

Eschatology, Part 4 "Events During the Second Half of the Great Tribulation"

Table of Contents	Page.
Introduction.	2
A. The prelude in Heaven.	2
The events are shown in schedule.	2
b. Judging the scale.	2
1. The First Bowl of Judgment – Revelation 16:2	2
2. The Second Bowl Judgment – Revelation 16:4-7	3
3. The Third Bowl Judgment – Revelation 16:4-7	3
4. The Fourth Bowl Judgment – Revelation 16:8-9	3
5. The Fifth Bowl Judgment – Revelation 16:10-11	3
<i>Scale Six and Scale Seven are discussed in part 5 of this Eschatology study.</i>	
Babylon Rebuilt	3
Israel and the Great Tribulation.	4
a. The time of Jacob's distress.	4
b. General description.	4
c. The passages with the Day of the Lord.	4
d. Global anti-Semitism.	4
e. Israel and Satan.	4
f. The final result.	4
g. Israel and Michael.	5
h. The four groups of Jews.	
i. The Faithful Remnant.	5
- How the Believing Remnant can survive.	5
- The Hiding Place.	5
The basis for the Second Coming of the Messiah.	6
a. the rejection of Jesus as Messiah.	6
b. The conditions for the Second Coming.	6
Anti-Semitism. Why?	8
Addendum	9

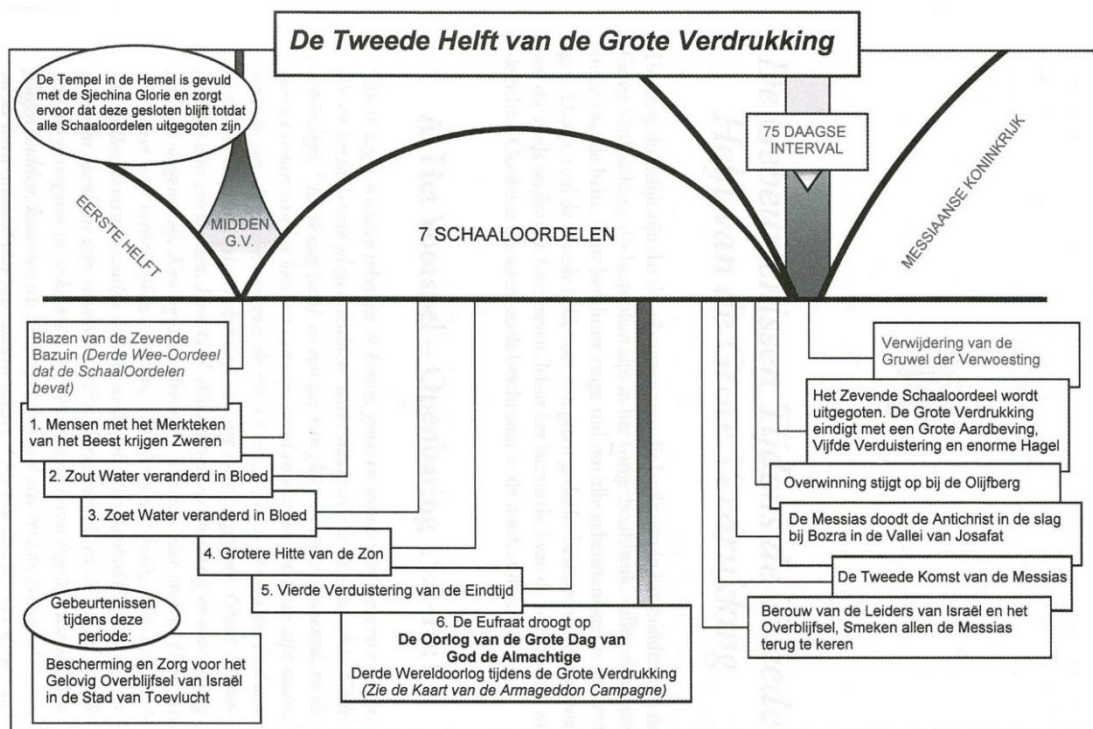
Introduction.

