

TWO WITNESSES

And the Conversion of the Nations (Handout 1)

Not a Vision but a Narrative
Prophecy.

Based once again on Ezekiel (40-48)

Revelation 11.1-10—I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, “Go and measure THE TEMPLE OF GOD and THE ALTAR [of Incense - Revelation 8.1-5], with its WORSHIPERS [How Long]. But EXCLUDE THE OUTER COURT; DO NOT MEASURE IT, because it has been given to THE GENTILES. They will TRAMPLE on the HOLY CITY for 42 MONTHS. And I will appoint my TWO WITNESSES, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” They are “the two olive trees” and the two lampstands, and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.” If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. They have power to shut up the sky so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want. Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city, which is prophetically called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. For three and a half days many from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

Measuring the Temple:

Daniel 12.5-7—Then I, Daniel, looked, and there before me stood two others, one on this bank of the river and one on the opposite bank. One of them said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “HOW LONG will it be before these astonishing things are fulfilled?” The man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, lifted his right hand and his left hand toward heaven, and I heard him swear by him who lives forever, saying, “It will be for A TIME, TIMES AND HALF A TIME. When THE POWER OF THE HOLY PEOPLE HAS BEEN FINALLY SHATTERED, ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE COMPLETED.”

Daniel 8.13—Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to the one that spoke, “For HOW LONG is this vision concerning the REGULAR BURNT OFFERING, the transgression that makes desolate, and the giving over of THE SANCTUARY AND HOST TO BE TRAMPLED?”

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The City:

Isaiah 63.18—Your holy people took possession for a little while; but now our adversaries have TRAMPLED down your SANCTUARY.

Zechariah 12.3—On that day I will make Jerusalem a stone TRAMPLED for all the peoples; all who lift it shall grievously hurt themselves. And all the nations of the earth shall come together against it.

Luke 21.24— JERUSALEM will be TRAMPLED on by the GENTILES, until the times of the GENTILES are fulfilled.

42 Monrhs - 66-70 A.D. Jerusalem

The Time of the Ministry of Jesus

Luke 4.25—But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of ELIJAH, when the heaven was shut up THREE YEARS AND SIX MONTHS, and there was a severe famine over all the land;

Daniel 12.7—The man clothed in linen, who was upstream, raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven. And I heard him swear by the one who lives forever that it would be for a TIME, TWO TIMES, AND HALF A TIME, and that when the SHATTERING OF THE POWER OF THE HOLY PEOPLE comes to an end, all these things would be accomplished.

Daniel 7.21,25— As I looked, this horn made war with the holy ones and was prevailing over them . . . He shall wear out the holy ones of the Most High, . . . and they shall be given into his power for A TIME, TWO TIMES, AND HALF A TIME.

*John is distinguishing the inner, hidden reality between of the church as a kingdom of priests and their worship from the outward experience of the church as it is exposed to persecution by THE NATIONS.

Revelation 8.1-5—When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. Another angel with a golden censer came and stood at THE ALTAR; he was given a great quantity of incense to offer with THE PRAYERS OF ALL THE SAINTS on the golden altar that is before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. Then the angel took the censer and filled it with FIRE FROM THE ALTAR and threw it on the earth; and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and AN EARTHQUAKE.

Revelation 14.18—Then another angel came out from THE ALTAR, the angel who has AUTHORITY OVER FIRE, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, “Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.”

Revelation 6.10—They cried out with a loud voice, “Sovereign Lord, holy and true, HOW LONG will it be before you judge and vindicate [Thayer] our blood on the inhabitants of the earth?”

John 14.1—“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?”

1Peter 2.4—Come to him . . . like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual HOUSE, to be a holy PRIESTHOOD, to offer spiritual SACRIFICES acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Romans 12.1—I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your BODIES as a LIVING SACRIFICE, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual WORSHIP.

Daniel 8.11—Even against the prince of the host it acted arrogantly; it took the REGULAR BURNT OFFERING away from him and overthrew THE PLACE of his sanctuary.

