



THE BOOK OF

JOEL

The Day of The LORD

...a verse by verse study

Joel

- *“Joel, ... was probably the first of the so called writing prophets; so this book provides a valuable insight into the history of prophecy, particularly as it furnishes a framework for the end times which is faithfully followed by all subsequent Scripture. God started a new work with the writing of Joel, that of preparing the human race for the end of this temporal era, and thus gave an outline of His total plan. Later prophets, including even our Lord, would only flesh out this outline, but in keeping with the divine nature of true Scripture, never found it necessary to deviate from this, the initial revelation.”*

Montague S. Mills

Chapter 1

The Birth of the Nation

National Apostasy

Rejection of Messiah

Rome A.D. 70, 132
Sacrifice stopped

Diaspora

Antichrist
Sacrifice halted

19 LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and burnt all the trees of the field.

20 The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried by, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

CHAP. II.

1 He sheweth to Zion the terrible judgement of Gods judgement. 12 He exhorts to repentance. 13 Prescribeth a fast. 14 Promiseth blessing thereon. 21 He comforteth Zion in present, 23 and in future blessing.

Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and have an alarme in my holy mountaine: let all the inhabitants of the land weep, for the day of the LORD cometh, by which I will cut off the top of the high fortification.

2 A day of darknesse and of gloominesse, a day of clouds and of thicke darknesse, as the morning spread vpon the mountaines: a great people and a strong, there hath not bene euer the like, neither shall be any more after it, euen to the yeres of many generations.

3 A fire deuoureth before them, and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them.

them, the heauens shall tremble, the Sun & the Moone shall be darke, & the starres shall withhold their shining.

4 And the LORD shall utter his voyce before his armie, for his campe is very great: for he is strong that receiveth his word: for the day of the LORD is great, and very terrible, and who can abide it?

11 **C**ome ye also now, saith the LORD, I will be euen to me with all your heauens, with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning.

13 Turne ye now, and turne backe from the LORD: for he is gracious and mercifull, slow to anger, and of great kindelesse, and repenteth him of the euill.

14 **W**ho knoweth he will returne and repent, and leave a blessing behind him, euen a meate offering and a drinke offering vnto the LORD your God?

15 **W**low the trumpet in Zion, sanctifie a fast, call a solenne assembly.

16 Gather the people: sanctifie the congregation: assemble the elders: gather the children, and those that sucke the breasts: let the bridegroome goe forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

17 Let the priests, the ministers of

|| Or, habitation.

|| Or, command.

|| This of generation and generation.

