

# THE RAPTURE

"Escape all these things [taken together] that will take place" ...Luke 21:36

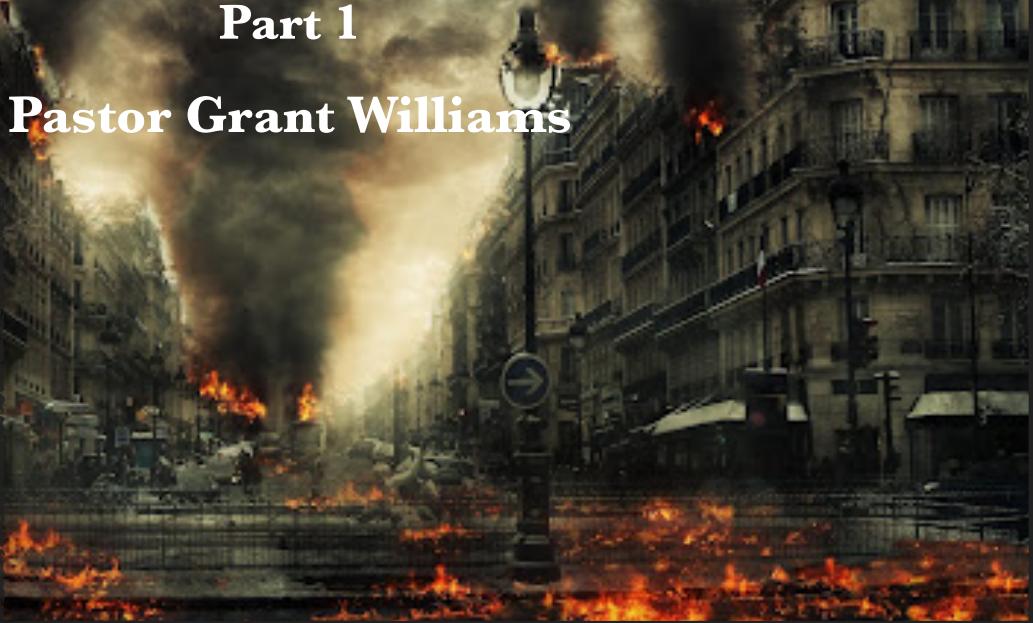
## Part 1

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18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.



### 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 AMPC

13 Now also we would not have you ignorant, brethren, about those who fall asleep [in death], that you may not grieve [for them] as the rest do who have no hope [beyond the grave].

14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will also bring with Him through Jesus those who have fallen asleep [in death]. 15 For this we declare to you by the Lord's [own] word, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall in no way precede [into His presence] or have any advantage at all over those who have previously fallen asleep [in Him in death].

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a loud cry of summons, with the shout of an archangel, and with the blast of the trumpet of God. And those who have departed this life in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we, the living ones who remain [on the earth], shall simultaneously be caught up along with [the resurrected dead] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so always (through the eternity of the eternities) we shall be with the Lord!

18 Therefore comfort and encourage one another with these words.

### **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 KJV**

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

The Apostle Paul told the church that we are going to be caught up translated from the greek word **Harpazo** meaning: “caught up” or “caught away” from the 13 times it appears in the Bible relating to rapture. It is also translated: to forcibly seize upon, to snatch away.

### **Jude AMPC**

1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ (the Messiah), and brother of James, [writes this letter] to those who are called (chosen), dearly loved by God the Father and separated (set apart) and kept for Jesus Christ:

2 May mercy, [soul] peace, and love be multiplied to you.

3 Beloved, my whole concern was to write to you in regard to our common salvation. [But] I found it necessary and was impelled to write you and urgently appeal to and exhort [you] to contend for the faith which was once for all [a]handed down to the saints [the faith which is that sum of Christian belief which was delivered [b]verbally to the holy people of God].

