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Key Verse

Micah 7:

- ¹⁸ Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity And passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He <u>delights in unchanging love.</u>
- ¹⁹ He will <u>again have compassion on us;</u> He will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, You will cast all their sins Into the depths of the sea.
- 18 神阿、有何神像你、赦免罪孽、饒恕你產業 之餘民的罪過・不永遠懷怒、<u>喜愛施恩</u>。
- 19 <u>必再憐憫我們</u>、將我們的罪孽踏在腳下、又將 我們的一切罪投於深海。

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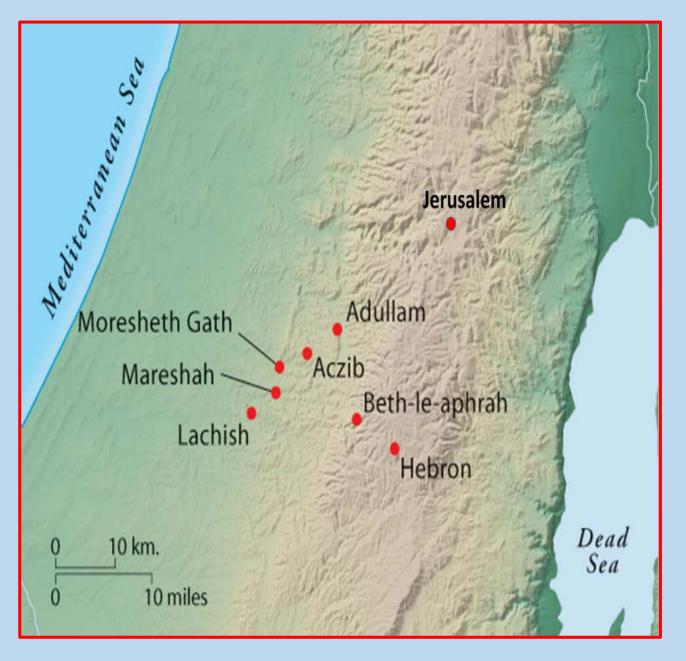
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Micah chapter 1:

- 1. Samaria destroyed v6 (fulfilled in 722 BC)
- 2. All these cities invaded 1:8-16 but stopped at Jerusalem's gate. v9, v12
- 3. Picture of Lachish with idols, the rebellious acts of Israel. V13

Because in you were found The rebellious acts of Israel.

因為以色列的過犯,都在你那裡找到了。

After rebuking Israel's sin, it ends with a vision of restoration.

Micah 2:

"I will surely assemble all of you, Jacob, I will surely gather the remnant (sheerith) of Israel. I will put them together like sheep (tson) in the fold (Bozrah); Like a flock (eder) in the midst of its pasture (dober). They will be noisy with men.

雅各家阿、我必要聚集你們、必要招聚以色列剩下的人、安置在一處、<u>如波斯拉</u>的羊、又如草場上的羊群,因為人數眾多。就必大大喧嘩。

¹³ "The (ho) breaker (parats) goes up before them; They break out, pass through the gate and go out by it. So their king goes on before them, And [the] LORD at their head."

開路的人領先上去;他們開路,闖門進入,又從門裡出來; 他們的王在他們面前走過,耶和華領導他們。 [] not in Hebrew

The Jewish Remnant lead by the two witnesses – for 1260 days

Revelation 11:

- ³ "And I will grant *authority* to my <u>two witnesses</u>, and they will prophesy for <u>twelve hundred and sixty</u> <u>days, clothed in sackcloth."</u>
- ⁴ These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.
- ⁵ And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way.
- ⁶ These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.
- → 7 When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them. [cannot occur if 42 months is not > 1260 days]

The worshippers = 144,000 and the two witnesses will lead them

Revelation 12:6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for <u>one thousand two hundred and sixty days.</u>

12:14 But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness

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Judgement is the fall of Jerusalem

Micah 3:

- Her leaders pronounce judgment for a bribe, Her priests instruct for a price And her prophets divine for money. Yet they lean on the LORD saying, "Is not the LORD in our midst? Calamity will not come upon us."
- Therefore, on account of you Zion will be plowed as a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of ruins, And the mountain of the temple will become high places of a forest. Therefore, on account of you Zion will be plowed as a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of ruins, And the mountain of the temple will become high places of a forest.
- 11 首領為賄賂行審判、祭司為雇價施訓誨、先知為銀錢行 占卜·他們卻倚賴耶和華、說、耶和華不是在我們中間 麼·災禍必不臨到我們。
- 12 所以因你們的緣故、<u>錫安必被耕種像一塊田、耶路撒冷</u> <u>必變為亂堆、這殿的山必像叢林的高處。</u>

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Jerusalem ultimate exaltation

Micah 4:

- ¹And it will come about in the last days That the mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the <u>chief of the mountains</u>. It will be raised above the hills, And the peoples will stream to it.
- ² Many nations will come and say, "Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD And to the house of the God of Jacob, That <u>He may teach us about His ways</u> And that we may walk in His paths." For from Zion will go forth the law, Even the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
- ³ And He will judge between many peoples And render decisions for mighty, distant nations. Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they train for war.
- 1 末後的日子、耶和華殿的山必堅立、<u>超乎諸山</u>、高舉過於萬嶺・萬民都要流 歸這山。
- ² 必有許多國的民前往、說、來罷、我們登耶和華的山、奔雅各 神的殿·<u>主</u> 必將他的道教訓我們、我們也要行他的路·因為訓誨必出於錫安、耶和華的 言語、必出於耶路撒冷。
- 3 他必在多國的民中施行審判、為遠方強盛的國斷定是非.他們要將刀打成型頭、把槍打成鐮刀.這國不舉刀攻擊那國、**他們也不再學習戰事**。

3rd Cycle

judgement

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3rd Cycle – Judgement of Jerusalem

Micah 4:

- ¹⁰ "Writhe and labor to give birth, Daughter of Zion, Like a woman in childbirth; For now you will go out of the city, Dwell in the field, And <u>go to Babylon</u>. There you will be rescued; There the LORD will redeem you From the hand of your enemies.
- ¹¹ "And now <u>many nations have been assembled against you</u> Who say, 'Let her be polluted, And let our eyes gloat over Zion.'
- 10 錫安的民哪、你要疼痛劬勞彷彿產難的婦人·因為你必從城裡出來、住在田野、到巴比倫去·在那裡要蒙解救、在那裡耶和華必救贖你脫離仇敵的手。
- 11 現在有許多國的民聚集攻擊你、說、願錫安被玷污、願我們親眼見 他遭報。

Micah 5:1

"Now muster yourselves in troops, daughter of troops; They have laid siege against us; With a rod they will smite the judge of Israel on the cheek.

成群的民哪, 現在你要聚集成隊. 因為仇敵圍攻我們, 要用杖擊打以色列審判者的臉.

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Micah Chapter Five

The Messiah's coming and God working through His victorious remnant

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1. Micah 5:2 (弥迦)

The well known promise birth of the Messiah and the subsequent events in Micah 5 - what are these events?

The book of Micah is on God's certain judgment but then also His restoration

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5:1: Siege and fall of Jerusalem – fulfilled in 586 BC

4:8 also use daughter for Jerusalem –

"The kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem." – then the restoration

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1. The Messiah's coming amidst Israel's defeat.1-4

The defeat in a powerful siege against Jerualem. 1

Messiah to be born in Bethlehem. 2

The two conditions before His victorious emergence. 3

The emergence of the Messiah to shepherd the remnant. 4 🛑

2. The victorious endeavors by Israel's remnant. 5-9

Effective leaders will emerge when enemies invade to defeat them. 5-6

The blessing of the remnant on people. 7

The remnant's effective defeat of the enemies. 8-9

3. The devastating destruction of Israel and the nations at the end time. 10-15

Vehicles for war and fortifications destroyed in Israel. 10-11

Sorceries and idolatries destroyed in Israel. 12-14

Vengeance on the disobedient nations. 15

Micah 5:2

"But as for you, <u>Bethlehem Ephrathah</u>, *Too* little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity."

<u>伯利恒以法</u>他啊!你在猶大諸族中雖然細小",必有一位從你那裡出來,為我作以色列的統治者;他的根源從太初,從亙古就有了。

Matthew 2:6

AND YOU, <u>BETHLEHEM</u>, LAND OF JUDAH, ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL. "

『猶大地的伯利恆阿、你在猶大諸城中、並不是最小的·因 為將來有一位君王、要從你那裡出來、牧養我以色列民。』

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Therefore He will give them *up* until the time When she who is in labor has borne a child. Then the remainder (yether-left over) of His brethren Will return to the sons of Israel.

耶和華必將以色列人交付敵人、直等那生產的<u>婦人生下子來</u>,那時掌權者〔原文作他〕其餘的弟兄必歸到以色列人那裡。

The two conditions before God will take them back or start using them again:

- 1. The birth of a child it must be referring to Christ as v2 is His birth
- 2. The return of the remnant to Israel.

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⁴ And <u>He</u> will <u>arise and shepherd *His flock* In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they will remain, Because <u>at that time (atah-now)</u> He will be great to the ends of the earth.</u>

他必起來、倚靠耶和華的大能、並耶和華他 神之名的威嚴、牧 養他的羊群·他們要安然居住·因為他必日見尊大、直到地極。

He in v4 is the Messiah and there are 2 common ways to interpret the passage (A & B)

A. This is the Millennium when Christ the Messiah (He) will rule for 1000 years

If this is so, after v4ff two important details makes it problematic ...

1. There will be invasions from many enemies.

- ⁵ This One will be *our* peace. When the Assyrian invades our land, When he tramples on our citadels, Then we will raise against him Seven shepherds and eight leaders of men.
- ⁶ They will shepherd the land of Assyria with the sword, <u>The land of Nimrod at its</u> <u>entrances</u>; And He will deliver *us* from the Assyrian When he attacks our land And when he tramples our territory.
- 5 這位必作我們的平安。當亞述人進入我們的地境踐踏宮殿的時候、我們就立起七個牧者、八個首領攻擊他。
- 6 他們必用刀劍毀壞<u>亞述地和寧錄地的關口</u>·亞述人進入我們的地境踐踏 的時候、他必拯救我們。

NB: The Assyrians represent strong hostile enemies because Nimrod in Genesis is also mentioned. [NB: Assyrians are also already gone when Christ is born and this is after His birth = v2-3]

"peace" must be referring to internal peace because it is followed immediately by wars

2. God uses the remnant to deal with the enemies.

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NB: It is "we" and not just God and so the remnant are involve against the enemies

Note that the remnant will be a special spiritual blessings at that time in this world

⁷ Then the remnant of Jacob Will be among many peoples Like dew from the LORD, Like showers on vegetation Which do not wait for man Or delay for the sons of men.