** Isa. 10. 4. am. 1. 12. 20. 1. 1. 2.*

** Isa. 42.*

** Isa. 14. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.*

** Chap. 14.*

Chapter 1

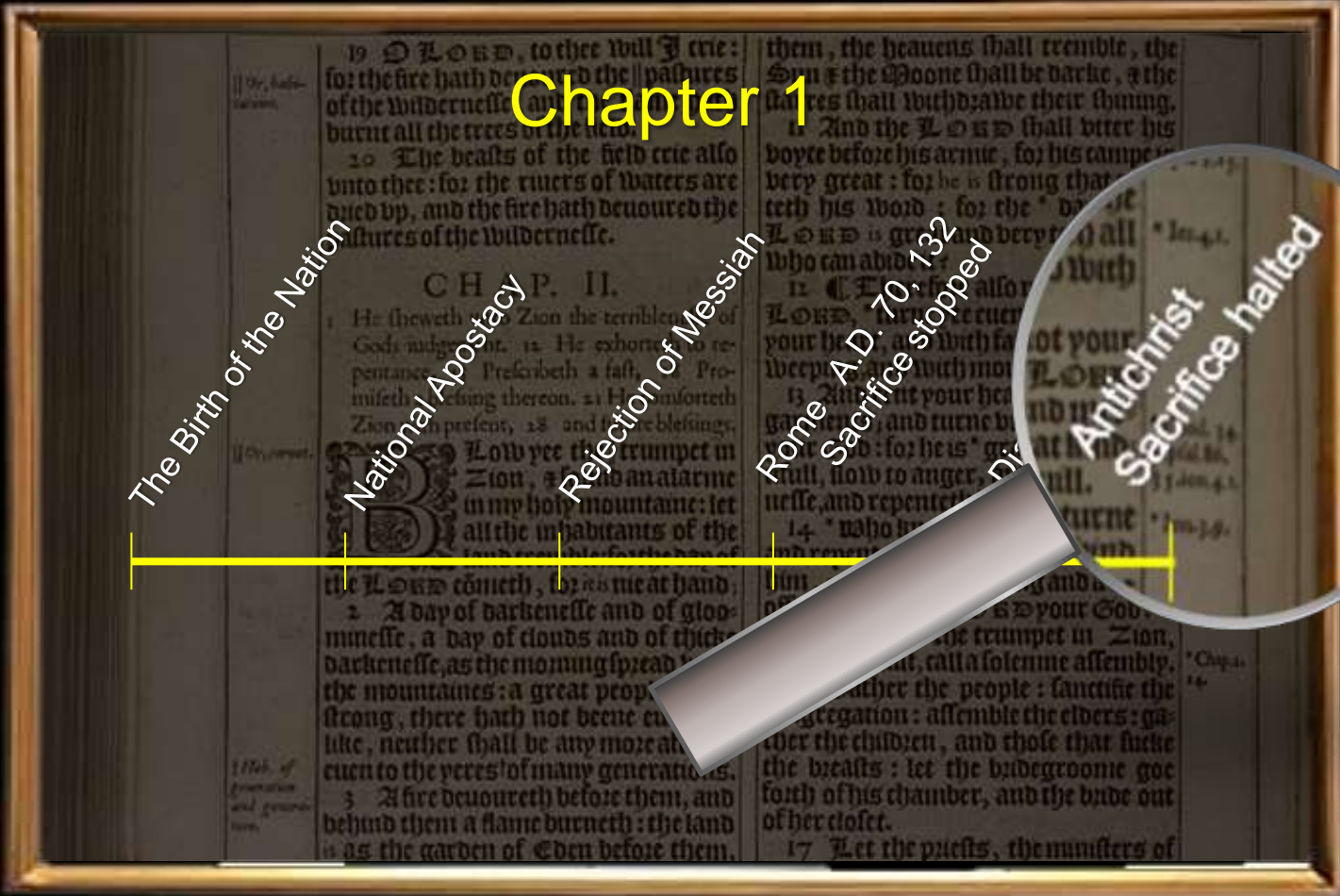
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Chapter 2 The Day of the LORD

Sound the Trumpet!
- Locust invasion
- 2/3rd Israel destroyed

Abomination of Desolation

Israel Flee to Edom

Call for the Church to
intercede from Heaven

Israel Repentant

Israel provided for

Feast of Trumpets

Feast of Atonement

The Great Tribulation

Chapter 3 The Day of the LORD

Armageddon!