4 For certain men have crept in stealthily [[c]gaining entrance secretly by a side door]. Their doom was predicted long ago, ungodly (impious, profane) persons who pervert the grace (the spiritual blessing and favor) of our God into lawlessness and wantonness and immorality,

*and disown and deny our sole Master and Lord, Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).*

5 *Now I want to remind you, though you were fully informed once for all, that though the Lord [at one time] delivered a people out of the land of Egypt, He subsequently destroyed those [of them] who did not believe [who refused to adhere to, trust in, and rely upon Him].*

6 *And angels who did not keep (care for, guard, and hold to) their own first place of power but abandoned their proper dwelling place—these He has reserved in custody in eternal chains (bonds) under the thick gloom of utter darkness until the judgment and doom of the great day.*

7 *[The wicked are sentenced to suffer] just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the adjacent towns—which likewise gave themselves over to impurity and indulged in unnatural vice and sensual perversity—are laid out [in plain sight] as an exhibit of perpetual punishment [to warn] of everlasting fire.*

8 *Nevertheless in like manner, these dreamers also corrupt the body, scorn and reject authority and government, and revile and libel and scoff at [heavenly] glories (the glorious ones).*

9 *But when [even] the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, judicially argued (disputed) about the body of Moses, he dared not [presume to] bring an abusive condemnation against him, but [simply] said, The Lord rebuke you!*

10 *But these men revile (scoff and sneer at) anything they do not happen to be acquainted with and do not understand; and whatever they do understand physically [that which they know by mere instinct], like irrational beasts—by these they corrupt themselves and are destroyed (perish).*

11 *Woe to them! For they have run riotously in the way of Cain, and have abandoned themselves for the sake of gain [it offers them, following] the error of Balaam, and have perished in rebellion [like that] of Korah! 12 These are hidden reefs (elements of danger) in your love feasts, where they boldly feast sumptuously [carousing together in your midst], without scruples providing for themselves [alone]. They are clouds without water, swept along by the winds; trees, without fruit at the late autumn gathering time—twice (doubly) dead, [lifeless and] plucked up by the roots;*

13 Wild waves of the sea, flinging up the foam of their own shame and disgrace; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of eternal darkness has been reserved forever.

14 It was of these people, moreover, that Enoch in the seventh [generation] from Adam prophesied when he said, Behold, the Lord comes with His myriads of holy ones (ten thousands of His saints)

15 To execute judgment upon all and to convict all the impious (unholy ones) of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed [in such an] ungodly [way], and of all the severe (abusive, jarring) things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.

16 These are inveterate murmurers (grumblers) who complain [of their lot in life], going after their own desires [controlled by their passions]; their talk is boastful and arrogant, [and they claim to] admire men's persons and pay people flattering compliments to gain advantage.

17 But you must remember, beloved, the predictions which were made by the apostles (the special messengers) of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

18 They told you beforehand, In the last days (in the end time) there will be scoffers [who seek to gratify their own unholy desires], following after their own ungodly passions.

19 It is these who are [agitators] setting up distinctions and causing divisions—merely sensual [creatures, carnal, worldly-minded people], devoid of the [Holy] Spirit and destitute of any higher spiritual life.

20 But you, beloved, build yourselves up [founded] on your most holy faith [[d]make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], praying in the Holy Spirit;

21 Guard and keep yourselves in the love of God; expect and patiently wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)—[which will bring you] unto life eternal.

22 And refute [so as to] convict some who dispute with you, and on some have mercy who waver and doubt.

23 [Strive to] save others, snatching [them] out of [the] fire; on others take pity [but] with fear, loathing even the garment spotted by the flesh and polluted by their sensuality.

24 Now to Him Who is able to keep you without stumbling or slipping or falling, and to present [you] unblemished (blameless and faultless) before the presence of His glory in triumphant joy and exultation [with unspeakable, ecstatic delight]—

25 To the one only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory (splendor), majesty, might and dominion, and power and authority, before all time and now and forever (unto all the ages of eternity). Amen (so be it).