Clearly, the events that began in the midst of the Great Tribulation, discussed in Part 3, will continue into the second half. The author himself has created the subdivision for readability. The Bible does not know this subdivision. Because much has already been discussed, the author is only going to describe the events that will take place during the second half of the Great Tribulation. In particular, the last part of the second half will contain the scale judgments. These will be discussed in this part of the series. Here too, the many Bible texts have been added as an addendum to the end of this essay.

A. The prelude in Heaven.

Revelation 15:1 begins where Rev. 1:19 left off and shows the prelude with the seven angels, who have seven bowls. In verses 5-8, the bowls are given to the angels assigned to execute the final series of judgments. The bowl judgments are carried out of the Temple by the angels and then the Temple in Heaven is filled with the *Shechina* Glory, so that the temple remains closed until the bowl judgments are executed. This command comes from a loud voice from the Temple and is (the author thinks) God Himself who gives the order to pour it out.

The events are shown in schedule.



b. Judging the scale.

1. The First Bowl of Judgment – Revelation 16:2

The first scale judgment is clearly aimed at affecting only those people who bear the mark of the Beast and who worship the Antichrist. (Rev. 14:9-11). As a result, malignant growths appear on people like a kind of skin cancer.

2. The Second Bowl Judgment – Revelation 16:4-7

Where at the Second Trumpet Judgment a third of the saltwater was affected, here at the Second Bowl Judgment we see that the rest of the saltwater will turn into blood, so that everything that was left of life in the seas will now die.



3. The Third Bowl Judgment – Revelation 16:4-7

During the third Trumpet Judgment, a third of the fresh water was already spoiled and now at the third Bowl Judgment we see that the remaining part of the rivers and springs will be destroyed because it will also turn into blood, just like the salt water.

This judgment is declared righteous by the angel and from the heavenly altar. The blood that has been shed from the prophets and the Saints is now being given blood to drink as judgment to mankind.

4. The Fourth Bowl Judgment – Revelation 16:8-9

The fourth Trumpet Judgment also had an effect on the sun that a third of the light was destroyed. The fourth Bowl Judgment also has an effect on the sun. It gets so hot that people burn completely. Despite the fact that people (come to) understand that these are judgments of the Most High God, they do not repent but curse God.



5. The Fifth Bowl Judgment – Revelation 16:10-11

One of the consequences of the fifth Trumpet judgment was the third eclipse. The Fifth Bowl Judgment results in a fourth eclipse, the darkness of the end times. The entire kingdom of the beast will be intensely darkened. The saying "don't see a hand in front of your eyes" is literally going to happen here. Yet this darkness seems different from seeing nothing at all. This darkness causes intense pain to people. In spite of their pain and their swearing, they do not repent but curse the Most High.

Babylon rebuilt.

Babylon will be rebuilt and thus become the political and economic capital of the world of the Antichrist. In Zechariah 5:5-11. Show an angel to Zechariah that Babylon will be rebuilt and will be not only a political but also an economic capital. The trade measure at that time was the standard weight measure *Efa* and became the symbol of trade. Zechariah sees here that the *Epah* is taken away to the land of Shinar. This is another name for Babylon. The future center of world trade will be built in Babylon.

What is important to note is that all prophecies concerning the city of Babylon have never been fulfilled before in the past.

In *Eschatology part 5* Babylon is discussed further. But the sudden fall of Babylon is also discussed here.

Scale Six and Scale Seven have to do with the Armageddon Campaign and are discussed in part 5 of this Eschatology study entitled

[Eschatology. Part 5 The Armageddon Campaign and the Second Coming of Jesus the Messiah.](#)

You can follow the link.

To conclude this essay part 4, the author discusses Israel in the Great Tribulation.

Israel and the Great Tribulation.

