

The Promise

The Day of The Lord Will Come

I AM WHO I AM



Ezekiel 38:17

17 'THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST "ARE YOU addressing Gog THE ONE OF WHOM I JESUS CHRIST SPOKE IN FORMER DAYS THROUGH MY SERVANTS THE PROPHETS OF ISRAEL,

So as early as 835 bc, some 2850 year ago, God prophesied about this region to the North of Jerusalem—Gog and today Russia.

Joel 2-3	835 bc
Zephaniah 1:14 ff	630 bc
Jeremiah 3-6	600 bc
Daniel 2:44-45	C 550 bc
Zechariah 14	480 bc

If you have followed our study in Daniel, you should be able to open your bibles to any of the minor prophets and read with understanding.

Let's look at the book of Joel—written 2850 years ago. Joel uses a recent disaster in the land of Judah to teach the Jews a prophetic lesson that awaits them in history. A locust plague had invaded the land destroying all the crops and every green thing in the land. Joel uses this locust invasion as a backdrop for what God has in store for Israel and the world where armies will invade Israel in a manner worse than the locust invasion.

Joel 1 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

The Devastation of Locusts

- 1 THE WORD OF THE LORD THAT CAME TO JOEL, THE SON OF PETHUEL:**
- 2 HEAR THIS, O ELDERS,
AND LISTEN, ALL INHABITANTS OF THE LAND.
HAS *ANYTHING* LIKE THIS HAPPENED IN YOUR DAYS
OR IN YOUR FATHERS' DAYS?**

- 3** TELL YOUR SONS ABOUT IT,
AND *LET* YOUR SONS *TELL* THEIR SONS,
AND THEIR SONS THE NEXT GENERATION.
- 4** WHAT THE GNAWING LOCUST HAS LEFT, THE SWARMING LOCUST HAS
EATEN;
AND WHAT THE SWARMING LOCUST HAS LEFT, THE CREEPING
LOCUST HAS EATEN;
AND WHAT THE CREEPING LOCUST HAS LEFT, THE STRIPPING
LOCUST HAS EATEN.
- 5** AWAKE, DRUNKARDS, AND WEEP;
AND WAIL, ALL YOU WINE DRINKERS,
ON ACCOUNT OF THE SWEET WINE
THAT IS CUT OFF FROM YOUR MOUTH.
- 6** FOR A NATION HAS INVADDED MY LAND,
MIGHTY AND WITHOUT NUMBER;
ITS TEETH ARE THE TEETH OF A LION,
AND IT HAS THE FANGS OF A LIONESS.
- 7** IT HAS MADE MY VINE A WASTE
AND MY FIG TREE SPLINTERS.
IT HAS STRIPPED THEM BARE AND CAST *THEM* AWAY;
THEIR BRANCHES HAVE BECOME WHITE.
- 8** WAIL LIKE A VIRGIN GIRDED WITH SACKCLOTH
FOR THE BRIDEGROOM OF HER YOUTH.
- 9** THE GRAIN OFFERING AND THE DRINK OFFERING ARE CUT OFF
FROM THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.
THE PRIESTS MOURN,
THE MINISTERS OF THE LORD.
- 10** THE FIELD IS RUINED,
THE LAND MOURNS;
FOR THE GRAIN IS RUINED,

**THE NEW WINE DRIES UP,
FRESH OIL FAILS.**

**11 BE ASHAMED, O FARMERS,
WAIL, O VINEDRESSERS,
FOR THE WHEAT AND THE BARLEY;
BECAUSE THE HARVEST OF THE FIELD IS DESTROYED.**

**12 THE VINE DRIES UP
AND THE FIG TREE FAILS;
THE POMEGRANATE, THE PALM ALSO, AND THE APPLE TREE,
ALL THE TREES OF THE FIELD DRY UP.
INDEED, REJOICING DRIES UP
FROM THE SONS OF MEN.**

**13 GIRD YOURSELVES *with sackcloth*
AND LAMENT, O PRIESTS;
WAIL, O MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR!
COME, SPEND THE NIGHT IN SACKCLOTH
O MINISTERS OF MY GOD,
FOR THE GRAIN OFFERING AND THE DRINK OFFERING
ARE WITHHELD FROM THE HOUSE OF YOUR GOD.**

Starvation and Drought

**14 CONSECRATE A FAST,
PROCLAIM A SOLEMN ASSEMBLY;
GATHER THE ELDERS
And ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE LAND
TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD YOUR GOD,
AND CRY OUT TO THE LORD.**

**15 ALAS FOR THE DAY!
FOR THE DAY OF THE LORD IS NEAR,
AND IT WILL COME AS DESTRUCTION FROM THE ALMIGHTY.**

16 HAS NOT FOOD BEEN CUT OFF BEFORE OUR EYES,

GLADNESS AND JOY FROM THE HOUSE OF OUR GOD?

