

Regarding current happenings in and around Israel: just as I expected, this headline from this past Wednesday: 'Israel Caves to Biden Regime – Agrees to Delay Gaza Ground Invasion...'

And with that delay, it will only become far more difficult to begin the ground invasion with every day that passes; World opinion will only further calcify against Israel. Our expectation should be that the ground invasion will never take place or, if it does, World opinion will be too hardened for Israel to move forward effectively. All that will likely happen, further, will be more of the same as Hamas from Gaza, and Hezbollah from Lebanon, continue their sporadic rocket attacks with life growing ever more difficult for Israelis as the days and weeks pass until Hamas or Hezbollah goes too far, resulting in Israel's finally having had enough. Then when Israel does, finally, attack, Israel will respond with devastating results: devastating, that is, for those of her immediate neighbors.

**And this from the Times of Israel:** 'UN says Israel may be guilty of war crimes for 'collective punishment' of Gaza: "We are concerned that war crimes are being committed. (now... by Israel) We are concerned about the collective punishment of Gazans in response to the atrocious attacks by Hamas, which also amounted to war crimes,"

This is what happens every time Israel begins to retaliate against Muslim atrocities... it's called 'false equivalency,' equating the two together as if both are the same, equally guilty when, in reality, Israel is always far more guilty in the World's eyes. This is what is being put forth every time you see the phrase, 'cycle of violence.'

But the truth is, as Benjamin Netanyahu said, "If the Arabs put down their weapons today, there would be no more violence. If the Jews put down their weapons today, there would be no more Israel!"

The Rapture can occur anytime but the next prophetic fulfillment, on the ground, will most likely be that of Psalm 83: 'Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. <sup>2</sup>For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and **they that hate thee have lifted up the head. *\*\*They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and **\*\*consulted against thy hidden ones.***** <sup>4</sup>They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. <sup>5</sup>For ***\*\*they have consulted together with one consent: they are **\*\*confederate against thee:***** <sup>6</sup>The tabernacles of **Edom**, and the **Ishmaelites**; of **Moab**, and the Hagarenes; <sup>7</sup>Gebal, and **Ammon**, and **Amalek**; the **Philistines** with the inhabitants of **Tyre**; <sup>8</sup>**Assur** also is joined with them: they have helped **the children of Lot**. Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison: <sup>10</sup>Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth.' Psalm 83:1 ***\*\*these phrases*** once again prove the present Worldwide conspiracy against God and against Israel. All these peoples, listed, are those abutting Israel: Gaza, Lebanon and Jordan as well as Southwestern Syria. When this occurs, very soon thereafter will be the attack of the larger confederacy of Ezekiel 38 and the fulfillment of Isaiah 17:1 which says: 'The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.' Today, Damascus is the oldest continuously inhabited city in the World. Soon, it will be a ruinous heap, no longer a city at all.

After this, with destruction of 5/6 of the armies of Russia, Ukraine, Iran, Turkey, Syria, and parts of N. Africa, the Antichrist will rise up to claim that he is the one who has stopped WW3 from continuing; he will claim to be the savior of all mankind, eventually demanding to be worshipped as god while forcing all to receive his Mark on their right hands or foreheads.

The fact that Israel has 'postponed,' their ground invasion into Gaza, due to the feckless and evil American administration's pressure, does not, in any way, mean a postponing of God the Father's telling His Son that the time has finally arrived for Him to go down and retrieve His Bride; that moment was planned long before God even laid the foundations of the Earth. He chose and elected for Himself, every member of His beloved Bride for His Son and He planned every aspect of every life among that, very special to Him, group... you and me and all those around the World, True Christians, both living and physically dead. He gave us the promise that the generation which saw Israel **reborn in one day**, as a nation again after 2000 years, would not pass until all these end time prophecies be fulfilled.

'Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. <sup>8</sup>Who hath heard such a thing? Who ***hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once?*** (May 14, 1948) for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. <sup>9</sup>*Shall I*

*bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God.'* Isaiah 66:7

*'Now learn a parable of the fig tree (representing Israel reborn); When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves (coming back to life), ye know that summer is nigh: <sup>33</sup> So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, **know that it is near, even at the doors.** <sup>34</sup> Verily I say unto you, **This generation (which sees that miracle) shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.** (all: up to and including His return at Armageddon, the end of the 7-year Tribulation) <sup>5</sup> Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. (His Word is sure and true) <sup>36</sup> But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.'* Matt 24:32

A generation in the Bible is anywhere from 40 to 70 or 80 years. If the Rapture were to take place today, the time from May 14, 1948 until His return at Armageddon will have been more than 83 years! His Word is true and will not fail! Time is short!

**Rev. 22: 14:** *'Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.'*

These will be those living on the New Earth and spreading out to the farthest reaches of the Universe. We, the True Church, have no need of keeping any commandments; they are already written upon our hearts and they were all kept perfectly for us by the Lord Jesus Christ in His Earthly life. We will have no need to eat from the Tree of Life; we already possess Eternal Life and we will need no 'right' to enter New Jerusalem; as beloved Bride of the King of kings, it will always be our eternal home from which we shall rule and reign with the King and Lord.

*'But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.'* Jer31:33

*'For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.'* Rom 6:14

*'There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: <sup>4</sup> That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.'* Rom 8:1

Jesus Christ, in His Earthly Body, not only took our sin and punishment upon Himself but He also, in living a perfect and sinless life, fulfilled all the requirements of the Law for us; then, He allowed us to share His complete righteousness. There is no longer any law for us to fulfill except to Love God and each other, as well as our neighbor.