For the final battle against satan and the return of Jesus with the Armageddon Campaign that will take place in Israel, the reader must understand the specific choice of God with the people of Israel. In other words, it all takes place in Israel and not in any other country. That is why Israel (*from the Bible*) is discussed.

This continuation in this essay is about Israel and the supporting texts come from the Bible.

What the reader should keep in mind is that Israel (the Jewish people) is the choice of God himself. The land of Israel/Palestine is also God's choice. His capital and His Temple (mountain) are the choice of the God of the Bible. It must therefore be clear that your view of this people with human eyes is a wrong one. The God of the Bible is The Eternal God and His name is YHWH Adonai and is not a human being. And Israel and the Jews is His choice.

Your thinking, reasoning, and emotions are always based on a human perspective. These are not from divinity. You must bear this in mind and realize this in the following writing.

But also religions that claim (*from their own faith and scriptures*) this land and this city including temple site is incorrect. Islam is also wrong here. Muhammad himself states in the Quaran (Koran) in various Suras that the land of Israel/Palestine belongs to the Jews and not to Islam. This can be read in the Quaran.

a. The time of Jacob's distress.

That the relationship between the Great Tribulation and Israel is unique is read in Jeremiah 30:4-7. Here the Bible speaks of the time of Jacob's distress. Jeremiah 16:16-18 says that Israel receives a double portion ; of blessing but also of judgment for their sins. The "time of Jacob's trouble" is a prophetic term for a coming period of great tribulation for Israel, as well as for a time of God's salvation and restoration.

Jacob's distress refers to the people of Israel at the time of The Great Tribulation.

b. General description.

In Isaiah 3:1 – Isa. 4:1 we find a graphic description of Israel in the Great Tribulation. Verses 1-15 describe the effects that the Great Tribulation will have on Jewish leaders.

Verses 3:16-4:1 describes the effects of the Great Tribulation on Jewish women.

c. The passages with the Day of the Lord.

There are five passages with the phrase "day of the Lord" that are directly related to the Great Tribulation for Israel;

Ezekiel 13:1-7 More and more false prophets will come to Israel.

Zechariah 13:2-6 Because of the false prophets, a very great cleansing is needed.

Joel 2:1-11 A time of darkness and occupation of Israel.

Amos 5:18-20 a time of darkness and a time of inability to escape judgment.

Zephaniah 1:7-13 The day of the Lord will be especially hard for Jerusalem.

d. Global anti-Semitism.

Matthew 24:9-28 is about the period of the Great Tribulation. Verses 21-22 describe a worldwide anti-Semitism during the Great Tribulation.

e. Israel and Satan.

Revelation 12:1-17 describes the hateful relationship between Satan and Israel. During the Great Tribulation, a campaign is launched by Satan to exterminate the Jews once and for all.

f. The final result.

Two-thirds of all Jews will be exterminated and one-third will be refined by fire

. During the Holocaust, one third of the world's Jewish population died because of Hitler. During the fierce persecution by the antichrist, fomented by Satan, two-thirds of the world's Jewish population will die.

g. Israel and Michael.

The key verse that represents the relationship with Israel and Michael is found in Daniel 12:1. The fact that Israel will survive this persecution is only due to the work of this earth angel.

h. The four groups of Jews.

During the Great Tribulation, there will be four groups of Jews, namely

- The apostate Jews. These are "many" (Dan. 9:27) who will enter into the seven-year covenant.
They will die during the Great Tribulation.
- The 144,000. They are part of the one-third who will survive the Great Tribulation.
- The "other Jewish believers" are called. Jews who will accept the gospel on the preaching of the 144,000 or the two witnesses.
- The faithful remnant.

i. The Faithful Remnant.

These three groups of Jews have already been discussed in the previous essays. Therefore, the author takes a closer look at this fourth category of Jews in the Great Tribulation; the "Faithful Remnant".

This is the main group that will face the second half of the Great Tribulation.