雅各餘剩的人必在多國的民中、如從耶和華那裡降下的露水、 又如甘霖降在草上,不仗賴人力、也不等候世人之功。

This is the 144,000 but where is the Church? - they will be raptured.

The Jews have never been such among peoples of the earth.

But this time it will be the Messianic Jews finest hours – but preparation must begin now.

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- ⁸ The <u>remnant (sherith-residue)</u> of Jacob Will be among the nations, Among many peoples <u>Like a lion among the beasts</u> of the forest, Like a young lion among flocks of sheep, Which, if he passes through, <u>Tramples down and tears</u>, And there is none to rescue.
- 9 Your hand will be lifted up against your adversaries, And all your enemies will be cut off.
- 8 雅各餘剩的人必在多國多民中、如林間百獸中的獅子 又如少壯獅子在羊群中。他若經過就必踐踏撕裂、無 人搭救。
- 9 願你的手舉起、高過敵人。願你的仇敵都被剪除。

NB: They also trample down the enemies like a young lion (8).

The following shows that this is not the Millennium

- 1. Invasions of v5-6 and v9 do not fit the Millennium which is a time of peace
- 2. The remnant have to rise against enemies in the Millennium sinners will be slayed by Christ (Isa. 11:4) or devoured by fire (Rev. 20:9).
- 3. V11 (I will also cut off the cities of your land And tear down all your fortifications) sounds like the Tribulation.
- 4. Then <u>v13</u> is a problem ("I will cut off your carved images And your sacred pillars) idols in the Millennium?
- 5. Even if this is Satan's invasion at end of Millennium he is destroyed by fire and not confronted by the remnant (v8).
- ¹¹ "I will also <u>cut off the cities</u> of your land And <u>tear down all your fortifications</u>.
- ¹³ "I will <u>cut off your carved images</u> And your *sacred* pillars from among you, So that you will no longer bow down To the work of your hands.
- 11 也必從你國中除滅城邑、拆毀一切的保障、
- 13 我必從你中間除滅雕刻的偶像和柱像、你就不再跪拜自己手所造的。

A second theory by conservative commentators on the remnant is....

- B. Remnant is the Church emerging at Pentecost.
- **EEC: The prophecy was fulfilled at Pentecost** when those of the Diaspora repented, were baptized, and joined the messianic remnant trusting in the resurrected Jesus as Messiah and Lord (Acts 2).

But:

- 1. Through the centuries, the Church are not Jewish and thus not really the remnant.
- 2. There were many invasions on Israel Rome, Arabs, Crusades, etc and they are all mainly successful not stopped by the church at all.
- 3. Even the return of Israel to the land is not due to the work of the Church.

However one interpretation will fit all the particulars

The remnant are the Messianic Jews that are now emerging.

- ⁴ And He will arise and shepherd *His flock* In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they will remain (yashab-stay or dwell on), Because at that time He will be great To the ends of the earth.
- ⁵ This One will be *our* peace. When the Assyrian invades our land, When he tramples on our citadels, Then <u>we</u> will raise against him Seven shepherds and eight leaders of men.
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The invaders' names are allegorical - it can be the antichrist

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The Antichrist invade Jerusalem in Matt. 24:15-16

Matthew 24:15

"Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

你们看见先知但以理所说的,那行毁坏可憎的站在 圣地。(读这经的人须要会意)。

Mark 13:14

"But when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION standing where it should not be (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.

"當你們看見'那造成荒涼的可憎者',站在不該站的地方(讀者必須領悟),那時住在猶太的應當逃到山上;

Jerusalem given to antichrist for 42 months

Revelation 11:

- 1 Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, "Get up and measure the temple (naos) of God and the altar, and those who worship in it.
- ² "Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months.
- 1 有一根葦子賜給我、當作量度的杖·且有話說、起來、將神的殿、和祭壇、並在殿中禮拜的人、都量一量。
- ² 只是殿外的院子、要留下不用量.因為這是<u>給了外邦人</u>的.他們要踐踏聖城四十二個月。

The beast (antichrist)

Revelation 13:5 There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and <u>authority to act for forty-two months was given to him.</u>

God uses the remnant to deal with the enemies.

- ⁸ The <u>remnant (sherith-residue)</u> of Jacob Will be among the nations, Among many peoples <u>Like a lion among the beasts</u> of the forest, Like a young lion among flocks of sheep, Which, if he passes through, <u>Tramples down and tears</u>, And there is none to rescue.
- 9 Your hand will be lifted up against your adversaries, And all your enemies will be cut off.
- 8 雅各餘剩的人必在多國多民中、如林間百獸中的獅子 又如少壯獅子在羊群中。他若經過就必踐踏撕裂、無 人搭救。
- 9 願你的手舉起、高過敵人。願你的仇敵都被剪除。

NB: They also trample down the enemies like a young lion (8).