### **Revelation 19 AMPC**

1 After this I heard what sounded like a mighty shout of a great crowd in heaven, exclaiming, Hallelujah (praise the Lord)! Salvation and glory (splendor and majesty) and power (dominion and authority) [belong] to our God!

2 Because His judgments (His condemnation and punishment, His sentences of doom) are true and sound and just and upright. He has judged (convicted, pronounced sentence, and doomed) the great and notorious harlot (idolatress) who corrupted and demoralized and poisoned the earth with her lewdness and adultery (idolatry). And He has avenged (visited on her the penalty for) the blood of His servants at her hand.

3 And again they shouted, Hallelujah (praise the Lord)! The smoke of her [burning] shall continue to ascend forever and ever (through the eternities of the eternities).

4 Then the twenty-four elders [of [a]the heavenly Sanhedrin] and the four living creatures fell prostrate and worshiped [paying divine honors to] God, Who sits on the throne, saying, Amen! Hallelujah (praise the Lord)!

5 Then from the throne there came a voice, saying, Praise our God, all you servants of His, you who reverence Him, both small and great!

6 After that I heard what sounded like the shout of a vast throng, like the boom of many pounding waves, and like the roar of terrific and mighty peals of thunder, exclaiming, Hallelujah (praise the Lord)! For now the Lord our God the Omnipotent (the All-Ruler) reigns!

7 Let us rejoice and shout for joy [exulting and triumphant]! Let us celebrate and ascribe to Him glory and honor, for the marriage of the Lamb [at last] has come, and His bride has prepared herself.

8 She has been permitted to dress in fine (radiant) linen, dazzling and white—for the fine linen is (signifies, represents) the righteousness (the upright, just, and godly living, deeds, and conduct, and right standing with God) of the saints (God's holy people).

9 Then [the angel] said to me, Write this down: Blessed (happy, [b]to be envied) are those who are summoned (invited, called) to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he said to me [further], These are the true words (the genuine and exact declarations) of God.

10 Then I fell prostrate at his feet to worship (to pay divine honors) to him, but he [restrained me] and said, Refrain! [You must not do that!] I am [only] another servant with you and your brethren who have [accepted and hold] the testimony borne by Jesus. Worship God! For the substance (essence) of the truth revealed by Jesus is the spirit of all prophecy [the vital breath, the inspiration of all inspired preaching and interpretation of the divine will and purpose, including both mine and yours].

11 After that I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse [appeared]! The One Who was riding it is called Faithful (Trustworthy, Loyal, Incorruptible, Steady) and True, and He passes judgment and wages war in righteousness (holiness, justice, and uprightness).

12 His eyes [blaze] like a flame of fire, and on His head are many kingly crowns (diadems); and He has a title (name) inscribed which He alone knows or can understand.

13 He is dressed in a robe dyed by [c]dipping in blood, and the title by which He is called is The Word of God.

14 And the troops of heaven, clothed in fine linen, dazzling and clean, followed Him on white horses.

15 From His mouth goes forth a sharp sword with which He can smite (afflict, strike) the nations; and He will shepherd and control them with a staff (scepter, rod) of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath and indignation of God the All-Ruler (the Almighty, the Omnipotent).

*16 And on His garment (robe) and on His thigh He has a name (title) inscribed, king of kings and lord of lords.*

*17 Then I saw a single angel stationed in the sun's [d]light, and with a mighty voice he shouted to all the birds that fly across the sky, Come, gather yourselves together for the great supper of God,*

*18 That you may feast on the flesh of rulers, the flesh of generals and captains, the flesh of powerful and mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all humanity, both free and slave, both small and great!*

*19 Then I saw the beast and the rulers and leaders of the earth with their troops mustered to go into battle and make war against Him Who is mounted on the horse and against His troops.*