*'For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.'* (Completely and forever!) 2 Cor 5:21

**Verse 15:** *'For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.'*

Remember: God's Word is sure and true. *'All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: <sup>17</sup> That the man, and woman, of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.'* 2 Tim 3:16

Every Word contained has meaning and purpose; not one Word is 'throw away.' He put this verse here and He intends for us to understand the depth of its meaning.

New Jerusalem has come down out of Heaven; it is the Eternal Home of God the Father, His people, and the Lord Jesus Christ with His Bride.

Verse 15 flows out of verse 14:

*'Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.'*

First, are those who must obey and do, all God's commandments. As they do, they will have gained the right, probably repeated each year, to enter into, and visit, New Jerusalem, to eat of the Tree of Life and to drink from

the River of Life, in order to continue living forever. They don't live there; they visit there to bring their worship and honor to God. I believe this is clearly implied by the language of *obedience gaining the right to enter and to eat...* it would not be a onetime ticket lasting forever since obedience is not a onetime action; it is continuous, day by day forever. The wording does not imply that it is a ticket to 'move into' New Jerusalem, only to 'visit,' to marvel at its wonders, to worship and glorify God, the Father and the King, to eat from the Tree and drink from the River... and then, to return to their Earthly homes or wherever else they might live, out among the stars.

I believe the wording also clearly implies that these people will see something jarring, as will we, the citizens of New Jerusalem, those who have their home is New Jerusalem.

Hundreds of years ago, those convicted of certain crimes were punished on display: a man might be kept in stocks for a certain length of time. Townspeople would walk by to gaze or, if self-righteous, to jeer. But more importantly, the 'criminal' was on display as an object lesson to the townspeople: 'Don't do the crime if you don't want to do the time!' Capital punishment was accomplished out in the open, to be viewed as a warning, which is why capital punishment is so important to a healthy society.

When God says, *'For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.'* ... He doesn't mean that the sorcerers, whoremongers, murderers, etc. are hidden away far beneath the surface of the Earth, never to be seen or heard again. He put this verse here, the stark opposite of the previous verse, clearly implying that we, in the glories of New Earth and New Jerusalem, will always be aware of those in the Lake of Fire, in the place where we would be, should be, but never could be because of the Love, Grace and Mercy of our Heavenly Father and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, the rightful King, Who will rule and reign forever. We may somehow see into that place, we may somehow hear into that place... certainly not constantly but, rather, as a 'never too far away' reminder of all that God has done for us, eternally, in choosing us, in taking our sin, for dying in our place, in loving us and wanting us for Himself, in making the way so that we are not down in that place where we most certainly do deserve to be.

Those who do His Commandments are, yearly, allowed to enter New Jerusalem, to honor God and to eat from the Tree of Life but in order to do so, they must pass by the area, where are visible, all those in the Lake of Fire.

Also: even if these mortal people, who must maintain their lives by eating yearly from the Tree of Life, do not then possess a sin nature, as we do, currently, it will still be possible to sin, to disobey His Commandments, either by commission or by omission. We know that animal sacrifice will continue throughout Jesus Christ's 1000-year Kingdom on Earth, it may be that it continues forever as another constant jarring reminder of all that the Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in shedding His Blood and of all that from which He has saved us, eternally. He has not only saved us unto many great and marvelous Eternal things, He has also saved us from many great and horrible Eternal things. As we are often reminded afresh, so too will our praise, glory and honor flow forth afresh, day by day year by year, millennium by millennium and eon by eon, forever and ever, without end.

Some will be in the Lake of Fire while others will not: that's not fair!

Some will live in New Jerusalem while others can only visit: that's not fair!

Some will be allowed to visit New Jerusalem while others will be barred: that's not fair!

Some were chosen and elected by God while others were not: that's not fair!

God is not fair! He never has been. The very concept of fairness demands a lessening of standards; God's standard is perfection and holiness which is impossible for anyone but God; for us to be acceptable, Someone else had to accomplish God's standard of perfection and holiness for us, in our place. Then, that accomplishment could be imputed to us whom God, before He laid the foundations of the World, chose and elected for Himself, for His own pleasure and glory. Only the Lord Jesus Christ could do that and only because of God's unfair love, grace and mercy, could it have been done for us.

**Verse 16:** *'I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.'*

Jesus signs and verifies His Word: 'I said this and it will be done!' I am not only the kingly descendant of David, I Am his creator. Here, Jesus calls Himself: *'The Bright and Morning Star'*. The only times the Bible refers to

*'morning star'* is here, in a title of Jesus and also in Rev. 2 where Jesus promises to give Himself to overcomers: *'And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end... I will give him the morning star'*. Rev 2:28

Then, in Job, the gathered angels are referred to as, *'morning stars,'* because of their brightness but in Isaiah 14, speaking of Lucifer, several modern translations give Lucifer the title of 'morning star,' but, in fact, the Text says no such thing at all! The Hebrew word, used, is 'helel,' which means, simply: 'brightness' which the Latin Vulgate then translated: Lucifer, his assumed name. But instead of simply addressing Lucifer, in Isaiah 14, these incorrect translations give him the title, 'morning star' or 'star of the morning,' which the text does not do, in the Original, at all.

Naturally Lucifer would inspire modern translators to give him a title belonging only to the Lord Jesus Christ.