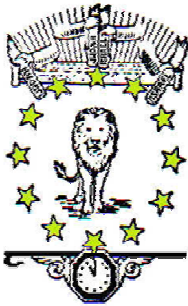


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"Thy Kingdom Come" A Continuation

In the last issue of "The King's Journal" we started a series of articles dealing with the establishment of God's kingdom. We will be continuing with this topic for it is one of the most misunderstood topics in all Christendom.

Seventh-Day Adventists are well aware that there is to be a kingdom, but most often when discussing this kingdom will refer to the kingdom of grace, or what we would interpret as, the spiritual kingdom.

It is true that there is a kingdom of grace since the fall of man, and this kingdom must first be reigning in our hearts when Christ establishes His temporary pre-millennial kingdom, or we will not enter therein. But the Bible also teaches about the pre-millennial phase of the perfect kingdom of glory.

The topic of a literal kingdom to be established in the latter days is "the" most spoken about topic in the entire Bible, yet it is the most rejected and ridiculed of all. How sad it is that God's promise of an "ark of safety" during the final days of earth's history, to His beloved remnant people, has been mocked, ridiculed and rejected! But is there possibly a reason for the misunderstanding? Could it be that it was not time yet for "The Gospel of the Kingdom" to be preached?

Just before Jesus ascended to heaven in the clouds of Glory the disciples asked Him a ques-

tion "saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time *restore again the kingdom to Israel?*" "And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power." (Acts 1:6,7).

Jesus did not deny that the kingdom was to be restored, he only said it is not for "**you**" to know the times or the seasons.

Why do you suppose Christ did not share with the early disciples the time the kingdom was to be established? The best reason of all is that every generation has believed they will be the last and each generation has gone forth to spread the Good News of salvation as if Christ were returning in their lifetime. How would the disciples have felt if they had been told it would be 2,000 years before Jesus would return? That would have been a great disappointment to them and certainly they would not have been as enthusiastic about spreading the gospel, and probably would have allowed the cares of this life to overwhelm them; and all that they accomplished may have been only a fragment in comparison to the triumphant success, all because of their solid commitment, and fervent belief in Christ's *soon* return.

Should we be asking the same question today, "wilt thou at *this time* restore again the kingdom to Israel?"

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The Rise of ISIS and The Fall of Damascus—Syria

By Garrick Augustus, October 17, 2014

It has been 3 years, 7 months and 2 days since the Syrian Day of Rage protests staged on March 15, 2011, and over those 43 months a violent civil war has erupted in the land of Syria, a Moslem strong hold, which is very heavily supported (financially and militarily) by the countries of Iran and Russia. Over 200,000 thousand militants and innocent civilians alike have died in this uprising, yet the bloodshed continues unabated. The people are crying for “more economic prosperity, greater political freedoms and civil liberties”—the basic human rights, to chart their own destinies. They are also looking westward for help against their current political overlords. We have looked at Egypt, Libya and Tunisia and seen the results of popular uprisings and the installation of new political and military administrations, in what is now known as the Arab Spring. Protests also erupted in Oman, Yemen, Bahrain, and Morocco. America and the West are seeking to benefit from Bashar al-Assad’s fall, and the politics goes on.

In this study, we will learn that there is a Divine hand involved in the destinies of nations and kingdoms, and that the crises in the Arab world today, are but the dawning of a new prophetic day, the very sounding gong of the birth-pains, yearning for the Messiah’s Kingdom of peace and righteousness. Next will follow active persecution against Christians, not just in the Middle East, but across the globe. The good news though is simply this, Y’shuah’s kingdom will not be realized on this earth, until the peoples of Abraham’s descent are allowed to hear the everlasting gospel in their own tongue, even while the salvation of our world awaits the Loud Cry of the Third Angel’s message. The challenge is ours, to rise to the antitypical Macedonian call, to rise up to the help of the YHWH, to the help of YHWH against the mighty!

I like this very insightful statement from the pen of Ellen White: “God has a people upon the earth who in faith and holy hope are tracing down *the roll of fast-fulfilling prophecy*, and are seeking to *purify their souls by obeying the truth*, that they may not be found without *the wedding garment when Christ shall appear*.” —*Testimonies for The Church*, vol. 4, p. 307.

The challenge today is ours to be that people. Is your church providing you this “meat in due season,” through understanding “the roll of fast-fulfilling prophecy”? If not, you owe it to yourself to be nourished and fed that your soul may be watered from the “wells of salvation.” (Isa. 12: 3). It is for this reason *alone* why this article is now being written, that those who desire to “purify their souls by obeying the truth,” and to be adorned in “the wedding garment” of Messiah, may obtain it in due season.

The prophet Isaiah lived about 740 years before Christ, and wrote about events for his days and ours. He has written so heavily on the life and ministry of the Messiah, that he is sometimes known as “Isaiah the Gospel Prophet.” His writings speak of last day events with such specificity as is rarely seen in other prophecies, except for those in Daniel and the Revelation. Isaiah predicted the fall of Damascus, Syria, and the rise of a new kingdom in the land of Aram.

“The burden of Damascus. Behold, **Damascus is taken away from being a city**, and it shall be a ruinous heap.” Isa. 17: 1.

According to this prophecy, Damascus, Syria, will cease from being a city State. That kingdom will fall and become a ruinous heap, prior to the Second Coming of Christ in power and great glory! How, why and when will this prophecy be fulfilled, and what will follow in the wake of Damascus’ demise? I cannot now give dates, but the major *events* marking the birth pangs of a new era, will become very evident to the reader, as we journey through this chapter. As signposts to the weary traveler, so are the fast-fulfilling prophecies to the student of Scripture. The central theme of these warnings is to prepare a people for the kingdom of YHWH, wherein dwells righteousness and peace.

Since 2011, a new resistance movement has begun in Syria, known as ISIL (The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant), also called ISIS (the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria), and IS (The Islamic State). The Levant is a large swath of land covering from Turkey in the North to Egypt in the

South, and From Ethiopia in Africa to Iran in the near east. This terror group has become famous for the high level of violence it projects and the wanton beheadings and direct persecutions of all persons disagreeing with their religious views, but they too will *hear and obey* the gospel of Messiah's Kingdom of love and peace.

"The Levant, also known as the Eastern Mediterranean, is a geographic and cultural region consisting of the 'eastern Mediterranean littoral between Anatolia {Turkey} and Egypt'. The Levant today consists of Cyprus, *Israel*, Jordan, Lebanon, *Palestine*, Syria, and part of southern Turkey (the former Aleppo Vilayet)... The Levant has been described as the 'crossroads of western Asia, the eastern Mediterranean and northeast Africa', and the 'northwest of the Arabian plate'. Other names for the Levant include [the region of] Syria, Sham, and the Eastern Mediterranean. Historically, the region was known by a variety of names, of which *the first recorded to apply to the whole region was Canaan*." <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Levant> {Added}.



Syrian News Roundup

"The **Syrian civil war**, also referred to as the **Syrian uprising**, is an ongoing internal armed political conflict in Syria. The conflict began on 15 March 2011 with public demonstrations as part of the wider Arab Spring and developed into a nationwide uprising, and a civil war in 2012. Protesters have demanded the end to nearly five decades of Ba'ath Party rule, as well as the resignation of President Bashar al-Assad.

"In the spring of 2011, the Syrian government deployed the Syrian Army to quell the uprising. Several cities have been besieged, and soldiers were reportedly ordered to open fire on civilians. According to witnesses, soldiers who refused to open fire on civilians were summarily executed by the Syrian Army. Civilians and army defectors began forming fighting units, and unified under the banner of the Free Syrian Army, fighting in an increasingly organized fashion..." <http://en.wikipedia.org>

"The death toll from three years of Syria's civil war has risen to more than 191,000 people, the United Nations reported Friday." <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news>

"Exclusive: Libyan fighters join Syrian revolt against Assad" BEIRUT (Reuters) - Veteran fighters of last year's civil war in Libya have come to the front-line in Syria, helping to train and organize rebels under conditions far more dire than those in the battle against Muammar Gaddafi, a Libyan-Irish fighter has told Reuters." By Mariam Karouny, BEIRUT | Tue Aug 14, 2012; <http://www.reuters.com>

Tunisia, Egypt and Libya have already fallen, while Syria is in teeters—on the verge of collapsing to both internal and external military and political pressures. The struggle is not over, and it will sweep from one Arab nation to another. Numerous countries in the greater Middle East have had their uprisings, and power shiftings to ease the bloodshed, but tensions are running high, and they will reach the tipping point of outright civil war, as we are currently witnessing in Syria.

