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## Preface

I don't know who first said it, that the Truth hurts, nor do I know when it was first said. But this I do know: the framers of the Bible, which are credited as Moses and the Prophets, had a pretty sound understanding of this precept. Moses spoke of an angel which would be sent before the Children of Israel. That Angel would be feared; and perhaps one reason why he would be feared is because he shall know [and uncover] the secrets of men. Of course, the other reason he might be feared is because he is characterized as carrying the Wrath of God with him. He comes during a time of God's Wrath: a time of vengeance.

Because He is also called *The Word of God* or the *Son of Truth*, in all likelihood there will be those who will be stung by His Word. So be prepared in our Similitude: we shall be seeing things and hearing things many will not desire. For we will be seeing and hearing Truth. Not from man's point of view, but another.

Exodus 23.20 Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

23.21 *Beware of Him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in Him.*

23.22 But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine adversaries.

23.23 For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.

This Angel is patterned after the Angel of the Lord's Presence which first introduced itself to Abraham, then to Isaac and Jacob, and ultimately Moses. It took up residence with the Children of Israel as a Cloud by Day and a fire by night atop the Mercy Seat of the Ark of the Covenant. The Ark was placed in a tent called The Tabernacle; inside the Ark were stored the Ten Commandments, a sample of the manna from heaven, and the Testimony of God. The Cloud, or Angel of the Lord's Presence, led the Children of Israel around the desert of Sinai, Edom, etc., for forty years and then, under the leadership of Joshua, led them across the Jordan into the Promised Land which is now called Israel.

Moses, with succeeding prophets following in his cue, ascertained that the Children of Israel would not obey their God and would deviate from his way. In anticipation of this Moses created a Curse which would be applied to them when they stray from their God. Later prophets, such as Joel, Isaiah, and Jeremiah expanded upon this Curse.

The Curse also contained a Blessing! It turns out that all the Curses recorded by Moses and the other prophets also had an attached Blessing. The Blessing ultimately said that after God had Scattered Israel to all the nations and purified them with a Spirit of Burning



he would then bring the scattered remnant back to the Promised Land of Israel.

We note that Moses was the Gatherer or Deliverer whom God chose to act *in his stead* to lead the Children of Israel out of captivity in Egypt to bring them to the land promised to Abraham and his seed. The punishment for straying from the Law of Moses was to send them back into captivity but this time, said Moses, it would be to all the nations of the world. They would flee when no one is chasing them. If they were to escape one sword another would be sent after them. They would have no place of their own until God would send them His Angel, called *The Anointed One*, to redeem them and participate in the gathering of the Children of Israel back to their land from the four corners of the world, wheresoever they had been scattered. This Anointed One, or Messiah (Gr. Christ) is gifted with the same attributes mentioned in the Angel of Exodus. In short, He is one whom all men will fear.

The prophets realized from the outset that the Messiah, whom we shall call the Deliverer Messiah, who is also given the title, the **Light of the Gentile**, will come in a period of great darkness. Nations will be against nations, the highways would lie waste, with it not being safe to travel; it would be terribly gloomy and all would expect the end of the world at any moment. At that time, in those dark and gloomy days, the Deliverer Messiah would be sent to say unto the scattered remnant: *Thou art My People*. Thus, He has the formal job of redeeming the remnant to God.

Before He is seen, say the scriptures, Elijah will be resurrected; and Elijah has the job of turning the hearts of the children to their fathers and the fathers to their children. Up to that moment, it follows, the fathers had been neglecting their children, etc. This makes sense because Elijah comes at the moment before a great war of Fire and Brimstone, like unto that sent upon Sodom and Gomorrah, where all the cities of man and their high towers would be brought down. The world, during the time of Elijah, says Malachi, will be purged of its wickedness by fire, out of which will be left a remnant. With the remnant God would create a New Heavens and a New Earth, says Isaiah.

According to the prophets all this begins to take place during a time called the **Latter Days** and most noteworthy about that time is the fact that you will see the sons of Israel carried back to the Holy Land in the arms of the Gentile; and upon the shoulders of the Gentile would be carried the daughters of Israel. When the daughters of Israel are restored, the remnant that are in Jerusalem, every one of them, shall be called Holy. The reason they are called Holy is in part due to the fact that they were carried upon the shoulders back to the Promised Land. Holy Things are carried by the priests upon their shoulders. The Ark was carried upon the shoulders, for instance. In all probability, animals carried to the altar were usually carried above the shoulders on a truck of some kind. Thus, we can see how the preserved of the Children of Israel may be viewed as Holy unto the Lord after they are restored. For they will have endured a terrible thing in having survived the Curse of Moses. We suspect that the view of them is like unto the view God showed towards cities destined to be sacrificed. When God sacrificed a city before the hands of Joshua, for instance, that city so designated had to be wasted completely. Its silver and gold, its women and children, its animals, etc., could not be used for the benefit of the conquerors. In a like scenario, the Curse against the Children of Israel provided for a complete desolation of the people, to scatter them off the land, so that the land could once



again enjoy its Sabbaths. These are some criteria of the scattering and redemption of Israel.

