The Great Divide Foretold

Israeli/Jewish and Arab/Muslim Conflict

Part 7

Isaiah 46:9-10 AMPC

9 [Earnestly] remember the former things, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me, 10 Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose.

John 8 AMPC

- 1 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.
- 2 Early in the morning (at dawn), He came back into the temple [court], and the people came to Him in crowds. He sat down and was teaching them,
- 3 When the scribes and Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery. They made her stand in the middle of the court and put the case before Him.
- 4 Teacher, they said, This woman has been caught in the very act of adultery.
- 5 Now Moses in the Law commanded us that such [women—offenders] shall be stoned to death. But what do You say [to do with her—what is Your sentence]?
- 6 This they said to try (test) Him, hoping they might find a charge on which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger.
- 7 However, when they persisted with their question, He raised Himself up and said, Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.
- 8 Then He bent down and went on writing on the ground with His finger.

- 9 They listened to Him, and then they began going out, consciencestricken, one by one, from the oldest down to the last one of them, till Jesus was left alone, with the woman standing there before Him in the center of the court.
- 10 When Jesus raised Himself up, He said to her, Woman, where are your accusers? Has no man condemned you?
- 11 She answered, No one, Lord! And Jesus said, I do not condemn you either. Go on your way and from now on sin no more.
- 12 Once more Jesus addressed the crowd. He said, I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me will not be walking in the dark, but will have the Light which is Life.
- 13 Whereupon the Pharisees told Him, You are testifying on Your own behalf; Your testimony is not valid and is worthless.
- 14 Jesus answered, Even if I do testify on My own behalf, My testimony is true and reliable and valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from or where I am going.
- 15 You [set yourselves up to] judge according to the flesh (by what you see). [You condemn by external, human standards.] I do not [set Myself up to] judge or condemn or sentence anyone.
- 16 Yet even if I do judge, My judgment is true [My decision is right]; for I am not alone [in making it], but [there are two of Us] I and the Father, Who sent Me.
- 17 In your [own] Law it is written that the testimony (evidence) of two persons is reliable and valid.
- 18 I am One [of the Two] bearing testimony concerning Myself; and My Father, Who sent Me, He also testifies about Me.
- 19 Then they said to Him, Where is this [b]Father of Yours? Jesus answered, You know My Father as little as you know Me. If you knew Me, you would know My Father also.

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- 20 Jesus said these things in the treasury while He was teaching in the temple [[c]court]; but no one ventured to arrest Him, because His hour had not yet come.
- 21 <u>Therefore He said again to them, I am going away, and you will be looking for Me, and you will die in (under the curse of) your sin.</u> Where I am going, it is not possible for you to come.
- 22 At this the Jews began to ask among themselves, Will He kill Himself? Is that why He says, Where I am going, it is not possible for you to come?

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- 23 He said to them, You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world (of this earthly order); I am not of this world.
- 24 That is why I told you that you will die in (under the curse of) your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He [Whom I claim to be—if you do not adhere to, trust in, and rely on Me], you will die in your sins.
- 25 Then they said to Him, Who are You anyway? <u>Jesus replied</u>, [Why do I even speak to you!] I am exactly what I have been telling you from the first.

What had Jesus been telling the religions people "from the first"?

Luke 3 AMPC

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—

2 In the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the Word of God [[a]concerning the attainment through Christ of salvation in the kingdom of God] came to John son of Zachariah in the wilderness (desert).

- 3 And he went into all the country round about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance ([b]of hearty amending of their ways, with abhorrence of past wrongdoing) unto the forgiveness of sin.
- 4 As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, The voice of one crying in the wilderness [shouting in the desert]: Prepare the way of the Lord, make His beaten paths straight.
- 5 Every valley and ravine shall be filled up, and every mountain and hill shall be leveled; and the crooked places shall be made straight, and the rough roads shall be made smooth;
- 6 And all mankind shall see (behold and [c]understand and at last acknowledge) the salvation of God (the deliverance from eternal death [d]decreed by God).
- 7 So he said to the crowds who came out to be baptized by him, You offspring of vipers! Who [e]secretly warned you to flee from the coming wrath?
- 8 Bear fruits that are deserving and consistent with [your] repentance [that is, [f]conduct worthy of a heart changed, a heart abhorring sin]. And do not begin to say to yourselves, We have Abraham as our father; for I tell you that God is able from these stones to raise up descendants for Abraham.
- 9 Even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees, so that every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and cast into the fire.
- 10 And the multitudes asked him, Then what shall we do?
- 11 And he replied to them, He who has two tunics (undergarments), let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do it the same way.
- 12 Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they said to him, Teacher, what shall we do?
- 13 And he said to them, Exact and collect no more than the fixed amount appointed you.
- 14 Those serving as soldiers also asked him, And we, what shall we do? And he replied to them, Never demand or enforce [g]by terrifying people or by accusing wrongfully, and always be satisfied with your rations (supplies) and with your allowance (wages).

