

THE COMING 'JUDGMENTS of FIRE'

Precursor to Armageddon . . . Are we prepared ???

Could **DANIEL 12v1** be the most consequential passage of prophecy in the old testament . . . & even the whole bible ?

Not only is it ' A PREVIEW ' of the most momentous & long-awaited event in the history of man - the return of the Lord Jesus Christ 'visibly & physically' to the Mount Olives - but it also reveals a timeline (previously unheralded) which ' authoritatively redefines ' the order of events in the last days.

DANIEL 12 v 1-2

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.

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,
some to everlasting life , and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

DANIEL 12v1 provides us with ' three ' *immutable* facts / truths :

- "AT THAT TIME " - Michael (*Christ*) stands on the Mt.Olives just prior to the beginning of the battle of Armageddon
- "AT THAT TIME " - "*thy people*" (living believers *in Christ*) are ' *delivered / called away* ' out of the time of trouble
- "AT THAT TIME " - many of them that sleep in the dust (the dead *in Christ*) are also raised from the grave.

Most critically , it *also* reveals :

- " **TO THAT SAME TIME** " . . . there shall be " a *Time of Trouble* , such as never was since there was a nation ".

Therefore this period of ' *the time of trouble / tribulation* ' .. 1) is **ALREADY** in progress !!!

.. 2) is **FAR WORSE** than WW1 / WW2 / Great Depress'n

Clearly implicit in this statement by the prophet Daniel , is that the *living believers* who " *at THAT time* " are taken ' *out of the world* ' have been faithfully ' *enduring through* ' the time of trouble . . . UNTIL this moment of *their* deliverance. They , together with the resurrected saints are called away from the *fiery tribulations* that continue to engulf the world.

It is reasonable that ' Armageddon ' (*being the prophetic outworking of the Lord's judgments upon the Gogian invader*) is the focus of much of our attention - HOWEVER - the gravity of this event certainly does NOT preclude the outbreak of another apocalyptic conflict in the intervening period between the East & the West axes. In fact , all the weight of scripture repeatedly points to this exact scenario. Any such conflict would invariably be ' *nuclear* ' and a fulfillment entirely consistent with many prophecies that speak of the final ' **judgments of fire** ' to come upon the earth :

Isaiah 24v6 - " *Therefore hath ' THE CURSE ' devoured the earth* , and they that dwell therein are desolate :
Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned , and few men left. "

Zech 5v3 - " *This is ' THE CURSE ' that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth* :
for every one that stealeth shall be cut off (perish)... ;
and every one that sweareth shall be cut off (perish)... "

Malachi 4v1 - " *For, behold, THE DAY cometh, that shall burn as an oven* ; and all the proud ,
yea, and all that do wickedly , shall be **stubble** : and THE DAY that cometh shall **burn them up** "

2Peter 3v10 - " *the heavens shall pass away with a great noise* , and the elements shall **melt with fervent heat** ,
the earth *also and the works that are therein shall be burned up* ... v12 *wherein*
the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved , and the elements shall **melt with fervent heat** . . "

*** Here is the part . . . that is CRITICALLY IMPORTANT ***

This event comes . . . " **SUDDENLY / AS A SNARE** "
(*as the Bible makes ' perfectly clear ' in multiple passages*)

1Thess 5v3 - " For when they shall say , Peace and safety ; then **SUDDEN DESTRUCTION** cometh upon them , as travail upon a woman with child ; and they shall not escape " .

Luke 21v35 - " For AS A SNARE shall '**it**' come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth . "

Eccles 9v12 - " For man also knoweth not his time : as the fishes that are taken in an evil net , and as the birds that are caught IN THE SNARE . . . so are the sons of men SNARED in an ' evil time ' . . . when '**it falleth**' SUDDENLY upon them . "

Prov 3v25 - " Be not afraid of **SUDDEN FEAR** , neither of THE DESOLATION of 'the wicked' when **it** cometh "

As these scriptures reveal . . . This is a cataclysmic global event ' very few ' see coming . It is ' THE DAY OF THE LORD ' . It is **NOT** the time of the Lord's appearing . Rather , it is A PERIOD of the Lord's judgments which comes suddenly upon " the whole earth " . . . as a snare !! It is a violent , unforeseen event that ' falls upon ' ALL the sons of men .

BY CONTRAST . . . Consider the facts surrounding :

*** THE BATTLE of ARMAGEDDON ***

Armageddon does ' NOT ' come suddenly !! Literally every passage of scripture related to this prophetic end-time battle describes **THREE** distinct and inescapable characteristics that define the circumstances leading to Armageddon :

1) Armageddon is the final culmination of ' a sequence of events ' . It comes - *only AFTER* - a long series of military conquests by the Russian Gog , as he descends from his place out of the north parts into the Middle East . In the prophecy of Daniel Ch.11 we are told that " *at the time of the end* " that **MANY** countries shall be overthrown by this latter-day *King of the North* . Among these nations will be Turkey , Iraq , Egypt , Lebanon and Syria . The very last of these territorial conquests by the Russian Gog will be the nation of Israel .