Joining the Syrian Army is the Hezbollah Islamist Terror Group, one of Israel's arch enemies. And what of Israel? This uprising in the Middle East is also a unifying voice in the wait, and at the appropriate time, they will set their eyes on Israel, the real prize and enemy of Islam, and then the flood-gates of bloodshed and warfare will be opened in the greater Levant! *This will be the opening salvo of World War III.*

Background on Syria

"The burden of Damascus. Behold, **Damascus is taken away from being a city**, and it shall be a ruinous heap." Isa. 17: 1

Damascus, Syria was first mentioned in the Bible when Abraham engaged the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah to recover his nephew Lot. In that account we read: "(14) And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained *servants*, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued *them* unto **Dan**. (15) And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which *is* on the left hand of **Damascus**. (16) And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his [brother's son (see Gen 14:12)], Lot and his

goods, and the women also, and the people.” Gen. 14:14-16.

Note that Lot is not Abram’s “brother,” but instead his **nephew** (Gen 14:12). Observe too that Damascus is identified in the territory of “Dan,” years before the land was so divided by Joshua. In other words, the expanse of the ancient Kingdom stretched to Syria, the territory of Dan—from whence came Israel’s Judge and apostasy!

That Damascus is in the territory of “Dan,” gives rise to the memorable expression “from Dan even to Beersheba” (Judg. 20: 1), which provides the northern and southern extremities of the occupied territories of the nation Israel.

“Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in **Dan**. And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto **Dan**.” 1Ki. 12: 28-30.

Illustrating the distance the people traveled to engage in apostasy, the parallel versions below describe it in words meaning very far away, in the northern quarters. Let’s see some parallel translations of verse 30:

“And this thing became a sin; the people went even **as far as Dan** to worship the one there.” 1Ki. 12: 30, NIV.

“Now this thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the **one as far as Dan**.” 1Ki. 12: 30, NASB.

“Worshiping them became [Israel’s] sin. The people went **as far as Dan** to worship the one calf.” 1Ki. 12: 30, GWT.

History of Damascus

Given the clarity of the prediction, ““Damascus will no longer be a city. It will become a pile of rubble,” it is helpful for us to determine the history of this city, and to determine if it has ever been depopulated since its debut on the stage of time some 4,500 years ago. “Damascus, settled about 2500 B.C., is one of the oldest *continuously inhabited* cities in the world.” www.state.gov

“Many scholars believe that, among the ancient cities of the world, Damascus is perhaps *the oldest continuously*

inhabited. Over the centuries, Damascus has been conqueror and conquered, wealthy and destitute, and capital of empire and small states. Its fame has been sustained by its continuous prominence as a commercial and intellectual centre.” <http://www.britannica.com>

Given the fact that Damascus is “one of the oldest *continuously inhabited* cities in the world,” coupled with the prophetic pronouncement that it shall *cease* from being a city, the only conclusion admissible is that the prediction of her becoming a “ruinous heap,” has not yet been fulfilled, and must be, before the consummation of all things, before the eschatological end of the world.

“After passing through various vicissitudes, Syria was invaded by the Romans (B.C. 64) and *Damascus became the seat of the government* of the province. In A.D. 37 Aretas, the king of Arabia, became master of Damascus, having driven back Herod Antipas. This city is memorable as the scene of Saul’s conversion #Ac 9:1-25....*Christianity was planted here as a centre* #Ac 9:20, from which it spread to the surrounding regions.” *Easton’s Bible Dictionary*, Syria.

“Damascus was for a time the capital of *the Mohometan Empire*, and in the palmy days of Saracen rule was one of the greatest manufacturing cities in the world.”— 1904, ATJ, *Empires of the Bible*, p. 38.

At this point the reader needs to take careful note that Damascus was the seat of government for *four* principal religions, each claiming ancestry in Abraham. It housed Abraham’s family, and thus became a nurturing ground for the Hebrew Faith; it cradled the head of the Roman Empire, and in time the Roman Catholic Faith; it became the capital of the Mohometan Empire and thus the Islamic Faith, and as the place of Paul’s conversion, after the dispersal of the church from Jerusalem, it also became the headquarters of the Christian Faith.

Syria has long been a center for true worship, and the Saviour of mankind also made this place a part of His mission field, when he walked as a man among men: “And his fame went throughout all *Syria*: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.” Matt. 4: 24 his fame went

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At the birth of Y’shuah, the seat of roman power emanated from Syria, the office of the governor, thus we are told of the taxation decree: “(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was *governor of Syria*.)” Luke 2: 2. The inclusion of the “governor of Syria,” in this verse, is designed for us to see that the Roman seat of power—their governmental authority was centered in Damascus, Syria.

Damascus was also a missionary training field, and it was from here that many missionaries were sent to distant fields: “(22) Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to **Antioch** with Paul and Barnabas; *namely*, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren: (23) And they wrote *letters* by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren *send* greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in **Antioch** and **Syria** and Cilicia.” Acts. 15: 22, 23.

“Syria is significant in the history of Christianity; Paul was converted on the road to Damascus and established the first organized Christian Church at *Antioch in ancient Syria*, from which he left on many of his missionary journeys.” <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/3580.htm>

The Predicted Fall of Syria

“The burden of Damascus. Behold, **Damascus is taken away from being a city**, and it shall be a ruinous heap.” Isa. 17: 1

While the governments of the earth plan on the fate of Syria, prophecy declares “Damascus... shall be a ruinous heap.” This ruin is the result of war—fighting from within and battles from without, and Damascus will not survive, but will be deposed and ruled by another government. Credited as one of the “oldest continuously inhabited cities of the world,” a great change is about to take place in this country of Abraham’s descendants. The US-Led Coalition of August, 2014, comprising some 50 nations, have started bombing targets in Syria and Iraq, even as they train “moderate” terrorists to unseat the Syrian gov-

ernment of Basher Al-Assad.

The language of this verse makes evident that this event is yet future, for had it already been fulfilled, it would not today still be the capital of Syria (Isa. 7:8). When this prophecy has met its fulfillment, the present tense “is,” will become very evident in the annihilation of the City’s inhabitants. That the locus of this prophecy extends beyond the limits of Damascus, is evident from the rest of the chapter:

“(2) The *cities of Aroer are forsaken*: they shall be for *flocks* [See Zeph. 2: 6], which shall lie down, and *none* shall make *them* afraid.” Isa. 17: 2.

Note carefully that the prophet spoke of “cities” and used the pronoun “they,” when addressing the place called Aroer. While there is today no specific city in Syria with the name “Aroer,” we conclude that the point of the prophecy is to represent Aroer as the prophetic name for the nation of Syria, inclusive with her various cities and population centers in the Holy Land. Hence the major population centers of Syria and greater Canaan, such as: Aleppo, Homs, Hama, Latakia, and Ar-Raqqah, to mention a few, will be depopulated of their inhabitants through the forces of warfare. But while these cities will be “forsaken” of their former inhabitants, they will not at all be deserted, for instead being transformed into perpetual waste lands, they shall become dwelling places “for flocks”—righteous people, the remnant of the true Israel of YHWH in the last days—the 144,000.

The city of **Aroer** was once possessed by Israel, and is now called Arair, located 13 miles west of the Dead Sea, in the mountains of Gilead and Bashan. “While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and her towns, and in **Aroer** and her towns, and in all the cities that *be* along by the coasts of Arnon.” Jud 11:26.

“In those days the LORD began to cut Israel short: and **Hazael** smote them in all the coasts of Israel; From Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from **Aroer**, which *is* by the river Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan.” 2Ki 10:32-33. That Aroer and her towns were finally taken by the Syrians, is clear from the above Scripture record, and the Bible is clear that Hazael was the king of Syria: “(22) But

Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.” 2 Kings 13: 22.