- 15 As the people were in suspense and waiting expectantly, and everybody reasoned and questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether he perhaps might be the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
- 16 John answered them all by saying, I baptize you with water; but He Who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of Whose sandals I am not fit to unfasten. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
- 17 His winnowing shovel (fork) is in His hand to thoroughly clear and cleanse His [threshing] floor and to gather the wheat and store it in His granary, but the chaff He will burn with fire that cannot be extinguished.
- 18 So with many other [various] appeals and admonitions he preached the good news (the Gospel) to the people.

Luke 4 AMPC

- 1 Then Jesus, full of and controlled by the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led in [by] the [Holy] Spirit
- 2 For (during) forty days in the wilderness (desert), where He was tempted ([a]tried, tested exceedingly) by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they were completed, He was hungry.
- 3 Then the devil said to Him, If You are the Son of God, order this stone to turn into a loaf [of bread].
- 4 And Jesus replied to him, It is written, Man shall not live and be sustained by (on) bread alone [b] but by every word and expression of God.
- 5 Then the devil took Him up to a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the habitable world in a moment of time [[c]in the twinkling of an eye].
- 6 And he said to Him, To You I will give all this power and authority and their glory (all their magnificence, excellence, preeminence, dignity, and grace), for it has been turned over to me, and I give it to whomever I will. 7 Therefore if You will do homage to and worship me [[d]just once], it shall all be Yours.
- 8 And Jesus replied to him, [e]Get behind Me, Satan! It is written, You shall do homage to and worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.

- 9 Then he took Him to Jerusalem and set Him on [f]a gable of the temple, and said to Him, If You are the Son of God, cast Yourself down from here;
- 10 For it is written, He will give His angels charge over you to guard and watch over you closely and carefully;
- 11 And on their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
- 12 And Jesus replied to him, [The Scripture] says, You shall not tempt (try, [g]test exceedingly) the Lord your God.
- 13 And when the devil had ended every [the complete cycle of] temptation, he [temporarily] left Him [that is, [h]stood off from Him] until another more opportune and favorable time.
- 14 Then Jesus went back full of and under the power of the [Holy] Spirit into Galilee, and the fame of Him spread through the whole region round about.
- 15 And He Himself conducted [[i]a course of] teaching in their synagogues, being [j]recognized and honored and praised by all.
- 16 So He came to Nazareth, [[k]that Nazareth] where He had been brought up, and He entered the synagogue, as was His custom on the Sabbath day. And He stood up to read.
- 17 And there was handed to Him [the roll of] the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened (unrolled) the book and found the place where it was written,
- 18 The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon Me, because He has anointed Me [the Anointed One, the Messiah] to preach the good news (the Gospel) to the poor; He has sent Me to announce release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send forth as delivered those who are oppressed [who are downtrodden, bruised, crushed, and broken down by calamity],
- 19 To proclaim the accepted and acceptable year of the Lord [the day [l]when salvation and the free favors of God profusely abound].
- 20 Then He rolled up the book and gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were gazing [attentively] at Him.
- 21 And He began to speak to them: Today this Scripture has been fulfilled [m]while you are present and hearing.

Let's go back to John as Jesus speaks to the religious leaders...

John 8;26AMPC

- 26 I have much to say about you and to judge and condemn. But He Who sent Me is true (reliable), and I tell the world [only] the things that I have heard from Him.
- 27 They did not perceive (know, understand) that He was speaking to them about the Father.
- 28 <u>So Jesus added, When you have lifted up the Son of Man [on the cross], you will realize (know, understand) that I am He [for Whom you look]</u> and that I do nothing of Myself (of My own accord or on My own authority), but I say [exactly] what My Father has taught Me.

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9 And He Who sent Me is ever with Me; My Father ha lone, for I always do what pleases Him.	s not left Me
0 As He said these things, many believed in Him [trustend adhered to Him].	ed, relied on,
1 So Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him. It	^c vou abide in

you are truly My disciples.

