

# THE TRIBULATION PERIOD (PART I)



# GOD HAS SCHEDULED A DAY OF JUDGMENT FOR THE NATIONS

- He said, “Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy” (Zeph. 3:8).

# **HE WON'T ALLOW THE NATIONS TO GET AWAY WITH SIN FOREVER**

- **Indignation is one of the names of the Tribulation Period.**
- **God will use that time to deal with abortion, anti-Semitism, blasphemy, drugs, the gay issue, and sin of every kind.**



# JESUS SPOKE OF THIS COMING DAY OF JUDGMENT

- He said, “For then shall be **great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be” (Matt. 24:21).
- He said, “Immediately after the **tribulation of those days** shall the sun be darkened . . . .” (Matt. 24:29).



# **GOD GIVES MANY REASONS FOR SENDING THE TRIBULATION PERIOD**

- 1) God will fulfill prophecy (Dan. 9:24).**
- 2) God will defeat Satan, the Antichrist, and the False Prophet (Rev. 19-20).**
- 3) God will uphold Jerusalem's cause and punish those who mistreat the Jews (Isa. 34:8).**
- 4) God will punish Israel for sinning (Mic. 7:9).**

# MORE

- 5) God will embarrass the Jews and cause them to accept Jesus as their Messiah (Zech. 13:8-9).**
- 6) God will punish those who claim Israel's land (Ezek. 36:1-38).**
- 7) God will punish the inhabitants of the earth for their sin (Isa. 24:1-6).**
- 8) God will cause the inhabitants of the earth to seek righteousness (Isa. 26:9).**

# LET'S LOOK AT GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM



# GOD ASKED ABRAHAM TO MOVE TO THE PROMISED LAND

- After Abraham moved, God said, “I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God” (Gen. 17:7-8).



# HERE ARE THE TERMS OF GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

- **With “thee” means with Abraham.**
- **With “thy seed after thee” means with Abraham’s descendants after him.**
- **In “their generations” means anytime Abraham has living descendants.**
- **For an “everlasting covenant” means God’s covenant will last forever.**



# ALL

- “**All the land of Canaan**” means **ALL** of the Promised Land (not part of it) belongs to Israel.
- “For an **everlasting possession**” means **ALL** of the Promised Land belongs to Israel forever.

## JOHN 3:16

- “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
  - Everlasting means FOREVER.
  - God gave the Promised Land to Abraham and his descendants FOREVER.

# ISRAEL'S GOD

- **“I will be their God”** means Jehovah made a covenant with Abraham to be Israel's God.
- God has often used nations to discipline Israel.
- But if God doesn't give a nation permission to discipline Israel, that nation had better leave Israel alone because Israel's God is God.

# DOES ABRAHAM'S SEED MEAN THE COVENANT WENT THROUGH ISAAC OR ISHMAEL



**SARAH'S SON ISAAC OR HAGAR'S SON ISHMAEL**

# GOD ANSWERED THE QUESTION

- “Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee! And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and **thou shalt call his name ISAAC: and I WILL ESTABLISH MY COVENANT WITH HIM for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him**. And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. But MY COVENANT WILL I ESTABLISH WITH ISAAC, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year” (Gen. 17:18-21).

**GOD SAID THE COVENANT  
WOULD GO THROUGH ISAAC  
NOT ISHMAEL**



**ISAAC**

**NOT**



**ISHMAEL**

# **GOD IS FAIR**

- **He loved Ishmael.**
  - **He promised to bless Ishmael.**
  - **To give Ishmael many descendants.**
  - **And to make Ishmael into a great nation.**
- **Ishmael now has about 300 million descendants.**
  - **His descendants rule in 21 Arab nations (Egypt, Ethiopia, Libya, etc).**
  - **God gave them billions of barrels of oil.**



# BUT

- God **DIDN'T** give Ishmael's descendants (the Arabs) the Promised Land.
- God said His covenant will go through **ISAAC**.
- The descendants of **ISAAC** (not Ishmael) must possess **ALL** of the Promised Land **FOREVER**.

# WHAT ABOUT ESAU

- **Isaac had twin sons named Esau and Jacob [or Israel].**
- **Esau was the firstborn so the covenant would have normally gone through him.**
- **But Esau despised his birthright.**
- **He sold his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of pottage (Gen. 25:29-34).**
- **And God accepted his foolish mistake.**

# JACOB VALUED THE BIRTHRIGHT

- Jacob went to great lengths to get it.
- And since Esau sold it to him, God didn't think it was unfair to let him have it.
- So God told **Jacob**, “I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the **land** whereon thou liest, to **thee** will I give it, and to **thy seed**” (Gen. 28:13).
  - God gave the Promised Land to **Jacob (or Israel)** and his descendants, but NOT to Esau and his descendants.

# GOD SAID IT AGAIN

- “Thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel . . . And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land” (Gen. 35:10-12).

**GOD SAID THE COVENANT WILL  
GO THROUGH JACOB AND  
DESCENDANTS**



**DESCENDANTS  
OF JACOB**

**NOT**



**DESCENDANTS  
OF ESAU**

# WHAT IF GOD DIN'T KEEP HIS COVENANT

- He would be a liar, if He didn't keep it.
  - We couldn't trust Him.
- The Bible would have errors.
  - It would be a book of lies.
- But God is holy.
  - He does not lie and the Bible is not wrong.
- **ALL** of the Promised Land belongs to Israel & **NONE** of the Promised Land belongs to the Palestinians or Arabs.