Daniel 11.31—Forces sent by him shall occupy and profane the temple and fortress. They shall ABOLISH THE REGULAR BURNT OFFERING and set up the abomination that makes desolate.

Daniel 12.11—From the time that THE REGULAR BURNT OFFERING IS TAKEN AWAY and the abomination that desolates is set up . . .

Inside [Reality] versus Outside [All Appearances]*



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Zechariah 4—The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep. He said to me, “What do you see?” And I said, “I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.” I said to the angel who talked with me, “WHAT ARE THESE, MY LORD?” Then the angel who talked with me answered me, “Do you not know what these are?” I said, “No, my lord.” He said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS. WHAT ARE YOU, O GREAT MOUNTAIN? BEFORE ZERUBBABEL YOU SHALL BECOME A PLAIN; AND HE SHALL BRING OUT THE TOP STONE AMID SHOUTS OF ‘GRACE, GRACE TO IT!’” Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel.

“These seven are the eyes of the LORD, which range through the whole earth.” Then I said to him, “What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?” And a second time I said to him, “What are these two branches of the olive trees, which pour out the oil through the two golden pipes?” He said to me, “Do you not know what these are?” I said, “No, my lord.” Then he said, “These are THE TWO ANOINTED ONES who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.”

Joshua and Zerubbabel

John 5.31-36—“If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his testimony about me is true. You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth. Not that I accept human testimony; but I mention it that you may be saved. JOHN WAS A LAMP that burned and GAVE LIGHT, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light. I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me.

John 8.17—In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true.

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Numbers 35.30—Anyone who kills a person is to be put to death as a murderer only on the testimony of witnesses. But no one is to be put to death on the testimony of only one witness.

Deuteronomy 17.6—On the testimony of two or three witnesses a person is to be put to death, but no one is to be put to death on the testimony of only one witness.

Deuteronomy 19.15—One witness is not enough to convict anyone accused of any crime or offense they may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

Matthew 18.16—But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’

1Timothy 5.19—Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses.

2Corinthians 13.1—This will be my third visit to you. “Every matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.”

Hebrews 10.28—Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

Revelation 1.12— . . . I saw seven golden lampstands,

Revelation 1.20— . . . the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Revelation 2.1—To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands:

Seven - Completeness / Wholeness

Two - Prophetic Role of Witnesses

John 15.26-27—When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the SPIRIT of truth who goes out from the Father—he will TESTIFY about me. And YOU also must TESTIFY, for you have been with me from the beginning.

Acts 5.32—We are WITNESSES of these things, and so is the HOLY SPIRIT, whom God has given to those who obey him.

THE TWO OLIVE TREES AND THE TWO WITNESSES

Old Testament Models : Moses and Elijah

Matthew 5.38-42—You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.



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Leviticus 19.17-18—Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt. Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

Psa. 31:6—I hate those who regard vain idols, But I trust in the LORD.

Psa. 119:113—I hate those who are double-minded, But I love Your law.

Psa. 139:21,22— Do I not hate those who hate You, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You? I hate them with the utmost hatred; They have become my enemies.

Eccl. 3:8—A time to love and a time to hate; A time for war and a time for peace

Luke 5:36-39—“No one tears a piece from a new garment and sews it on an old garment; otherwise the new will be torn, and the piece from the new will not match the old. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine, but says, ‘The old is good.’”

Matthew 5.43-48—You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Luke 4.25—But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up THREE YEARS AND SIX MONTHS [1260 Days] . . .

James 5.17—Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it did not rain on the earth for THREE YEARS AND SIX MONTHS.

2Kings 1.10—Elijah answered the captain, “If I am a man of God, may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men!” Then fire fell from heaven and consumed the captain and his men. At this the king sent to Elijah another captain with his fifty men. The captain said to him, “Man of God, this is what the king says, ‘Come down at once!’” “If I am a man of God,” Elijah replied, “may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men!” Then the fire of God fell from heaven and consumed him and his fifty men. So the king sent a third captain with his fifty men. This third captain went up and fell on his knees before Elijah. “Man of God,” he begged, “please have respect for my life and the lives of these fifty men, your servants! See, fire has fallen from heaven and consumed the first two captains and all their men. But now have respect for my life!”