32 And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.

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My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them],

- 33 They answered Him, We are Abraham's offspring (descendants) and have never been in bondage to anybody. What do You mean by saying, You will be set free?
- 34 Jesus answered them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, Whoever commits and practices sin is the slave of sin.

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35 Now a slave does not remain in a household permanently (forev	er);
36 So if the Son liberates you [makes you free men], then you really and unquestionably free.	are
37 [Yes] I know that you are Abraham's offspring; yet you plan to Me, because My word has no entrance (makes no progress, does not	
any place) in you.	,
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- 38 I tell the things which I have seen and learned at My Father's side, and your actions also reflect what you have heard and learned from your father.
- 39 They retorted, Abraham is our father. Jesus said, If you were [truly] Abraham's children, then you would do the works of Abraham [follow his example, do as Abraham did].

- 40 But now [instead] you are wanting and seeking to kill Me, a Man Who has told you the truth which I have heard from God. This is not the way Abraham acted.
- 41 You are doing the works of your [own] father. They said to Him, We are not illegitimate children and born out of fornication; we have one Father, even God.
- 42 Jesus said to them, If God were your Father, you would love Me and respect Me and welcome Me gladly, for I proceeded (came forth) from God [out of His very presence]. I did not even come on My own authority or of My own accord (as self-appointed); but He sent Me.
- 43 Why do you misunderstand what I say? It is because you are unable to hear what I am saying. [You cannot bear to listen to My message; your ears are shut to My teaching.]
- 44 You are of your father, the devil, and it is your will to practice the lusts and gratify the desires [which are characteristic] of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a falsehood, he speaks what is natural to him, for he is a liar [himself] and the father of lies and of all that is false.
- 45 But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me [do not trust Me, do not rely on Me, or adhere to Me].
- 46 Who of you convicts Me of wrongdoing or finds Me guilty of sin? Then if I speak truth, why do you not believe Me [trust Me, rely on, and adhere to Me]?
- 47 Whoever is of God listens to God. [Those who belong to God hear the words of God.] This is the reason that you do not listen [to those words, to Me]: because you do not belong to God and are not of God or in harmony with Him.
- 48 The Jews answered Him, Are we not right when we say You are a Samaritan and that You have a demon [that You are under the power of an evil spirit]?
- 49 Jesus answered, I am not possessed by a demon. On the contrary, I honor and reverence My Father and you dishonor (despise, vilify, and scorn) Me.

- 50 However, I am not in search of honor for Myself. [I do not seek and am not aiming for My own glory.] There is One Who [looks after that; He] seeks [My glory], and He is the Judge.
- 51 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone observes My teaching [lives in accordance with My message, keeps My word], he will by no means ever see and experience death.
- 52 The Jews said to Him, Now we know that You are under the power of a demon ([d]insane). Abraham died, and also the prophets, yet You say, If a man keeps My word, he will never taste of death into all eternity.
- 53 Are You greater than our father Abraham? He died, and all the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?
- 54 Jesus answered, If I were to glorify Myself (magnify, praise, and honor Myself), I would have no real glory, for My glory would be nothing and worthless. [My honor must come to Me from My Father.] It is My Father Who glorifies Me [Who extols Me, magnifies, and praises Me], of Whom you say that He is your God.
- 55 Yet you do not know Him or recognize Him and are not acquainted with Him, but I know Him. If I should say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you. But I know Him and keep His word [obey His teachings, am faithful to His message].
- 56 Your forefather Abraham was extremely happy at the hope and prospect of seeing My day (My incarnation); and he did see it and was delighted.
- 57 Then the Jews said to Him, You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?
- 58 Jesus replied, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, before Abraham was born, I Am.
- 59 So they took up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus, by mixing with the crowd, concealed Himself and went out of the temple [[e]enclosure].

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The religious people referenced Abraham in the Old Testament as their example, so Jesus answered them using Abraham as His example, rightly dividing the Word. It was not the line or descendants of Abraham who would obtain the blessing but the ones who kept God's Covenant, His Laws, His Precepts that would have the same blessing as Abraham.

We have Abraham born after the flood, left home and went to live in the tent of Noah. He learned about obedience from Noah and the blessing that comes from obedience and what comes from disobedience at the time of the Flood.

Jesus said...