# **WHAT IF THE NATIONS REJECT OR IGNORE GOD'S COVENANT**

- **God's Word is settled forever so He won't break His covenant (Psa. 119:89).**
- **If the nations keep rejecting & ignoring God's covenant & they keep attacking Israel without His approval they will eventually wind up in a battle with God.**
- **Israel's God is Jehovah.**
  - **He made a covenant to be their God FOREVER.**

# LET'S NOTICE ONE REASON WHY GOD HAD MOSES LEAD THE JEWS OUT OF EGYPT

- Moses said, “The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the LORD loved you, and because he would **KEEP THE OATH** which he had sworn unto your fathers” (Deut. 7:7-8).
  - God sent the Ten Plagues on Egypt because He refused to break His covenant.
  - And He will send the Tribulation Period because He will refuse to break His covenant.





# MOSES TOOK THE JEWS TO MT. SINAI AND RENEWED THE COVENANT WITH BLOOD



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# AT MT. SINAI GOD ASKED THE JEWS TO DO SEVERAL THINGS

- God said, “When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD. Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard” (Imp— This in the book of Lev. 25:1-4).

# **FIRST---GOD WANTED THE JEWS TO REMEMBER THE SABBATH**

- **God wanted the Jews to let the land go through a seven-year cycle.**
- **They could plant and harvest crops for six years.**
- **But He wanted them to let the land rest every seventh year.**
- **God called the seventh year a Sabbath year.**

**SECOND---GOD WANTED THE JEWS  
TO KEEP ALL OF THE  
COMMANDMENTS NOT JUST SOME  
OF THE COMMANDMENTS**

- God said, “Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I *am* the LORD. If ye walk in my statutes (plural), AND keep my commandments (plural). . .” (Lev. 26:2-3).

–Keep the Sabbath + the other nine.

**GOD WANTED THE JEWS TO KNOW THAT HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF THEM IF THEY WOULD LET THE LAND REST EVERY SEVENTH YEAR**

- **God said, “And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase: Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years” (Lev. 25:20-21).**

## **OBEDIENCE WOULD BRING A BIGGER HARVEST & A YEAR OF VACATION**

- **If the Jews would let the land rest in the Sabbath year, their sixth year harvest would be enough for three years.**
  - **Letting the land rest wouldn't mean losing one crop.**
- **Three crops in the sixth year actually means the Jews would gain a crop & they would get the seventh year off.**

# **THE SIXTH CROP WOULD BE LIKE THE MANNA FROM HEAVEN**

- **During the week, the Jews in the wilderness could gather only enough manna for one day.**
  - **If they gathered more manna than they needed for one day, their extra manna spoiled.**

# BUT

- **On the sixth day, the Jews could gather a two day's supply, and the extra manna wouldn't spoil.**
  - **If the Jews would let the land rest in the seventh year, God would give them a triple crop in the sixth year.**
  - **They could gather twice the manna on the sixth day.**
  - **They would get a triple crop in the sixth year.**



# OBEDIENCE WOULD BRING OTHER BLESSINGS

- If the Jews would obey God, He would give them rain, good crops, plenty to eat, peace, security, make their enemies afraid, give them victory in war, give them children, dwell with them, be their God, and they would be His people (Lev. 26:4-13).

# BUT DISOBEDIENCE WOULD BE VERY COSTLY

- God said, “If ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; **THEN** I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; **AND** I, even I, will chastise you **seven times for your sins.** **AND** ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, **AND** the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat. **AND** I will destroy your high places, **AND** cut down your images, **AND** cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, **AND** my soul shall abhor you. **AND** I will make your cities waste, **AND** bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, **AND** I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours.”

# AND, AND, AND . . . THEN

- **“AND I will bring the land into desolation: AND your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it. AND I will scatter you among the heathen, AND will draw out a sword after you: AND your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste. THEN shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye be in your enemies’ land; even then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths. As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it.”**

# NOT LETTING THE LAND REST WOULD CAUSE GOD TO DO TWO THINGS

- **First, God would scatter the Jews among the heathen for not letting the land rest.**
  - He would put the Jews off the land and make it desolate for as long as they did not let it rest when they dwelt on it.
- **Second, God would chastise the Jews seven times more for their other sins of adultery, lying, killing the prophets, idolatry, etc.**

**BEFORE GOD PUT THE JEWS OFF THE LAND  
HE WOULD GIVE THEM CHANCES TO  
REPENT**

- **But if they refused to repent and let the land rest every seventh year:
  - God would eventually put them off the land one year for every year they didn't let it rest when they were on it.
  - **PLUS** God would punish them seven times more than that for breaking the other Commandments.**

# THE YEARS WOULD ACCUMULATE

- If the Jews didn't let the land rest twice in fourteen years:
  - God would eventually put the Jews off the land two years because they broke the Commandment about the Sabbath.
  - **PLUS** He would punish them seven times more ( $7 \times 2 = 14$  more yrs.) for breaking the other Commandments.

# GOD WOULD BE VERY PATIENT

- If the Jews didn't let the land rest 70 times in four hundred and ninety years:
  - God would eventually put them off the land 70 years for breaking the Commandment about the Sabbath.
- PLUS He would punish them seven times more ( $7 \times 70 = 490$  more yrs) for breaking the other Commandments.

# SUMMARY

- **The land was supposed to rest:**
  - **1 year out of every 7**
  - **2 years out of every 14**
  - **3 years out of every 21**
  - **4 years out of every 28**
  - **70 years out of every 490**



# SOMETHING TO KEEP IN MIND

- When God eventually decided to punish Israel, He would put the Jews off the land for as long as they didn't let it rest.
  - If He put Israel off the land 70 years, it means Israel didn't let the land rest 70 times (they stole 70 crops or Sabbaths).
- PLUS it also means that the Jews would be punished seven times more ( $7 \times 70 = 490$  more years) for breaking the other nine Commandments.