Luke 9.54-55—When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” But Jesus turned and rebuked them. and said, “You do not know what kind of spirit you are of; for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives, but to save them.”

Jeremiah 5.14—Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, “Because you have spoken this word, Behold, I am making MY WORDS IN YOUR MOUTH FIRE AND THIS PEOPLE WOOD, AND IT WILL

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CONSUME THEM.”

Revelation 1.16—And in His right hand He held seven stars; and OUT OF HIS MOUTH came a sharp two-edged SWORD; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.

Revelation 2.16—Repent therefore; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will MAKE WAR AGAINST THEM WITH THE SWORD OF MY MOUTH.

Revelation 19.15—And FROM HIS MOUTH COMES A SHARP SWORD, so that with it He may smite THE NATIONS; and He will RULE THEM with a rod of iron . . .

Luke 9.22-24—”THE SON OF MAN must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and FOLLOW ME. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

Luke 9.28-35—About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. TWO MEN, MOSES AND ELIJAH, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were LEAVING Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.) While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN; LISTEN TO [FOLLOW] HIM.”

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Joshua and Zerubbabel, hope of New Jerusalem (now comprised of all Nations) coming out of Babylonian captivity amid ruins which the Gentiles have trampled.

Elijah who procured three and a half years of drought and called fire down on his enemies.

Moses who turned the Nile into blood and smote the Egyptians with Plagues to bring about Exodus of Israel (Now All Nations).

Jeremiah and His WORDS of fire.

Isaiah

Revelation 11.7-14—Now when they have finished their testimony, THE BEAST that comes up from the ABYSS will ATTACK them, and OVERPOWER and KILL them. Their bodies will lie in the public square of the GREAT CITY, which is PROPHETICALLY CALLED SODOM and EGYPT, where ALSO THEIR LORD WAS CRUCIFIED. For three and a half days many from EVERY PEOPLE, TRIBE, LANGUAGE AND NATION will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and WILL CELEBRATE BY SENDING EACH OTHER GIFTS, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth. But after the THREE AND A HALF DAYS the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they WENT UP TO HEAVEN IN A CLOUD, while their enemies looked on. AT THAT VERY HOUR there was A SEVERE EARTHQUAKE and A TENTH of the CITY collapsed. SEVEN THOUSAND people were killed in the EARTHQUAKE, and the SURVIVORS FEARED the GOD OF HEAVEN and gave him GLORY. The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon.

Isaiah 1.10—Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

Hebrews 11.37-38—They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy.

Matthew 23.37—Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

Revelation 14.8— . . . Babylon THE GREAT! She has made ALL NATIONS drink of her wine . . .

Revelation 17.18—The woman you saw is THE GREAT CITY that rules over THE KINGS OF THE EARTH.”

Revelation 18.2—Babylon THE GREAT!

Revelation 18.10—“Alas, alas, the GREAT CITY, Babylon, the MIGHTY CITY!

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1Kings 19.14-18— . . . Yet I will leave SEVEN THOUSAND in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.

In Esther the people of God, threatened with genocide by the nations of the world are delivered and kill all those who would have killed them.

Here the people of God are slaughtered by the beast and the nations of the world rejoice and exchange gifts.

In Esther the victory of God's people involves the slaughter of their enemies.

Here the slaughter of God's people leads to the conversion of their enemies.

Esther 9.2-3—The Jews gathered in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus to lay hands on those who had sought their ruin; and no one could withstand them, because the fear of them had fallen upon all peoples. All the officials of the provinces, the satraps and the governors, and the royal officials were supporting the Jews, because the fear of Mordecai had fallen upon them.