The fate of Syria, will likewise be the fate of the entire Levant—the land of Canaan: “(4) For *Gaza* shall be forsaken, and *Ashkelon* a desolation: they shall drive out *Ashdod* at the noon day, and *Ekron* shall be rooted up. (5) Woe unto 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*. (6) And the sea coast shall be *dwellings and cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks*. (7) And the coast shall be for *the remnant of the house of Judah*; they shall feed thereupon: 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: 4-7.

The mention of “*cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks*,” is not an announcement of cattle ranching, but of the herding of sheep in the Good Shepherd’s pasture—righteous people—saints. “(37) Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet *for* this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do *it* for them; I will increase them with *men like a flock*. (38) *As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem* in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with *flocks of men*: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.” Ezek. 36: 37, 38.

“The **fortress also shall cease** from Ephraim, and the kingdom [shall cease] from Damascus, and **the remnant of Syria**, they shall be **as the glory of the children of Israel**, saith the LORD of hosts. Isa. 17: 2-3 [Added].

“The fortresses” are indicative of military installations, places of defense, and political strong holds against the enemy. The message here is clear, these military bases and other defensive fortifications shall also cease from the land of Ephraim—Northern Israel. We are also informed with even bolder language that *the kingdom shall cease from Damascus*. Since Damascus is the capital of Syria—the place where the governmental leadership is located, then for this system to “cease” is a clear statement against the central government of that country. This is not the change of one political regime to another, but the change of political government into the theocracy of the kingdom church.

“The remnant of Syria” represents the faithful believers—true Christians who at that time dwell in that land; they shall not be cut off, but remain to enjoy the glories of the kingdom, similar to the remnant in Zech. 14, who are not cut off, but remain in the city till the kingdom comes: “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 [remnant] of the people *shall not be cut off* from the city.” Zech. 14: 2

Their being “as the glory of the children of Israel,” indicates that “the remnant of Syria,” shall be like ancient Israel in her glory, under the reign of Joshua. As Israel marched to the Promised Land they grew from strength to greater strength, and from victory to greater victory, and so will it be with the Church of YHWH in the time of the Loud Cry of the Third Angel’s message. Thus, *fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners, shall the Church of God enter upon her final conflict in the battle of sin, conquering and to conquer!*

Isaiah 17:3 In Parallel Versions

“Fortified cities will disappear from Ephraim, and **the kingdom will disappear from Damascus**. The remaining few from Aram will **share Israel’s honor**,” declares the Lord of Armies.” **Isaiah 17:3**, GOD’S WORD Translation (GW)

“The fortress will disappear from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus; and **the remnant of Syria will be like the glory of the children of Israel**, declares the LORD of hosts.” Isa. 17: 3, ESV

"The fortified city will disappear from Ephraim, And sovereignty from Damascus And the remnant of Aram; They will be **like the glory of the sons of Israel**," Declares the LORD of hosts." Isa 17: 3, ASB

“(4) And in that day it shall come to pass, *that* the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.” Isa. 17: 4

Jacob was the name of Israel before his new-birth transformation, and so becomes a fitting symbol of the Church prior to her liberation into the glorious kingdom of our Lord. “The glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean,” means that YHWH is about to “thin” up Jacob, and “lean” up his people—his church. When therefore, Damascus becomes a trembling

to the nations, the Almighty sends forth this sign as a warning to his people, his church, that he is about to take the divine scalpel in hand, and begin the purification work among them, and only the faithful remnant will survive this purifying, *leaning* and *thinning* process. See Ezek. 9:1-7 for more on this cleansing work in the church of God. He will turn and overturn in the institutions called by His name, and separate the wheat from the tares, the good fish from the bad, the dross from the gold, the righteous from the unrighteous in the Laodicean Church! Those of understanding who are informed as to the “roll of fast-fulfilling” prophecies, shall see in Damascus’ demise the sign of their deliverance, even while others ignore it as just another “war and rumor of wars.” Unless we correctly understand the signs of our times, the Lord’s coming to His temple to purify the sons of Levi, shall be a “thief in the night” experience for us, rather than the welcomed visitation from a long-awaited guest.

This statement from Ellen White’s pen is rather timely and fitting at this point: “*Whole conferences are becoming leavened with the same perverted principles... The Lord will work to purify his church. I tell you in truth, the Lord is about to turn and overturn in the institutions called by his name. Just how soon this refining process will begin, I cannot say, but it will not be long deferred. He whose fan is in his hand will cleanse his temple of its moral defilement. He will thoroughly purge his floor.*” *The Paulson Collection of Ellen G. White Letters*, p. 415; also in *Testimonies to Ministers*, pp. 372-3.

“The Harvestman Gathereth the Corn”

“(5) And it shall be as when the Harvestman gathereth the corn, and reapeth the ears with His arm; and it shall be as he that gathereth ears in the valley of Rephaim [the valley of the giants].” Isa. 17: 5

In the Bible, corn is a crop which is harvested during the firstfruit harvest—the time of Passover, thereby representing the gathering time of the 144,000 saints—the gos-

pel’s “first fruits.”

“And if thou offer a meat offering of thy firstfruits unto the LORD, thou shalt offer for the meat offering of *thy firstfruits green ears of corn* dried by the fire, even corn beaten out of full ears.” Lev 2:14

“(10) And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the **Passover** on the fourteenth day of the month at

even in the plains of Jericho.

(11) And they did eat of the old **corn** of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched [corn] in the selfsame day.” Jos 5:10.

“These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men,

being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.” Rev. 14:4. This verse also makes clear that there can be no “firstfruits” harvest without Passover, for the one complements the other. Christians today who hold that these feasts, including Passover, have been nailed to the cross, will be among those who fail to see these glaring signs of our times. Wake up, my friends, for the hour is late!

The Valley of Rephaim: This location has been a Philistine hideout for ages, and comes down to us as the place where the enemies of YHWH dwell—their spiritual hiding places.

- “**The Philistines** also came and spread themselves **in the valley of Rephaim.**” 2Sa 5:18.
- “And **the Philistines** came up yet again, and spread themselves **in the valley of Rephaim.**” 2Sa 5:22.
- “Now three of the thirty captains went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the host of **the Philistines** encamped **in the valley of Rephaim.**” 1Ch 11:15.
- “And **the Philistines** came and spread themselves **in the valley of Rephaim.**” 1Ch 14:9.

“...Unless we correctly understand the signs of our times, the Lord’s coming to His temple to purify the sons of Levi, shall be a “thief in the night” experience for us, rather than the welcomed visitation from a Long-awaited guest.”

From the above arrangement of Bible verses, it becomes evident that *the valley of Rephaim* is proverbial for being a Philistine hideout, hence it becomes a symbol of the tares, the unfaithful professed Christians in the Church of God, the enemies of righteousness during the time of harvest. We today need to determine if we are an “uncircumcised (unconverted) Philistine” or a conforming Israelite, for the work of the divine “Harvestman” will determine the destiny of each. The Bible tells us that He who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man, and that he will come to harvest the crop Himself:

“(14) And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud *one* sat like unto **the Son of man**, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. (15) And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. (16) And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.” Rev. 14: 14-16.

This first reaping by “the Son of man,” is not the end of the harvest, but its very beginning, nor is it the Second Coming, for at that time He wears “many crowns” (Rev. 19: 12), whereas at this reaping He only had “a [single] golden crown” on his head. Further, after He had reaped from the earth only “ripe” grapes, another angel went forth (v. 18), and gathered “fully ripe” grapes from the “clusters of the vine of the earth,” all the while being careful to gather “the vine [*not clusters*] of the earth, and cast *it* into the great winepress of the wrath of God.” (v. 19). So there are two reapings of righteous saints—the gospel’s first fruits—144,000, and the final harvest of second fruits—the “great multitude, from every nation, kindred, tongue and people.” (Rev. 7: 9).

The “Thinning” and “Leaning”

“(5) And it shall be as when the Harvestman gathereth the corn, and reapeth the ears with His arm.” Isa. 17: 5.

This work of “thinning” and “leaning” is as meticulous as though it were a hand-picked harvest by the farmer himself. This “husbandman” is the Messiah himself Who will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and He shall purify His church—the sons of Levi: “(1) Behold, I will send my

messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. (2) But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner’s fire, and like fullers’ soap: (3) And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and *he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver*, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.” Mal. 3: 1-3.