We find that the entire time-line of prophesy since Moses is broken down into these Two Events:

- The Scattering of Israel
- The Gathering and Redemption of Israel

Each of these Two Events, it turns out, had its Angel or Messiah. Before the Scattering, for instance, we have [the Sign of the Virgin and her son] Messiah *Immanuel*:

Isaiah 7.13 And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?

Apparently the people of Judah had been asking Isaiah to prove that he was a prophet. Elijah the prophet who preceded him was asked to give a similar sign. Elijah stood before the priests of Baal, fashioned an altar in the earth with a trench around it, filled the trench with water - which overflowed into the altar and drenched the tinder - and then called God in Heaven to light the altar on fire! Fire came down from Heaven and not only lit the altar on fire but destroyed (with the help of Elijah's Sword) a multitude of the priests of Baal standing by the site.

So the people of Judah asked Isaiah for a sign. He responded with a sign far more terrible than the sign Elijah brought:

Isaiah 7.14 Therefore, the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a Virgin [or maiden] shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name **Immanuel**.

7.23 And it shall come to pass in that day, that every place shall be, where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silverlings, it shall even be for briers and thorns.

7.24 **With arrows and with bows shall men come thither; because all the land shall become briers and thorns.**

The Koran says that the Virgin Mary and Jesus are equal signs of God. Mohammed was right on track with this precept. For the Sign of the Scattering of Israel, and the turning of its land into briers and thorns, was the Virgin who gave birth to a son. We are not particularly concerned whether she was a *Virgin* or, as the Masoretic Bible calls her, a *Maiden*; it is significant that a young girl conceives and gives birth to a child out of wedlock prior to the moment of the scattering of Israel. The *Scattering*, we might add, to fulfill prophesy, must be to all the nations of the world, as Moses so clearly described it.

We have discussed this Event in Biblical Time in another work called *Son of Man, a Commentary on Immanuel and the Gospel of Truth*, 1990. This work is about a thousand pages and features a separate bound volume of the *Synoptic Matrix* and an *Index* of Biblical words and precepts. The index alone is 183 pages. The *Son of Man, a Commentary..*, examines the precept of the *Son of Man* and *Immanuel*, whose name means *God is with us*.



of the restored [and redeemed] Children of Israel. The desolation against the nations (including those who come up against Israel or had even condemned Israel during the time of its trial) occurs through plagues, blood, and a rain of fire and brimstone down upon the heads of their armies. At that moment in time the Restored Israel is protected by God with a wall of fire. And the Messiah of that epic is first seen when Lebanon is burning and when the Assyrian overflows his banks and tries to come into the Land of Israel again. Obviously, if God stated he would be a wall of fire around Jerusalem and Israel, the Assyrian would not get very far with his invasion. This invasion is mostly described by Daniel we might add.

With this in mind let us now examine the Deliverer Messiah who must come during that period, whom we shall also call *The Light of the Gentile*. He has a significant characteristic about him: *He does not go into the streets, lift himself up, or cause his voice to be heard in the streets!* He, in fact, does not demonstrate the customary image of a prophet *who does go into the streets*, crying, as Elijah and others, *Repent!*

In the pursuit of all of our works we thought to take the advise of the rabbis and tried to put ourselves in the place of the Messiah, walking in his shoes so-to-speak, so to better understand what is required of him, whether his mission requirements are feasible, and whether we are truly watching for the right characteristics designated to him. We thought to go one step further with this venture and draw you in, our reader, into the experiment, to simulate him as best we can. In all this we would be companions in the Redemption of Israel. As Rabbi Hillel said,

*Sayings of the Fathers, 2.4, do not judge your companion until you are in his shoes.*

We took this on good advise and in our judgment of what is expected in the Messiah we thought that all those awaiting Him would do well to try to *walk in his shoes*.

Our works, of which the most recent is *The Savior of the Poor, a Commentary...*, all lead to a simple peace plan adopted from the prophets and the library of the rabbis and Jewish philosophers. Essentially this plan argues for the restoration of the Tabernacle, rebuilding the Temple with the aid of the Moslems - whom the *Savior of the Poor* has complemented with the title, *Sons of Zadok* - and the renaming of the state of Israel to a name everyone can relate to: a term on the order of *Married*. Our works call all those in Jerusalem - even everyone living there now - *holy*, and ask all those people living in the new state to recognize that they each have an equal share in it and that it should not be partitioned.

We salute the sons of Ishmael in our works because they comforted Israel's Savior, Moses, in the desert in Midian. Without his father-in-law's, Reuel's, support Moses might never have been in the position to deliver Israel and its Torah. We salute all people, because the Messiah carries the seed of many nations, not just the Jews. See *Savior of the Poor...* on this. Phylistia, even you are provided for, because the 50th Jubilee is near...