The Jewish Remnant lead by the two witnesses will fight the antichrist

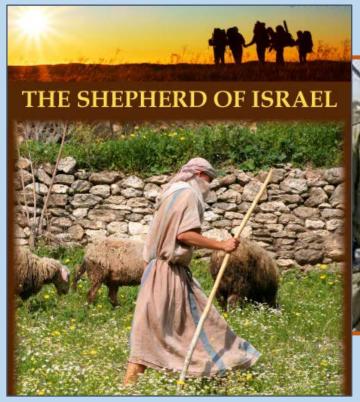
Revelation 11:

- ³ "And I will grant *authority* to my <u>two witnesses</u>, and they will prophesy for <u>twelve hundred and sixty days</u>, <u>clothed in sackcloth."</u>
- ⁴ These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.
- ⁵ And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way.
- ⁶ These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.
- 3 我要使我那兩個見證人、穿著毛衣、傳道一千二百六十天。
- 4他們就是那兩棵橄欖樹、兩個燈臺、立在世界之主面前的。
- ⁵ 若有人想要害他們就有火從他們口中出來、燒滅仇敵・凡想要害他們的、都必這樣被殺。
- 6 這二人有權柄、在他們傳道的日子叫天閉塞不下雨,又有權柄、叫水 變為血,並且能隨時隨意用各樣的災殃攻擊世界。

The Remnant are appearing right before our eyes

Jeremiah 23:1-12

Shepherds will be raised for the remnants returning to Israel





Jeremiah 23: The return with shepherds caring for the spiritual state

³ "Then I Myself will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and bring them back to their pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply.

⁴ "I will also raise up shepherds over them and they will tend them; and they will not be afraid any longer, nor be terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD.

- ⁵ "Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land.
- 6 "In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, 'The LORD our righteousness.'
 - 1 First gather (v3) 2. then shepherds, so the spiritual return (v4) –
 - 3. next Christ's reign (v5) 4. Israel dwell securely, the Millennium (v6).

Jeremiah 23:

- 3 我要將我羊群中所餘剩的、從我趕他們到的各國內招 聚出來、領他們歸回本圈、他們也必生養眾多。
- 2
- 4 <u>我必設立照管他們的牧人、牧養他們</u>. 他們不再懼怕、 不再驚惶、也不缺少一個. 這是耶和華說的。
- 3
- 5 耶和華說、日子將到、我要給大衛興起<u>一個公義的苗</u> <u>裔、他必掌王權</u>、行事有智慧、在地上施行公平、和 公義。
- 4
- 6 在他的日子、猶大必得救、<u>以色列也安然居住</u>.他的 名必稱為耶和華我們的義。
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However one interpretation will fit all the particulars

The remnant are the Messianic Jews that are now emerging.

- ⁴ And He will arise and shepherd *His flock* In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they will remain, Because at that time He will be great To the ends of the earth.
- ⁵ This One will be *our* peace. When the Assyrian invades our land, When he tramples on our citadels, Then <u>we</u> will raise against him Seven shepherds and eight leaders of men.
- 4 他必起來、倚靠耶和華的大能、並耶和華他神之名的威嚴、 牧養他的羊群,他們要安然居住,因為他必日見尊大、直到 地極。
- 5 這位必作我們的平安。當亞述人進入我們的地境踐踏宮殿的時候、我們就立起七個牧者、八個首領攻擊他。

<u>NB</u>

- 1. They are already around to be raised up when the Assyrians (enemies) invade (5).
- 2. He is our peace is internal peace so the remnants are converted believers (3).
- 3. Remnants will have shepherds (v6) as the Messianic Jews leaders see themselves
- 4. He is great to the ends of the earth (v4- it is spread of gospel to ends of the earth).
- 5. They will confront the enemies (8b-9) as stated in Rev. 11:5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way.
- 6 They will shepherd (raah) the land of Assyria with the sword, The land of Nimrod at its entrances; And He will deliver us from the Assyrian When he attacks our land And when he tramples our territory. 他們必用刀劍毀壞亞述地和寧錄地的關口,亞述人進入我們的地境踐踏的時候、他必拯救我們。
- 8. Like a young lion among flocks of sheep, Which, if he passes through, Tramples down and tears, And there is none to rescue. 9. And all your enemies will be cut off.

又如少壯獅子在羊群中。他若經過就必踐踏撕裂、無人搭救. 9 願你的仇敵都被剪除.

Then the rest of the chapter do fit the Tribulation:

- ¹¹ "I will also <u>cut off the cities</u> of your land And <u>tear down all your fortifications</u>.
- ¹² "I will <u>cut off sorceries from your hand, And you will have fortune-tellers no more.</u> [cf. Rev, 9:20-21 idols exist during the Tribulation]
- ¹³ "I will <u>cut off your carved images</u> And your *sacred* pillars from among you, So that you will no longer bow down To the work of your hands.
- ¹⁴ "I will root out your Asherim from among you And destroy your cities.
- ¹⁵ "And I will execute vengeance in anger and wrath On the nations which have not obeyed."
- 11 也必從你國中除滅城邑、拆毀一切的保障、
- 12 又必除掉你手中的邪術·你那裡也不再有占卜的。
- 13 我必從你中間除滅雕刻的偶像和柱像、你就不再跪拜自己手所造的。
- 14 我必從你中間拔出木偶、又毀滅你的城邑。
- 15 我也必在怒氣和忿怒中向那不聽從的列國施報。

The antichrist will invade Israel during the Tribulation – Matt. 24:15-16

Thus partly responsible for the carnage above but God will destroy these nations, many in the battle of Armageddon.

