

Wonders in the Sky (Joel 2:28-32)

Recipients	Results	Escape
<p>“I will pour out” (<i>shaphak</i> = spill => abundance) “on all mankind” or “all flesh”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gen 6:12-13, 17 – pre-flood world 2. Deut 5:26 – all human beings 3. Job 34:14-15 – all human beings 4. Psa 145:21 – all redeemed 5. Isa 66:16 – all unbelievers 6. Jer 25:31 – all the nations / the wicked 7. Ezek 20:48 – all human beings 8. Zech 2:13 – all human beings <p>“on male & female servants” (<i>ebed</i> = slave); see Gal 3:28 – “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”</p>	<p>* will prophesy * will dream dreams * will see visions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Num 11:25-27 – <i>naba</i> = under the influence of a divine spirit, rave (of FP) 2. 1 Sam 10:1-13 – <i>nabi</i> = prophets, – of Saul 3. 1 Sam 19:20-24 – of Saul & his messengers 4. Num 12:6 – God communicates with a prophet through visions & dreams 5. 2Ch 32:32; Isa 1:1 – vision = book of Isaiah the prophet 6. Ezek 1:1 – Ezekiel saw visions of God 7. Ezek 12:27 – vision = prophesied future event 8. Dan 7:1 – Daniel saw a dream & visions in his mind = end time future events 9. God speaks to prophets, gives visions & parables <p style="text-align: center;">● ○) ★ ★ EQ</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Isaiah 13:6-11 2. Joel 3:14-17 3. Matthew 24:29-31 4. Mark 13:24-27 5. Luke 21:25-28 6. Revelation 6:12-17 	<p><u>Where</u>: on Mt Zion & in Jerusalem</p> <p><u>Who</u>: survivors (remnant) whom the Lord calls</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zech 12:9-14 – the house of David & the inhabitants of Jerusalem – the tribes of Israel 2. Zech 13:8-9 – 2/3 of Israel cut off, but 1/3 brought through the fire to be refined & tested – will call on God’s name 3. Zech 14:1-9 – nations gathered against Jerusalem – city captured, houses plundered, women ravished, 1/2 of city exiled, rest of people not cut off from the city <p>* THE LORD COMES, Mt of Olives splits in two</p> <p>* My people will flee by valley of My mountains</p> <p>* THE LORD, my God, will come & all the holy ones – no light, luminaries dwindle, unique day</p> <p>4. Rom 11:25-27 – a partial hardening on Israel until fulness of the Gentiles has come in; thus all Israel will be saved</p>



Judgment on the Earth (Joel 3:1-21)

Nations Judged

- * all nations gathered & brought to the valley of Jehoshaphat
- * judged for their sins against Israel

Tyre, Sidon, Philistia

1. Joel 3:4-8 – sold to Judeans
2. Zech 9:1-8 – Tyre consumed with fire; king from Gaza perish, Ashkelon not inhabited, pride of Philistines cut off

THEN there will be a remnant for our God

Surrounding Nations

1. Joel 3:9-17 – judged by the Lord in the valley of Jehoshaphat, for their wickedness is great
2. Ezekiel 39 – Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, & Tubal (from remotest parts of the north) – brought against mountains of Israel – will fall on mountains on Israel & given as food to birds & beasts (v1-5)
 - * fire sent upon Magog & those inhabiting the coastlands in safety (v6)
3. Joel 3:19 – Egypt will become a waste, Edom a desolate wilderness, because of the violence done to the sons of Judah & for shedding innocent Jewish blood

The Return of the Lord (Rev 19:11-21)

- * Heavens opened, & the Rider on a white horse appears to judge the nations
- * armies in heaven clothed in fine linen white & clean followed Him on white horses
- * beast & FP thrown alive into the lake of fire
- * Supper of the Birds

Israel Restored

- * fortunes of Judah & Jerusalem restored (v1)
- * the Lord is a refuge & stronghold for the sons of Israel (v16)
- * Jerusalem will be holy, strangers will pass through it no more (v17)
- * mountains drip with sweet wine, hills with milk, all the brooks of Judah flow with water (v18)
- * Judah & Jerusalem inhabited forever (v20)
 - THEN you will know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion (v17)
 - I will avenge their blood which I have not avenged, for the Lord dwells in Zion (v21)

Isaiah 35

- * deserts blossom, eyes of blind opened, ears of deaf unstopped, lame leap like a deer, dumb shout for joy, waters break forth in deserts
- * Highway of Holiness
- * the redeemed & the ransomed of the Lord return to Zion with joy & gladness