Upon his arrest of the Holy Land , the prophet Daniel further reveals this victorious tyrant - having swept all before him - will then establish his royal encampment between the seas (ie. Mediterranean & Gallilee) in the glorious holy mountain . This is important because it sets the scene and pretext for the coming battle upon the mountains of Israel .

2) Secondly , Armageddon is a " gathering of the nations " for battle to one geographical location in the land of Israel . It is neither unexpected , nor is it spontaneous . Rather it is the progressive build up of two coalitions of armies in one location for the purpose of battle , the result of escalating geopolitical tensions concerning Jerusalem and the Holy Land . On one side - the vast , all-conquering Russian confederation of nations . On the other side , what appears to be the final remnants of the Western alliance , Sheba , Dedan , Tarshish and the young lions - who seeking to protect Israel - appear only able to offer little more than a meek ' *vocal protest* ' against the Gogian invader .

Repeatedly throughout scripture it is made clear , the LORD will bring (*gather*) all nations into *the valley of Jehoshaphat* for judgment . Therefore this will **NOT** constitute a sudden and unexpected outbreak of conflict . Rather it will be a pre-determined and pre-positioned arrangement of armies in readiness for the purpose of battle , with Russia chief among those armies and already resident in the Holy Land . There is nothing *spontaneous* or " *sudden* " concerning the outbreak of Armageddon . These conditions are entirely at odds to the ' *sudden conflict* ' passages considered above .

3) Finally , is the question of locality between this ' sudden conflict ' and the battle of Armageddon . The former , is consistently described as a curse upon " *the inhabitants of the earth* " . . . " *the whole earth* " . The latter , is a war fought within a localised regional area (*the valley of Jehoshaphat*) in the land of Israel . They CANNOT be the same event .

So if this ' *sudden destruction* ' is **NOT** Armageddon . . . then WHEN does it happen ? Are we *prepared* for such a scenario coming earlier ? (ie. another major international war , the outbreak of which will be both **SUDDEN** and **CATASTROPHIC** worse than World War 1/2) . We need to be *spiritually* prepared to endure through these harrowing global events . As Russia's brutal invasion of Ukraine continues to escalate , such an event is not only *possible* - it is *highly probable* !!! The terrifying prospect of " World War 3 " is now widely feared by many global analysts, commentators and politicians .

Being *prophetically* unseen until now - if such an apocalyptic war were to happen in the intervening period - it would explain perhaps one of the most perplexing mysteries concerning the battle of Armageddon . . . America and China !! Despite currently being ' *by far* ' the two largest economic and military ' *global super-powers* ' neither are ' **EVER** ' mentioned in the bible accounts of Armageddon . How is this possible ? While having comparable sized militaries to Russia , both America and China ' *utterly dwarf* ' Russia in both economic power and global political influence . Yet at the battle of Armageddon we know with certainty Russia stands alone , completely ' *unrivalled* ' among the nations . Could a coming ' *unthinkable war* ' between superpowers bring about this dramatic shift in the balance of global power ?

Furthermore, with its only serious geopolitical rivals (America / China) sidelined and out of the picture, it would also explain how Russia - presently *struggling* to overcome a spirited but '*under-equipped*' Ukraine - is able to rampage through '*like a whirlwind*' and conquer many countries (as prophetically required) with seemingly minimal resistance.

As we watch Russia's faltering invasion of Ukraine grind to an inglorious and humiliating halt . . . Could a desperate, frustrated and vengeful Vladimir Putin turn on the West and its NATO allies with his arsenal of nuclear weapons? Or could a Russian-Ukrainian 'peace deal' be an illusionary pause that precedes the sudden destruction? Could a Chinese attack on Taiwan ignite a war with the West? We know not the exact details but such a 'catastrophic conflict' before Armageddon may explain why America/China are not there and be a fulfilment of the "*sudden destruction*" prophecies.

Mankind is on the threshold of the final '*judgments of fire*'. This period will be *just like* the Lord's judgments in AD70. The invisible hand of Christ and the angels will be at work, but He will be '*no more visible*' during this epoch of fire and judgment than he was then . . . NOT UNTIL '*His appearing*' and intervention upon the Mount of Olives (Daniel 12v1). ONLY THEN will he "*shorten those days for His elect's sake*", those who have been *faithfully enduring* through this final period of tribulation. It will be the time and testing of *our faith* that we may be refined and fit for the Master's use.