Luke 17:26-30 AMPC

26 And [just] as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the time of the Son of Man.

27 [People] ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, right up to the day when Noah went into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

28 So also [it was the same] as it was in the days of Lot.

29 But on the [very] day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed [them] all.

30 That is the way it will be on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.

Abraham left his home when he was 75 years of age and learned from many great things that took took place along the way. They also learned of the consequences of sin, doing things your way thinking you get God's Promised outcome. As a result of their choice they got an Ishmael, which was the origins of the Islam religion.

Genesis 16:12-13 AMPC

12 And he [Ishmael] will be as a [a]wild ass (stubborn donkey) among men; his hand will be against every man and every man's hand against him, and he will live to the east and on the borders of all his kinsmen.

13 So she called the name of the Lord Who spoke to her, You are a God of seeing, for she said, Have I [not] even here [in the wilderness] looked upon Him Who sees me [and lived]? Or have I here also seen [the future purposes or designs of] Him Who sees me?

Years later God approached Abraham and said are you ready to be obedient to me? Abraham was in disbelief and Sarah laughed at God's Plan... but, they committed to follow God's Covenant, to be obedient to His Words and as a result, they had Isaac.

In part 1 of this series we looked at the story of Abraham getting ready to offer up Isaac unto God but, God gave him a ram instead of a lamb who wold be Jesus to come in the future. Abraham saw something in the future about what would take place from the book of Genesis. Jesus not only quoted Isaiah but he also quoted Abraham (written by Moses) from the book of Genesis....

John 8:56-59 AMPC

- 56 Your forefather Abraham was extremely happy at the hope and prospect of seeing My day (My incarnation); and he did see it and was delighted.
- 57 Then the Jews said to Him, You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?
- 58 Jesus replied, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, before Abraham was born, I Am.
- 59 So they took up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus, by mixing with the crowd, concealed Himself and went out of the temple [[e]enclosure].

Now, we are at the place in Isaac's life when he and Rebecca were also desiring a child just like Abraham and Sarah...

Genesis 25:7-34

- 7 The days of Abraham's life were 175 years.
- 8 Then Abraham's spirit was released, and he died at a good (ample, full) old age, an old man, satisfied and satiated, and [a] was gathered to his people.

- 9 And his sons [b] Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is east of Mamre,
- 10 The field which Abraham purchased from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried with Sarah his wife.
- 11 After the death of Abraham, God blessed his son Isaac, and Isaac dwelt at Beer-lahai-roi [A well to the Living One Who sees me].
- 12 Now this is the history of the descendants of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bore to Abraham.
- 13 These are the names of the sons of Ishmael, named in the order of their births: Nebaioth, the firstborn of Ishmael, and Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,
- 14 Mishma, Dumah, Massa,
- 15 Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah.
- 16 These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their villages and by their encampments (sheepfolds)—twelve princes according to their tribes. [Foretold in Gen. 17:20.]
- 17 And Ishmael lived 137 years; then his spirit left him, and he died and was gathered to his kindred.
- 18 And [Ishmael's sons] dwelt from Havilah to Shur, which is before Egypt in the direction of Assyria. [Ishmael] dwelt close [to the lands] of all his brethren.
- 19 And this is the history of the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac.
- 20 <u>Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah</u>, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Padan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean.
- 21 And Isaac prayed much to the Lord for his wife because she was unable to bear children; and the Lord granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife became pregnant.
- 22 [Two] children struggled together within her; and she said, If it is so [that the Lord has heard our prayer], why am I like this? And she went to inquire of the Lord.
- 23 The Lord said to her, [The founders of] two nations are in your womb, and the separation of two peoples has begun in your body; the one people shall be stronger than the other, and the elder shall serve the younger.

- 24 When her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.
- 25 The first came out red all over like a hairy garment, and they named him Esau [hairy].
- 26 Afterward his brother came forth, and his hand grasped Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob [supplanter]. Isaac was sixty years old when she gave birth to them.

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- 27 When the boys grew up, Esau was a cunning and skilled hunter, a man of the outdoors; but Jacob was a plain and quiet man, dwelling in tents.
- 28 And Isaac loved [and was partial to] Esau, because he ate of Esau's game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.
- 29 Jacob was boiling pottage (lentil stew) one day, when Esau came from the field and was faint [with hunger].
- 30 And Esau said to Jacob, I beg of you, let me have some of that red lentil stew to eat, for I am faint and famished! That is why his name was called Edom [red].
- 31 Jacob answered, Then sell me today your birthright (the rights of a firstborn).
- 32 Esau said, See here, I am at the point of death; what good can this birthright do me?
- 33 Jacob said, Swear to me today [that you are selling it to me]; and he swore to [Jacob] and sold him his birthright.
- 34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils, and he ate and drank and rose up and went his way. Thus Esau scorned his birthright as beneath his notice.