- 17 THE SEEDS SHRIVEL UNDER THEIR CLOUDS;
THE STOREHOUSES ARE DESOLATE,
THE BARNs ARE TORN DOWN,
FOR THE GRAIN IS DRIED UP.**
- 18 HOW THE BEASTS GROAN!
THE HERDS OF CATTLE WANDER AIMLESSLY
BECAUSE THERE IS NO PASTURE FOR THEM;
EVEN THE FLOCKS OF SHEEP SUFFER.**
- 19 TO YOU, O LORD, I CRY;
FOR FIRE HAS DEVoured THE PASTURES OF THE WILDERNESS
AND THE FLAME HAS BURNED UP ALL THE TREES OF THE FIELD.**
- 20 EVEN THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD PANT FOR YOU;
FOR THE WATER BROOKS ARE DRIED UP
AND FIRE HAS DEVoured THE PASTURES OF THE WILDERNESS.**

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The Terrible Visitation

- 1 BLOW A TRUMPET IN ZION,
AND SOUND AN ALARM ON MY HOLY MOUNTAIN!
LET ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE LAND TREMBLE,
FOR THE DAY OF THE LORD IS COMING;
SURELY IT IS NEAR,**
- 2 A DAY OF DARKNESS AND GLOOM,
A DAY OF CLOUDS AND THICK DARKNESS.
AS THE DAWN IS SPREAD OVER THE MOUNTAINS,
SO THERE IS A GREAT AND MIGHTY PEOPLE;
THERE HAS NEVER BEEN *ANYTHING* LIKE IT,
NOR WILL THERE BE AGAIN AFTER IT**

TO THE YEARS OF MANY GENERATIONS.

**3 A FIRE CONSUMES BEFORE THEM
AND BEHIND THEM A FLAME BURNS.
THE LAND IS LIKE THE GARDEN OF EDEN BEFORE THEM
BUT A DESOLATE WILDERNESS BEHIND THEM,
AND NOTHING AT ALL ESCAPES THEM.**

**4 THEIR APPEARANCE IS LIKE THE APPEARANCE OF HORSES;
AND LIKE WAR HORSES, SO THEY RUN.**

**5 ⁵ WITH A NOISE AS OF CHARIOTS
THEY LEAP ON THE TOPS OF THE MOUNTAINS,
LIKE THE CRACKLING OF A FLAME OF FIRE CONSUMING THE STUBBLE,
LIKE A MIGHTY PEOPLE ARRANGED FOR BATTLE.**

**6 BEFORE THEM THE PEOPLE ARE IN ANGUISH;
ALL FACES TURN PALE.**

**7 THEY RUN LIKE MIGHTY MEN,
THEY CLIMB THE WALL LIKE SOLDIERS;
AND THEY EACH MARCH IN LINE,
NOR DO THEY DEVIATE FROM THEIR PATHS.**

**8 THEY DO NOT CROWD EACH OTHER,
THEY MARCH EVERYONE IN HIS PATH;
WHEN THEY BURST THROUGH THE DEFENSES,
THEY DO NOT BREAK RANKS.**

**9 THEY RUSH ON THE CITY,
THEY RUN ON THE WALL;
THEY CLIMB INTO THE HOUSES,
THEY ENTER THROUGH THE WINDOWS LIKE A THIEF.**

**10 BEFORE THEM THE EARTH QUAKES,
THE HEAVENS TREMBLE,
THE SUN AND THE MOON GROW DARK
AND THE STARS LOSE THEIR BRIGHTNESS.**