Esther 8.17—In every province and in every city, wherever the king's command and his edict came, there was gladness and joy among the Jews, a festival and a holiday. Furthermore, many of the peoples of the country professed to be Jews, because the fear of the Jews had fallen upon them.

Revelation 18.16—Alas, alas, THE GREAT CITY

Revelation 18.18-19—“What city was like the great city?” . . . “Alas, alas, THE GREAT CITY”

Revelation 18.21—Babylon THE GREAT CITY

Ezekiel 4.5-6—I have assigned you the SAME NUMBER OF DAYS AS THE YEARS of their sin. So for 390 days you will bear the sin of the house of Israel. After you have finished this, lie down again, this time on your right side, and bear the sin of the house of Judah. I have assigned you 40 days, a day for each year.

Acts 1.9—After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Perfect Pattern—MINISTRY, DEATH, RESURRECTION, AND ASCENSION . . . Except NO BURIAL.

Amos 5.3—For thus says the Lord GOD: The city that marched out a thousand shall have a hundred left, and that which marched out a hundred shall have ten left [remnant imagery].

Isaiah 6.13—Even if a tenth part remain in it [remnant imagery], it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.

FEAR AND GLORY

THE GOD OF HEAVEN

Esther 9.19-22—Therefore the Jews of the villages, who live in the open towns, hold the fourteenth day of the month of Adar as a day for gladness and feasting, a holiday on which they SEND GIFTS OF FOOD TO ONE ANOTHER . . . as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into A HOLIDAY; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for SENDING GIFTS OF FOOD TO ONE ANOTHER . . .

Thus in a story leading to this remarkable climax in 11.13, the essential message of the scroll is explained. It is tied to the language used by Daniel of “the shattering of God's holy people” (Daniel 12.7), the “giving over of the holy place to be trampled” (Daniel 8.13), and the defeat of the “saints” by “the beast” (Daniel 7.21). This story rightly understood reveals the WAY in which the Old Testament prophecies of the conversion of all the nations to the worship of the true God are to be fulfilled.

THIS IS THE WAR/WRATH OF THE LAMB



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Reverence, Glory and the Repentance of the Nations

Revelation 11.18—The nations raged, but your wrath [of the Lamb] has come, and the time for vindicate the dead, for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints and all who FEAR YOUR NAME, both small and great, and for destroying those who destroy the earth.

Revelation 19.5—And from the throne came a voice saying, “Praise our God, all you HIS SERVANTS, and all who FEAR HIM, small and great.”

Revelation 14.7—He said in a loud voice, “FEAR GOD and give him GLORY, for the hour of his just and equitable reign has come; and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Revelation 15.4—Lord, who will NOT FEAR and GLORIFY your name? For you alone are holy. ALL NATIONS will come and WORSHIP before you, for your just and equitable reign have been revealed.

Revelation 1.17—When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,

Revelation 2.10—Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Beware, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Revelation 18.10—They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say “Alas, alas, the great city, Babylon, the mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.”

Revelation 18.15—The merchants of these wares, who gained wealth from her, will stand far off, in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning aloud,

Revelation 4.9—And whenever the living creatures give GLORY and honor and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever,

Revelation 14.7—He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him GLORY, for the hour of his just and equitable reign has come; and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

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Joshua 7.19—Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, give glory to the LORD God of Israel and make confession to him”

Jeremiah 13.16—Give glory to the LORD your God . . .

1Samuel 6.5— . . . give glory to the God of Israel . . .

Isaiah 24.15—Therefore in the east give GLORY to the LORD; in the coastlands of the sea GLORIFY the name of the LORD, the God of Israel. From the ends of the earth we hear songs of praise, of GLORY to the Righteous One.

Isaiah 42.12—Let them give GLORY to the LORD, and declare his praise in the coastlands.

Daniel 4.34—When that period was over, I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me. I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored the one who lives forever. For his sovereignty is an everlasting sovereignty, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

Revelation 19.7—Let us rejoice and exult and give him GLORY, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

Revelation 16.9—They were scorched by the fierce heat, but they cursed the name of God, who had authority over these plagues, and THEY DID NOT REPENT AND GIVE HIM GLORY.