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# Chapter 1

## Fire Fueled by Precepts

It has been a matter of days now since Desert Storm completed its fury; still the troops are being held in Iraq in anticipation that the King of Babylon may rise up again.

We make no pretense at suggesting that prophesy has been fulfilled through *Desert Storm*. We do know of the prophesy, *When the Assyrian shall come into our Land*, certain events will occur. It is a time when the remnant of the Children of Israel are restored to their land. The signs include:

Micah 5.3 Therefore, will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: *then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the Children of Israel.*

5.4 And He shall stand and feed in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God; and they shall abide: *for now shall He be great unto the ends of the earth.*

5.5 And *this man shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land:* and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men.

Other signs accompany the Messiah, including the sign that Lebanon is hewn down, it is burning and its animals are not sufficient for the sacrifice at hand - Now will I lift up myself, so saith the Lord; for

Isaiah 28.2 Behold, *the Lord hath a Mighty and Strong One, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand.*

Isaiah 33.3 *At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of thyslf the nations scattered.*

Quite remarkably when Desert Storm was engaged many nations scattered from Iraq and Kuwait. We suspect no event in history has been accompanied by such diversity of nations being scattered from such a place.

Isaiah 33.17 Thine eyes shall see the King in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.

Micah 7.11 *In the day that thy walls are to be built, in that day shall the decree be far removed.*



He hisses from the ends of the earth:

Isaiah 5.26 And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly:

5.27 None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken.

5.28 Whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses's hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind:

5.29 Their roaring shall be like a lion, they shall roar like young lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry it away safe, and none shall deliver it.

5.30 And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea: and if one look unto the land, behold darkness and sorrow, and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof.

Zephaniah 2.8 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.

Psalm 97.3 A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.

Joel 2.1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my Holy Mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand:

2.2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: *a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.*

2.3 *A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the Garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.*

This nation is noted for the fact that such a people like it have never been seen before nor will be seen again. This eliminates the power of Rome, for instance, as being that nation, since other nations since Rome have attained Rome's power and glory and exceeded it. Certainly the power of the Soviet Union and the United States exceeds Rome's. For these latter day nations have the power to destroy the earth.

Joel 2.4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as



horsemen so shall they run.

2.6 Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness.

2.10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

2.11 And the Lord shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

2.30 *And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.*

It is remarkable that Desert Storm was preceded by the most terrible disease of modern man: a disease of the blood; Desert Storm was met with pillars of smoke which, still after two weeks, continue to billow into the sky, not to be quenched for perhaps years. The effect of the burning oil wells will probably continue for eons. Notably they blot out the sun and the moon during the day.

Joel 2.31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come.

2.32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and *in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.*

3.1 For behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,

3.2 *I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations and parted my land.*

3.13 *Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.*

Here, as mentioned in Joel, is our first indication of the character to be later called the *Light of the Gentile*. He is derived from the *Son of Man* mentioned in the Psalms, who comes to judge men, whom the Book of Enoch addresses (also as the Head of Days), and finally one whom Ezekiel saw accompanied by a cloud with the likeness of a rainbow over his head. The *Book of Revelation* expands upon this precept:

Revelation 1.13 And in the midst of the candlesticks, *One like unto the Son of Man*, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

1.14 *His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;*

1.15 *And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters [in another place he was drawn out of*



many waters].

1.16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and *out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword*: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

14.14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and *upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of Man*, having on his head a golden crown, and *in his hand a sharp sickle*.

14.16 *And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.*

19.11 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*.

19.12 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*.

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

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

19.15 *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*.

Psalm 2.9 Thou shalt break them [the heathen] with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Daniel 7.9 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*.

7.10 *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**.

Ezra 4..But out of his mouth he sent a fiery stream and from his lips a flaming breath, and from his tongue he shot forth a storm of sparks.

Daniel 7.13 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.

7.14 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.

Zechariah 9.9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just and having salvation;



lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

9.10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and *He shall speak peace unto the Heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.*

Psalm 72.4 he shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

72.7 In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

72.8 *He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.*

Psalm 37.6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the Light, and thy judgment as the noon day.

Psalm 37.30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

Psalm 9.5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name forever and ever.

Psalm 2.9 *Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.*

Isaiah 49.1 Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people from afar; The Lord hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

49.2 *And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath He hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me.*

Here we have several prophecies experiencing an *Anointed One* whose mouth is a sword or like a flame of fire. The rabbis have picked up on this theme; we see that the Messiah is modeled largely in agreement with their precept of the sage:

*Sayings of the Fathers* 2.10B...and warm yourself by the fire of the sages, but be careful of their coals, so you don't get burned - for their bite is the bite of a fox, and their sting is the sting of a scorpion, and their hiss is like the hiss of a snake, and everything they say is like fiery coals.

Psalm 64.7 But God shall shoot at them with an arrow, suddenly shall they be wounded [for they encourage themselves in an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them?]