The reemergence of sorcery and idols worship during the Tribulation

Rev. 9:

- ²⁰ The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk;
- ²¹ and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.
- 20 其餘未曾被這些災所殺的人、仍舊不悔改自己手所作的、 還是去拜鬼魔、和那些不能看、不能聽、不能走、金、 銀、銅、木、石、的偶像。
- 21 又不悔改他們那些凶殺、邪術、姦淫、偷竊的事。

Note that the remnant will be a special spiritual blessings at that time in this world

⁷ Then the remnant of Jacob Will be among many peoples Like dew from the LORD, Like showers on vegetation Which do not wait for man Or delay for the sons of men.

雅各餘剩的人必在多國的民中、如從耶和華那裡降下的露水、 又如甘霖降在草上,不仗賴人力、也不等候世人之功。

This is the 144,000 but where is the Church? - they will be raptured.

The Jews have never been such among peoples of the earth.

But this time it will be the Messianic Jews finest hours – but preparation must begin now.

Praise the Lord and thank you

Micah 7:13-17

Fleeing remnant during the Tribulation as in the Exodus



Micah

Theme: God judges but also restores. KV 7:18-19

Outline of Micah

1. Message one: Judgements but with <u>deliverance</u>

Chapter 1: Declaration of Judgment on Israel and Judah.

Chapter 2: Woe to cheating schemes and false prophets but a final deliverance.

2. Message two: Judgements but with final exaltation under the Messiah

Chapter 3: Denunciation of the leaders' brutal injustice and dishonest prophecies.

Chapter 4: The final exaltation of Jerusalem after cycles of judgements.

Chapter 5: Messiah's coming and the endeavors through His victorious remnant.

彌賽亞降臨,神再次藉著祂勝利的餘民作工

3. Message three: Judgements, God's case for it but a victorious pardon for the remnant.

Chapter 6: God laying down His case for judgment against Israel.



Chapter 7: God ultimate faithfulness to the Jewish remnant

神在大災難中保護逃難的餘民一如出埃及的時候

Micah 7: God ultimate faithfulness to the Jewish remnant, KV 9

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Micah 7:1-6 Judgement will come for no one is righteous

7:2 there is no upright *person* among men.

世間沒有正直人・

7:4 Your punishment will come.

降罰的日子已經來到

In history, the remnant always go through judgment with the nation 7-9

7:9 I will bear the indignation of the LORD Because I have sinned against Him, Until He pleads my case and executes justice for me. He will bring me out to the light, *And* I will see His righteousness.

我要忍受耶和華的惱怒·因我得罪了他·直等他為我辨屈、為我伸冤· 他必領我到光明中、我必得見他的公義。

The Messianic Jews – do they have this attitude?

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Follow by two visions on how God will restore the remnant 1. Micah 7:10-12 2. Micah 7:13-17

Micah 7:10 Then my enemy will see, And shame will cover her who said to me, "Where is the LORD your God?" My eyes will look on her; At that time she will be trampled down Like mire of the streets.

This is Armageddon

Micah 7: then the Millennium

- ¹¹ It will be a day for building your walls. On that day will your boundary be extended.
- ¹² It *will be* a day when they will come to you From Assyria and the cities of Egypt, From Egypt even to the Euphrates, Even from sea to sea and mountain to mountain.

