelling place of God is with men.*