- 11 THE LORD UTTERS His VOICE before His ARMY;
SURELY His CAMP is VERY GREAT,
FOR STRONG is HE WHO CARRIES OUT His WORD.
THE day of the LORD is INDEED GREAT AND VERY AWESOME,
AND WHO CAN ENDURE IT?**
- 12 "YET EVEN NOW," declares THE LORD,
"RETURN TO ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
AND WITH FASTING, WEeping AND MOURNING;
13 AND REND YOUR HEART AND NOT YOUR GARMENTS."
NOW RETURN TO THE LORD your God,
FOR HE is GRACIOUS AND COMPASSIONATE,
SLOW TO ANGER, ABOUNDING IN LOVINGkindNESS
AND RELENTING of EVIL.**
- 14 WHO KNOWS WHETHER HE will *NOT* TURN AND RELENT
AND LEAVE A BLESSING behind Him,
EVEN A GRAIN OFFERING AND A DRINK OFFERING
FOR THE LORD your God?**
- 15 BLOW A TRUMPET IN ZION,
CONSECRATE A FAST, PROCLAIM A SOLEMN ASSEMBLY,
16 GATHER THE PEOPLE, SANCTIFY THE CONGREGATION,
ASSEMBLE THE ELDERS,
GATHER THE CHILDREN AND THE NURSING INFANTS.
LET THE BRIDEGROOM COME OUT OF HIS ROOM
AND THE BRIDE OUT OF HER *bridal* CHAMBER.**
- 17 LET THE PRIESTS, THE LORD'S MINISTERS,
WEEP BETWEEN THE PORCH AND THE ALTAR,
AND LET THEM SAY, "SPARE YOUR people, O LORD,
AND DO NOT MAKE YOUR INHERITANCE A REPROACH,
A BYWORD AMONG THE NATIONS.
Why should they AMONG THE PEOPLES say, 'WHERE is THEIR God?'"**

Deliverance Promised

- 18** THEN THE LORD will be ZEALOUS for His LAND
AND will HAVE pity ON His people.
- 19** THE LORD will ANSWER AND say TO His people,
“BEHOLD, I AM GOING TO SEND YOU GRAIN, NEW WINE AND oil,
AND you will be SATISFIED *in full* WITH THEM;
AND I will NEVER AGAIN MAKE YOU A REPROACH AMONG THE
NATIONS.
- 20** “BUT I will REMOVE THE NORTHERN ARMY FAR FROM YOU,
AND I will DRIVE IT INTO A PARCHED AND DESOLATE LAND,
AND ITS VANGUARD INTO THE EASTERN SEA,
AND ITS REAR GUARD INTO THE WESTERN SEA.
AND ITS STENCH will ARISE AND ITS FOUL SMELL will COME UP,
FOR IT HAS DONE GREAT THINGS.”
- 21** DO NOT FEAR, O LAND, REJOICE AND be glad,
FOR THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS.
- 22** DO NOT FEAR, BEASTS OF THE field,
FOR THE PASTURES OF THE WILDERNESS HAVE TURNED GREEN,
FOR THE TREE HAS BORNE ITS FRUIT,
THE FIG TREE AND THE VINE HAVE YIELDED IN FULL.
- 23** SO REJOICE, O SONS OF ZION,
AND be glad IN THE LORD YOUR God;
FOR HE HAS GIVEN YOU THE EARLY RAIN FOR *YOUR* VINDICATION.
AND HE HAS Poured DOWN FOR YOU THE RAIN,
THE EARLY AND LATTER RAIN AS BEFORE.
- 24** THE THRESHING FLOORS will be full of GRAIN,
AND THE VATS will overflow WITH THE NEW WINE AND oil.

- 25 **“THEN I will MAKE UP TO YOU FOR THE YEARS
THAT THE SWARMING LOCUST HAS EATEN,
THE CREEPING LOCUST, THE STRIPPING LOCUST AND THE GNAWING
LOCUST,
My GREAT ARMY WHICH I SENT AMONG YOU.**
- 26 **“YOU will HAVE plenty TO EAT AND BE SATISFIED
AND PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD your God,
Who HAS dealt wondrously with you;
THEN My people will NEVER BE PUT TO SHAME.**
- 27 **“THUS you will KNOW THAT I AM IN THE MIDST OF ISRAEL,
AND THAT I AM THE LORD your God,
AND THERE IS NO OTHER;
AND My people will NEVER BE PUT TO SHAME.**

The Promise of the Spirit

- 28 **“IT will COME ABOUT AFTER THIS
THAT I will POUR OUT My Spirit ON ALL MANKIND;
AND your SONS AND DAUGHTERS will prophesy,
Your old MEN will DREAM DREAMS,
Your young MEN will SEE VISIONS.**
- 29 **“EVEN ON THE MALE AND FEMALE SERVANTS
I will POUR OUT My Spirit IN THOSE days.**