# WHAT GOD DIDN'T SAY

- God DIDN'T say He would put the Jews off the land forever.
- God DIDN'T say He would cancel the covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- God SAID He would put the Jews off the land for as long as they didn't let it rest.
- The Jews would still own the land.
- They just wouldn't get to live on the land for as long as they didn't let it rest AND they would be punished seven times more for their other sins.

# GOD EVEN SAID HE WON'T BREAK THE COVENANT

- God said, “And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, **I WILL NOT cast them away**, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I *am* the LORD their God. But **I will for their sakes remember the covenant** of their ancestors . . . *I am* the LORD” (Lev. 26:44-45).

Q.---Paul asked, “Hath God cast away His people” (Rom. 11:1)?

A.---“God hath not cast away His people.”

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# REPENTANCE WOULD CHANGE THINGS



- If the Jews would repent and confess their sins,
  - God would remember His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
  - God would restore the nation.
  - He would put the Jews back on the Promised Land (Lev. 26:40-46).

# WHAT HAPPENED

- **Moses died.**
- **God told Joshua to lead the Jews into the Promised Land and possess it (Josh. 1:2-4).**
- **The Jews were faithful for awhile.**
- **But during the time of the Judges, they went on a roller coaster of rebellion and repentance.**

# **ABOUT 1100 B.C., SIN WAS RAMPANT**

- **The Jews stopped letting the land rest and started planting crops the Sabbath year.**
- **They were also breaking the other Commandments: committing adultery, lying, killing the prophets, worshipping idols, etc.**



# DESTRUCTION IN THE NORTH

- **Approximately 721 B.C. the Northern Kingdom called Israel was destroyed after several warnings because the people were more wicked than those in Judah.**



# A WARNING IN THE SOUTH

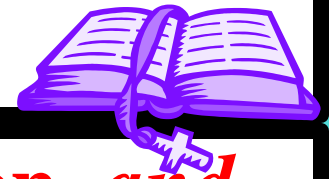
- **Approximately 606 B.C. Jeremiah warned the Southern Kingdom called Judah that God was going to put them off the land for seventy years.**

## **JEREMIAH 25:8-10**



- **Jeremiah said, “Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Because ye have not heard my words, Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land . . .**

# JEREMIAH 25:11-13



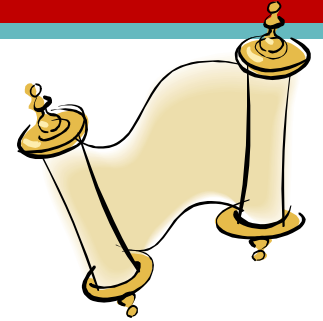
- **“This whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon SEVENTY YEARS.** And it shall come to pass, when **SEVENTY YEARS** are accomplished, *that* I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations. And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, *even* **all that is written in this book, which JEREMIAH hath prophesied** against all the nations.”

# JEREMIAH WROTE A BOOK

- The land will be desolate for 70 years.
  - The Jews will be put off the land to serve the king of Babylon for 70 years because they haven't been letting the land rest.
- After 70 yrs .God will punish Babylon.
  - This turned out to be the night the hand wrote on the wall & Babylon fell.
- Jeremiah's prophecy was written in a book.

# **WE HAVE A COPY OF JEREMIAH'S BOOK**

- **It's called the Book of Jeremiah in the Bible.**



- **The Book of Jeremiah was written:**
  - **Before the Babylonian Captivity.**
  - **About 600 years before the birth of Jesus.**
- **God preserved the Book of Jeremiah so we can read what He told the Jews.**

# JEREMIAH'S BOOK SAYS THE JEWS WILL RETURN AFTER 70 YEARS

- “Thus saith the LORD, That after 70 yrs be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, & perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place” (Jer. 29:10).
- Israel would be off the land 70 yrs for stealing 70 crops or Sabbaths.
- After spending 70 yrs in Babylon, God would cause the Jews to return to the land.
  - But don't forget that they would still need to suffer 7 times more or 490 more years for their sins of adultery, lying, killing the prophets & worshipping idols.

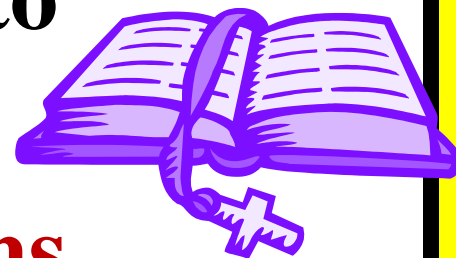
# THE HISTORICAL RECORD

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- The Babylonians attacked “And them that had escaped from the sword [**The Jews that weren’t killed**] carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: [**Why**] To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of **JEREMIAH**, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

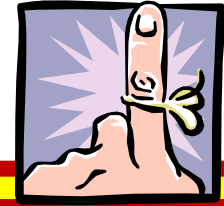
# WHAT THE WORD OF GOD SAYS

- The Jews were carried away to Babylon (put off the land
- The land enjoyed her Sabbaths.
- The land was desolate for 70 years (to recover the 70 Sabbaths they stole).
- This was done to fulfill Jeremiah's prophecy about the Sabbaths





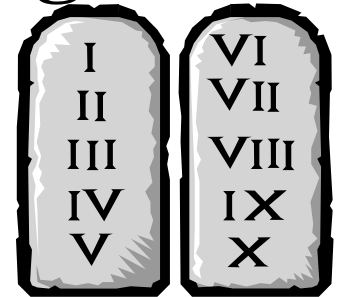
# DON'T FORGET



- The 70 years off the land **DIDN'T** have anything to do with Israel's punishment for adultery, lying, killing the prophets, worshipping idols, etc.
- The 70 years off the land was punishment because the Jews did not let the land rest.
- The Jews would still have to be punished seven times more ( $7 \times 70 = 490$  more years) for their other sins.

