

Chapter Sixteen

The End of the Road

I guess you all know by now why I chose The Lion and The Unicorn on the Road to Zion as the alternative title for this book. And perhaps you have found yourself riding on the back of the Unicorn? Well . . . that one might still be too cryptic, but **I'm not going to explain it** as some riddles are better unexplained. Anyway, congratulations on completing the journey with me through the Scriptures. Most of you will have probably gone through a considerable paradigm shift and for some of you it may have been a hard going tedious exercise. Others may have found it easier, it being but a confirmation of things known intuitively. A few will have gone to the trouble of double checking my findings in order to be satisfied that all is kosher. Some of you may even need to read the whole thing over again to let it all sink in. Whatever is your natural ability, the very fact that you have come this far in this study, is to me evidence of a persistent character that is intent on pursuing the knowledge of the truth that is only found in God's Word.

What follows is a summation of the entire prophetic destiny of Judah, Israel and the Kingdom of God. For those of you who may be wanting to communicate these truths to others, with each chapter summary I have put the pertinent Scripture references that **would enable you to easily direct people's attention to the promises of God's Word on this subject**. Hopefully, you will find this this to be a handy tool.

In Chapter One we examined the Patriarchal Prophecies where God laid the foundation of His plan for the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. We saw that the promise of the Sceptre was given to the tribe of Judah and promise of the Birthright Blessing was given the sons of Joseph; in particular Ephraim.

Genesis 17:1-7; Genesis 48:12-20; Genesis 49:26; Genesis 49:10; 1 Chronicles 5:1-2; Deuteronomy 33:16-17; Genesis 48:16.

In Chapter Two we traced the separation of Israel from Judah so that they became two kingdoms and we took note of their ongoing animosity toward one another. More than 180 verses testifying to the reality of two houses, two kingdoms, two destinies.

Joshua 11:21; 1 Samuel 11:8; 17:52; 18:16; 2 Samuel 2:10; 3:10; 5:5; 11:11; 12:8; 19:11,40,41,42,43; 20:2; 21:2; 24:1,9; 1 Kings 1:35; 2:32; 4:20,25; 12:17,20,21; 15:9,17,25,33; 16:8,23,29; 22:2,10,29,41,51; 2 Kings 3:1,9; 8:16,25; 9:21; 13:1,10,12; 14:1,9,11,12,13,15,17,23,28; 15:1,8,17,23,27,32; 17:1,13,18,19; 18:1,5; 22:18; 23:22,27; 1 Chronicles 5:17; 9:1; 13:6; 21:5; 28:4; 2 Chronicles 10:17; 11:1,3; 13:15,16,18; 15:9; 16:1,11; 18:3,9,28; 20:35; 21:13; 23:2; 24:5,6,9; 25:17,18,21,22,23,25,26; 27:7; 28:19,26; 30:1,6,25; 31:1,6; 32:32; 34:9,21; 35:18,27; 36:8; Psalms 76:1; 114:2; Isaiah 5:7; 7:1; 11:12; 48:1; Jeremiah 3:8,11,18; 5:11; 9:26; 11:10,17; 12:14; 13:11; 23:6; 30:3,4; 31:23,27,31; 32:30,32; 33:7,14; 36:2; 50:4,20,33; 51:5; Lamentations 2:5; Ezekiel 9:9; 25:3; 27:17; 37:16,19; Daniel 9:7; Hosea 1:1,11; 4:15; 5:5; 8:14; 11:12; Amos 1:1; Micah 1:5; 5:2; Zechariah 1:19; 8:13; 11:14; Malachi 2:11. Have you read through that list yet? . . . (; -)

In Chapter Three the rebellion against God by the Northern Kingdom of Israel, led by the tribe of Ephraim, became so bad that He allowed them to be taken captive and carried away into exile. Yet even at that time, God made further promises to them about their eventual return and blessing.

1 Chronicles 5:26; 2 Kings 17:5, 16-18, 21-24; Hosea 1:9-10, 3:4, 5:7, 8:8; Ezekiel 4:13, 11:16, 12:16, 12:1-28, 20:23; Amos 9:8-9; Micah 5:7-9.

In Chapters Four and Five we examined the prophecies of Daniel that gave us our first glimpse of the end of the age. In the dream of the statue we found the prophesied history of the nations that would prevail over the Middle East from the time of the Babylonians. In the vision of the four beasts we learnt about the prevailing spiritual powers of darkness that would influence the whole world and how the fourth spiritual power was also the fifth and final geopolitical power at the end of the age portrayed in **Nebuchadnezzar's dream**.

Daniel 2:31-45; Daniel 7:1-28.

In Chapters Six through Nine, we took a synoptic view of the three prophecies of Daniel that covered the period of history of the Kingdom of Judah from the time of Daniel through to the Abomination of Desolation and the fall of Jerusalem that culminated with the Kingdom of Judah being taken into exile. In the Seventy Week Prophecy we found the promise of the coming of Messiah and the details of His mission.

Daniel Chapters 8, 9, 11 and 12.

In Chapter Ten we presented the Kingdom of God; its manner of manifestation and its power. It became clear that the Jews were not expecting a spiritual Kingdom that was to be in the world but not of the world. Jesus came as Prophet, Priest and King to take up the Throne of David, also known as the Throne of the LORD.