The Day of the LORD

- 30 **“I will display WONDERS IN THE SKY AND ON THE EARTH,
Blood, fire AND COLUMNS OF SMOKE.**
- 31 **“THE SUN will BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS
AND THE MOON INTO blood
BEFORE THE GREAT AND AWESOME day of THE LORD COMES.**

32 **“AND IT WILL COME ABOUT THAT WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD
WILL BE DELIVERED;
FOR ON MOUNT ZION AND IN JERUSALEM
THERE WILL BE THOSE WHO ESCAPE,
AS THE LORD HAS SAID,
EVEN AMONG THE SURVIVORS WHOM THE LORD CALLS.**

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The Nations Will Be Judged

1 **“FOR BEHOLD, IN THOSE DAYS AND AT THAT TIME,
WHEN I RESTORE THE FORTUNES OF JUDAH AND JERUSALEM,**
2 **I will GATHER ALL THE NATIONS
AND BRING THEM DOWN TO THE VALLEY OF JEHOSEPHAT.
THEN I will ENTER INTO JUDGMENT WITH THEM THERE
ON BEHALF OF My PEOPLE AND My INHERITANCE, ISRAEL,
WHOM THEY HAVE SCATTERED AMONG THE NATIONS;
AND THEY HAVE DIVIDED UP My LAND.**
3 **“THEY HAVE ALSO CAST LOTS FOR My PEOPLE,
TRADED A BOY FOR A HARLOT
AND SOLD A GIRL FOR WINE THAT THEY MAY DRINK.**
4 **MOREOVER, WHAT ARE YOU TO ME, O TYRE, SIDON AND ALL THE
REGIONS OF PHILISTIA? ARE YOU RENDERING ME A RECOMPENSE?
BUT IF YOU DO RECOMPENSE ME, SWIFTLY AND SPEEDILY I will
RETURN YOUR RECOMPENSE ON YOUR HEAD.**
5 **SINCE YOU HAVE TAKEN My SILVER AND My GOLD, BROUGHT My
PRECIOUS TREASURES TO YOUR TEMPLES,**

- 6 AND SOLD THE SONS OF JUDAH AND JERUSALEM TO THE GREEKS IN ORDER TO REMOVE THEM FAR FROM THEIR TERRITORY,**
- 7 BEHOLD, I AM GOING TO AROUSE THEM FROM THE PLACE WHERE YOU HAVE SOLD THEM, AND RETURN YOUR RECOMPENSE ON YOUR HEAD.**
- 8 ALSO I WILL SELL YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS INTO THE HAND OF THE SONS OF JUDAH, AND THEY WILL SELL THEM TO THE SABEANS, TO A DISTANT NATION," FOR THE LORD HAS SPOKEN.**
- 9 PROCLAIM THIS AMONG THE NATIONS:
PREPARE A WAR; ROUSE THE MIGHTY MEN!
LET ALL THE SOLDIERS DRAW NEAR, LET THEM COME UP!**
- 10 BEAT YOUR PLOWSHARES INTO SWORDS
AND YOUR PRUNING HOOKS INTO SPEARS;
LET THE WEAK SAY, "I AM A MIGHTY MAN."**
- 11 HASTEN AND COME, ALL YOU SURROUNDING NATIONS,
AND GATHER YOURSELVES THERE.
BRING DOWN, O LORD, YOUR MIGHTY ONES.**
- 12 LET THE NATIONS BE AROUSED
AND COME UP TO THE VALLEY OF JEHOSEPHAT,
FOR THERE I WILL SIT TO JUDGE
ALL THE SURROUNDING NATIONS.**
- 13 PUT IN THE SICKLE, FOR THE HARVEST IS RIPE.
COME, TREAD, FOR THE WINE PRESS IS FULL;
THE VATS OVERFLOW, FOR THEIR WICKEDNESS IS GREAT.**
- 14 MULTITUDES, MULTITUDES IN THE VALLEY OF DECISION!
FOR THE DAY OF THE LORD IS NEAR IN THE VALLEY OF DECISION.**
- 15 THE SUN AND MOON GROW DARK
AND THE STARS LOSE THEIR BRIGHTNESS.**

- 16** THE LORD ROARS FROM ZION
AND UTTERS HIS VOICE FROM JERUSALEM,
AND THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH TREMBLE.
BUT THE LORD IS A REFUGE FOR HIS PEOPLE
AND A STRONGHOLD TO THE SONS OF ISRAEL.
- 17** THEN YOU WILL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD YOUR God,
DWELLING IN ZION, MY HOLY MOUNTAIN.
SO JERUSALEM WILL BE HOLY,
AND STRANGERS WILL PASS THROUGH IT NO MORE.