*20 And the beast was seized and overpowered, and with him the false prophet who in his presence had worked wonders and performed miracles by which he led astray those who had accepted or permitted to be placed upon them the stamp (mark) of the beast and those who paid homage and gave divine honors to his statue. Both of them were hurled alive into the fiery lake that burns and blazes with brimstone.*

*21 And the rest were killed with the sword that issues from the mouth of Him Who is mounted on the horse, and all the birds fed ravenously and glutted themselves with their flesh.*

Jude writes, citing Enoch from the book of Genesis, (remember, the Old Testament there was a judgment on the whole earth by a flood and then the judgment at the end of the 7 years Tribulation would be by fire). This last judgment that was Prophesied by Enoch in Genesis said you and I are coming down riding on white horses with Jesus to pass that judgment and to slay the wicked - this is Bible.

**If we are coming down, that means we had to go up at some point...**

John writes in the Book of Revelation that we are summoned to battle at the end of a 7 year award ceremony. The saints (those who were dead or alive at the time of the rapture and found habitually righteous) have been celebrating and feasting as their reward, were caught up or **Harpazo** in the rapture prior to the 7 year Tribulation.

**Note:** The signing of the 7 year peace treaty (Daniel 9) is a result of the Battle of Gog and Magog (Ezekiel 38&39) and the signing of that peace treaty begins the 7 year Tribulation or the 70th week of Daniel.

**Once again, If we are coming down, that means we had to go up at some point...**

In this series we are going to thoroughly examine “The Rapture”. What is it, when is it, where in the Bible does it speak about the Rapture etc.

Let me ask you a question as we begin...Why did Jesus make this statement in chapter 24 of Matthew’s Gospel?

**Matthew 24:33-44 AMPC**

**33 So also when you see these signs, [a]all taken together, coming to pass, you may know [b]of a surety that He is near, at the very doors.**

**34 Truly I tell you, this generation ([c]the whole multitude of people living at the same time, [d]in a definite, [e]given period) will not pass away till all these things [f]taken together take place.**

**35 [g]Sky and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.**

**36 But of that [exact] day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.**

**37 As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.**

**38 For just as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, [men] marrying and [women] being given in marriage, until the [very] day when Noah went into the ark,**

**39 And they did not know or understand until the flood came and swept them all away—so will be the coming of the Son of Man.**

**40 At that time two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.**

**41 Two women will be grinding at the hand mill; one will be taken and one will be left.**

**42 Watch therefore [[h]give strict attention, be cautious and active], for you do not know in what kind of a day [[i]whether a near or remote one] your Lord is coming.**

*43 But understand this: had the householder known in what [part of the night, whether in a [j]night or a morning] watch the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have allowed his house to be undermined and broken into.*

*44 You also must be ready therefore, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect Him.*

**Matthew 24:33-44 KJV**

**33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.**

The word know and recognize in the Greek in Matthew 24:33 is a command. You and I are commanded to know these signs or these things pointing to His return.

We prove we love God by keeping His commands, James wrote James 2:26 faith works translated “acts of obedience” is dead.

**John 14:15 AMPC**

**15 If you [really] love Me, you will keep (obey) My commands.**

**John 14:21 KJV**

**21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.**

Why did Jesus tell us about 2 people working, 2 walking just living life and all of a sudden one of them is gone? Where did they go? In Matthew 25, Why did Jesus say (instruct us to) keep our lamps trimmed and burning in chapter 25 of Matthew's Gospel?

**Matthew 25:1-13 KJV**

***1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.***

***2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.***

***3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:***

**4 But the wise took oil in their vessels** with their lamps.

**5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.**

**6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.**

**7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.**

**8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.**

**9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.**

**10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.**

**11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.**

**12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.**

**13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.**

Why did Jesus make these statements?



This is an ancient oil lamp from the time of Christ. Oil was placed through the opening at the top and a wick was at one end. The oil had to be fresh in the lamp to ensure that you would have light at night.