# ALL OF THE COMMANDMENTS

- It's important to keep the Sabbath, but keeping the Sabbath is not enough.
- We need to keep ALL of the Commandments not just one.
- The failure of multitudes to attend Church, the removal of the Ten Commandments from public property, from our schools, etc. will eventually trigger a reaction from God.



# **THE JEWS REACHED A POINT OF NO RETURN**

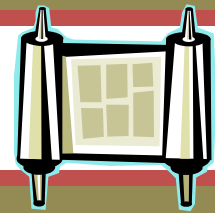
- **The Jews stole:**
  - 1 crop out of 7
  - 2 crops out of 14
  - 3 crops out of 21, etc. until they had stolen 70 crops in 490 years.
  - Then, God's patience ran out.
- **And God didn't forgive them anymore.**



# **I BELIEVE THERE IS A LIMIT TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

- **Peter asked Jesus, “Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, “I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven” (Matt. 19:21-22).**
  - **God is patient, but God will fulfill His Word.**
  - **Judah's limit was 70 X 7 or 490 yrs.**

# DANIEL'S DISCOVERY



- Daniel said, “In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans; In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by **books** the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to **JEREMIAH** the prophet, that he would accomplish **SEVENTY YEARS** in the desolations of Jerusalem” (Dan. 9:1-2).

# IT PAYS TO STUDY BIBLE PROPHECY

- Daniel was in Babylon.
- King Darius of Persia had taken over.
- Daniel was reading the Book of Jeremiah when he understood why the land was desolate for seventy yrs.
- The Jews were off the land for seventy years because they stole 70 crops and Sabbaths & God said He would get them back.

# DON'T MISS THIS

- Daniel said he was reading the Book of Jeremiah when he understood why Israel would be off the land for 70 yrs.
- But Daniel DIDN'T say he understood the part about the seven times more punishment.
  - That comes from the Book of Leviticus.
- Daniel ONLY figured out the part about the Sabbath of the Land (from Jeremiah).

# **AN IMPORTANT POINT**

- **The Church hasn't replaced Israel.**
  - **God punished Israel.**
  - **But He didn't break His covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.**
- **He put the Jews off the land for 70 years for stealing 70 crops.**
  - **But He didn't cancel the covenant.**
  - **The land is still theirs (it's their bicycle).**



# A SECOND IMPORTANT POINT

- You have just read some of the same verses of Scripture that Daniel read in Babylon more than 2500 years ago.
- If you want to read the entire Book of Jeremiah that Daniel read in Babylon, you have it and you can read it.
- If Daniel could figure out part of this prophecy by reading the Book of Jeremiah in Babylon, you can too.

# DANIEL GOT INVOLVED

- **First**, Daniel got involved because he understood why Israel was off the land for seventy years.
- **Second**, Daniel got involved because he knew God forgives and shows mercy.

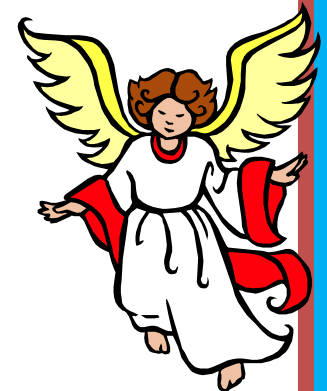
# WHAT DANIEL DID

- Daniel fasted, prayed, confessed his sins, confessed Israel's sins, asked God to **remember His covenant**, reminded God that He is merciful and forgiving, and asked God to let His anger be turned away from Israel.
- Daniel also asked God to hear, act and not delay because the city and the people are called by God's name.



# WHAT HAPPENED WHILE DANIEL WAS PRAYING

- “Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man **Gabriel**, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me . . . And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth **to give thee skill and understanding**” (Dan. 9:21-22).



# THE ANGEL GABRIEL APPEARED



- Gabriel appeared to give Daniel skill and understanding.
- It's clear that Daniel understood why Israel was off the land for 70 years.
- But Daniel didn't understand that the Jews would be punished seven times more for breaking the other Commandments (adultery, lying, killing the prophets, worshipping idols, etc.).

# TIME OUT TO REVIEW THE MEANING OF “ONE WEEK”

- The Hebrew word “week” means “7.”
- One week means “7” of something.
  - One week of days means 7 days.
  - One week of months means 7 months.
  - One week of years means 7 years.
- When the Jews say “one week” they can mean one week of days, one week of months, one week of years, etc.

# JACOB IS AN EXAMPLE

- When Jacob wanted to marry Rachel, Laban said, “Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet 7 other yrs And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week . . . and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, & served with him yet seven other years” (Gen. 29).

# **FULFIL HER WEEK MEANT WORK SEVEN YEARS**

- **Jacob served Laban one week (or seven years) so he could marry Rachel.**
- **For him, one week meant seven years (six years plus one Sabbath year).**



# TEST CONCERNING JACOB

- **If one week meant seven years to Jacob, how long was 7 weeks?**
  - **7 weeks = 7 X 7 yrs. = 49 yrs.**
- **How long was 62 weeks?**
  - **62 weeks = 62 X 7 yrs. = 434 yrs.**
- **How long was seventy weeks?**
  - **70 weeks = 70 X 7 yrs. = 490 yrs.**

# GABRIEL'S MESSAGE TO DANIEL



- Gabriel said, “Seventy weeks (70 X7 = 490 years) are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy” (Dan. 9:24).