Judah Will Be Blessed

- 18** AND IN THAT DAY
THE MOUNTAINS WILL DRIP WITH SWEET WINE,
AND THE HILLS WILL FLOW WITH MILK,
AND ALL THE BROOKS OF JUDAH WILL FLOW WITH WATER;
AND A SPRING WILL GO OUT FROM THE HOUSE OF THE LORD
TO WATER THE VALLEY OF SHITTIM.
- 19** EGYPT WILL BECOME A WASTE,
AND EDMON WILL BECOME A DESOLATE WILDERNESS,
BECAUSE OF THE VIOLENCE DONE TO THE SONS OF JUDAH,
IN WHOSE LAND THEY HAVE SHED INNOCENT BLOOD.
- 20** BUT JUDAH WILL BE INHABITED FOREVER
AND JERUSALEM FOR ALL GENERATIONS.
- 21** AND I WILL AVENGE THEIR BLOOD WHICH I HAVE NOT AVENGED,
FOR THE LORD DWELLS IN ZION.

17 'THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD, "ARE YOU Gog or modern Russia **THE ONE OF WHOM I SPOKE IN FORMER DAYS THROUGH My SERVANTS THE PROPHETS OF ISRAEL, WHO PROPHESIED IN THOSE DAYS** that is in their days were the days they prophesied **FOR MANY YEARS** spanning the time these prophesied **THAT** here is what they prophesied **I JESUS CHRIST WOULD BRING YOU** Gog, future to their prophesying, and reveals that Jesus Christ has always existed and He is in control **AGAINST THEM?** Israel - the answer to the question of verse 17 is an affirmative one.

18 "AND IT WILL COME ABOUT absolute prophesy – do you believe this or not? **ON THAT DAY,** day of the Lord that we have been studying all along **WHEN GOG COMES AGAINST THE LAND OF ISRAEL,"** Satan moving against all the Jews **DECLARES THE LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST**

THAT this is what is going to happen

My FURY WILL MOUNT UP IN My ANGER. A great anthropomorphism --

Jesus Christ is the only one who can save – deliver Israel from invasion from the Northern block and other forces moving against Israel. And Jesus Christ is the only one who can save mankind.

My FURY Hebrew means heat, rage, used of man and of God. God becomes angry against Satan and his move to destroy the Jews and overtake the world.

Will MOUNT UP –to go up, to ascend, to take away, God’s righteous indignation rises up against Gog and all the forces moving against Israel.

IN MY ANGER first—*in my FURY* now **HIS ANGER** nose, nostrils – picture of anger, like a bull, snarling and kicking his feet...

What is seen here is that the timing of God, **of The day of the Lord** has come.

It is now time for His patience with those nations who attempt to annihilate Israel to be set aside and His wrath revealed.

The Lord Himself will take it upon Himself to destroy the enemies of Israel. A judgment from which they will not recover and He will do it *alone*.

In the order of His victory—first as they move into the land of Israel, they will be greeted by a massive earthquake.

19 "AND IN MY ZEAL AND IN MY BLAZING WRATH You can tell the temperament of God at the close of The Tribulation: **My FURY, My ANGER** and now **My ZEAL AND BLAZING WRATH** used to reveal God’s attitude toward the enemies of Israel; God’s people, the Jews

IN My ZEAL KJ **in my JEALOUSY** the Hebrew word refers to both, zeal and jealousy; the word is used to describe intense fervor, passion, this word can be used in a good or bad context.