At this time also, another of Isaiah’s prophecies will be fulfilled: “(19) And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles. (20) And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the LORD out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. (21) And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, saith the LORD.” Isa. 66: 19-21.

From this passage, it is clear that the sealed company—the 144,000 who survive the day of cleansing in the Church of God, will be sent as evangelists to the ends of the earth—“the nations”—to teach them of YHWH’s fame and reveal His Glory. Thus will God have a holy sanctified ministry to proclaim the Loud Cry of the Third Angel’s message.

“Yet *gleaning grapes shall be left* in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two *or* three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four *or* five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, saith the LORD God of Israel.” Isa. 17: 6.

The fact that “gleaning grapes shall be **left** in it,” is evident that the Gospel of salvation has not been closed, and that the harvest comprehends more than a conglomerate gathering, but a systematic separation of saints from sinners, first in the church and then in the world. (1 Pet. 4: 17).

From our earlier review of Rev. 14: 14-19, this prophecy

in Isaiah 17 further confirms that probation is not closed for all at the first fruit harvest, for there remain “gleaning grapes” [righteous souls] two or three berries in the top, and four or five in the outermost *fruitful* branches” to be gathered in. When Y’shuah fed the multitudes, he was careful to instruct His disciples to “gather up the fragments.” This means that no good fruit will be left in the harvest field to rot, but that they will all be winnowed and gathered in His barn. This is the final harvest of earth, and those who are not gathered in at this time, will become food for worms, and fuel for the fire.

“(15) Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith? or shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? as if the rod should shake itself against them that lift it up, or as if the staff should lift up itself, as if it were no wood.” Isa. 10: 15. In other words, “Shall sinners dictate to the Saviour how

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to save?” Shall the clay dictate to the potter what type of pottery to make? Since He is the Sovereign YHWH all by Himself without the need of any assists, we ought all the more earnestly to take heed, that the proverbial “stone” does not fall on us and grind us to powder! O to be broken by Him today, that we may stand in His righteousness on that day!

“(16) Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his *fat* ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.” Isa. 10: 16. “Fat” is never good, and the Torah prescribes it to be *burnt*. See Lev. 4: 8-12.

“(17) And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall *burn and devour* his thorns and his briers in one day; (18) And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body: and they shall be *as when a standardbearer fainteth*. (19) And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be *few*, that a child may write them.” Isa. 10: 15-19.

“The days are fast approaching when there will be great perplexity and confusion. Satan, clothed in angel robes, will deceive, if possible, the very elect... Those who have

proved themselves unfaithful will not then be entrusted with the flock. In the last solemn work *few great men* will be engaged. They are self-sufficient, independent of God, and He cannot use them. The Lord has faithful servants, who in the shaking, testing time will be disclosed to view.” {5T 80.1}.

“The contest is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. In this time the gold will be separated from the dross in the church. True godliness will be clearly distinguished from the appearance and tinsel of it. *Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy will then go out in darkness*. Chaff like a cloud will be borne away on the wind, even from places where we see

only floors of rich wheat. All who assume the ornaments of the sanctuary, but are not clothed with Christ's righteousness, will appear in the shame of their own nakedness.” {5T 81.1}

Sinners Will Respect The Saviour

Isa. 17:7 At that day shall *a man look to his Maker*, and his eyes shall have *respect* to the Holy One of Israel.

“A man,” here, implies people in general. They seeing the purification of the church will take serious heed to the gospel, and use this signal [purification of the Church] as their last warning sign to get right with their maker and King, hence the world will “look” to YHWH for salvation, and “have **respect** to the Holy One of Israel.” Today the world flaunts its fist in the face of its Maker, because the church is living after the manner of the world. But when God gets a people to represent his character to the nations, then the nations shall also have “respect” for the God of Jacob. Friends, Christ is waiting on you and me, with longing desire for the reproducing and manifestation of His perfect character in our lives, so that His work of redemption for earth can quickly close. Let’s respect Him today!

Look around us you’ll and see that sinners have no respect for Y’shua, and the Church—nominal Christianity, in general, has no respect for Him either. How true the

thought that the sins of the world lie at the door of the Church! When adultery, homosexuality, abortion, robbery and other vices in the world are also reflected in the life of the Church in equal numbers, what is there to motivate the world to respect our God? Do you now see why He has to first cleanse His church of her moral defilement that the influence of the truth can testify to the world of its sanctifying ennobling character? O Friend, let's respect the Saviour today, that the blood of sinners do not lie on our shoulders, and we may thereby save ourselves and our households for His perfect kingdom of righteousness. But when the Almighty gather's His first fruits, then shall the people of earth again "have *respect* to the Holy One of Israel," and reverence His name. Thus shall men have respect for the Holy One of Israel or continue in their transgression of His Torah and die in their sins. This is the heart of the "everlasting gospel"—"fear God and give glory to him." (Rev. 14:7).

"(11) The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. (12) For the day of the LORD of hosts *shall be* upon every *one that is* proud and lofty, and upon every *one that is* lifted up; and he shall be brought low: (13) And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, *that are* high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan, (14) And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills *that are* lifted up, (15) And upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall, (16) And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures. (17) And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. (18) And the idols he shall utterly abolish. (19) And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth. (20) In that day **a man** shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made *each one* for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; (21) To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth." Isa. 2: 11-21.

"(11) And I will punish the world for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of

the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. (12) I will make **a man** more precious than fine gold; even **a man** than the golden wedge of Ophir." Isa. 13: 11, 12.

In the day when the Almighty punishes the world for its evil, YHWH will refine and purify those who are striving after holiness, and will esteem a righteous man "more precious than fine gold; [yea], even a man [more precious] than the golden wedge of Ophir." When through his refiner's fire and fuller's soap He cleanses His church, all the dross—the worthless material—will have been washed away, and only the purity of a virtuous Christian character will be remaining for the world to see.

Ophir is mentioned as a gold-region, and the Gold of Ophir is esteemed for its purity, and so will the Church at that day. The gold of Ophir was used in the construction of Solomon's temple, (1 Ki. 9: 28), of which the Bible states was built without a hammer or a chisel on the temple site, (1 Ki. 6: 7). All stones were pre-cut at the quarry, and brought as perfect stones for their rightful places in the overall structure of that magnificent edifice. So must it be with us—as followers of the Lamb who have perfected their characters before Him, we will individually occupy our places in that building which is "fitly framed together [and] groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord." (Eph. 2: 21).

Isa. 17: 8 And **he** [speaking of the same "man" in verse 7, representative of all sinners,] shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall **respect that** which his fingers have made, either the groves, or the images.

The "he" who shall not look to the altars nor have respect for the work of his fingers, is the same "man" identified in verse seven, which is symbolical of sinners in general. When Christians get their act together and "respect the Holy One of Israel," then shall the people of earth—worldly minded sinners, "respect" our God. The Church of the living YHWH has been set in this world as a city on a hill, which cannot be hid; she is intended to be a beacon to the seafaring traveler, a mother to the homeless and destitute, a light to those who are groping in darkness, bread to the hungry, water to the thirsty, salt to season and preserve the knowledge of YHWH in the earth, and the door of salvation to all who desires it. But when the

Church of YHWH, eats and drinks like the world, dresses like the world, socializes like the world, votes like the world, goes to the same excesses like the world, and worships like the world, then sinners realize that the Church is only a mockery to holiness, an affront to righteousness and a hypocrite to the Torah, then they prefer to *have no part with its duplicitous practices!* I thank my God that soon he will have a people complete in Him, a people who are without sin in their lives, a people who follow the Lamb of YHWH wherever He leads and goes. I want to be numbered among that band of holy “repairers of the breach,” how about you, friend!