**What is the rapture? (overview)** The word *rapture* is not found in the Bible translations that are used today. But neither will you find the Trinity by name in the Bible or the word Mission and a number of other terms we use to describe theological concepts clearly taught in Scripture.

The word “rapture” is taken from the original text for the two words “caught up” used in 1 Thessalonians 4:17. It has come into popular use today to refer to the Jesus coming for the church in the clouds, to lift her up (the bride) into the heavens to meet in the clouds.

**When is the Rapture? (overview)** When studying the rapture of the church, there are several things you need to keep in mind. First, the second coming of Christ is in two parts, separated by a 7 year period.

The first part is referred to as the “Rapture” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 1 Corinthians 15:52-58) where we, dead and alive who were found habitually righteous ascend to meet Him in the clouds. The second part occurs when Christ physically, bodily returns to this earth on the Mount of Olives (from which He ascended) at the conclusion of the 7 year Tribulation. We will be joining him as well for this final showdown. The interval between these two events, known as the Tribulation and Great Tribulation, is divided into two, three-and-a-half year periods each. The seventy weeks described in Daniel 9:24-27 speaks of this.

The believer, imitator or one found habitually righteous is delivered or escapes by the Rapture from the judgments that come upon the earth for 7 years. God’s Word teaches that Christians will not be judged with the world when God pours out His wrath in the day of the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 5:9 says, “God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Paul explains why this readiness and awareness are so important. This is grounded in understanding that God does not intend wrath to the believers, but has saved them from the wrath he will pour out on earth during the tribulation. Believers will experience complete deliverance from sin, corruption, and mortality at the rapture, when Jesus calls every Christian to be with Him.

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Let's find out where in the New Testament is there this revelation of Jesus Christ returning for the saints. The Bible says that the dead will be raised and those who are alive will be changed in a moment and caught up together to meet Jesus.

### **1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 KJV**

*16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

*17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

*18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

### **1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 GNT**

*16 There will be the shout of command, the archangel's voice, the sound of God's trumpet, and the Lord himself will come down from heaven. Those who have died believing in Christ will rise to life first; 17 then we who are living at that time will be gathered up along with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord. 18 So then, encourage one another with these words.*

This is when the **mashiach** (anointed one) or the **messiah, Jesus Christ**, returns in the air to raise the dead in Christ and the ones who are living.

### **1 Corinthians 15:52 KJV**

*52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

The “we” in verse 52 of 1 Corinthians chapter 15 are those who are alive and in Christ or imitators of Christ that will be changed instantly or in a moment. The word **changed** in Greek, is the word **metamorphoo**. We shall be changed from one condition to another or from one state to another.

## Metamorphoo defined: to change into another form, to transform, to transfigure, to translate

### Hebrews 11:5 KJV

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Those who are alive and in Christ shall be transformed and we are then caught up together to meet them, Jesus Christ and the ones who have been raised from the dead and we shall then be forever with the Lord.

### 1 Thessalonians 4:17 KJV

*17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

The concept of **the Messiah** is not just a New Testament revelation, it is revealed in the Old Testament or what is also referred to as the First Covenant. God's Word foretells that the seed of the woman will crush the head of the serpent.

### Genesis 3:15 KJV

*15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

### Genesis 3:15 AMPC

*15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her Offspring; He will bruise and tread your head underfoot, and you will lie in wait and bruise His heel.*

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## Enmity defined:

the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something; deep-rooted hatred.

derived from the word enemy: a person who is actively opposed or hostile to someone or something. a hostile nation or its armed forces or citizens, especially in time of war: a thing that harms or weakens something else:

In Genesis we find that Jacob is giving a prophecy about the coming Messiah and the land of Israel at the Time of the End.

### **Genesis 49:1-10 KJV**

1 And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days. (your territories at the end of time - ezekiel chapt 48)

2 Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.