THE DAY OF THE LORD (Joel)

Past DOL	Characteristics of the DOL	Future DOL
<p><u>1:1-20 The Day of the Locust</u> <u>1:1-14 The Devastation of the Land</u> * successive locust plagues (v4, 6-7) * ☐ drought (v12) <u>1:15-20 The Desolation of the Land</u> * famine conditions (v16-17) * no fodder for animals (v18) * fire and heat (v19-20) * no water (v20)</p>	<p>1. is near (1:15; 2:1; 3:14) 2. is coming (2:1) 3. is a day of darkness + gloom (2:2) 4. is a day of clouds + thick darkness (2:2) 5. is great and very awesome (2:11, 31) "NONE CAN ENDURE IT" (2:11) 6. destruction from the Almighty (1:15)</p>	<p><u>2:18-3:21 The Day of Deliverance</u> <u>2:18-27 The Recovery of the People</u> 1. The promises (v18-20) 2. The fulfillment (v21-27) <u>2:28-32 The Reception of the Spirit</u> <u>3:1-17 The Retribution of the Nations</u> 1. Israel's End-time Restoration (v1) 2. Nations' End-time Retribution (v2-17) <u>3:18-21 The Restoration of the People</u> v18 land restored v19 Egypt & Edom desolate v20 Judah & Jerusalem inhabited forever v21 their blood avenged by the Lord v21 the Lord dwells in Zion</p>
Celestial Signs		
	Past (2:10-11)	Future (3:15-16)
<p><u>2:1-17 The Day of the Lord</u> <u>2:1-11 The Invasion of the Land</u> v3 nothing at all escapes them v6 the people are in anguish all faces turn pale <u>2:12-17 The Invitation to Repent</u> v12 "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "Return to Me with all your heart, & with fasting, weeping & mourning v13 & rend your heart & not your garments" Now return to the Lord your God For He is gracious & compassionate, slow to anger, & abounding in lovingkindness & relenting of evil. v14 who knows whether He will not turn & relent, & leave a blessing behind Him ...? Even a grain offering and a libation for the Lord your God?"</p>	<p>* earthquakes * heavens tremble * sun & moon dark * stars lose brightness * the Lord utters His voice before His army</p>	<p>* sun and moon dark * stars lose brightness * the Lord roars from Zion & utters His voice from Jerusalem</p>
	Past Pentecost	Future Pentecost (2:28-32)
	<p><u>Acts2 the Spirit poured out on Pentecost</u> * Peter quotes Joel 2:28-32 as explanation * Peter preaches sermon * 3,000 souls saved</p>	<p>* Spirit poured out on all mankind * in those days * wonders in sky & on earth, blood, fire & vapor of smoke * sun darkened, moon into blood * Before the great & awesome day of the Lord comes</p>
	<p>820 BC Joel</p>	<p>586 BC Babylonian Captivity</p>
	<p>AD 30 Pentecost 1</p>	<p>??? Pentecost 2</p>
	<p>After the restoration of Israel (2:26-28) The Day of the Lord Pentecost 3</p>	

BIRTH PANGS

GOSPEL PREACHED INTO WHOLE WORLD

SAINTS WILL BE PURGED, PURIFIED & REFINED

And then... BIRTH the End shall come!

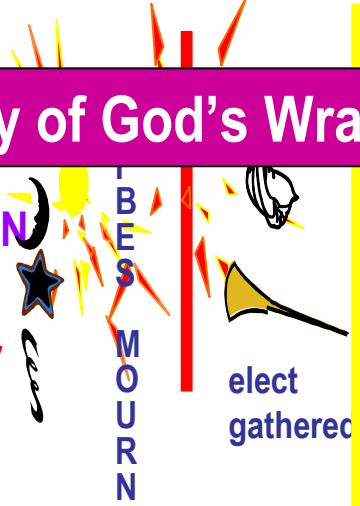
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TIMES

- religious deceivers
- wars, rumors of wars, disturbances
- famines, earthquakes, plaques
- terrors, great signs from heaven
- persecution of believers
- apostasy
- false Christs & false prophets
- lawlessness increased
- love of many grow cold

Michael shall arise

THE GREAT TRIBULATION or THE TRIBULATION Days cut short for the elect's sake

Day of God's Wrath



Stone cut without hands God's eternal indestructible Kingdom

THRONES SET UP ANCIENT OF DAYS SON OF MAN

- the Highest One
- saints
- people of the saints

Little horn will devour, tread down, crush the whole earth, He wages war with saints overpowers them wears them down alters time and law Dominion will be annihilated Destruction is decreed destroyed without human agency