ZEAL for the fervor of the Lord against all those who seek to destroy Israel. (the Jews)

And in My blAZING WRATH KJ and NIV –**fiERY –fire**

WRATH overflowing anger described in

Psalm 90:11

**¹¹ WHO UNDERSTANDS THE POWER OF YOUR ANGER
AND YOUR FURY, ACCORDING TO THE FEAR THAT IS
DUE YOU?**

Further reference to *“in that day”*:

Zephania 1:15 and 18

**¹⁵ A DAY OF WRATH IS THAT DAY,
A DAY OF TROUBLE AND DISTRESS,
A DAY OF DESTRUCTION AND DESOLATION,
A DAY OF DARKNESS AND GLOOM,
A DAY OF CLOUDS AND THICK DARKNESS,**

¹⁸ **NEITHER THEIR SILVER NOR THEIR GOLD
WILL BE ABLE TO DELIVER THEM
ON THE DAY OF THE LORD'S WRATH;
AND ALL THE EARTH WILL BE DEVoured
IN THE FIRE OF HIS JEALOUSY,
FOR HE WILL MAKE A COMPLETE END,
INDEED A TERRIFYING ONE,
OF ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH.**

Ezekiel 38: 19

IN MY ZEAL AND IN MY BLAZING WRATH I God **DECLARE**
for the whole world, from time of Ezekiel to Day of the Lord

THAT ON THAT DAY day of the Lord—day of His Return
**THERE WILL SURELY BE A GREAT EARTHQUAKE IN THE
LAND OF ISRAEL.**

Ezekiel 5:13

¹³ **'THUS MY ANGER WILL BE SPENT AND I WILL
SATISFY MY WRATH ON THEM, AND I WILL BE
APPEASED; THEN THEY WILL KNOW THAT I, THE
LORD, HAVE SPOKEN IN MY ZEAL WHEN I HAVE SPENT
MY WRATH UPON THEM.**

Zechariah 14:4

⁴ IN THAT DAY HIS FEET WILL STAND ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, WHICH IS IN FRONT OF JERUSALEM ON THE EAST; AND THE MOUNT OF OLIVES WILL BE SPLIT IN ITS MIDDLE FROM EAST TO WEST BY A VERY LARGE VALLEY, SO THAT HALF OF THE MOUNTAIN WILL MOVE TOWARD THE NORTH AND THE OTHER HALF TOWARD THE SOUTH.

The earthquake plays an important part in book of Revelation.

Revelation 6:12-13

opening of 6 seals

Revelation 8:5

sounding of the 7 Trumpets

⁵ THEN THE ANGEL TOOK THE CENSER AND FILLED IT WITH THE FIRE OF THE ALTAR, AND THREW IT TO THE EARTH; AND THERE FOLLOWED PEALS OF THUNDER AND SOUNDS AND FLASHES OF LIGHTNING AND AN EARTHQUAKE.

Revelation 11:13

Two witnesses ascend into heaven and marking the end of 2nd woe

¹³ AND IN THAT HOUR THERE WAS A GREAT EARTHQUAKE, AND A TENTH OF THE CITY FELL; SEVEN THOUSAND PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN THE EARTHQUAKE, AND THE REST WERE TERRIFIED AND GAVE GLORY TO THE GOD OF HEAVEN

Revelation 11:19

Heavenly Temple opened

¹⁹ AND THE TEMPLE OF GOD WHICH IS IN HEAVEN WAS OPENED; AND THE ARK OF HIS COVENANT APPEARED IN HIS TEMPLE, AND THERE WERE FLASHES OF LIGHTNING AND SOUNDS AND PEALS OF THUNDER AND AN EARTHQUAKE AND A GREAT HAILSTORM

Revelation 16:18

Seven Bowls poured out: verse 18—the Great Earthquake **this is more than likely the great earthquake spoken of in Ezekiel 38:19**

GREAT EARTHQUAKE why great earthquake?

Look at **verse 15 GREAT FORCES.**

A great earthquake to counter great forces

20 "AND THE FISH OF THE SEA, THE BIRDS OF THE HEAVENS, THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD, ALL THE CREEPING THINGS THAT CREEP ON THE EARTH, AND ALL THE MEN WHO ARE ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH all God's creation **will shake AT My PRESENCE;**

This is the verbal form of the noun for *earthquake*—*great shaking*

Here, it refers to man... all humans on earth will shake—At the coming of Jesus Christ.

THE MOUNTAINS ALSO WILL BE THROWN DOWN, THE STEEP PATHWAYS WILL COLLAPSE; EVERY WALL WILL FALL TO GROUND

21 "AND I SHALL CALL FOR A SWORD AGAINST HIM Gog **ON ALL My MOUNTAINS,"** Jerusalem and “around Jerusalem” **DECLARES THE LORD GOD.**

What is interesting here is what sword will God call against Gog?