1 Cor 3v13-15 - "*Every man's work shall be made manifest :
for 'THE DAY' shall declare it, because it shall be revealed 'BY FIRE' ;
and 'THE FIRE' shall try every man's work of what sort it is .*"

We are NOT to be discouraged or disheartened by the nature of these impending events. Just as Israel were brought out of the '*iron furnace*' of Egypt, or Daniel's three friends were delivered safely from the '*burning fiery furnace*' we are to faithfully endure through these '*fiery trials*' UNTIL the time of our deliverance. For this reason, very specific passages of scripture were written of this coming period to both '*forewarn*' and '*encourage*' the saints in the last days :

Psalm 27:5 For **IN THE TIME of TROUBLE** he shall '*HIDE me*' in his PAVILION (**PASSOVER**)
in the secret of his TABERNACLE shall he '*HIDE me*'; he shall set me up upon a rock

Isaiah 26:20-21 Come my people enter thou into THY CHAMBERS & shut THY DOORS about thee (**PASSOVER**)
HIDE THYSELF as it were for a little moment, until **THE INDIGNATION** (tribulation) be overpast
Behold, THE LORD COMETH OUT OF HIS PLACE to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity

Psalm 31:19-24 Thou shalt '*HIDE them*' in THE SECRET of THY PRESENCE from the pride of man
Thou shalt '*KEEP them*' SECRETLY in a PAVILION from the strife of tongues
O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for the LORD PRESERVETH '*the faithful*'
Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, '*all ye that hope*' in the LORD

Psalm 9:9 The LORD also will be A REFUGE for '*the oppressed*', A REFUGE in **TIMES of TROUBLE**

Psalm 32:6-7 For this shall '*every one that is godly*' pray unto thee in **A TIME** when thou mayest be found
Surely in the '*floods of great waters*' (**nations**) they shall not come nigh unto him
Thou art my HIDING PLACE ; thou shalt '*PRESERVE me*' from **TROUBLE**

Isaiah 33:2 O LORD, be gracious unto 'US'; ... 'WE' have waited for thee
Be thou 'THEIR' arm (**Israel / Jews**) every morning, 'OUR' salvation also **IN THE TIME OF TROUBLE**

Psalm 37:38-40 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off
But the salvation of '*the righteous*' is of the LORD: 'he is their strength' **IN THE TIME of TROUBLE**
And the LORD shall '*HELP them*' and '*DELIVER them*' :
He shall '*DELIVER them*' from the wicked, and '*SAVE them*' ... because they '*TRUST*' in him.

Psalm 41:1-2 Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will '*DELIVER him*' in **** TIME of TROUBLE**
The LORD will '*PRESERVE him*' and '*KEEP him*' alive ; and he shall be blessed upon the earth
And thou wilt NOT deliver him unto the will of his enemies **** (Webster's + ESV >> In 'THE' time of trouble)**

Psalm 57:1 Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make '*my REFUGE*' until **these CALAMITIES** be overpast.

Psalm 59:16 But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning
For thou hast been '*my DEFENCE and REFUGE*' **IN THE DAY** of my **TROUBLE**

We have a wonderful and a merciful God who has given His *faithful* children a most certain promise. Despite the terrible events that will soon take place around us : He will *HELP* us .. He will *STRENGTHEN* us .. He will *PROTECT* us .. He will *HIDE* us and He will *KEEP* us ... He will *PRESERVE* us in a final end-times '*Passover*' UNTIL the appointed time when He will *DELIVER* us and *SAVE* us. May His overshadowing care and blessing be upon us all as we await that time.

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- [SAINTS ENDURE 'THE FINAL TRIBULATION'](#)
- [DIVINE JUDGMENT ... THRO' MAN'S 'WICKED DEVICES'](#)
- [THE COMING 'END-TIMES' PASSOVER](#)

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1. [THE FINAL VISION ... Where there is NO VISION the people perish](#)
2. [EXPECTING THE LORD'S RETURN ... Why we are still here in 2022](#)
3. [REVELATION 12 \(Pt.1 \) ... The Great Red Dragon](#)
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5. [THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD ... Cometh](#)
6. [CLIMATE CHANGE ... The 'Apocalyptic' Bible Truth](#)
7. [THE DESTROYING ANGEL ... & The Coming 'End-Times' Passover](#)
8. [THE TIME OF TROUBLE ... We Are Here Until The End](#)
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10. [THE END OF THE WORLD ... Parable Of The Wheat & Tares](#)
11. [THE BUYER & THE SELLER ... The Rod of Wickedness revealed](#)
12. [THE 2020 PROPHECY ... \(Job 20 \) A Warning For The Last Days](#)
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