# **YOUR PEOPLE HAVEN'T COMPLETED ALL OF THEIR PUNISHMENT**

- **The Jews had been off the land for about 70 years.**
  - **But they still needed to be punished for breaking the other 9 Commandments.**
  - **They still needed to suffer seventy weeks or seven times more ( $70 \times 7 = 490$  more years) to finish the transgression.**

# **WHEN WOULD THE 70 WEEKS OR 490 MORE YEARS START**

- **“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem . . .” (Dan. 9:25-27).**
  - **The 490 more years of extra punishment would start with a command to restore and to build Jerusalem.**
  - **This command was issued by Artaxerxes & is found in Neh. 2:1-8.**

# HERE IS THE COMMAND TO REBUILD JERUSALEM

- Nehemiah said, “If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the **CITY** of my fathers’ sepulchres (Jerusalem), that I may **BUILD IT** . . . . And **the king GRANTED me**, according to the good hand of my God upon me” (Neh. 2:1-8).

# THE COUNTDOWN STARTED

- **When Artaxerxes issued the command to rebuild Jerusalem the countdown clock on the 70 weeks (of years) of Israel's punishment started ticking.**
- **It will take us down to the Tribulation Period.**



# **THE BIBLE GIVES THE MONTH & THE DAY THAT THE COUNTDOWN STARTED**

- **Nehemiah said the command to rebuild Jerusalem was given in the month of Nisan (Neh. 2:1-8).**
- **By Jewish tradition, if Nehemiah didn't identify the day (and he didn't) it was the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month.**
- **The command to rebuild Jerusalem was given on Nisan 1.**

## **THE YEAR IS DISPUTED**

- **Nehemiah said the command to rebuild Jerusalem was given in the month of Nisan in twentieth year of Artaxerxes (Neh. 2:1-8).**
- **A few experts, including Dr. C. I. Scofield, say the year was 445 B.C.**
- **Others experts, including Dr. Harold Hoehner, say the year was 444 B.C.**



# **IT DOESN'T MATTER**

- **The way the Jewish calendar is set up, this comes out the same way whether we start in 445 B.C. or 444 B.C.**
- **If we start counting one year sooner, we will just end up one year sooner.**
- **The number of days between the events will be the same.**

# GABRIEL FORETOLD THE EXACT DAY OF THE FIRST COMING OF JESUS

- “Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks (7), and threescore and two weeks (62)” (Dan. 9:25).
- **7 wks plus 62 wks = 69 wks of years.**
- **69 wks of yrs. X 7 yrs./wk = 483 years.**
- **483 years X 360 days in a Jewish prophetic yr. = 173,880 days.**
- **Gabriel said there will be 173,880 days from the command to rebuild Jerusalem unto the first coming of Jesus.**

## CONCERNING NISAN 1, 445 B.C.

- If Dr. C. I. Scofield is right and we start counting on Nisan 1, 445 B.C. and count off 173,880 days, this means Jesus would make His **Triumphal Entry on Nisan 10, 32 A.D (April 6, 32 A.D.)**.

# CONCERNING NISAN 1, 444 B.C.

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# IT CHECKS OUT

- The Bible confirms that Jesus made His Triumphal Entry on **Nisan 10** (Jn. 12:1, 12).
- This was His **official appearance** to the nation of Israel (Palm Sunday).
- **Nisan 10** is a very important day in the Bible & we will come back to it.

# GABRIEL DIVIDED THE 490 YEARS INTO THREE TIME PERIODS

- “Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks (7), and threescore and two weeks (62): the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary . . . And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week (1) . . . (Dan. 9:25-27).

# THE PASSAGE MENTIONS THREE TIME PERIODS

- 1) A period of **7 wks.** =  $7 \times 7 =$  **49 yrs.**
  - 2) A period of **62 wks.** =  $62 \times 7 =$  **434 yrs.**
  - 3) A period of **1 wk.** =  $1 \times 7 =$  **7 yrs.**
- The total is **70 wks.** = **490 yrs.**
  - In the 1<sup>st</sup> 49 yrs. Jerusalem was rebuilt.
  - The end of 434 yrs., was the 1<sup>st</sup> coming.
  - The last 7 yrs. is the Tribulation Period

# THE 1<sup>ST</sup> 3 EVENTS THAT GABRIEL PROPHESIED IN SEQUENCE

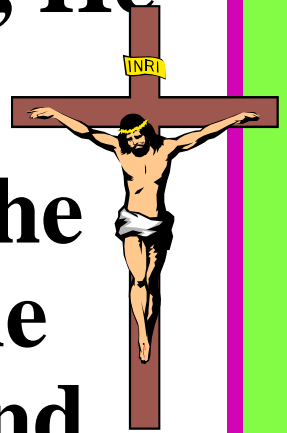
- **First**, there will be a period of 7 weeks of years (49 years).
- **Second**, there will be a period of 62 weeks of years (434 years).
- **Third**, after the period of 62 weeks of years, the Messiah will **appear**.





## THE NEXT THREE EVENTS IN SEQUENCE

- **Fourth**, after the Messiah appears, He will be cut off, but not for himself.
- **Fifth**, after the Messiah is cut off the people of the prince that shall come will destroy the city (Jerusalem) and the sanctuary (Temple).
  - Rome did this in 70 A.D.
- **Sixth**, the end of the age will be with a flood (it will be overwhelming, but it will be after 70 A.D.).



# THE NEXT TWO EVENTS

- **Seventh**, the prince that shall come (the Antichrist) will sign a covenant (or a peace treaty) with many for one week (7 years).
- **Eighth**, in the midst of the week he (the Antichrist) will cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease.
  - These were always done in Jerusalem at the Temple.
  - But since they were destroyed in 70 A.D. they will have to be rebuilt before the middle of the T. P.

# BE CAREFUL

- Some say Nero was the Antichrist and he destroyed Jerusalem & the Temple in 70 A.D.
- This does not say the Antichrist will destroy Jerusalem and the Temple.
- This says, “The **PEOPLE** of the prince that shall come” (**the people of the Antichrist**) will destroy Jerusalem and the Temple.
- Jerusalem & the Temple were destroyed by the Romans who are the people of the prince that shall come (the Antichrist).