Psalms 96—Sing to the LORD A NEW SONG; sing to the LORD, ALL THE EARTH. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; PROCLAIM HIS SALVATION [VICTORY] DAY AFTER DAY [ETERNALLY]. Declare his glory among THE NATIONS, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be FEARED above all gods. For all the gods of THE NATIONS are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the LORD, all you FAMILIES OF NATIONS, ascribe to the LORD GLORY and STRENGTH. Ascribe to the LORD the GLORY due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; TREMBLE before him, all the earth. Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns.” The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will JUDGE the peoples with EQUITY. Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and ALL THAT IS IN IT. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. Let ALL CREATION rejoice before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to JUDGE the earth. He will JUDGE the world in JUSTICE and the peoples in his FAITHFULNESS.

Psalms 98—Sing to the LORD A NEW SONG, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation [Victory, NRSV] for him. The LORD has made his salvation [Victory] known and revealed his righteousness to THE NATIONS. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH have seen the salvation [Victory] of our God. Shout for joy to the LORD, ALL THE EARTH, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn— shout for joy before the LORD, the King. Let the sea resound, and EVERYTHING IN IT, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to JUDGE the earth. He will JUDGE the world in JUSTICE and the peoples with EQUITY.

Revelation 14.6-7—Then I saw another angel flying in midheaven, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—TO EVERY NATION AND TRIBE AND LANGUAGE AND PEOPLE. He said in a loud voice, “FEAR God and give him GLORY, for the hour of his just and equitable reign has come; and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”



GOD OF HEAVEN

The Name of God Among THE NATIONS

2Chronicles 36.23—Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: “The LORD, THE GOD OF HEAVEN, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the LORD his God be with him! Let him go up.”

Ezra 1.2—Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: The LORD, THE GOD OF HEAVEN, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem in Judah.

Ezra 6.9—Whatever is needed—young bulls, rams, or sheep for burnt offerings to THE GOD OF HEAVEN, wheat, salt, wine, or oil, as the priests in Jerusalem require—let that be given to them day by day without fail, 10 so that they may offer pleasing sacrifices to the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king and his children.

Ezra 7.12—Artaxerxes, king of kings, to the priest Ezra, the scribe of the law of THE GOD OF HEAVEN: Peace. And now

Ezra 7.21—I, King Artaxerxes, decree to all the treasurers in the province Beyond the River: Whatever the priest Ezra, the scribe of the law of THE GOD OF HEAVEN, requires of you, let it be done with all diligence,

Ezra 7.23—Whatever is commanded by THE GOD OF HEAVEN, let it be done with zeal for the house of THE GOD OF HEAVEN, or wrath will come upon the realm of the king and his heirs.

Nehemiah 1.4—When I heard these words I sat down and wept, and mourned for days, fasting and praying before the God of heaven. I said, “O LORD GOD OF HEAVEN, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments;

Nehemiah 2.4—Then the king said to me, “What do you request?” So I prayed to THE GOD OF HEAVEN.

Daniel 2.18.19—And told them to seek mercy from THE GOD OF HEAVEN concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his companions with the rest of the wise men of Babylon might not perish. Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night, and Daniel blessed

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THE GOD OF HEAVEN.

Daniel 2.37—You, O king, the king of kings—to whom THE GOD OF HEAVEN has given the kingdom, the power, the might, and the glory,

Daniel 2.44—And in the days of those kings THE GOD OF HEAVEN will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall this kingdom be left to another people. It shall crush all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever;

Jonah 1.9—“I am a Hebrew,” he replied. “I worship the LORD, THE GOD OF HEAVEN, who made the sea and the dry land.”

Revelation maintains this restricted use:

Revelation 11.13—At that moment there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest feared THE GOD OF HEAVEN and gave him glory.

Revelation 16.11—And [they] cursed THE GOD OF HEAVEN because of their pains and sores, and they did not repent of their deeds.