Gathering of the Nations

Israel Petition Messiah

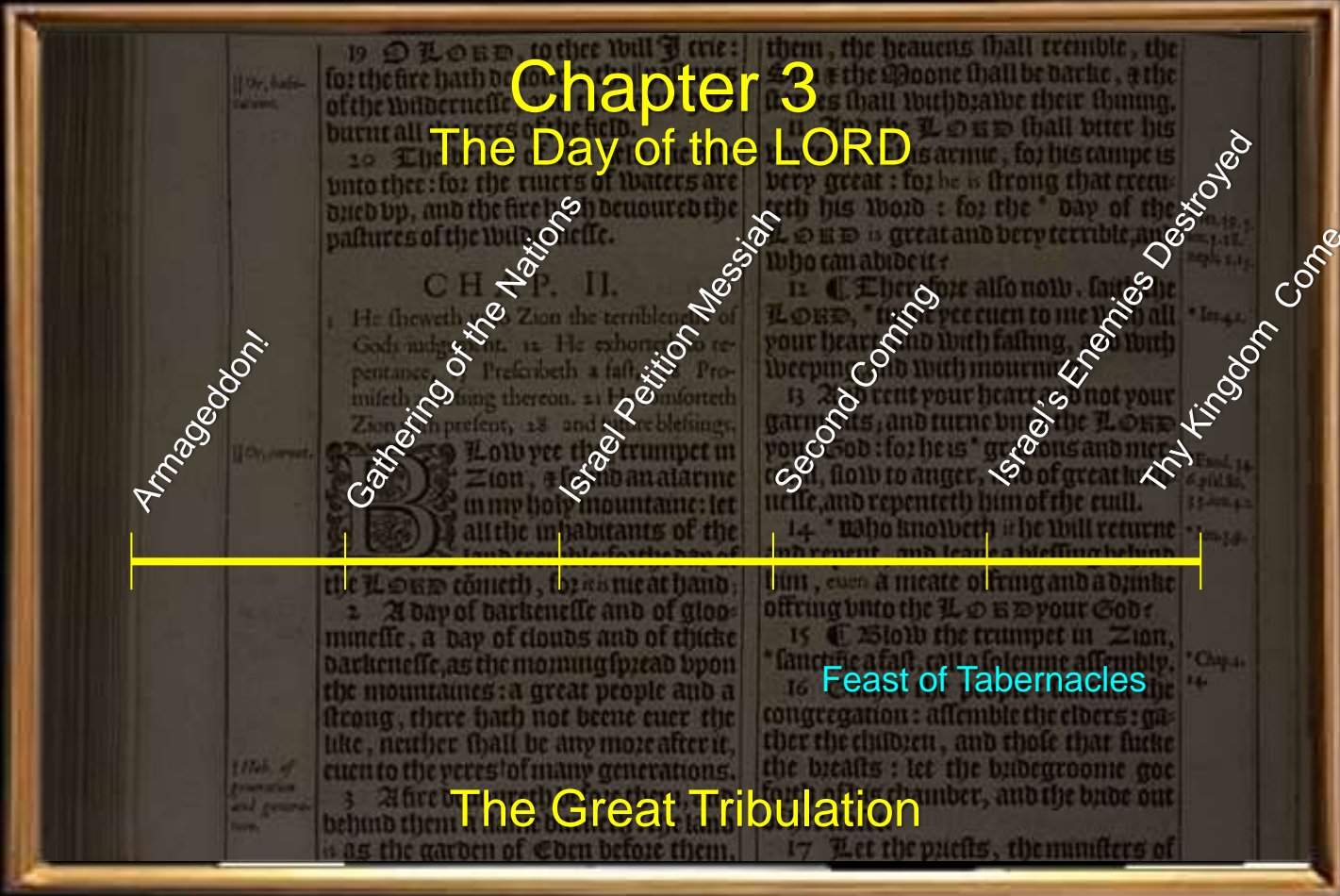
Second Coming

Israel's Enemies Destroyed

Thy Kingdom Come

Feast of Tabernacles

The Great Tribulation





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¹ For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,

Joel 3:1

² I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

Joel 3:2

- Valley of Jehoshaphat = Jezreel Valley
- a.k.a. Armageddon



The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Chapter 16

The Bowls of Wrath

The Tribulation

Church
Raptured

Second
Coming

The Beginning of Sorrows
3 1/2 Years

The Great Tribulation
3 1/2 Years

The 7 Seals



6 Trumpets



(7th Trumpet)