3 Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:

4 Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch.

5 Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations.

6 O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall.

7 Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

8 Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.

9 Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

**10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.**

Let's take a closer look at verse 10 of Genesis Chapter 49. I've spoken about hits briefly in a previous series and now we're tying this all together, line upon line. Remember, this is the Old Testament, this is the first book of the Bible in Genesis, this was important from the beginning. When Jacob was blessing his sons in Genesis 49:10 he said...

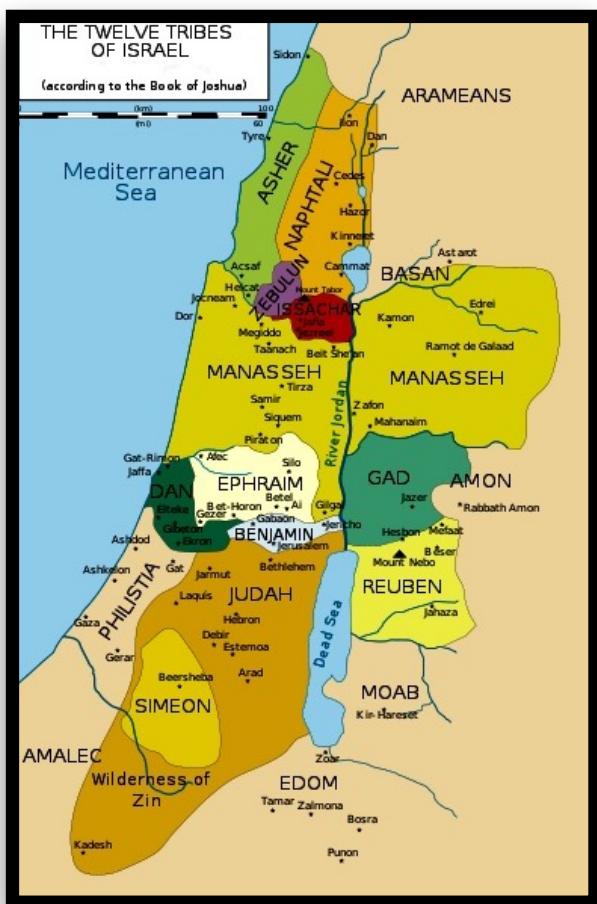
### **Genesis 49:10 KJV**

*10 The sceptre shall not depart from **Judah**, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.*

Judah was Jacob's son, but He would also become the royal tribe of Israel. The Word **sceptre** is also very interesting...in Numbers 24:17

### **Numbers 24:17 KJV**

*17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.*



This word **sceptre** is a Hebrew idiom meaning Messiah. It is talking about royalty, a royal position, the identity of kingship. A royal king is going to arise in Israel and that **prophecy** goes all the way back to the time of Jacob (4060 years ago) and tells us that He will come from the line of Judah. In Revelation, John also confirms this Old Testament prophecy...

### **Revelation 5:5 KJV**

*5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.*

Going back to Genesis 49:10, there's another prophecy given...

**Genesis 49:10 KJV**

*10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until **Shiloh** come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.*

The second part of this prophecy (the first being the sceptre shall not depart from Judah) is “**until Shiloh comes**”. Shiloh, according to the rabbinical teaching is a title for “The Messiah”.

In Daniel (9:25-27) The word **Messiah** is mentioned 2 times in the King James translation. The Hebrew word for messiah that is used there is **mashiach** which means “the anointed one”.

**Daniel 9:25-27 KJV**

*25 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, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.*

*26 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 the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.*

*27 And he shall **confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease,** and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*

**Daniel 9:27 AMPC**

*27 **And he shall enter into a strong and firm covenant with the many for one week [seven years].** And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and offering to cease [for the remaining three and one-half years]; and upon the wing or pinnacle of abominations [shall come] one who makes desolate, until the full determined end is poured out on the desolator.*

When you say that Christ is the “Anointed One” in Hebrew, you have to say that “He is the Messiah” because that is how it is interpreted or translated in the book of Daniel. The Messiah, the prince that shall come.