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

In Chapter Eleven we saw that the prophecies of Jesus were to be understood synoptically which enabled us to see that the Abomination of Desolation and the destruction of Jerusalem was the beginning of that period of time Jesus referred to as "the time of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24). We also learnt that the end of the age would not come until the Gospel had been preached in all the world. We saw with clarity that the harvest at the end of the age included both the "wheat and the tares", the "good fish and the bad fish", the "sheep and the goats", and that we who believe will be raised up to be with Him on the "last day".

Matthew 13 and 24, Mark 13, Luke 21 and John 6:39,40,44,54.

In Chapter Twelve we heard from the Apostles that the Church would be subjected to deceptions leading to apostasy and be afflicted with false prophets and false teachers. We looked briefly at the steady decline of the early 'church **fathers**' from apostolic times into the dark ages. We also saw clearly that the Antichrist arises right before the end of the age and prevails against the saints (Daniel 7:21-25), but is utterly vanquished when Jesus comes with flaming fire to destroy His enemies.

Jude 1:3-4; 1 Timothy 6:9-11; Acts 20:28-31; 3 John 1:9-10; 2 Peter 2:1-3; Matthew 20:25-28; Matthew 23:8-11; 1 Peter 5:1-4; 1 Timothy 4:1-2; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 2 Timothy 4:1-4; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:50-54 1 Thessalonians 4:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; 2 Peter 3:1-13; 2 Timothy 2:15-19; Daniel 7:21-25.

We got valuable insight into the coming events of the Latter Days in Chapters Thirteen, Fourteen and Fifteen where we saw that there are many prophecies concerning Judah, Israel and the Middle East that are yet to be fulfilled before the end of the age, things that will surely come to pass despite the resolutions emanating from the United Nations Security Council. Along with some very interesting Scriptures foretelling geopolitical scenarios in the Middle East, we learnt of a predicted exodus of tremendous proportions that is mind boggling in its scope. After thousands of years of animosity, Judah and Israel become reconciled to each other and they come together out of the nations and back into the Promised Land. But more importantly they get reconciled to God, and upon entering into the Kingdom of God they experience many blessings common to those who believe. The Scriptures reveal that after being gathered from all the nations where He had scattered them (from the east and the west, the north and the south) and after some attempts by enemies to dislodge them, they will be living for a time in prosperity and peace. During that time of being “at peace and without walls”, they will experience being protected supernaturally by God when Gog and Magog attempt to attack them to plunder their wealth.

Chapter Thirteen: The Second Exodus. Jeremiah 30-31; Hosea 3:4-5; Amos 9:9-15; Ezekiel 37:15-38; Isaiah 11:11-14; Jeremiah 50:4-5; Jeremiah 3:18; Hosea 1:10-11; Jeremiah 3:11-18; Jeremiah 16:14-15; Jeremiah 23:7-8; Ezekiel 36; Ezekiel 20:33-44; Isaiah 10:20-23; Ezekiel 39:28; Jeremiah 46:28.

Chapter Fourteen: Back in the Promised Land. Romans 11:5, 25-29; Ezekiel 38-39; Isaiah 65:17-25; Zechariah 14:16-21; Isaiah 2:1-4.

Chapter Fifteen: Latter Day Middle East Scenarios. Psalm 83; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4; Isaiah 19:18-25; Isaiah 17:1; Zechariah 12:1-14; Isaiah 11:1-14.

An unspecified period of time called the Latter Days approaches the inhabitants of this world, the majority of whom are totally unaware of the plans of God for Judah AND Israel to end up back in the Land with their hearts turned to their Messiah. Like people from every generation, the believers in the restored nation will be tested. The forces of evil at large in the world will continue on their wicked way to produce the manifestation of that final kingdom whose reign is portrayed in the Book of Daniel Chapters 2 and 7. These powers of darkness who are at work on the mystery of lawlessness will eventually bring forth the Antichrist.

At the same time, the people of the Kingdom of God both in Israel and in the rest of the world, will be busy seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and ensuring that the Gospel will be preached in ALL the earth. I believe that when that is accomplished, every person on earth will have heard The Word. Whilst the very young will not be held accountable (to whom little is given little is required) everyone alive with a conscience will then have made their choice. Then the final hour will come, the Lord Jesus Christ will be accompanied by all His angels and all His saints when He comes with flaming fire to destroy the wicked and to raise up those who have believed and received His salvation.

On the Day of the Lord, on that last day, the dead in Christ will rise first (The Resurrection) and we who are in Christ and are still alive on the earth will meet Him in the air (The Rapture). Our natural bodies will be transformed in the twinkling of an eye into that which is immortal and then we will all appear before the Lord. He will then be seated on His Throne and we will all have to give an account of our lives lived and to receive or lose rewards according to His justice and mercy (The Judgment); the wicked will go into everlasting condemnation and the righteous into eternal life where we will inherit a new Earth and a new Heaven where only righteousness dwells, the place that Jesus said He was going to prepare for us. Hallelujah! The Lion and the Unicorn complete their journey to Zion, together with many companions who joined with them along the way. Many of those reading this will solve the riddle and find themselves riding on the back of the Unicorn. Praise the Lord.

Most of you will have ventured into the Appendix and read the relative articles as prompted during this study. **Don't forget to read through the** remaining articles: How to Find the Lost Ten Tribes, and The Revelation of Revelation.

Love joy and peace to you in Jesus Mighty Name.