7:13ff goes to the Tribulation – God judge the entire earth because of sin

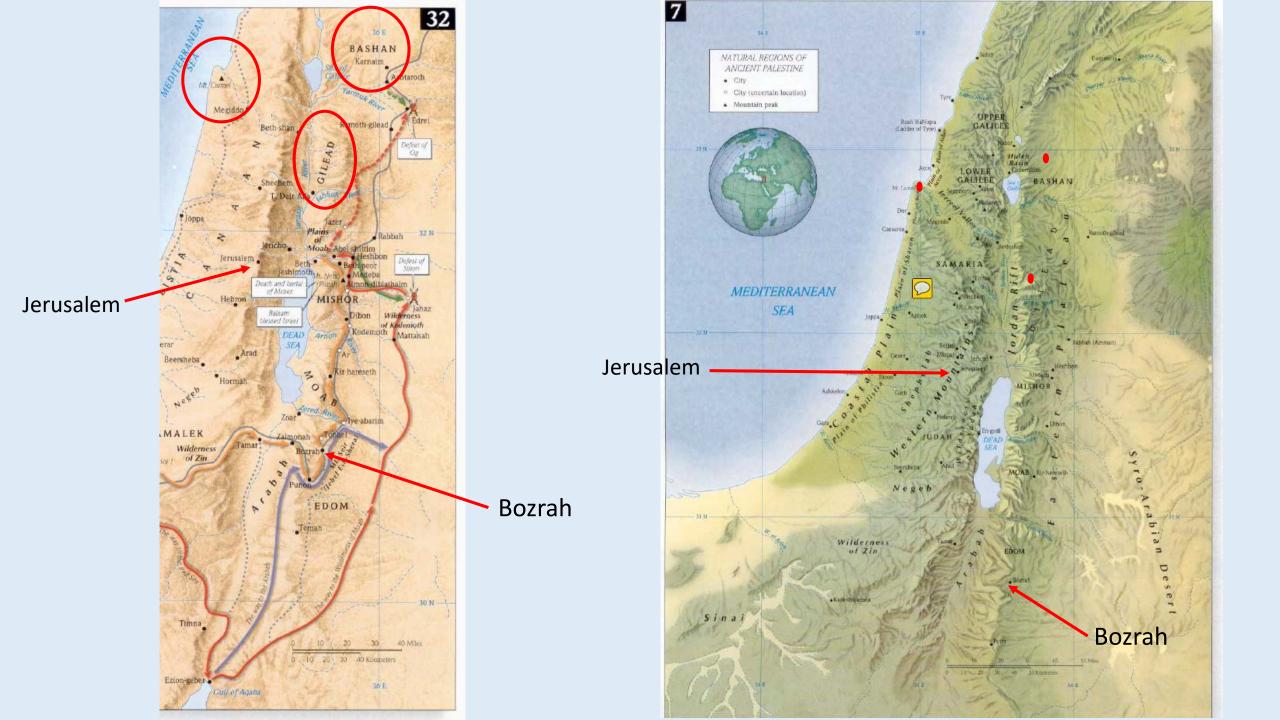
Micah 7:13

And (wav hayah) the earth will become desolate because of her inhabitants, On account of the fruit of their deeds. 然而、這地因居民的緣故、又因他們行事的結果、必然荒涼。

See what the Jews must do......

Micah 7:14

Shepherd Your people with Your scepter, The flock of Your possession Which dwells by itself in the woodland, In the midst of a <u>fruitful field (Carmel)</u>. Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead As <u>in the days of old</u>. [days of old - when is this? - see v15] 求耶和華在迦密山的樹林中、用你的杖牧放你獨居的民、就是你產業的羊群。求你容他們在巴珊和基列得食物、像古時一樣。



Micah 7: 15 "As in the days when you came out from the land of Egypt, I will show you miracles."

耶和華說、我要把奇事顯給他們看、好像出埃及地的時候一樣。

As in Rev. 11:3-6 led by the two witnesses with miracles similar to Exodus."

³ "And I will grant *authority* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

我要使我那兩個見證人、穿著毛衣、傳道一千二百六十天。

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Micah 7:

- ¹⁶ Nations will see and be <u>ashamed Of all their might</u>. They will put *their* hand on *their* mouth, Their ears will be deaf.
- ¹⁷ They will lick the dust like a serpent, Like reptiles of the earth. They will come <u>trembling out of their fortresses</u>; to the Lord our God they will come in dread And they will be afraid before You.
- 16 列國看見這事、就必<u>為自己的勢力慚愧</u>.他們必用手摀口、掩耳不聽。
- 17 他們必餂土如蛇、又如土中腹行的物、<u>戰戰兢兢的出他們的營寨</u>.他們必戰懼投降耶和華、也必因我們的一神而懼怕。

V10 ashamed in not believing

As in Rev. 12:14 when the remnant is led by two wings of an eagle.

But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

於是有大鷹的<u>兩個翅膀</u>賜給婦人、叫他<u>能飛到曠野</u>、到自己的 地方、躲避那蛇·他在那裡被養活一載二載半載。

God uses the remnant to deal with the enemies. (chapter 5)

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But what will happen after the death of the two witnesses?

但兩名見證人死後會發生什麼?

The antichrist will try to destroy them

Revelation 12:

- ¹⁵ And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood.
- ¹⁶ But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth.

Note: the 144,000 are in Heaven as this is before Christ return in Rev. 19

Revelation 14:

- 1 Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb *was* standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.
- ² And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard *was* like *the sound* of harpists playing on their harps.
- ³ And they <u>sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures</u> and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth.
- ⁴ These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These *are* the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb.

Are they slaughtered or killed? Not so, as they are protected by the seal and the two witnesses. It must be their own rapture - Rapture II of the 144,000 before Christ return.

So why first fruits? The first Jews to be fully completely resurrected.

Praise the Lord and thank you

But Paul included himself in the rapture?

1st Thessalonians 4:

- ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the <u>dead in Christ will rise first</u>.
- ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

It is Paul's usual technique of self identification with the gentiles....

Many examples – just give two

1. eg. 2Thess 3:10 - For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.

Acts 18:5 But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul *began* devoting himself completely to the word, solemnly testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.