Today the nations gloat in their pride of attainments, we boast about having discovered electricity and the science of electronics, about inventing locomotives, automobiles, airplanes and space ships; about large militaries and strong economies; sky scrapers, bridges traversing precarious land formations and transcontinental subways; Cellular phones, Television and Internet; same-sex marriages, pornography and human trafficking; smart bombs, stealth fighter planes and pilotless drones; nuclear bombs, hydraulic fracking and trans-national Pipelines, and the list goes on and on. I am grateful that the day is coming when sinners “shall not look to the altars of wood and stone, of mortar and clay— the work of his hands, neither shall *respect* that which his fingers have made, either the groves, or the images,” but shall instead **respect** the Most High, because of His holiness which is demonstrated in his purified church on earth. When as a people, we realize the sacred trust with which we have been entrusted, to be the ambassadors of the King of the universe, then we as Christians, shall be more circumspect in how we live our lives in the midst of a sin cursed earth. Ω

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Deodorant Recipe

Ingredients:

6-8 Tbsp Coconut oil (solid state)
1/4 cup baking soda
1/4 cup arrowroot powder or cornstarch (arrowroot is preferred)



Directions:

Combine equal portions of baking soda & arrowroot powder.

Slowly add coconut oil and work it in with a spoon or hand blender until it maintains a firm but pliable texture. It should be about the same texture as commercial deodorant, solid but able to be applied easily. If it is too wet, add further arrowroot powder/cornstarch to thicken.

You can either scoop this recipe into your old deodorant dispensers or place in a small container with lid and apply with fingers with each use. Makes about 1 cup. This recipe lasts about 3 months for two people with regular daily use.

Source: www.realfarmacy.com

German Reporter Spent Time With ISIS

German reporter Jürgen Todenhöfer spent months negotiating a [trip to the Islamic State](#) with up to 80 fighters, until he had reassurance that he would return safely.

Todenhöfer says that ISIS knew he had been “extremely critical of Islamic State, here on Facebook and in the German press.” He says that he “never underestimated the dangers of this trip.”

Journalists [James Foley](#) and [Steven Sotloff](#) had already been dramatically executed by ISIS, so the high risk nature of the trip was clear.



Todenhöfer did not mince words when it came to describing the dangers posed by the Islamic State. He said:

“From my point of view this is the biggest threat to world peace since the cold war. We now pay the price for the inconceivable folly of George W Bush’s attack on Iraq. The West has no concept of the threat it faces.”

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THE FATE OF JERUSALEM, THE CALL OF ITS FUTURE INHABITANTS - Zechariah 14 -

Victor T. Houteff

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OPENING PRAYER THOUGHT

I shall read from "The Mount of Blessing," beginning with the second paragraph of page 172.

M.B., pg. 172 -- "Christ will never abandon the soul for whom He has died. The soul may leave Him, and be overwhelmed with temptation; but Christ can never turn from one for whom He has paid the ransom of His own life....

"Thank God, we are not left alone. He who 'so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life,' will not desert us in the battle with the adversary of God and man. 'Behold,' He says, 'I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you.'

"Live in contact with the living Christ, and He will hold you firmly by a hand that will never let go. Know and believe the love that God has to us, and you are secure; that love is a fortress impregnable to all the delusions and assaults of Satan. 'The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.'"

We should pray for faith to enable us to know for certain that Christ will never turn away from any of us, and that if we follow Him we shall never fail in our undertakings. We should praise Him for making it possible that though we may, as it were, come upon serpents and scorpions, they cannot hurt us.

SERMON

This afternoon we shall study Zechariah 14.

Zech. 14:1 -- "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee."

As you know, the subject matter contained in this chapter actually begins in chapter twelve and runs through chap-

ter fourteen. To ascertain who is referred to by the pronoun "thee" in this verse, we must go back to chapter thirteen. There we find that "thee" refers to Jerusalem. It is the spoil of Jerusalem, then, that shall be divided in the midst of her.

Zech. 14:2 -- "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."

In view of the fact that Jerusalem is to be protected by a wall of fire (Zech. 2:5) while the house of Judah reigns there, it is definite that the battle here described must be fought before the house of Judah is established. In that battle the nations will defeat the rulers of the Promised Land. Then it is that the house of Judah commences to be set up.

As the warring nations besiege the city, and rifle the houses, also ravish the women, they are by no means righteous nations, but since not all the inhabitants go into captivity, and since all are not cut off from the city, it must be that the wicked are taken away and the righteous left in to join the house of Judah.

Zech. 14:3, 4 -- "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 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."

At the time Jerusalem, that now is, falls, the Lord's feet shall stand upon Mount of Olives and there make a very great valley; that is, remove the obstacles and hindrances, and thus prepare the land for the returning of His people.

Then it is that the prophecy of Zechariah 10:8 -- that the Lord shall "hiss" for His people -- will have met its fulfillment.

Zech. 14:5 -- "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."

Having thus opened the way for the re-establishment of the house of Judah, His people, who beforehand have been informed of it through present Truth, will flee to the valley, to where the Lord's feet stand, as quickly as if they were fleeing from an earthquake; and all the saints thereafter follow after them. There are several facts in this scripture itself which prove that this event is premillennial: (1) Note that the Lord's feet stand on the mount in the day of the war in which Jerusalem is taken by the wicked nations. (2) Those that flee to the valley do not descend from Heaven. (3) They can not be the wicked for they do not flee away from the Lord, but flee to Him, to where His feet stand. (4) All the saints follow after them. "Early Writings," p. 53, makes a double application of this scripture, a post millennial one.

"In that day, saith the Lord, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open Mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness." Zech. 12:4. That is, God surprisingly confuses the wicked that they begin to act like mad men. At the time the Lord brings this to pass, He protects the house of Judah.

"In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem." Zech. 12:6.

When the Lord smites the armies of the nations, He also makes the rulers of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood. Thus shall they with the "everlasting gospel" devour all the heathen round about, and thus shall Jerusalem be inhabited safely by God's faithful people.

So it is that "in the days of these kings [not after their

days] shall the God of heaven set up a Kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the Kingdom shall not be left to other people, but It shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and It shall stand for ever." Dan. 2:44.

Then it shall come to pass that "many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem." Mic. 4:2.

Zech. 14:6, 7 -- "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark. But it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light."

These verses imply that heretofore varying conditions, "clear" and "dark," have obtained, but that it shall no longer be so. For the word "clear," in the margin, you note, gives "precious," and for the word "dark," it gives "thickness," indicating that the light is not to be alternately sparing and abundant, thick and thin, light and dark. Instead, it is to be steady, constant. The scripture, of course, is speaking of spiritual light -- the Light of Truth, knowledge from God. For example, in the days before Christ's first advent, there was spiritual darkness. Then His presence gave light for a time, after which followed the Dark Ages of religion. Later, through the Reformation, light again began to shine but very sparingly. Then by the proclamation of the First, Second, and Third Angels' Messages, the light became brighter. At this time, though, through the prophet Zechariah the Lord promises constant and adequate light.

Zech. 14:8 -- "And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be."

The "living waters" must represent living knowledge, living Truth -- that is, those who drink, so to speak, of It shall never die.

The "mountains" on the north and on the south cause the "waters" to run only east and west from Jerusalem. Thus

shall it be as long as there is summer and winter -- as long as this old and worn out earth lasts.

Therefore Jerusalem, the place where the feet of the Lord shall stand, will become the great international and spiritual divide for the everlasting gospel. From the Jerusalem in the valley of the mountains will the angel anew proclaim with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His Judgment [for the living] is come: and worship Him that made heaven and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters," Rev. 14:7. Then the gathering of the people begins with the plea:

"Come out of her [Babylon who then rides the beast -- rules the world], My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Rev. 18:4. So shall the earth be "lightened" with the glory of the angel, and so shall the saints be gathered from the four corners of the earth.

Zech. 14:9 -- "And the Lord shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one."

The Lord reigns first over Jerusalem, and finally after the saints are gathered in from the four corners of the earth He reigns over the whole earth.

Zech. 14:10, 11 -- "All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses. And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited."

These verses need no comment, save that the old popular idea of the establishment of the Kingdom, as you now see, is not God's idea. We had better take His idea, and forgo ours.

Inasmuch as time will not permit us to cover the entire chapter today, we shall leave the remaining verses for next week, the Lord willing.

Before closing, though, let us in a few words summarize what we have studied this afternoon. Just before the kingdom of Judah is established in Jerusalem, the city shall be besieged, the houses shall be rifled and women ravished. Not all, though, shall go into captivity. The residue

are not cut off from the city, they obviously become a part of the house of Judah. At that time, when Jerusalem has fallen and the Lord has removed all obstacles and hindrances for the gathering of His people, then it is that the house of Judah is re-established. God's people shall flee to the "valley" as quickly as though they were fleeing from an earthquake. The Lord smites the armies of the nations, while at the same time He protects and exalts His own people.