- The "believing remnant" (Isaiah 10:20-23). These Jews will trust in God from the beginning and turn away from the Antichrist, but will not (yet) believe in the Messiah.
Being unbelieving when it comes to the Messiahship of Jesus and unbelieving when it comes to the Antichrist. They are the "not many" of Daniel 9:27.
They will eventually "return" to God through faith in the Messiah later in the Great Tribulation.

This believing remnant is spoken of in the Bible book of Isaiah.

In Isa. In Acts 41:8-16 we read that God Himself gives protection to this remnant of Israel. God explicitly promises to preserve this group of Jews in the midst of the terrible persecution in Satan's campaign to exterminate all Jews.

- How the Believing Remnant can survive.

In Isaiah, the common phrase "afflicted and poor" is used for the Remnant of Faith. Isa. 41:17-20 God says here how he is going to do this. In the desert of Sinai, the people of Israel miraculously provided water and food. He is going to do this again during the Great Tribulation, because after all, it cannot be bought or sold without the mark of the beast. This is a "game changer" in the relationship between God and this remnant of the remnant.

For God not only provides food and water for the remaining believers, but also makes sure that the non-believers do not receive and have food and water (Isaiah 65:8-16).

This passage in Isaiah makes it clear that the apostates will suffer and die, but that the Believing Remnant will enjoy Divine protection and survive the Great Tribulation.

- The Hiding Place.

Isaiah 33:16 tells how and where.

*16. who will dwell on the heights;
mountain fortresses on the rocks will be his safe fortress,
his bread is given to him, and he is assured of water.*

Four clues;

- In the mountains
- In the desert
- Prepared in advance
- Being easy to defend



Micah 2:12 describes that the remnant will be gathered by God as sheep in a sheepfold (Bozra). If we look at all the conditions that the shelter must meet.

The key verse from Daniel 11:41 *He will also invade the land of beauty, and many will stumble; but Edom, Moab, and the choice of the Ammonites will escape from his power.*

This verse shows that the Antichrist will take over the whole world, but that three nations will escape. All three

ancient lands are located in the south of the modern kingdom of Jordan. The city that by far best meets the description as a place of refuge is the ancient city of Petra. This is therefore preferred by the author, although there is also another city nearby (Buseira). This does not meet, in particular, the defensibility. This essay also talks about Bozra (sheepfold) because the Bible speaks about this.

The basis for the Second Coming of the Messiah.

Introduction.

Nothing more needs to be done for the Rapture of the Church. This can take place at any time. But there is still something very important to happen before His Second Coming on earth.

There are two conditions that must be met before Jesus will return to establish His Kingdom, the 1,000-year kingdom of peace. But before we can fully understand what the basis of His Second Coming will be, we must first understand what was going on at the time of Jesus' rejection as Messiah at His first coming.

a. the rejection of Jesus as Messiah. Matthew 12:22-45

One of the many miracles that Jesus did was to cast out demons. Judaism also had exorcists who cast out demons. However, one first had to come into contact with this demon (know the name) and then use his name to cast the demon out.

However, in the case of a deaf-mute demon, the Jewish exorcism could not be applied, because any form of communication with such a demon was not possible.

But according to Jewish theology, if the Messiah came, he could cast out even these kinds of demons. This happened to Jesus.

That is why the question was asked by bystanders *"is it really possible that Jesus is the Messiah?"* (verse 23). The decision on this question was left to the religious leaders who stood by. People looked at them. And these leaders had two choices; either He is the Messiah or He is not. And if not, then of course an answer must be formulated as to how He can do all those miracles.

In verse 24, the Pharisees made their choice. They refused to accept Jesus as the Messiah. Their alternative explanation was that Jesus himself was possessed. And not just any demon, but a demon prince, Beelzebub. The Hebrew name for "prince of demons". (lit. flying). Then follows the unforgivable sin of blaspheming the Holy Spirit. This is not an individual sin of local spectators but a national sin for those days. They followed the leaders and rejected Jesus as the Messiah as a nation. There was no possibility for this generation to forgive this sin and the judgment also falls in this generation. In 70 AD, Jerusalem and the temple are destroyed and the Jews are scattered over the earth.