Who will be striking with these swords?

Gog's own army will strike against him, against each other...

"EVERY MAN'S SWORD WILL BE AGAINST HIS BROTHER.

God will bring darkness on the earth, along with the earthquake; and God will cause such confusion, all these armies that have gathered together to attack and destroy Israel, will be thrown into confusion and they will strike each other...*(they will be shooting each other!)*

In the closing two verses nations will look upon the destruction of the Russian army as they invade Israel, as a great divine intervention in history. **For the first time in 1900 years of Church history they will see that God protects the nation of Israel as He protects no other nation... including America.**

22 "AND WITH PESTILENCE epidemics, diseases—we saw people went into confusion and panic with just the threat of swine flu, Ebola well you can imagine what real epidemics – diseases will cause **AND WITH BLOOD I SHALL ENTER INTO JUDGMENT** blood running down through the valley of

Armageddon and up to the shoulder of horses **with him;** Gog of Russia **AND I SHALL RAIN ON HIM,** hail storms and darkness and tornados **AND ON HIS TROOPS,** turning them into great confusion, fear, panic **AND ON THE MANY PEOPLES WHO ARE WITH HIM, A TORRENTIAL RAIN, WITH HAILSTONES, FIRE, AND BRIMSTONE**

The final objective—had they only turned to the Lord all these things would not have needed to come to pass:

23 "AND I SHALL MAGNIFY MYSELF, SANCTIFY MYSELF, AND MAKE MYSELF KNOWN IN THE SIGHT OF MANY NATIONS; AND THEY WILL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD."

Look at Ezekiel 38 verse 16

AND I SHALL MAGNIFY MYSELF

The KJ has rendered the first particle more correctly:

thus

In light of all these things just revealed...this is how I will magnify Myself.

Hithpael perfect of the Hebrew verb meaning **to become great, make great magnify,** become evident of all that He is.

God will make Himself so well known – it will be obvious to everyone.

Hithpael first this is connected to the Piel = intensive but in Hithpael, it expresses *reflexive*-for one's self – **I shall MAGNIFY MYSELF –intense reflexive action by God.**

It more often indicates an action less directly affecting the subject, and describes it as performed with regard to or for oneself, in one's own interest.

I MYSELF will MAGNIFY MYSELF, --I will CAUSE TO BECOME EVIDENT WHO I AM as today so many deny God, Jesus Christ, and serve idols and the fast rising Muslims.

I will SANCTIFY MYSELF again we have the *Hithpael perfect*:

A verb fundamentally meaning to *set apart, to be holy, to show oneself as holy, to treat as being holy*
On the day of the Lord, the Lord will set Himself apart from all gods of man. (Allah of Muslims; Confucious, Buddah, and all the idolatrous philosophies of man.)

But on this day, they will know in truth who God really is.

Read Romans 1:18-23

Unbelief and Its Consequences

¹⁸ FOR THE WRATH OF GOD IS REVEALED FROM HEAVEN AGAINST ALL UNGODLINESS AND UNRIGHTEOUSNESS OF MEN WHO SUPPRESS THE TRUTH IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS,

19 BECAUSE THAT WHICH IS KNOWN ABOUT God IS EVIDENT-WITHIN THEM; FOR God MADE IT EVIDENT TO THEM.

20 FOR SINCE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD His INVISIBLE ATTRIBUTES, His ETERNAL POWER AND DIVINE NATURE, HAVE BEEN CLEARLY SEEN, BEING UNDERSTOOD THROUGH WHAT HAS BEEN MADE, SO THAT THEY ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE.

21 FOR EVEN THOUGH THEY KNEW God, THEY DID NOT HONOR Him AS God OR GIVE THANKS, BUT THEY BECAME FUTILE IN THEIR SPECULATIONS, AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKENED.

22 PROFESSING TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS,

23 AND EXCHANGED THE GLORY OF THE INCORRUPTIBLE God FOR AN IMAGE IN THE FORM OF CORRUPTIBLE MAN AND OF BIRDS AND FOUR-FOOTED ANIMALS AND CRAWLING CREATURES.

Read Romans 1:25

25 FOR THEY EXCHANGED THE TRUTH OF God FOR A LIE, AND WORSHIPED AND SERVED THE CREATURE RATHER THAN THE CREATOR, WHO IS BLESSED FOREVER. AMEN.