# **THE ANTICHRIST IS STILL FUTURE**

- **He will show up at the end of the age and sign a covenant with many others for seven years of peace in the Middle East.**



# LET'S NOTICE WHAT JESUS SAID WHEN HE MADE HIS TRIUMPHAL ENTRY ON NISAN 10

- **“If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes [you’re blinded]. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation”** (Luke 19:41-44).

# HE SAID

- “**You should have known** that this was the day that your Messiah would appear.”
- “But you didn’t know, so now you’re **blinded** & Israel & Jerusalem will be **destroyed again.**”
  - The Jews were blinded & destroyed because they didn’t know what day their Messiah would appear.
  - They watched the weather, but they ignored O.T. prophecy (Matt. 16:1-4).

# WHAT ABOUT THE COVENANT

- **Israel and Jerusalem would be destroyed.**
- **The Jews would be blinded and put off the land a second time.**
- **But God's everlasting covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob wasn't cancelled (the bicycle is still theirs).**
- **This is why Israel's return is so important.**
- **It's setting the stage for the last 7 years that we call the Tribulation Period.**



# LET'S GO BACK TO NISAN 10

- **Artaxerxes gave Nehemiah the Command to rebuild Jerusalem (Neh. 2:1-8).**
- **7 wks plus 62 weeks later (which was 483 years or 173,880 days later) Jesus made His Triumphal Entry on the exact day the angel Gabriel said the Messiah would appear.**
- **That day was Nisan 10.**



# WHY IS NISAN 10 SIGNIFICANT

- **Nisan 10** is significant because God told Moses to have every **family** of Jews in Egypt select their Passover Lamb on **Nisan 10** (Ex. 12:1-3).
- So Jesus made His Triumphal Entry on **Nisan 10** which is the same day that every family of Jews selected a Lamb to sacrifice as their **family** Passover Lamb (Ex. 12:5).
- **Nisan 10** is also the same day that the priests selected a lamb to be sacrificed as the **nation's** Passover Lamb.

# NOTICE THAT THERE WERE 2 LAMBS

- The first lamb was sacrificed at home by the head of the family.
  - Each family observed Passover Day with a Passover meal at home.
- The second lamb was sacrificed at the Temple by the Priests.
  - The nation observed Passover Day with a Passover sacrifice at the Temple.
- This involved 2 two services (one at home and one a little later at the Temple).

# THE NATION'S LAMB WAS KILLED AT EVENING TIME ON NISAN 14

- God said select the lamb on Nisan 10, but “ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: & the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening” (Ex. 12:6).
- The Priests killed the nation's Passover Lamb at the Temple at evening time five days after they selected it.

# EVENING IS 3-6 P.M. IN ISRAEL



- Jewish **families** killed their Passover Lamb at 3 p.m. on the day before Passover so they could cook it & have it ready to eat for their Passover Meal at 6 p.m. (the beginning of Passover Day).
- Jewish **priests** killed the Passover lamb for the **nation** at the Temple at 3 p.m. the next afternoon (this was still on Passover Day).
- Jesus was crucified on Passover Day (Matt. 26:2).
- Jesus died at the ninth hour which was 3 p.m.
- Jesus died on the exact day & at the exact time the priests killed the **nation's** Passover Lamb at the Temple.

# **A SHADOW OF GOOD THINGS TO COME (HEB. 10:1)**

- **God told the Jews not to leave any of the Passover Lamb until the next day (Ex. 12:10).**
  - **The body of Jesus was removed from the cross before the next day (Jn. 19:31).**
- **God told the Jews not to break any of the Passover Lamb's bones (Ex. 12:46).**
  - **None of the bones of Jesus was broken (Jn. 19:33).**

# JESUS WAS THE LAMB OF GOD WHO DIED ON PASSOVER DAY FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD (JN. 1:29)

- The angel Gabriel told Daniel the Messiah would be “cut off, but not for Himself” (Dan. 9:26).
- Paul said, “Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us” (I Cor. 5:7).
- Nor for Himself, but for us.



# THE ANTICHRIST WILL COME FROM A REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE

- After the **PEOPLE** of the Antichrist destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple the Roman Empire broke up.
- The Roman Empire has to come back into existence so the Antichrist can appear.
- This is why some commentators call the EU the Revived Roman Empire.
- The EU is setting the stage for the “prince that shall come” (the Antichrist).



# THE IDENTITY OF THE “MANY”

- “And he (the Antichrist) shall confirm the covenant with many for one week” (Dan. 9:27).
- The Bible doesn’t identify the “many.”
- Currently, Israel, the Quartet (**U.N., U.S., EU, Russia**), the Arab League, & the Palestinians are all involved in the peace negotiations.
- Negotiations have broken down, but the Quartet is planning on restarting them or forcing a peace treaty on Israel & the P.A. by September 2, 2011.



# THE TREATY WILL BE FOR 7 YEARS

- “And he (the Antichrist) shall confirm the covenant with many for one week” (Dan. 9:27).
- “One week” means for seven years.
  - The Palestinians want a “Hudna” (A peace treaty for up to 10 years, but no more).
  - Israel wants a long term agreement, but no permanent peace treaty yet.
- It remains to be seen, but “up to 10 yrs., but no more” and “a long term agreement” could wind up being 7 yrs.