RESCUE FOR JEWS (Dan 12:1) TIME OF GREAT DISTRESS

- Rescue
- Resurrection
- Reward

10 horns Little horn • uproots 3 horns • battles with kings of the South & the North other countries, the Beautiful Land, & Egypt • Edom, Moah & Ammon rescued • destroys many who are at ease

Covenant made for one week

ISRAEL BECOMES A NATION ISRAEL TAKES BACK JERUSALEM



1948 1967

1290 days 1335 days

Power of Holy People Shattered (Dan 12:7)

Blessedness

Sacrifice & Grain Offering stopped Abomination of Desolation set up

Complete destruction on one who makes desolate (Dan 9:27)



Ezekiel 39:1-10 - The Destruction of Gog

¹ “And you, **son of man**, prophecy against Gog, and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I am against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal; ² and I shall turn you around, drive you on, take you up from the remotest parts of the north, and bring you against the mountains of Israel.”

KJV 2 And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel: (note the different translation)

³ “And I shall strike your bow from your left hand, and dash down your arrows from your right hand. ⁴ You shall fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops, and the peoples who are with you; I shall give you as food to every kind of predatory bird and beast of the field. ⁵ You will fall on the open field; for it is I who have spoken,” **declares the Lord God.** ⁶ “And I shall send fire upon Magog and those who inhabit the coastlands in safety; **and they will know that I am the LORD.** ⁷ **And My holy name I shall make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I shall not let My holy name be profaned anymore. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.** ⁸ **Behold, it is coming and it shall be done,**” **declares the Lord God.** “**That is the day of which I have spoken.** ⁹ “Then those who inhabit the cities of Israel will go out, and make fires with the weapons and burn *them*, both shields and bucklers, bows and arrows, war clubs and spears and **for seven years** they will make fires of them. ¹⁰ And they will not take wood from the field or gather firewood from the forests, for they will make fires with the weapons; and they will take the spoil of those who despoiled them, and seize the plunder of those who plundered them,” **declares the Lord God.**

Arnold says that the KJV is a mistranslation & that “this is not found in the Hebrew text and has not been translated that way by subsequent translations. It is not true that one-sixth of the invading army will be left alive. The entire invading army will be destroyed when they invade Israel and nothing will remain, not even one-sixth” (p 115, Footsteps of the Messiah)

The Mountains of Israel extend the length of the center of the country, beginning at the southern point of the Valley of Jezreel at the town of Jenin in Galilee (biblical Ein Ganim), & continuing south until they peter out at a point north of Beersheba in the Negev. These mountains contain the famous biblical cities of Dothan, Shechem, Samaria, Shiloh, Bethel, Ai, Ramah, Bethlehem, Hebron, Debir, & most importantly Jerusalem, which seems to be the goal of this invading army. Up to 1967 all of the mountains of Israel, except for a small corridor of West Jerusalem were entirely in the hands of the Jordanian Arabs. Only since 1967 have the mountains of Israel been *in* Israel, thus setting the stage for the fulfillment of this prophecy (A. Fruchtenbaum)

Ezekiel 39:11-16 The Burial of Gog

¹¹ “And it will come about **on that day** that I shall give Gog a burial ground there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea, and it will block off the passers-by. So they will bury Gog there with all his multitude, and they will call *it* the valley of Hamon-gog. ¹² **For seven months** the house of Israel will be burying them in order to cleanse the land. ¹³ Even all the people of the land will bury *them*; and it will be to their renown *on the day that I glorify Myself,* **declares the Lord God.** ¹⁴ “And they will set apart men who will constantly pass through the land, burying those who were passing through, even those left on the surface of the ground, in order to cleanse it. **At the end of seven months** they will make a search. ¹⁵ And as those who pass through the land pass through and anyone sees a man’s bone, then he will set up a marker by it until the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog. ¹⁶ And even *the* name of *the* city will be Hamonah. So they will cleanse the land.”