7 Thunders



7 Vials (Bowls)

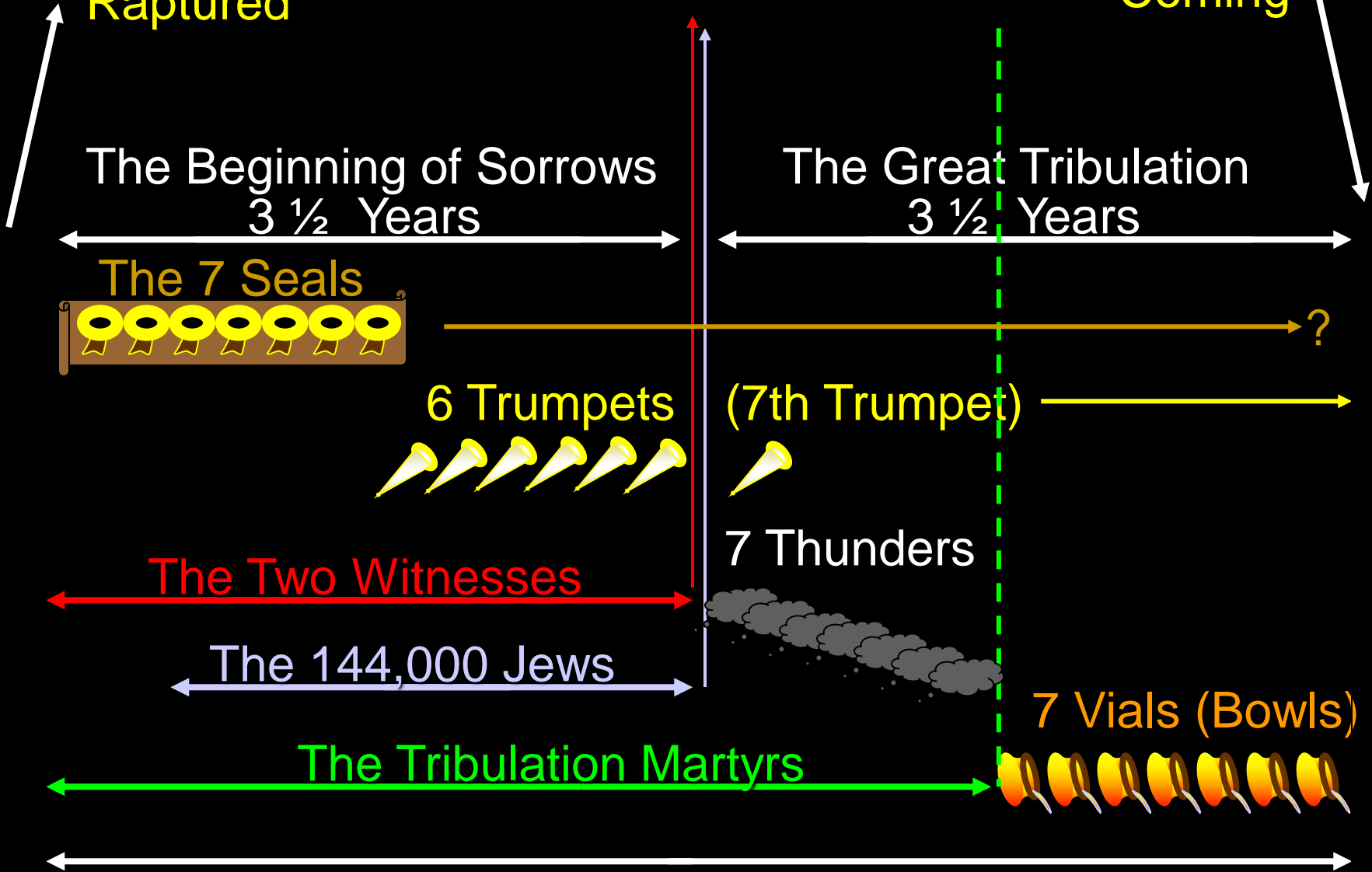


The Two Witnesses

The 144,000 Jews

The Tribulation Martyrs

7 Years



12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

Revelation 16:12

- Who are the kings of the east?
- Almost all scholars seem to agree that they will be the communist nations
 - (China, North Korea, etc)
- They will come at the request of Antichrist to fight against what they perceive to be their common enemy.

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the **kings of the earth** and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Revelation 16:13-14



40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

Revelation 16:15

- Who is being addressed?
- Who are those who scripture identifies as 'watching'?
- The Church!
- This is a wake-up reminder call for us!