Through the prophet Zechariah, God promises to His people in our day adequate and constant spiritual light. From Jerusalem in that day shall flow forth the living Truth. Then it is that "many nations shall come and say, Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord." What a prospect! And what a tragedy if any of us should fail to do our part to usher in that glorious day. Ω

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German Reporter Visits ISIS

Todenhöfer believes that the West has dramatically underestimated ISIS, and that the group is "much smarter and more dangerous than our leaders believe."

He also thinks that ISIS has plans for mass genocide. He wrote:

"The ISIS want to kill... all non-believers and apostates and enslave their women and children. All Shiites, Yazidi, Hindus, atheists and polytheists should be killed. Hundreds of millions of people are to be eliminated in the course of this religious 'cleansing.'"

Todenhöfer writes that all "moderate" Muslims would be killed under ISIS. Only Jews and Christians, as "people of the Book," would be spared, but would be forced to pay a tax of hundreds of dollars per year.

What do you think? Has Todenhöfer blown the ISIS threat out of proportion? Or does he know better than anyone exactly how dangerous ISIS is?

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“Thy Kingdom Come”

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Yes, we should be asking and praying “thy kingdom come...on earth as it is in heaven!”

Jesus left the answer for us in the Scriptures. We need to be digging for truth as never before, adding all the extra oil we can possibly obtain to our vessels, so that we do not find ourselves awakening at the midnight hour confused and in darkness when the transpiring events all around us seem so foreign, because our theology conflicts with the reality in which we find ourselves living.

Jesus said, “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come”. Matt 24:14

From the above statement, we can conclude that this Gospel of the kingdom is very significant in helping to bring about the end of the world, hence an even more necessary reason for investigating Present Truth.

The battle is on, and Satan is determined to undermine truth at every cost. He knows that when this kingdom is established and becomes the witness God intends it to be that his sophistries are fully exposed.

Truth and understanding are ever increasing while prophecies are fast-fulfilling, yet the church is falling fast asleep, succumbing to the powers that be, and compromising with the world. We have come to the point where the majority would rather jump with the beat, and be entertained with dramas and social events than to study the Bible as if our very lives depended upon it.

This is the reason we have decided to focus upon teaching about “The Gospel of the Kingdom”. Christians need to understand that God’s word does not come back to Him void. What He speaks is created, thus he cannot lie. Conditional promises are only conditional until there is a people to whom God can fulfill those promises through.

“...All has taken place as He predicted. He has not left His church forsaken, but has traced in prophetic declarations what would occur, and that which His Spirit inspired the prophets to foretell has been brought about. *All His purposes will be fulfilled.* His law is linked with His throne,

and no power of evil can destroy it. *Truth is inspired and guarded by God; and it will triumph over all opposition.*” EGW {AA 11.3}

“That which God purposed to do for the world through Israel, the chosen nation, *He will finally accomplish through His church on earth today.* He has “let out His vineyard unto other husbandmen,” even to His covenant-keeping people, who faithfully “render Him the fruits in their seasons.” Never has the Lord been without true representatives on this earth who have made His interests their own. These witnesses for God are numbered among the spiritual Israel, *and to them will be fulfilled all the covenant promises* made by Jehovah to His ancient people. {PK 713.1}

What is it that God will fulfill to Spiritual Israel? “All” of the covenant promises given to His ancient people! Do you know what those covenant promises are? Let us focus on just one of them.

“In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, *Unto thy seed have I given this land,* from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: Gen. 15:18.

“And I have also established my covenant with them, to *give them the land of Canaan,* the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers.” Exodus 6:4

“My covenant will I *not break, nor alter* the thing that is gone out of my lips” Psalms 89:34. “For the gifts and the calling of God are *irrevocable.*” Rom. 11: 29, NASB.

God will never break His promise to give the land of Canaan to His faithful, covenant-keeping, latter-day seed of Abraham. “And if ye [be] Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” Gal. 3:29. Heirs to salvation, heirs to Christ, and by default heirs to the covenant promises—the Kingdom.

God covenanted with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, a particular plot of land, “from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates,” Gen. 15:18. And He is big enough to honor His word.

Adventists seem to want to skip over, or otherwise *alter* the Bible passages teaching about the re-gathering of God’s people to the Promised Land. We have been

brainwashed into believing that if we accept a literal kingdom, then we have accepted the evangelical protestant view of a 1000 year millennial reign of peace on the earth. This is not so, for while the Bible does not teach of a 1000 year reign of peace on the earth, it clearly does teach of a pre-millennial kingdom; see Dan. 2: 44. This kingdom will be before the 2nd coming of Christ in the clouds of Glory and it will be only for a short period of time. “In the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion; in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me.” [Psalm 27:5.]

Earlier in this article it was alluded to that this kingdom was to be an “ark of safety” similar to the ark that God provided Noah in his day. This is true, except this ark will not be a boat and there will not be any worldwide flood to escape from. God will provide a place of refuge to those who are escaping the greatest persecution that the church will have ever seen in all of history. And finally when probation has ended and the 7 last plagues are being poured out, God in His mercy provides for his very own a shelter from His wrath.

Ellen White once wrote, “The earth will be convulsed, and there will be dreadful eruptions and earthquakes everywhere. God will plague the wicked inhabitants of the earth until they are destroyed from off it. *The saints are preserved in the earth* in the midst of these dreadful commotions, *as Noah was preserved in the ark* at the time of the flood.” 1SP 84.4.

Once again we look back at the disciples’ question, “Lord, wilt thou at this time **restore** again the kingdom to Israel?” Acts 1:6

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary definition of **Restore**:

- To give back (someone or something that was lost or taken); To put or bring (something) back into existence or use; To return (something) to an earlier or original condition

Most Adventists will argue that the kingdom to be restored is the New Jerusalem, given to the Saints at the time Christ returns to gather His faithful. But is this so? The early disciples were clear about the New heavens and the new earth, for of this they were assured (John 14: 1-

3), but upon seeing their King about to depart, the necessary question centering on “all that the prophets have spoken” arose: what of the Davidic kingdom?

Doesn’t this at least make you wonder if our understanding, heretofore, could possibly have been tainted by pre-conceived ideas and therefore worthy of at least a reinvestigation?

God will indeed in His own timing, restore to His faithful people the land promised to Abraham and his seed.

Some Christians and Jews alike believe that the ingathering to Israel has already begun and that prophecy is being fulfilled now, but Zephaniah 2:1 says, “Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired;” At this time a wicked nation is gathering *itself* together, and God will remove it through a war that will purge the land, thereby preparing it for God’s chosen to inhabit.

Zephaniah confirms this further in chapter 2 verse 7, “And the coast shall be for the **remnant** of the house of Judah; they shall feed thereupon: 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.” How beautiful are His promises!

We have but only touched the surface of a very simple and yet complex prophecy. Complex in that when correctly understood there will be seen the most beautiful harmony of every promise and prophecy in the Bible.

To fully comprehend the kingdom message, it is necessary to understand the chain of events that will lead up to the setting up of this kingdom, and for what purpose this kingdom is established. But most of all we must believe what the Bible teaches and believe that God is not a liar, but honors His every word, even to every jot and tittle.

Please stay aboard as we travel down this road, revealing what the Scriptures teach concerning this temporary pre-millennial Davidic kingdom, to be set up in Palestine for God’s remnant people, with Christ as their King David.

“And *in the days of these kings* shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, [but] it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Ω

Jesus Not Coming Back—Vatican



A SPOKESPERSON for the Vatican has officially announced today that the second coming of Jesus, the only son of the God, may not happen now after all, but urged followers to still continue with their faith, regardless of the news.

Cardinal Giorgio Salvatore told WWN that this years 1,981st anniversary is to be the Vatican's last in regards to waiting for the Lord to return to Earth.

"We just feel Jesus is not coming back by the looks of it," he said. "It's been ages like. He's probably flat out doing other really good things for people somewhere else."