In the New Testament we see “Jesus Christ” or the “Lord Jesus Christ” written. The word Christ is significant because that word in the Greek is Christos. That word Christos also means “the anointed one”. When you hear Christ, or Jesus Christ, it is not referring to God or man but specifically to The Messiah that was spoken of in Daniel and the revelation of the messiah goes back to Jacob.

The revelation of the messiah was known in the Old Testament. It was foretold and taught that this “messiah” would set up a kingdom that would not end. The book of Daniel brings this out in his prophecies. It says that the most high and the saints of the most high would possess a kingdom that would not end.

So it was known unto the Jews that there would be a man coming, mashiach, who would be the anointed one. This man would raise the dead, He would be a king and He would have the ability or power to forgive them of their sins. This was told all throughout the Old Testament by the prophets. When we go to the New Testament we see that Jesus identifies Himself as the Son of Man.

### **Matthew 9:4-7 KJV**

*4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? 5 For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?*

*6 But that ye may know that the **Son of man** hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.*

*7 And he arose, and departed to his house.*

The phrase “Son of man” is found in the book of Daniel where He is sitting with the Ancient of days.

### **Daniel 7:13 KJV**

*13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.*

The “**Ancient of Days**” in Daniel's visions is God the Father. In Daniel Chapter 7, he describes a succession of kingdoms appearing as various beasts.

These kingdoms are finally overthrown when the ***Ancient of Days*** sits in judgment over them on His glorious throne and gives dominion and an eternal kingdom to ***one like a Son of Man*** whom all peoples are to serve (or worship). This vision is a messianic prophecy in which the ***Ancient of Days*** specifically represents God the Father and the ***one like a Son of Man*** is God the Son, Jesus Christ. Daniel 7:9-10 describes the Ancient of Days as He appears in Daniel's vision.

### **Daniel 7:9-10 KJV**

*9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.*

*10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.*

### **Daniel 7:9-10 AMPC**

*9 I kept looking until thrones were placed [for the assessors with the Judge], and the Ancient of Days [God, the eternal Father] took His seat, Whose garment was white as snow and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was like the fiery flame; its wheels were burning fire.*

*10 A stream of fire came forth from before Him; a thousand thousands ministered to Him and ten thousand times ten thousand rose up and stood before Him; the Judge was seated [the court was in session] and the books were opened.*

A few verses later the passage goes on to explain:

### **Daniel 7:13-14 AMP**

*13 I saw in the night visions, and behold, on the clouds of the heavens came **One like a Son of man, and He came to the Ancient of Days** and was presented before Him.*

*14 And there was given Him [the Messiah] dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, and His kingdom is one which shall not be destroyed.*

### **Daniel 7:13-14 KJV**

*13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the **Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days**, and they brought him near before him.*

*14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.*

This scene is closely paralleled by the one described in more lengthy detail in the Book of Revelation (particularly beginning in Chapters 4-5 and progressing through the rest of the book).

### **Revelation 4 AMP**

*1 After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice which I had heard addressing me like [the calling of] a [a]war trumpet said, Come up here, and I will show you what must take place in the future.*

*2 At once I came under the [Holy] Spirit's power, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with One seated on the throne!*

*3 And He Who sat there appeared like [the crystalline brightness of] jasper and [the fiery] sardius, and encircling the throne there was a halo that looked like [a rainbow of] emerald.*

4 Twenty-four other thrones surrounded the throne, and seated on these thrones were twenty-four elders ([b]the members of the heavenly Sanhedrin), arrayed in white clothing, with crowns of gold upon their heads.