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

Revelation 16:16

Armageddon

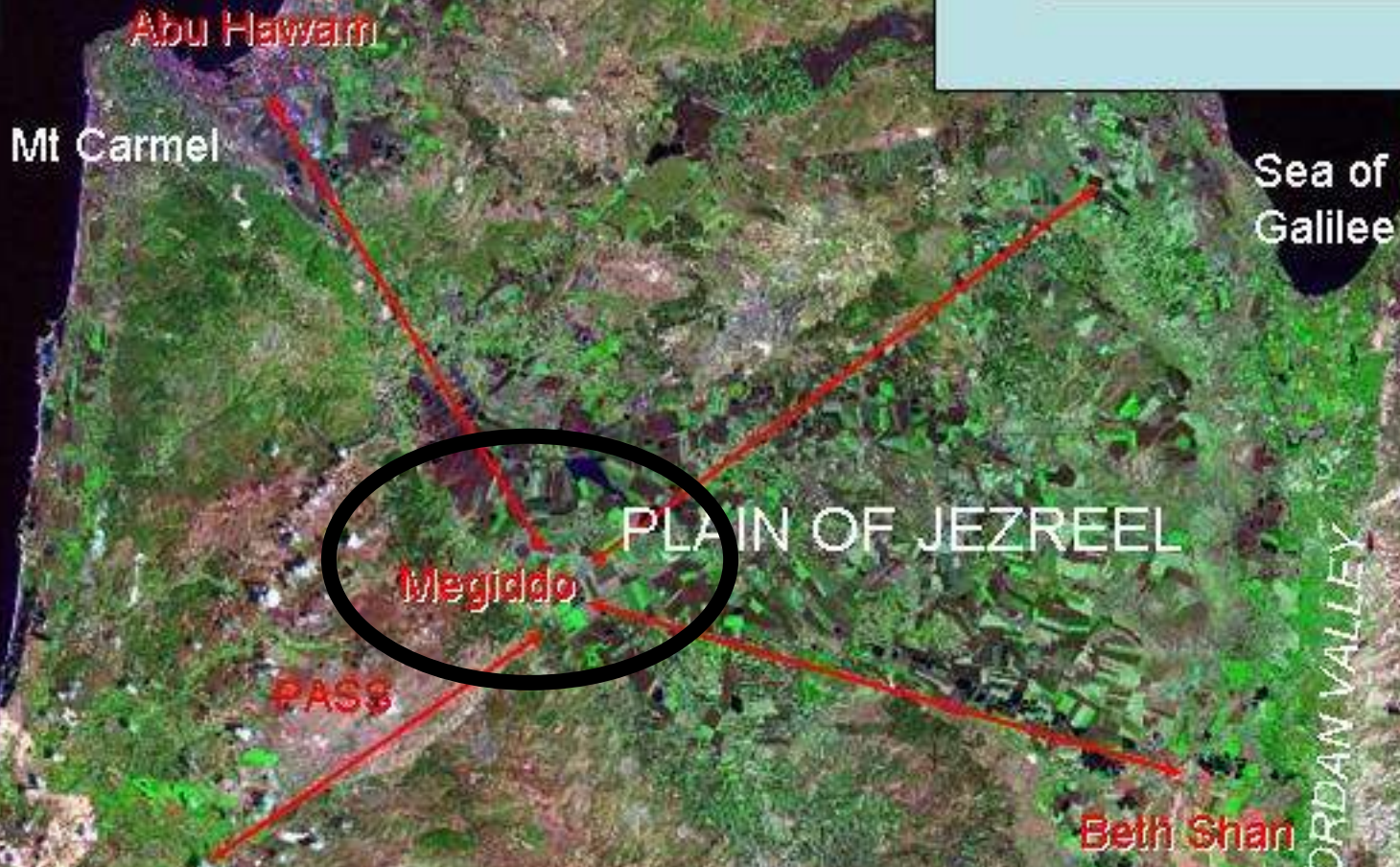
- Very Familiar Term
 - Linked to the “end of the world”
 - Not associated with any specific place
- From two Hebrew words:
 - “Har” = Mountain
 - “Meggido” = “rendezvous” or “place of crowds”

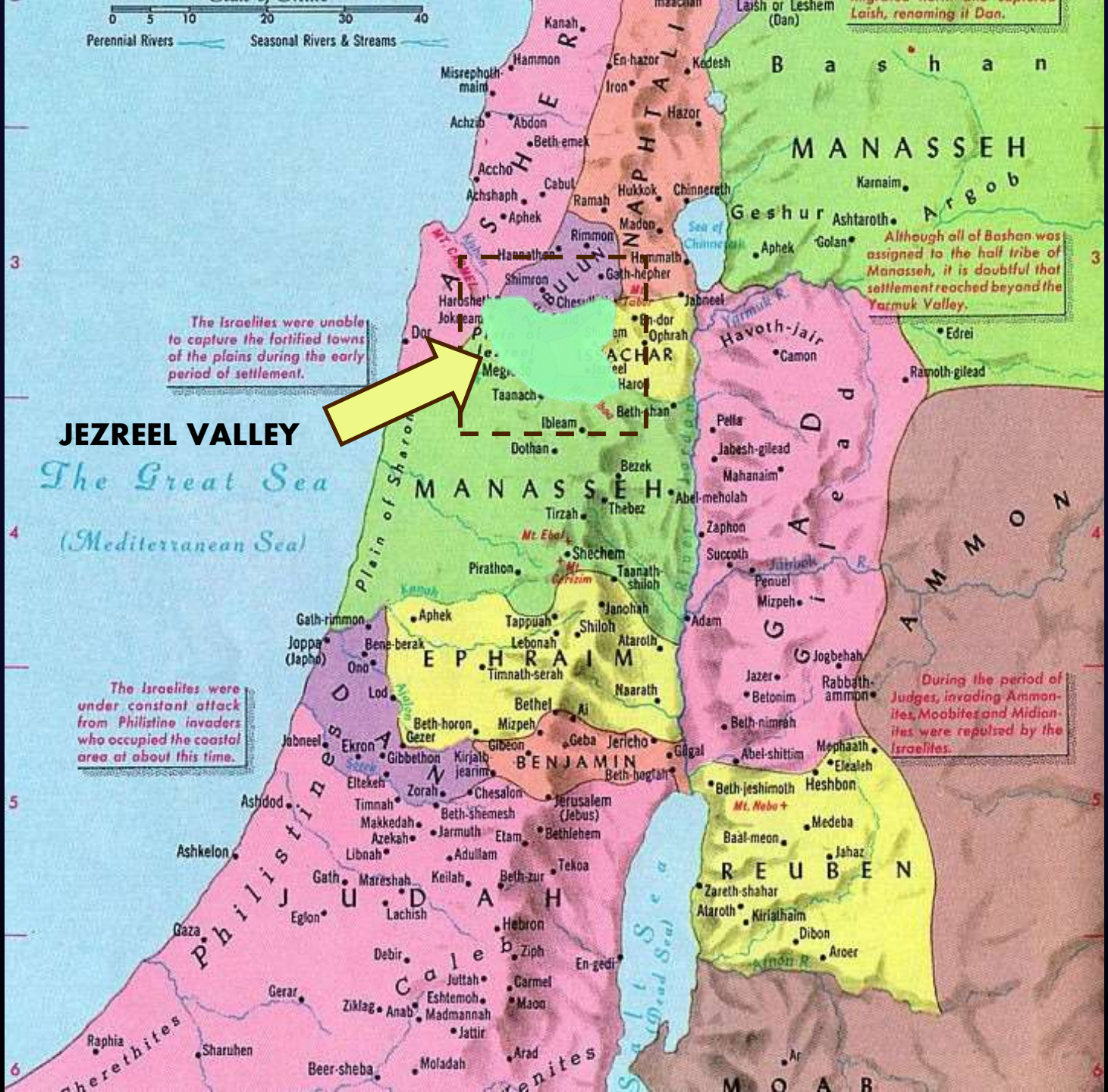
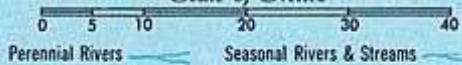
Armageddon