Burial will be in one of the valleys east of the Mediterranean Sea, ie, in the Jordan Valley above the Dead Sea. Hamon-gog = multitude of Gog and Hamonah = multitude

The Timing of the Invasion

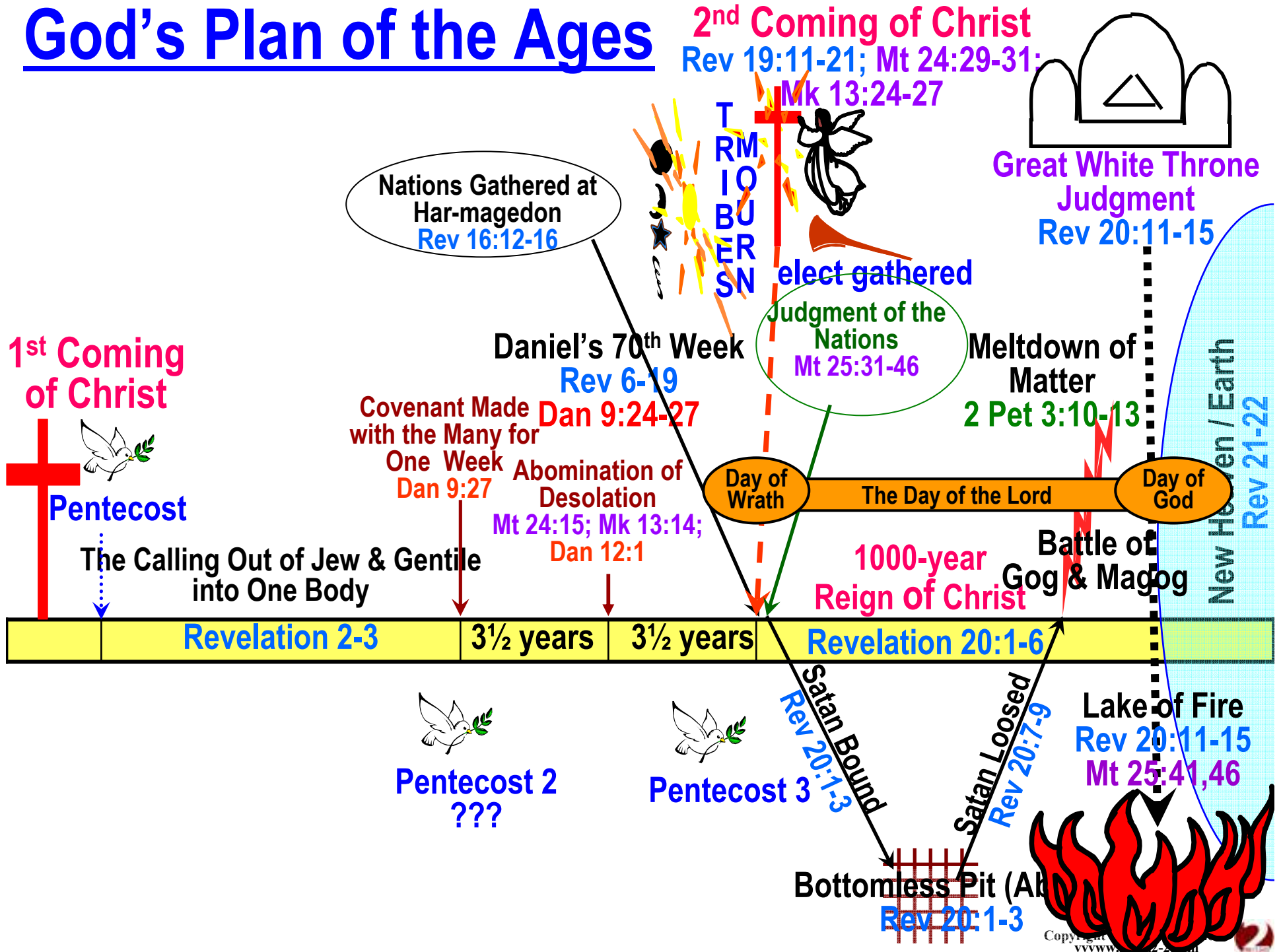
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God's Plan of the Ages



The Prophecy Against Gog (Ezekiel 39)

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- a. death on the mountains of Israel (v1-5)
- b. Fire on Magog & coastlands (v6)
- c. Reason for God's judgment (v7-8)
- d. Aftermath of Battle in Israel (v9-10)

39:11-16 The Burial of Gog

- * in the valley of Hamon-gog (v11)
- * for seven months (v12, 14)

39:17-20 The Feast of the Birds & Beasts

cf. Rev 19:17-18 the Great Supper of God

39:21-29 Israel Restored to the Land

Two Results of the Battle (v21-22)

- a) nations will see God's glory (v21)
- b) Israel will turn to God (v22)

Two Results of the Restoration (v23-29)

- a) nations will know reason for Israel's exile (v23-24)
- b) Israel will know her God when He restores her & pours His Spirit on her (v25-29)