Nearly two thousand years ago, Jesus promised his disciples that he would come again in chapter John 14:1-3 of the Bible: "There are many homes up where my Father lives, and I am going to prepare them for your coming. When everything is ready, then I will come and get you, so that you can always be with Me where I am. If this weren't so, I would tell you plainly"

The Vatican defended Jesus' broken promise, claiming "he was probably drinking wine" at the time when he made the comments. "Having the ability to turn water into wine had its ups and its downs," added Cardinal Salvatore. "We all make promises we can't keep when we're drunk. Jesus was no different."

The church said it will now focus attentions on rebuilding its reputation around the world, but will keep an optimistic mind for the savior's second coming.Ω

April 23, 2014, <http://news.peacefmonline.com>

Everywhere

Jesus is everywhere
On land and on sea
He knows what we do,
And what we will be.

And Jesus is waiting
With arms open wide
He's waiting in hope
That we will abide.

A Good life is food
It fills our thoughts
Which feeds our mind
What Jesus has taught.

That's how we contact
Our Savior up there.
By doing good always
To keep Him in prayer.

He will answer us all
Each one in our need.
But we must obey Him,
And sow the good seed.

Borrowed from my good friend
Tura Covill

"God's people today have far greater light than had ancient Israel. They have not only the increased light which has been shining upon them, but the instruction given by God to Moses, to be given to the people. God specified the difference between the sacred and the common, and declared that this difference must be strictly observed. This lesson is given also to modern Israel. That which God has set apart as sacred must ever be respected as sacred. Christ was the foundation of the Jewish economy. When type met antitype in his death, the need for sacrificial offerings ceased. But the lessons regarding practical obedience, given by Christ from the mount of blessing, were still binding." {PH068 28.1}



Recipe Time

How about some winter squash? Squash can be a very delicious and inexpensive, yet full of nutrition, side dish to compliment any meal. We found several different varieties of squash recently for only fifty cents each so we stocked up with enough to last for a while. We add squash to soups, casseroles, and even eat it by itself. Here is some information on the health benefits of winter squash.



Health Benefits of Winter Squash

- Winter squash contains high levels of fiber, which aids in proper digestion.
- The high level of Vitamin A found in winter squash can help protect against the debilitating effects of emphysema and other lung disorders attributed to smoking cigarettes.
- The beta-carotene also helps prevent atherosclerosis, regulates blood sugar and reduces the risk of colon cancer. It also lowers blood pressure from the potassium content.
- Eating folate rich foods like winter squash before and during pregnancy helps prevent some types of birth defects. Folate also helps prevent heart attacks and reduces colon cancer.
- It's easy to see how traditional cultures stayed healthy on whole foods when we look at the rich nutrients of the foods they ate. If we stay away from processed foods and eat more whole foods in their original package we can reclaim our health and boost our immune systems!

Amount

- One cup of cubed winter squash, baked with no added salt contains 5.7 grams of fiber.

Proteins - 1.82 grams

Calories - 76



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Vitamins Contained

- Vitamin C - 19.7 mg
- Niacin - 1.015 mg
- Vitamin B1 (thiamine) - 0.033 mg
- Vitamin B2 (riboflavin) - 0.137 mg
- Vitamin B6 - 0.33 mg
- Folate - 41 mcg
- Pantothenic Acid - 0.48 mg
- Vitamin A - 10707 mg
- Vitamin K - 9 mcg
- Vitamin E - 0.25 mg
- Contains some other vitamins in small amounts.

Minerals Contained

- Potassium - 494 mg
- Phosphorus - 39 mg
 - Magnesium - 27 mg
 - Calcium - 45 mg
 - Sodium - 2 mg
 - Iron - 0.9 mg
 - Zinc - 0.45 mg
 - Copper - 0.168 mg
 - Manganese - 0.383 mg
 - Selenium - 0.8 mcg
- Also contains small amounts of other minerals.

http://healthism.blogspot.com/2011/07/benefits-vitamins-and-minerals-in_8296.html

Encapsulated Vitamin C

In the last issue of "The Kings Journal" we shared about a form of vitamin C that seems to be more powerful than even the IV form. People using this form are having very good results when used for cancer and other diseases. Some have asked for more information on this. The technical name is *Liposomal Vitamin C*. So in your research more information may be found using this name instead of *Encapsulated Vitamin C*. If you look it up on www.youtube.com you can find information on how to make it yourself, but it does require some equipment that you may not have on hand, and you will need to determine for yourself if the investment is worth the savings of buying it OTC.

Recipe Time

Continued

Oven-Roasted Squash with Garlic and Parsley



Ingredients

- 5 pound(s) winter squash (such as butternut, buttercup, kabocha, or hubbard), peeled, seeded, and cut into 1-inch chunks (see Tips & Techniques)
- 2 tablespoon(s) extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 1/2 teaspoon(s) salt
- 1/4 teaspoon(s) freshly ground pepper, divided
- 3 clove(s) garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoon(s) chopped Italian parsley

1 Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. Toss squash with 4 teaspoons oil, salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Spread evenly on a large baking sheet. Roast, stirring occasionally, until tender throughout and lightly browned, 30 to 45 minutes (depending on the variety of squash).
3. Heat the remaining 2 teaspoons oil in a small skillet over medium heat. Add garlic and cook, stirring, until fragrant but not brown, 30 seconds to 1 minute. Toss the roasted squash with the garlic and parsley. Taste, adjust the seasoning, and serve.
4. **Carb Servings:** 1 starch, 1/2 fat. **Carbohydrate Servings:** 1 1/2. **Nutrition Bonus:** Vitamin A (430% daily value), Vitamin C (50% dv), Potassium (16% dv).

<http://www.delish.com/recipefinder/oven-roasted-squash-garlic-parsley-recipe>

Health Nugget

In this issue of *"The King's Journal"* we will again focus on another cancer killing alternative to the typical allopathic medicines being used by pharmaceutical companies. We will look at the natural product Zeolite. The article shared here has been shortened, but you may read it in its entirety at <http://cancerfightingstrategies.com/cancer-killers.html#sthash.31aScclY.dpbs>

Cancer Killers

Supplements That Will Destroy Cancer Cells Such As Zeolite Enhanced with DHQ and Diotsin

When healing from a cancer, you are always more likely to succeed if you work on it in several different ways. Many people have got rid of cancer using one or two products only, but others people have a tougher cancer or are in poorer health and must do much more to be successful.

If you have time on your side, you can always try one or two of the best supplements to see if they can get the job done on their own. If you find this is not working for you, giving you good improvement in a month or two, take it as a warning that your body needs more support than you have been giving it. And use more anti-cancer, health promoting supplements to more vigorously heal the body from cancer.

Zeolite Enhanced with DHQ

For years Zeolite Enhanced with DHQ has been and is one of the best cancer killers we have seen. It even works better now when you use it with BLA. In fact, I've seen it work well so consistently for so many years, with no problems or safety issues, I shake my head in wonderment when I come across an article questioning its safety or effectiveness. They just don't know.

True, none of the other zeolites supplements test near as strong as Zeolite Enhanced with DHQ does. **Not by a long shot.**

Zeolite works exceptionally well at fighting cancer as an informal 14 month study a number of years ago showed.

65 people with mostly stage 4 cancer, who had a

type of liquid zeolite.

At the end of the study, 51 people were cancer free and six more were alive, but still fighting cancer. This is a 78% cure rate for terminal cancer, an incredible 89% survival rate.

This study was similar to what happens in the real world. There was no control as to what drugs people were taking, or what other protocols they were on. Every person in the study basically answered an ad in a newspaper that said, "If your doctor has given up on you, call us." So they were mostly people who had late stage cancer, whose doctors had sent them home to get their affairs in order.

Throughout the study, many patients used some sort of adjunctive treatment. For example, a lung cancer patient was told to go home and get his affairs in order. After three months on this liquid zeolite, he was feeling much better. He went back to his oncologist, who suggested that he was strong enough to undergo more chemotherapy and radiation. So he stayed on the zeolite, but he also went on chemo and radiation at that point. Not bad for a bunch of folks sent home to die.

We've seen many testimonials where someone took Zeolite Enhanced, or Zeolite Enhanced and another product or two, and got over a tough cancer.

For example, Theresa was giving Zeolite Enhanced only to her sister with advanced small cell lung cancer that had spread to the liver. Small cell lung cancer, if you are not aware of this, is one of the most aggressive and deadly cancer. And spreading to a major organ like the liver didn't make likelihood of survival any better.