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MEGIDDO
AT THE CROSSROADS





The Israelites were unable to capture the fortified towns of the plains during the early period of settlement.

Although all of Bashan was assigned to the half tribe of Manasseh, it is doubtful that settlement reached beyond the Yarmuk Valley.

JEZREEL VALLEY

The Great Sea
(Mediterranean Sea)

The Israelites were under constant attack from Philistine invaders who occupied the coastal area at about this time.

During the period of Judges, invading Ammonites, Moabites and Midianites were repulsed by the Israelites.

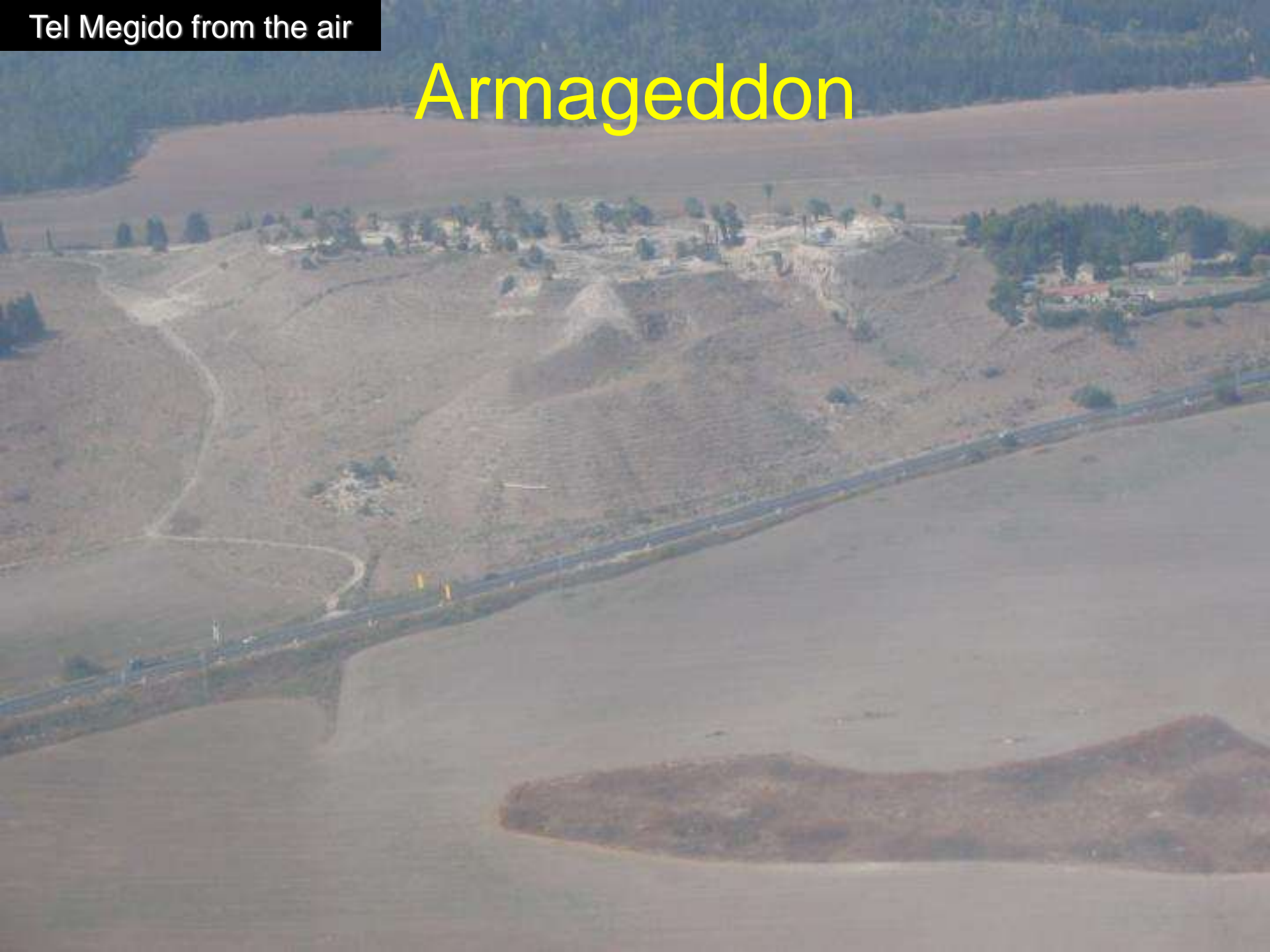
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Armageddon