5 Out from the throne came flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne seven blazing torches burned, which are the seven Spirits of God [[c]the sevenfold Holy Spirit];

6 And in front of the throne there was also what looked like a transparent glassy sea, as if of crystal. And around the throne, in the center at each side of the throne, were four living creatures (beings) who were full of eyes in front and behind [with intelligence as to what is before and at the rear of them].

7 The first living creature (being) was like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature had the face of a man, and the fourth living creature [was] like a flying eagle.

8 And the four living creatures, individually having six wings, were full of eyes all over and within [underneath their wings]; and day and night they never stop saying, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty (Omnipotent), Who was and Who is and Who is to come.

9 And whenever the living creatures offer glory and honor and thanksgiving to Him Who sits on the throne, Who lives forever and ever (through the eternities of the eternities),

10 The twenty-four elders ([d]the members of the heavenly Sanhedrin) fall prostrate before Him Who is sitting on the throne, and they worship Him Who lives forever and ever; and they throw down their crowns before the throne, crying out,

11 Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and dominion, for You created all things; by Your will they were [brought into being] and were created.

### **Revelation 5:1-14 AMPC**

1 And I saw lying on the [a]open hand of Him Who was seated on the throne a scroll (book) written within and on the back, closed and sealed with seven seals;

2 And I saw a strong angel announcing in a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the scroll? And [who is entitled and deserves and is morally fit] to break its seals?

3 And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth [in the realm of the dead, Hades] was able to open the scroll or to take a [single] look at its contents.

4 And I wept audibly and bitterly because no one was found fit to open the scroll or to inspect it.

5 Then one of the elders [[b]of the heavenly Sanhedrin] said to me, Stop weeping! **See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root (Source) of David, has won (has overcome and conquered)! He can open the scroll and break its seven seals!**

6 And there between the throne and the four living creatures (beings) and among the elders [[c]of the heavenly Sanhedrin] I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God [[d]the sevenfold Holy Spirit] Who have been sent [on duty far and wide] into all the earth.

7 He then went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him Who sat on the throne.

8 And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders [[e]of the heavenly Sanhedrin] prostrated themselves before the Lamb. Each was holding a harp (lute or guitar), and they had golden bowls full of incense (fragrant spices and gums for burning), which are the prayers of God's people (the saints).

9 And [now] they sing a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the scroll and to break the seals that are on it, for You were slain (sacrificed), and with Your blood You purchased men unto God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

10 And You have made them a kingdom (royal race) and priests to our God, and they shall reign [as kings] over the earth!

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels on every side of the throne and of the living creatures and the elders [[f]of the heavenly Sanhedrin], and they numbered ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands,

*12 Saying in a loud voice, Deserving is the Lamb, Who was sacrificed, to receive all the power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and majesty (glory, splendor) and blessing!*

*13 And I heard every created thing in heaven and on earth and under the earth [in Hades, the place of departed spirits] and on the sea and all that is in it, crying out together, To Him Who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb be ascribed the blessing and the honor and the majesty (glory, splendor) and the power (might and dominion) forever and ever (through the eternities of the eternities)!*

*14 Then the four living creatures (beings) said, Amen (so be it)! And the elders [[g]of the heavenly Sanhedrin] prostrated themselves and worshiped Him Who lives forever and ever.*

God the Father or the Lord is seated gloriously on His throne and is approached by the Lamb who opens a scroll from the Lord's hand and receives the nations as His inheritance. A beast representing a wicked human kingdom is overthrown, and the Lamb rules over all the earth and shares the very throne of God.

In the Gospels, Jesus is also frequently called the "Son of Man", sometimes with direct reference to Daniel 7 and "coming on the clouds." This shows that the New Testament understanding of this passage is that the Ancient of Days is specifically God the Father and that the Son of Man is God the Son.

The Old and New Testaments confirm one another, they do not contradict. From judgment, hell, heaven, love, sin, repentance and The Rapture, God's Word has never changed.

**Malachi 3:6 KJV**  
**6 For I am the Lord, I change not;**

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