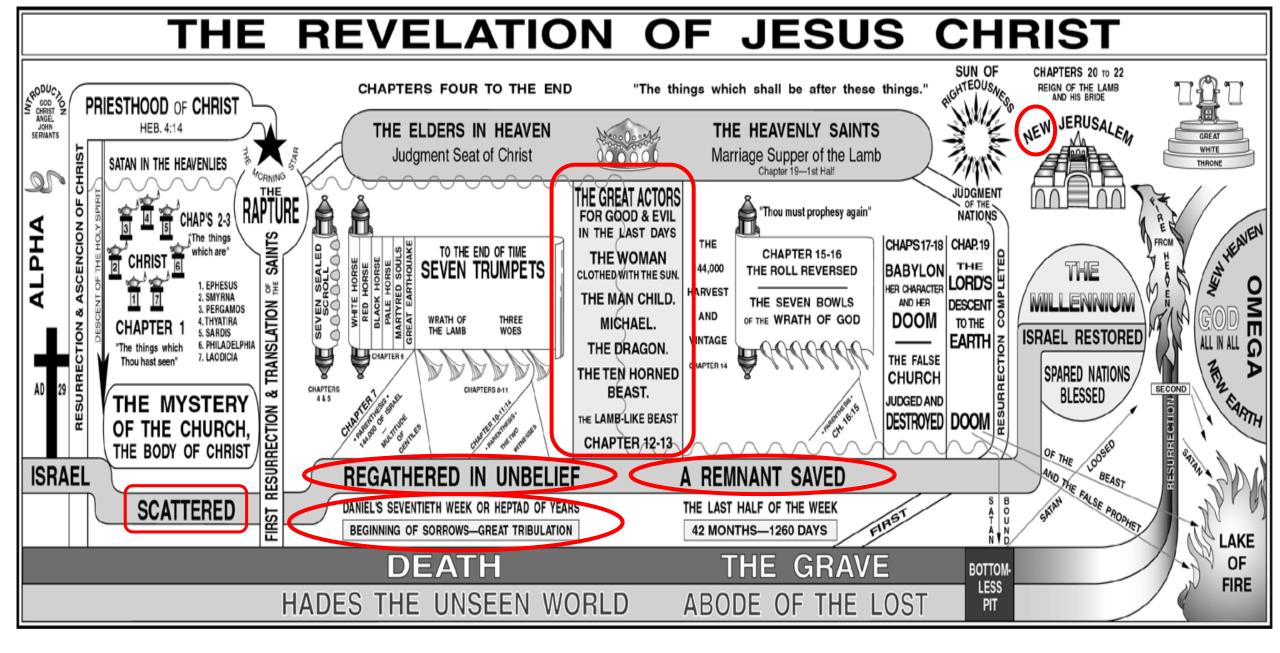
So Paul stop working against his own words.

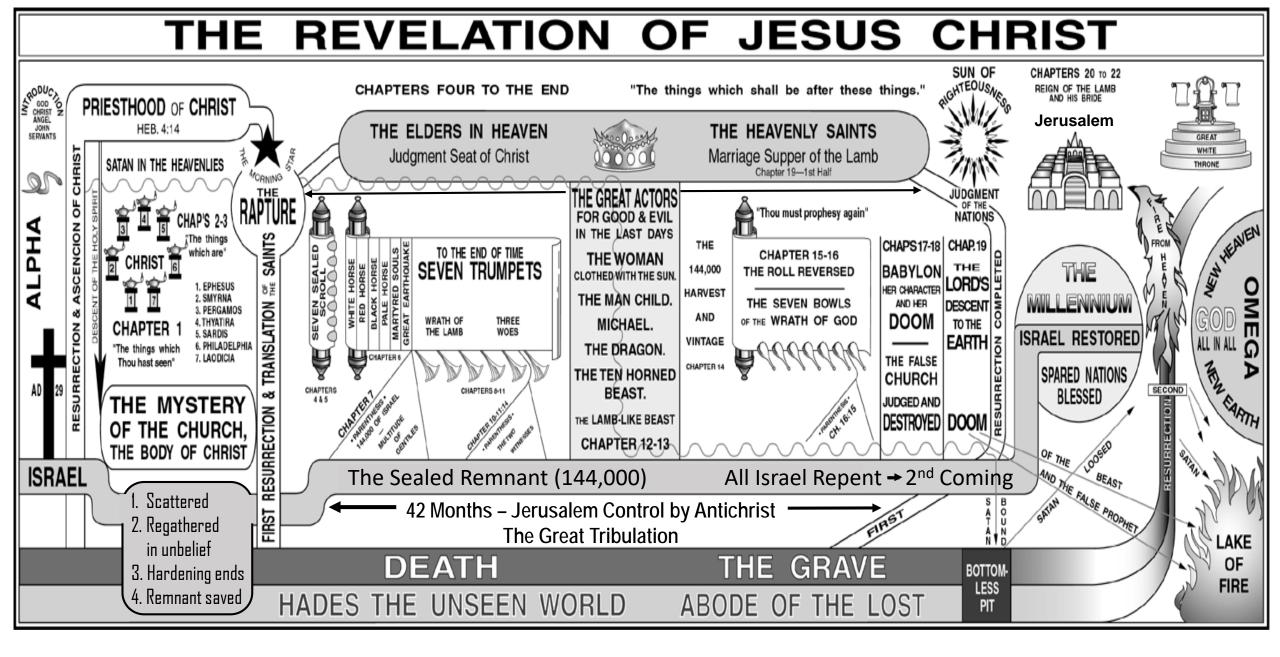
- 2. eg. Eph 2: 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