Tel Megido from the air

Armageddon



Armageddon



Isaiah 63:1-6

Joel 3

Zechariah 14

Revelation 14:14-20 / 16:12-16 / 19:11-18

Megiddo

- Jabin + 900 chariots were overwhelmed
- Gideon's 300 defeated Midianites
Amalekites & children of the east
- Samson triumphed over the Philistines
- Barak & Deborah defeated
- Sisera; Saul slain by Philistines
- Ahaziah slain by arrows of Jehu
- Pharaoh Necco slew King Josiah

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Joel 3:2

3 And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.

4 Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;

5 Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things:

6 The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border.

7 Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompence upon your own head:

8 And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off: for the Lord hath spoken it.

Joel 3:6-8

- Judgment of the Nations: Matthew 25

Daniel 12

¹ And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Daniel 12:1

- At that time? = The time of the end

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- As Gabriel is always seen bringing a Messianic announcement, so Michael is always seen in conflict regarding Israel.

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- This is one of the most prevalent themes in the Bible
- Jeremiah called this 'the time of Jacob's trouble'

The Time of Jacob's Trouble

⁶ Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

⁷ Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

Jeremiah 30:6-7

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Daniel 12:1

- God has always promised to deliver Israel
 - See Deut 30:1-6 / Ezekiel 37:21-28

The Time of Jacob's Trouble

8 For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:

9 But they shall serve the Lord their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

Jeremiah 30:8-9

9 Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:

10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.

11 Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord.

Joel 3:6-8

- This is the reverse of Isaiah 2:4 as the Nations are called to prepare for battle.

12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.

13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats 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.

Joel 3:12-14

15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

16 The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

17 So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

Joel 3:15-17

Zechariah's Vision

- 1 Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.
- 2 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.
- 3 Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

Zechariah 14:1-5

4 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 thereof 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.

5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

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

Revelation 19:14

- Armies:
 - Jude 14; Zech 14:5.
- Angels are with Him
 - Mt 13:41; 25:31; 2 Thess 1:7
- but also we are with Him
 - 1 Thess 3:13; 2 Thess 1:10; Heb 2:10; Col 3:4; Zech 14:5).

7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Revelation 1:7

- *“I gather from this expression that it will be a literal appearing and an actual sight. If the Second Advent was to be a spiritual manifestation, to be perceived by the minds of men, the phraseology would be, “Every mind shall perceive Him.” But it is not so: we read, “Every eye shall see Him.” Now, the mind can behold the spiritual, but the eye can only see that which is distinctly material and visible”* CHS

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.