Throughout the Gospels (John 11:1-57, Luke 19:41-44, Matthew 23:1-36) we read the rejection of Jesus as the Messiah. Where part of the crowd wanted to believe, Jesus was condemned to death by the spiritual leadership.

In Matthew 12:38-39, Jesus announces His new policy when it comes to miracles. Only Jonah's sign for the nation and leadership. This one sign that remained for them was resurrection. From then on, the ministry changes from making the Jesus known as the Messiah to the nation, to training the 12 disciples into apostles with their specific task of bringing the gospel.

So the point that has been made so far is that Jesus was rejected as Messiah by the Jewish leaders and the same Jewish leaders caused the nation to reject Him as Messiah as well, all based on the fact that He was accused of being possessed by a prince demon.

b. The Conditions for the Second Coming.

Now that this has been established, the question arises; what is the basis of the Second Coming? To understand this, we need to look at five different passages in the Bible.

1. Leviticus 26:40-42. In verse 42 it says, *"When they confess their sins and the sins of their fathers, with their transgression, with which they have transgressed against Me, yes, that they have also gone against Me."*
2. Jeremiah 3:11-18. In verse 13 it says, *"Only acknowledge your iniquity, for you rebelled against the Lord your God, and you spread out in every direction in search of strangers under every leafy tree, but you did not listen to My voice, saith the Lord."*
3. Zechariah 12:10. ... *Which they have pierced. They will mourn for him, as with the mourning of an only child; and they will complain bitterly about Him, as one complains bitterly about a firstborn*
4. Hosea 5:15. *"I will go away, I will return to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will earnestly seek Me."*
5. Matthew 23:37-39. In verse 39 it says, *"For I say to you, You shall not see Me from now on, until you say, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"*

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" This is a Messianic greeting and it means that they accept Jesus as Messiah. Thus, Jesus will not return to earth until the Jews and their Jewish leaders ask for it. For just as the Jewish leaders once led the nation to the rejection of Jesus as Messiah, they must one day lead the nation back to the acceptance of Jesus as Messiah.

The author knows that it is said within various circles and churches that when "all nations have heard the gospel, then that is the moment of the second coming". It may be a condition that contributes to the second coming, but it is not the condition that Scripture teaches us for Jesus to return. What then?

This is the twofold basis of the Second Coming:-

- **Israel must confess its national sin and then beg for the Messiah to return,**
- **and about Him to raise a mourning as mourning for an only child.**

This is the fact that explains why Satan has waged war against the Jews in general throughout history, but especially during the Great Tribulation. Satan also knows that Jesus will not return until the Jewish leaders ask Him to do so. So if Satan succeeds in destroying the Jews once and for all before they repent as a nation, then Jesus will not return and Satan's career will be secured forever.

Anti-Semitism. Why?

Thus, anti-Semitism in every form, whether active or passive, radical, ethnic, national, economic, political, religious, or theological, is all **part of Satan's strategy to prevent the Second Coming of Jesus the Messiah.**

And satan is the adversary of God and man. And certainly from Christians. Make a vow to yourself, not to be a supporter of Satan, but an opponent of Satan. How?

Stand with God's people Israel. Even if you do not understand or disagree with their actions and disapprove of them. Israel is the people of God and God judges His people Himself. The Bible speaks clearly about that. And God does not need you for that and God DOES NOT ASK THIS OF YOU! Do not be influenced by the media or (inter)national condemnations of Israel.

Satan condemns Israel and the Jewish people and wants to exterminate them at all costs. He uses all the means on earth for that. "Christian" countries, Islamic countries, other countries, the United Nations etc. The whole world participates in this. God's coming judgment of all the earth is upon those who want to destroy His people and run after Satan.