 But Paul's background is not such.
- **Phil. 3**: ⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; <u>as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless</u> [Paul never live in the lusts of the flesh for he is a strict Jew from birth]

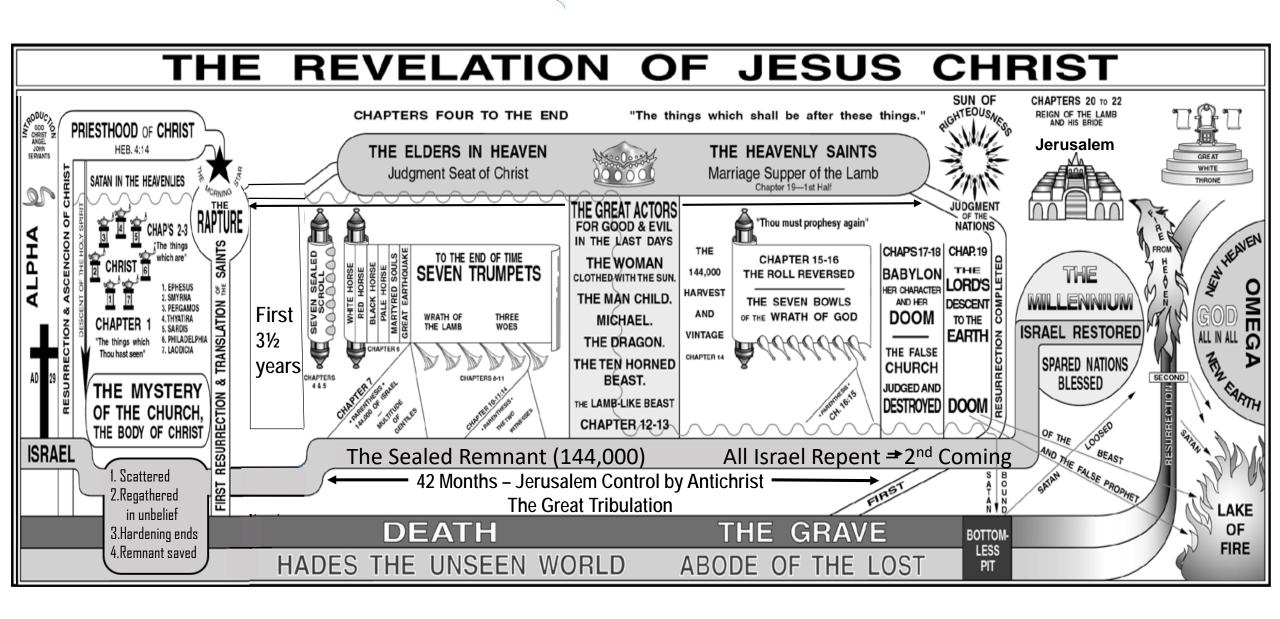


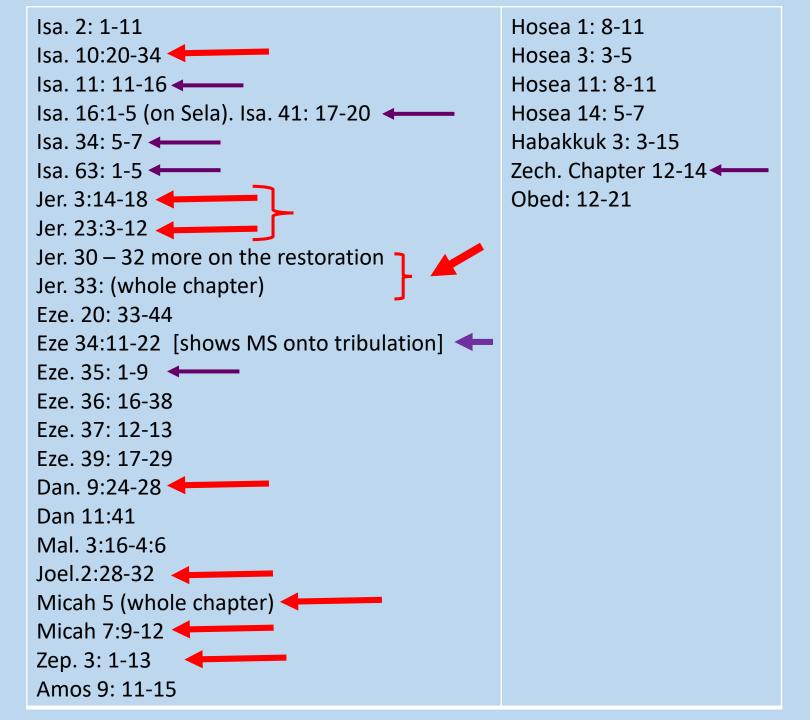
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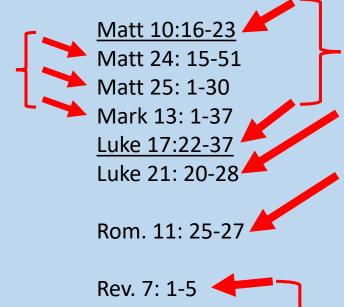




But where is the first 3½ years?







Rev. 11:1-7

Rev, 14: 1-7

Rev. 12 (relevant parts)