After this incident took place, Esua went to live in the land of Edom which is just south of the Dead Sea with the capital city of Bozrah. In Genesis 25:23 it says "Two nations are in thy womb" and the fathers of two nations, the Edomites and Israelites.

Two different types of people (just like Ishmael and Isaac) which should not only greatly differ from each other in religion, laws, manners, but should contend with each other, and the issue of the contention would be, that the elder should serve the younger, which was fulfilled in the subjection of the Edomites, for many ages, to the house of David.

The "Never Wrong" Prophet Isaiah tells us something about Bozrah or the Edomites at the Time of the End, specifically at the end of the 7 year tribulation...

Zechariah 12:2 KJV

2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.

Zechariah 12:9 KJV

9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

This judgement is not talking about the war of Gog and Magog, but the battle of Armageddon.

Revelation 16:16 KJV

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

During this battle, God gathers all the nations together in the plains of Megiddo. Jesus Christ is going to come back as King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Rev 19:11-16). He will set up His kingdom for 1,000 years and that event is important because it comes in 3 stages. Most people have never heard this, even those who have grown up in the church.



Revelation 19:11-16 KJV

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King Of Kings, And Lord Of Lords.

In verse 13, when Jesus comes back at the end of the Tribulation period, the Bible says that His garment is dipped in blood...

Revelation 19:13 KJV

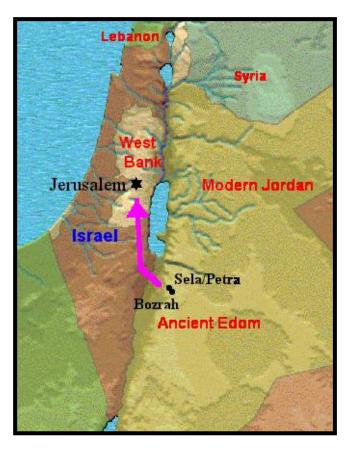
13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

I used to think to myself, maybe that's His own blood? It's not.

<u>Isaiah 63:1-4 KJV</u>

- 1 Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.
- 2 Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?
- 3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. 4 For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

Note: Ishmael is the forming of the religion of Islam and Esau is the forming of the line of the Arab people who would be against Israel. Isaac and Ishmael is the religion and Jacob and Esau are the nations or cultures that would be in conflict with one another.



The Bible tells us that He goes into Bozrah which is just south of the Dead Sea and He treads the wine press alone. Jesus comes down to the earth by Himself and defeats the armies of the enemy in Bozrah. The reason to go to Bozrah? that is near Petra and that is where the Jewish remnant will be. Satan will make his final attempt to destroy the remnant but Jesus will fight the anti-christ armies and then return to heaven.

This is where we pick up the story in Revelations 19, when Jesus comes back, riding on that white horse, His garment dipped in blood and on His garment and His thigh is written, "King of Kings and Lord of Lords".

Let's get into the 3 stages of the return of the Lord. **The first stage** is the Judah stage and that is found in Zechariah 12:7-9

Zechariah 12:7-9 KJV

- 7 The Lord also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah.
- 8 In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them.
- 9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.



Verse 7 says, *The Lord also shall save the tents of Judah first*, why? why Judah first? Because that is His tribe, that is His territory, that is where He is from. He is called the Lion of the tribe of Judah.

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.

The area of Judah goes down to the area of Edom where He will fight the enemy in Bozrah and rescue the remnant. This is also the area going north up to the area of Bethlehem and Jerusalem where Jesus and King David were born. So, Jesus will come and save a remnant there in Judah.

The second stage is the Bozrah Stage. Jesus goes down to Bozrah as we just learned in Isaiah 63:1-4, "I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment."

This is the picture of Jesus Christ, the messiah, literally coming back to battle with the sword of His mouth wiping out the armies of the antichrist who are going after a remnant in Petra.

The third stage is where you and I come in, the Jerusalem Stage. **Zechariah 14:4 AMPC**

4 And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from the east to the west by a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north and half of it toward the south.

Revelation 19:14 KJV

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

You and I are part of the army of Heaven! We come down for that final battle with the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords!



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