Revelation 19:11

- He is Faithful & True

The Winepress of God

18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

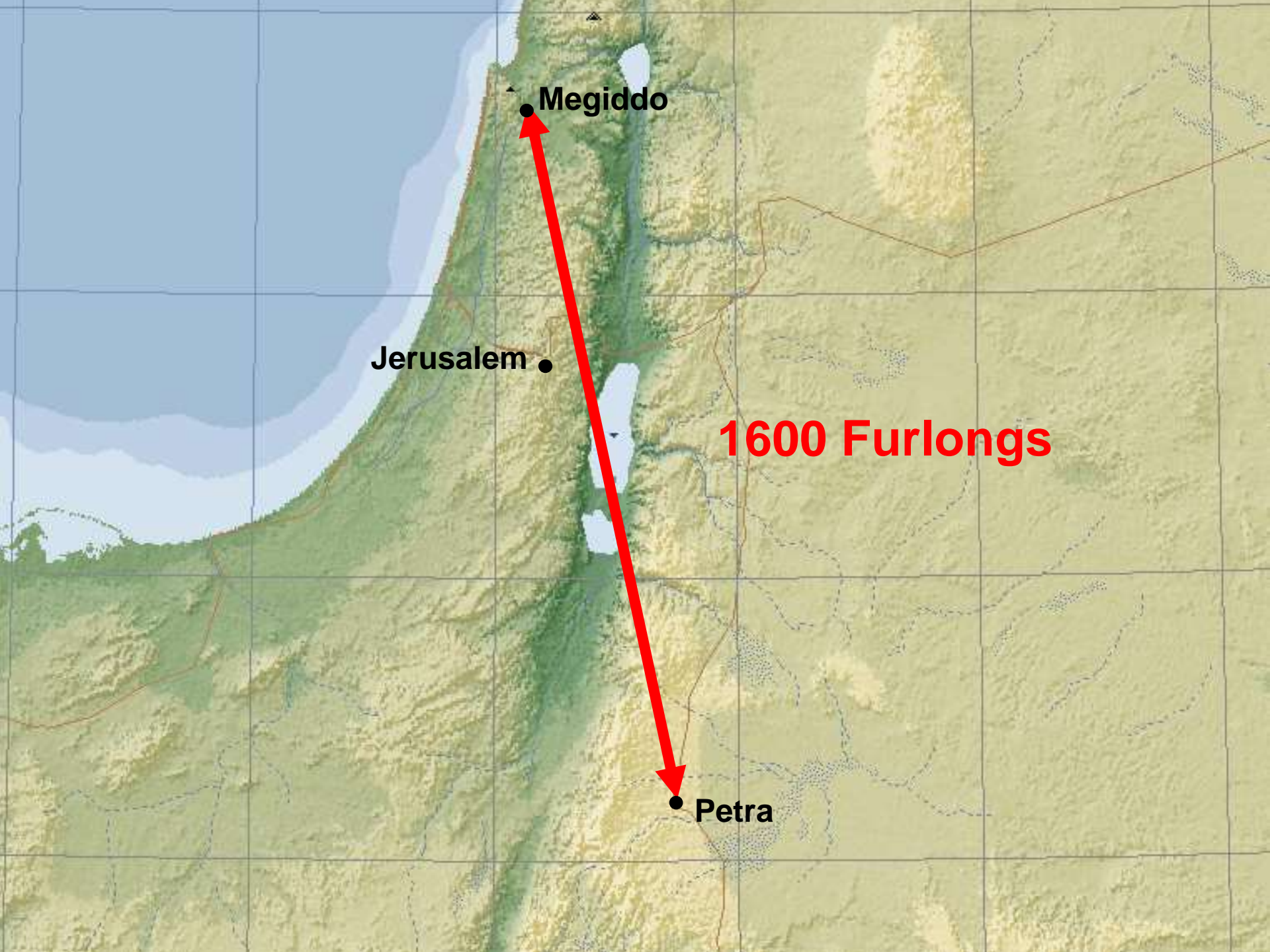
Revelation 14:18

- cf Isaiah 63:1-4

The Winepress of God

- 19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.
- 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.

Revelation 14:19-20



Megiddo

Jerusalem

1600 Furlongs

Petra

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.

Revelation 19:15

- He will destroy the nations by the Words of His mouth!
- They will be confounded before Him!
- Ref Psalm 2

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Revelation 19:16

- Of the 95 Greek manuscripts that Revelation was translated from into the English, all had **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS** in capitals
 - just to underline the point!

- 17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;
- 18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

Revelation 19:17-18

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the Lord, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

19 Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

20 But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

21 For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the Lord dwelleth in Zion.

Joel 3:20-21

- Finally the LORD will 'tabernacle' in the midst of His people!



THE MINOR

PROPHETS

To be continued...

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