Yet after several months of only using Zeolite Enhanced, the cancer was completely gone. She said, "The doctors call it a miracle, but we call it Zeolite Enhanced!"

"In July 08 I was told that my PSA was 28. A Biopsy was performed which confirmed that I had a most aggressive prostate cancer (4+5=9) on the Gleason score, bone scan plus MRI followed. My scan and MFI showed that my bones were clear but the cancer had progressed into my lymph glands. The doctor recommended that I start hormone therapy before starting chemotherapy, after 3 months of the hormone therapy.

"On looking on the internet I came across Zeolite Enhance, this I have been taking since the beginning of August at a dose of 120 drops per day. Yesterday the 29th Oct. 3 months after starting to take zeolite I had an appointment with my doctor, only to be told that my PSA was now 4.1 and that I didn't need any further treatment except to continue with the 3 monthly hormone injections with a revisit

to the doctors in 6 months. If you wish to use my name and address, please fill free to do so! Yours, Mike Player.

"Great news my mum has had confirmation that her lung cancer has gone. Thanks to everyone a miracle has happened. I will now cut the supplements down, and the remaining supplements I will cut the dosage.

Kind Regards,

Margaret P

(She was using Zeolite Enhanced and about 20 other products suggested in this report for just a few months.)

Zeolite improves health in several other ways.

It chelates and removes heavy metals, pesticides, herbicides, and other toxins from your body. It does this in a hierarchical manner. Studies show that it is most attracted to lead, mercury, cadmium, arsenic and other heavy metals.

Once the amount of heavy metals are depleted, it starts to work on getting rid of pesticides, herbicides, plastics, and so forth. It also acts as a natural trap of viral particles which stops production of the viruses.

Because it traps toxins in its molecular structure and carries them out of the body as it is easily eliminated within 6 hours or so, it detoxifies without overloading the detoxification system in your body. It takes a strain off the liver and kidneys.

As toxins are an underlying cause of almost all cancers, taking zeolite on a regular basis is an excellent cancer preventative. Especially as it can kill any cancer cells that may develop.

Zeolite traps free radicals in its molecular structure so it acts as a free radical scavenger. Zeolite will help normalize pH levels. And boosts the immune system as it increases levels of CD4 immune system molecules.

Liver

Another great benefit of zeolite is its ability to aid a poorly functioning liver. Zeolite will help the body eliminate ammonia without the liver having to convert it into urea, saving the liver from excess stress.

This was shared for informational purposes only, HKM does not profit from or endorse any single product. It is your responsibility to do your own diligent research and to compare different products, as well as seeking professional medical advice, where necessary. However, the article and testing was done on the **Zeolite Enhanced with DHQ** product. You may find it at the following website.

http://www.getthehealthyagain.biz/product_info.php?ref=15&products_id=27140 Ω

News Flash!!! Breaking News!!

ISIS Closing in on Israel from the North and the South

TF THE FISCAL TIMES

By Riyadh Mohammed December 23, 2014 6:30 AM

The war against ISIS is taking a dangerous, perhaps inevitable turn. The terror organization has been keen to expand to southern Syria and the Syrian capital of Damascus. Now it says it has recruited three Syrian rebel groups operating in the south of the country in an area bordering the Israeli occupied Golan Heights — that have [switched their loyalties to ISIS](#).

This switch means that Israel, the U.S.'s closest ally in the Middle East, could be threatened from the southwest by the [Egyptian ISIS group of Ansar Bait al-Maqdis](#) in Sinai and by ISIS in southern Syria.

The ISIS war is not going well at all for the US-led alliance in Syria. ISIS and al-Nusra Front, al-Qaeda's branch in Syria, are still the dominant rebel groups in the country. The U.S.-backed Free Syrian Army is still not a reliable fighting force.

The three rebel groups that just joined ISIS could make that situation even worse. Two of the groups are small in number, but the Yarmouk Martyrs Brigade has hundreds of fighters. The Yarmouk Brigades has been at odds with al-Nusra Front and switched now to join what leaders of all three groups believe is the future of Islam.

"If Israel was attacked by ISIS, America would expect a proportionate response by Israel, which is militarily capable of defending itself," said Geoffrey Levin, a professor at New York University. "America would counsel against sustained Israeli involvement because it could threaten the tacit alliance between America, Iran, Turkey, and several Arab states against ISIS."

"More recent reports indicated a closer alliance with [the Islamic State] due to tensions with JN [al-Nusra Front]," said Jasmine Opperman, a researcher at Terrorism Research & Analysis Consortium (TRAC). She said al-Nusra attacked the headquarters of the Yarmouk Brigade in southern Syria in early December 2014 following clashes between the two groups.

Al-Yarmuk Martyrs Brigade controlled an area near the Jordan-Israel border in March 2013. That same month, the brigade took as hostages some of the United Nations peacekeeping mission soldiers. Even so, Israel reportedly allowed the brigade to have its wounded fighters treated in Israeli hospitals.

ISIS has been known for launching surprise attacks and opening new battlefronts when it seems to be losing. ISIS

also has been criticized by many Arabs and Muslims for not taking its fight to Israel and instead fighting fellow Arabs and Muslims. An attack aimed at Israel may boost ISIS's popularity in the Arab world and refresh its recruitment and funding efforts.

On the other hand, some of ISIS's top military commanders were former officers in Saddam Hussein's army, and they may resort to what Saddam did in the 1991 Gulf War when he attacked Israel with mid-range rockets, hoping to drag the Israelis into a conflict that he was losing.

An Israeli retaliation in 1991 could have jeopardized the U.S.-led coalition that then included Arab countries like Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia. The same is true now.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Despite some recent tensions between the countries, Israel remains America's closest ally in the Middle East. Attacks on Israel by ISIS or affiliated groups could further escalate war in the region, or they could further strain ties between the Obama administration and the Israeli government.

"It would be more likely a sign of desperation, as were Saddam's attempts to lure Israel into the 1991 war as a way of breaking the Arab coalition against him," said NYU's Levin. At that time, continuous pressure from the first Bush administration and the installation of the Patriot anti-rocket system convinced the Israelis to [refrain from reacting to Saddam's attack](#).

Israel could launch a preemptive attack to destroy or significantly damage these ISIS-affiliated units whether by air or by ground forces. Israel used its advanced air force to [launch attacks in Syria](#) several times since the beginning of Syrian civil war in 2011.

Meanwhile, Israel has recently boosted its defenses in the Golan Heights, saying its main concern was to prevent any major weapon transfer from Syria to Hezbollah, the Lebanese guerrilla organization that has engaged in several rounds of war with the Israelis since the 1980s.

This article was updated at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 23.

"If the church will put on the robe of Christ's righteousness,... God's promise to her will stand fast forever.... Truth, passing by those who despise and reject it, will triumph. ...When the message of God meets with opposition, He gives it additional force, that it may exert greater influence. Endowed with divine energy, it will cut its way through the strongest barriers and triumph over every obstacle." {AA 601.1}

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Prayer Requests

Prayers for "Heralds of the 'King' Ministries" are always much appreciated. More and more people are requesting materials and this takes a financial support system so that these requests can be filled. At this time we do not ask for compensation and we hope we never need too. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Please keep Br. Franklyn David in prayer as he continues sharing with the brethren in Trinidad and St Lucia, we are excited about those in St. Lucia investigating the Kings message.

We appreciate all the time and effort that Br. Garrick puts in on writing his articles and teaching over the phone conference calls. His book has once again been delayed, it needs a few finishing touches, but should be in the book stores and at amazon and others Online stores within the next few months. The book is titled "*What Every Seventh-day Adventist Should Know About The Shepherd's Rod*". The publishers have commented that there is nothing out there like it and we are praying that it will be well received, in spite of the enemy's distractions.

We are living in a very fascinating time. More and more people are tuning into the voice of God and are searching the Scriptures as never before. It is such a blessing to see the hearts of people change toward messages that they once fought so fiercely. We were all once upon a time babes in the Word and it took time for us to grow. Patience is a virtue and one we must cultivate, if we are ever to be admitted into God's kingdom. Let us be patient with one another and show to each other God's wonderful Amazing Grace.

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