# THE ANIMAL SACRIFICES

- **“And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease”** (Dan. 9:27).
- **The Antichrist will stop the animal sacrifices in the middle of the Tribulation Period.**
- **Before the Antichrist can stop the animal sacrifices they have to be restarted.**



# **THE TEMPLE & PRIESTS**

- **The animal sacrifices were always performed by priests at the Temple in Jerusalem.**
- **So the Temple & priests must come back into existence & the animal sacrifices must start before the middle of the Tribulation Period.**
- **The priests have come back into existence & some tried to restart the animal sacrifices on Passover in 2010, but they were not allowed to do it.**

# **THINGS THAT HAD TO HAPPEN FOR THESE PROPHECIES TO BE TRUE**

- 1) The Jews had to be captured and taken to Babylon for exactly 70 years (they were).**
- 2) The Jews had to return to Israel after 70 years (they did).**
- 3) Someone had to issue a command for Jerusalem to be rebuilt (Artaxerxes did).**

# **MORE FULFILLED PROPHECY**

- 4) The Temple had to be rebuilt (It was completed about 516 B.C.).**
- 5) Jerusalem had to be rebuilt (It was rebuilt by 396 B.C.).**
- 6) Jesus had to appear exactly 173,880 days after the command to rebuild Jerusalem (He did).**

# **MORE FULFILLED PROPHECY**

- 7) Jesus had to be killed (He was).**
- 8) The Temple had to be destroyed  
(the Romans burned it in 70 A.D.).**
- 9) Jerusalem had to be destroyed (the  
Romans burned it when they burned  
the Temple in 70 A.D.).**
- 10) Israel had to become a nation again  
to sign a seven-year covenant (It  
became a nation in 1948).**

# **MORE FULFILLED PROPHECY**

- 11) Europe had to re-unite so the Antichrist can rise there and sign a seven-year covenant (27 nations have re-united).**
- 12) There have to be peace negotiations, if there is to be a seven-year covenant (These are on-going and world leaders want a peace treaty by Sept. 2011).**

# **MORE FULFILLED PROPHECY**

- 13) Jerusalem has to be rebuilt (It has).**
- 14) The Temple has to be rebuilt (Most of the design work is done).**
- 15) The animal sacrifices have to resume (Priests tried to resume those in 2010, but were stopped).**





# HAPPENING NOW



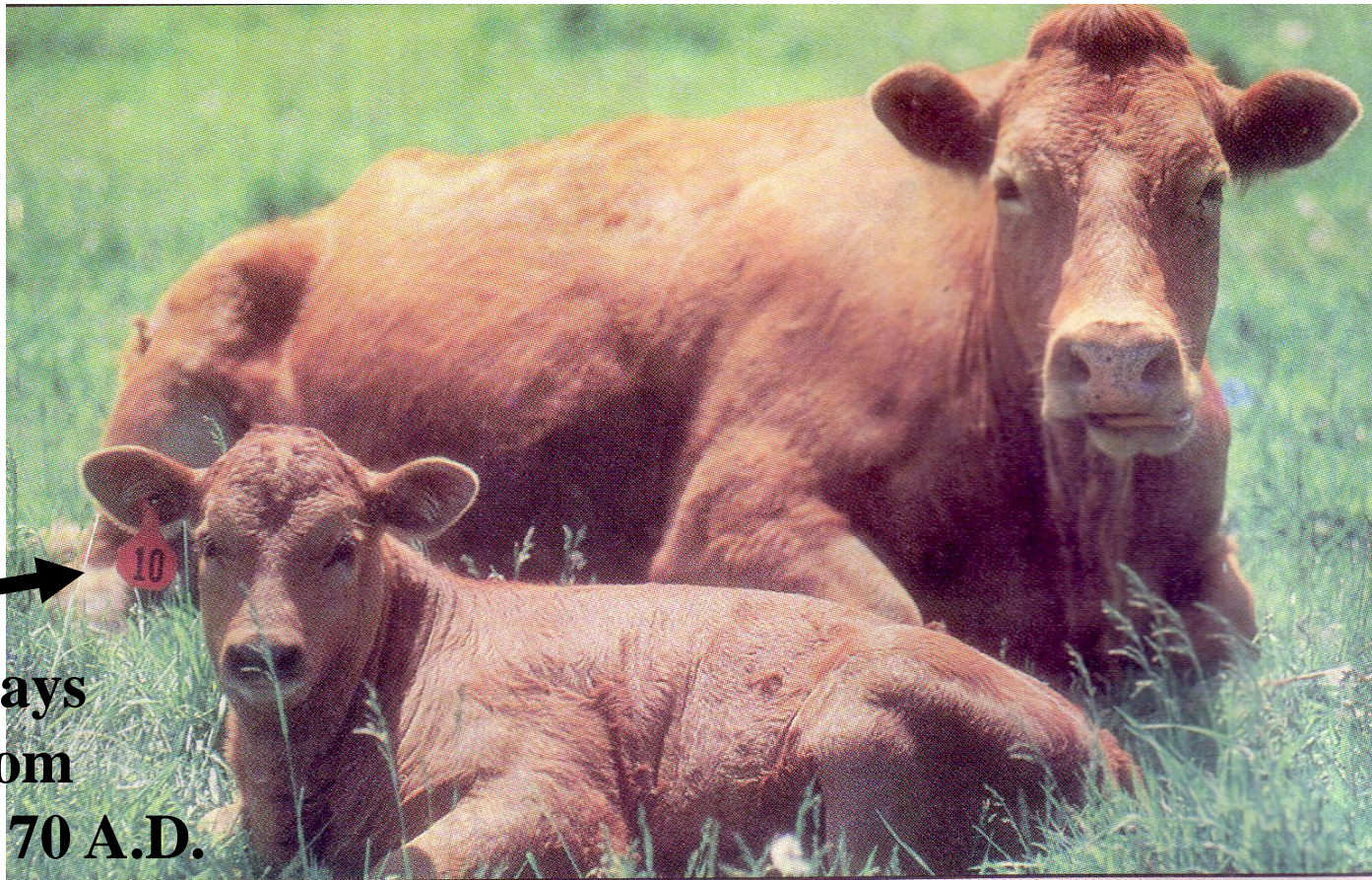
# THE JEWISH SANHEDRIN HAS COME BACK INTO BEING AFTER 1600 YEARS