And again it is Hithpael—intense reflective action—God will do this for Himself—that all may know who He is the only true God **AND MAKE MYSELF KNOWN IN THE SIGHT OF MANY NATIONS;** **And**—this is why He will magnify Himself, and why He will sanctify Himself, set Himself apart from all that man worships **AND MAKE MYSELF KNOWN** *Niphal perfect*—simple reflexive action,

I MYSELF will MAKE KNOWN MYSELF

MAKE KNOWN *Hebrew verb* meaning to make known, or even confess—acknowledge; He will cause Himself to be known

IN THE SIGHT OF MANY NATIONS they will witness all that He will do on the Day of the Lord. They will acknowledge Him as the true God. **AND THEY WILL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD.**"

Simple Qal perfect of the same verb **I will MAKE MYSELF KNOWN**

**This does not mean they will believe in Him as Savior,
but they will know who He is.
Just as Satan knows who Jesus Christ is,
that He is the Son of God,
yet he does not believe in Him.**

They will KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD –

Tetragrammatons

J H V H or **Y H W H** sacred name of God---

To Moses	tell the people I AM HAS SENT YOU
Jesus Christ	KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD

This is extremely important to God, to Jesus Christ
This phrase is used 164 times in the Old Testament.

The first time it is used is with Abraham and the Abrahamic Covenant:

Genesis 15:7

⁷ And He said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it.”

God used it in declaration to Moses and his encounter with Pharaoh – Satan, and ensuring Salvation.

Exodus 6:1-8 God Promises Action

¹ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for under compulsion he will let them go, and under compulsion he will drive them out of his land.”

² God spoke further to Moses and said to him, “I am the LORD;

³ and I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as God Almighty, but *by My name, LORD, I did not make Myself known to them.*

⁴ I also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they sojourned.

⁵ Furthermore I have heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, because the Egyptians are holding them in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant.

⁶ Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage. I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.

⁷ Then I will take you for My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

⁸ I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and I will give it to you *for a possession; I am the LORD.’ ”*

One of the primary reasons for miraculous deeds by God is that people might know that **I AM THE LORD**

Egyptians –Exodus 14:4

⁴ Thus I will harden Pharaoh' s heart, and he will chase after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD.” And they did so.

Israelites Exodus 16:12

¹² “I have heard the grumblings of the sons of Israel; speak to them, saying, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’ ”

God saved us that we might know Him as **I AM THE LORD**

Exodus 29:46

⁴⁶ They shall know that I am the LORD their God who brought them out of the land of Egypt, that I might dwell among them; I am the LORD their God.

And, of course, the great confrontation between Jesus Christ and Satan in Isaiah 40-60.

Isaiah 41:13

¹³ “For I am the LORD your God, who upholds your right hand, Who says to you, ‘Do not fear, I will help you.’

Isaiah 42:6 and 8

⁶ “I am the LORD, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations,

⁸ “I am the LORD, that is My name;
I will not give My glory to another,
Nor My praise to graven images.

Isaiah 43:3, 11, and 15

³ “For I am the LORD your God,
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior;
I have given Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in your place.

¹¹ “I, even I, am the LORD,
And there is no savior besides Me.
says the LORD your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel,

¹⁵ “I am the LORD, your Holy One,
The Creator of Israel, your King.”

Isaiah 45:5-7 and 18

⁵ “I am the LORD, and there is no other;
Besides Me there is no God.

I will gird you, though you have not known Me;

⁶ That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
That there is no one besides Me.

I am the LORD, and there is no other,

⁷ The One forming light and creating darkness,
Causing well-being and creating calamity;

I am the LORD who does all these.

¹⁸ For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it *and* did not create it a waste place, *but* formed it to be inhabited),

“I am the LORD, and there is none else.

Isaiah 48:17

¹⁷ Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel,
“I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit,
Who leads you in the way you should go.

Isaiah 49:23

²³ “Kings will be your guardians,
And their princesses your nurses.
They will bow down to you with their faces to the earth
And lick the dust of your feet;
And *you* will know that I am the LORD;
Those who hopefully wait for Me will not be put to shame.

Isaiah 51:15

¹⁵ For I am the LORD your God, who stirs up the sea and its waves
roar (the LORD of hosts is His name).

67 times in Ezekiel alone.

So you can see from these few examples,

how vital it is to God that all know **I AM the LORD**

I AM WHO I AM

I AM