SEVENTH TRUMPET

And the Glorious Climax of the Ages

Revelation 11.15-19—Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign forever and ever.”

Then the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, singing, “We give you thanks, Lord God Almighty, who are and who were, for you have taken your great power and begun to REIGN. THE NATIONS raged, but your WRATH [WAR] has come, and the time for VINDICATING THE DEAD [HOW LONG?], for rewarding your servants, the PROPHETS and SAINTS and ALL WHO FEAR YOUR NAME, both SMALL AND GREAT, and for DESTROYING THOSE WHO DESTROY THE EARTH.”

Revelation 6.16,17—hide us from the face of the one seated on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?

Revelation 6.9-10—When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slaughtered for the word of God and for the testimony they had given; they cried out with a loud voice, “Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long will it be before you judge and vindicate our blood on the inhabitants of the earth?”

Deuteronomy 1.17—Do not show partiality in judging; hear both SMALL AND GREAT ALIKE. Do not be afraid of anyone, for judgment belongs to God. Bring me any case too hard for you, and I will hear it.

Psalms 115.13—He will bless those who fear the LORD—SMALL AND GREAT ALIKE.

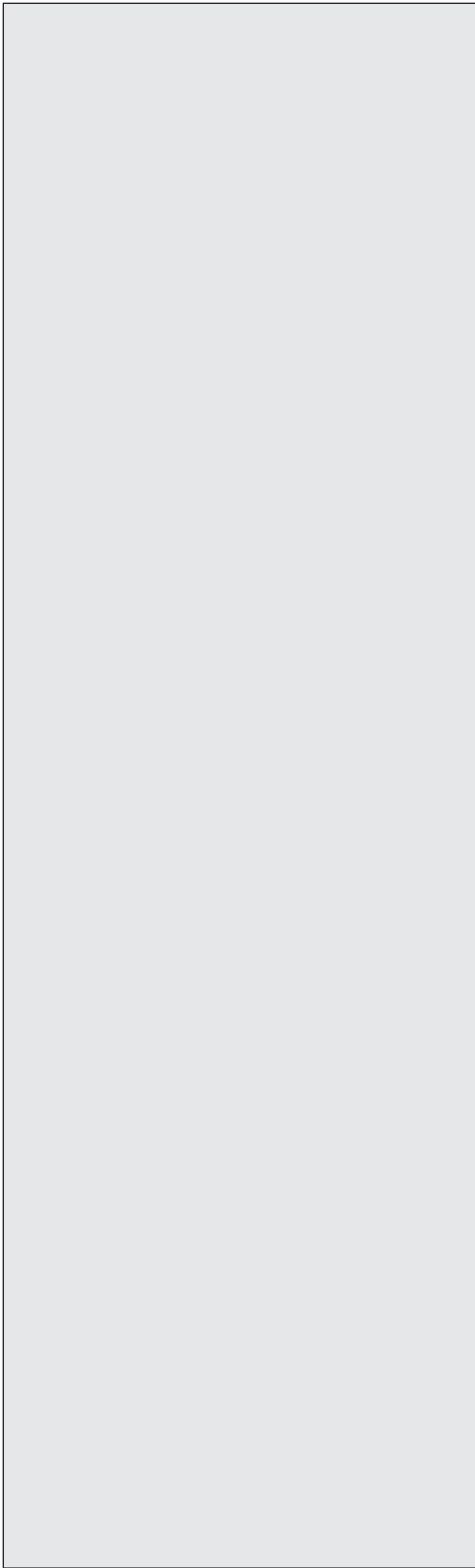
Jeremiah 51.25—“I am against you, you destroying mountain [Babylon], you who destroy the whole earth,” declares the LORD.”

Jeremiah 51.27—Lift up a banner in the land! Blow the trumpet among the nations! Prepare the nations for battle against her . . .

Revelation 11.19—Then GOD’S TEMPLE IN HEAVEN WAS OPENED, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and HEAVY HAIL.

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