# THE HERD OF RED HEIFERS HAS BEEN RE-ESTABLISHED AFTER 1900 YEARS



#10



**Mishna says  
9 used from  
Moses to 70 A.D.**

**Maimonides said #10 will be used in the Messianic Era.**

# **SHOWBREAD IS BEING BAKED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1940 YEARS**

- In O.T. times, on the Sabbath, priests placed showbread in the Temple as an offering to God (Lev. 24:5-9).**
- When the Romans destroyed Israel in 70 A.D. the recipe and baking process was lost.**
- In 2010, after intensive research, a group of priests, engineers and archaeologists succeeded in baking showbread.**



- **A school has built by the Sanhedrin at Mizpah/Jericho to train priests.**
- **30,000 priests have been trained.**



# **PRIESTS HAVE BEEN MEASURED FOR ROBES TO WEAR WHEN THEY SERVE AT THE TEMPLE**



**PRIESTS HAVE BEEN TRAINED  
TO OFFER ANIMAL SACRIFICES  
(2004 PICTURE)**



# **MOST OR ALL OF THE TEMPLE ITEMS HAVE BEEN MADE**



**INCENSE  
ALTAR**



**GOLDEN  
MENORAH**



**VESSELS TO CATCH  
BLOOD OF ANIMALS**



**HARP FOR  
MUSIC**



**SILVER  
TRUMPETS**



**CROWN FOR  
HIGH PRIEST**



**GOLD-PLATED  
SHOFAR**



**FORK FOR  
ANIMAL SAC.**



# BY THE END OF 2009, \$29,000,000 HAD BEEN SPENT



**HIGH  
PRIEST'S  
ATTIRE**



**VESSEL  
TO CLEAN  
MENORAH**



**CHALICE  
FOR  
INCENSE**



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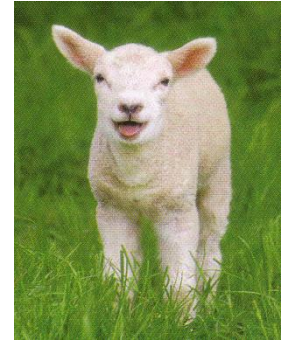
# **THE GREAT ALTAR OF SACRIFICE HAS BEEN BUILT**

- **The Sanhedrin authorized priests to start construction on the Great Altar of Sacrifice at their school on the 9<sup>th</sup> of AV, 5769 (July 30, 2009).**
  - **It is now complete and will soon be used to resume the animal sacrifices.**
  - **It is portable and can be moved to the Temple Mount once they get government permission to do so.**



# ANIMAL SACRIFICES

- **On Mar. 29, 2010, (Passover 5770), Jewish priests planned to sacrifice lambs without blemish or spot on the Great Altar of Sacrifice on the Temple Mount.**
  - **This would have been the first official animal sacrifice in almost 2,000 years.**
  - **These priests said these sacrifices would be a statement to the world that they will not give up the Temple Mount.**
  - **The government feared the world's reaction and refused to let them offer the sacrifices.**
  - **The priests plan to try again in 2011.**



# THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

**THE TRIBULATION PERIOD WILL BEGIN WHEN THE ANTICHRIST SIGNS A TREATY FOR SEVEN YEARS OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST (DAN. 9:27).**



**Paul said, “When they say peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them” (I Thess. 5:3).**

# A TIME FACTOR

- On July 15, 2010, Israeli Prime Min. Benjamin Netanyahu told the U.S. CFR that there will have to be a **TIME FACTOR** in any peace treaty that Israel agrees to.
- He wants a time factor to see if the Palestinians will keep some parts of the peace treaty for a set period of time before he agrees to the other parts.
- The treaty that begins the Trib. Per. will have a **TIME FACTOR** of 7 years.

# FINAL STATUS DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS



- On Sept. 2, 2010, direct negotiations began on a final status peace treaty.
- Israel & the PA agreed to meet every two weeks & try to have a peace treaty in 1 year.
- About two weeks later, the negotiations broke down and the PA started seeking UN recognition of a Palestinian state on the West Bank apart from negotiations.
- This is ongoing & getting very serious.

# MAY 2011

- **On 5/19/2011, in his M.E. speech Pres. Obama called for the start of peace negotiations based on the Pre-1967 borders.**
- **On 5/20/2011, in a joint TV interview, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu rejected the Pre-67 borders.**
- **On 5/22/2011, in a speech before AIPAC Pres. Obama said the policy of negotiations based on Pre-67 borders started in previous administrations.**

## **MORE MAY 2011**

- **On 5/23/11, the EU praised Pres. Obama's plan to start the peace negotiations based on the Pre-67 borders.**
- **On 5/24/2011, Prime Min. Netanyahu rejected the Pre-67 borders and got a standing ovation from the Congress.**
- **On 5/25/2011, the PA said Netanyahu's position is a declaration of war.**



# **MORE MAY 2011**

- The G-8 nations expressed strong support for Pres. Obama's position.**
- Jerusalem is truly a burdensome stone for the whole world and most of the world leaders want to divide it.**
- The Bible says it will happen & God will drag them into the Battle of Armageddon for doing it.**

# MANY SCEPTICS

- **Many, including myself, believe Israel & the PA will go to war before there is a peace treaty, but world leaders are calling for a peace treaty by Sept. 2, 2011 & a Palestinian state by 2012 based on the 1967 borders.**
- **Some say if Israel refuses to agree to this, Pres. Obama plans to implement a peace treaty without Israel's agreement.**
- **It's important to remember that if we are close to the signing of a seven year peace treaty, we are even closer to the Rapture.**
- **And we are close to a world government.**

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