And to the author's annoyance, the Netherlands also participates in convictions. Especially and especially the left-wing political parties and the left-wing media participate and prefer to go the extra mile to condemn Israel. In 2025, dazed left-wing politicians crowing with joy with red shoes on are participating in pro-Palestinian anti-Semitic red-colored death marches against Israel. "From the river to the sea, Palestine must be free" is purely a call for genocide of Jews. And politicians are walking along and participating. Smeared by anti-Semitic muck from the Dutch media and political parties, everyone seems to be susceptible to anti-Semitism. It is popular to be pro-Palestinian.

There are also "Christians" in the Netherlands who participate in demonstrations after Palestinian flags or otherwise condemn Israel. Nobody seems to realize that Islamic asylum-seeking Arabs cheer the loudest (also in the Netherlands!!) at every killed Jew and applaud the murderers of Hamas. Being a Christian means being a follower of Christ. And Christ is a Jew. From a Jewish family. And the Bible is a Jewish book. A Christian should therefore not be an instrument of satan and participate in anti-Semitism but support the people of Israel.

But also the secular (non-religious) Dutch should not allow themselves to be smeared with the muck and lies of the media and politics. There is already enough stupidity in the Netherlands.

As a reader (religious or not), be wiser and more dignified than to join in applauding the Hamas murderers and wishing Jews dead. Save yourselves from this sin.

What sin you may ask? By going along with the condemnations against Israel and the Jewish people, you not only criticize the God (YHWH Adonai) of this people but you also support satan in his genocide plan.

For this is what Satan will eventually bring into the lake of fire and brimstone. This is what the Bible teaches.

And you will be judged for this and condemned by God Himself in the (near) future to share the same place to which satan is condemned. A place of eternal pain and remorse.

The author only gives the information from the Bible. It is up to you as a reader.

With this, the author concludes "part 4 in this series. And continues this study in part 5 entitled; **Eschatology. Part 5 The Armageddon Campaign and the Second Coming of Jesus the Messiah.** *You can follow the link.*

Addendum.

Fig. 14:9-11

And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives the mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10he shall also drink of the wine of God's wrath, which is prepared unmixed in the cup of his wrath; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the sight of the holy angels and of the Lamb. 11 And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.

Revelation 16:2-11

And I heard a loud voice from the temple say to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God on the earth."

2 And the first went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and there came an evil and malignant growth to the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshipped his image.

3 And the second poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man, and all living creatures that were in the sea died.

4And the third poured out his bowl into the rivers and into the fountains of water, and (the water) became blood.

5And I heard the angel of the waters say, "Righteous art Thou who are, and who were, Thou Holy One, that Thou hast passed this judgment." 6Because they shed the blood of the saints and the prophets, you also gave them blood to drink; they deserve it!

7And I heard the altar say, "Yes, Lord God, Almighty, your judgments are true and righteous.

8And the fourth poured out his bowl on the sun, and was given to her to scorch the people with fire. 9And the people were scorched by the great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God, who has power over these plagues, and they did not repent to give him glory.

10 And the fifth poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was darkened, and they chewed their tongues in pain, 11 and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and because of their growths, and they did not repent of their works.

Zechariah 5:5-11

5 Then the angel who was talking to me came near and said to me, "Lift up your eyes and see what comes out of them." 6I asked: What is that? He answered, "That is an ephah, which comes forward there." He continued, "This is what they look like in all the land." 7 And behold, the lead cover was lifted, and there was a woman sitting in the ephah. 8And he said, "This is wickedness." Then he threw it down into the ephah and threw the lead weight on its opening. 9When I lifted up my eyes, I saw, and behold, two women came forward, with the wind in their wings; They had wings like those of a stork. And they carried the ephah away between heaven and earth. 10Then I asked the angel who was talking to me, "Where are they taking this ephah?" 11He answered me, "Go to the land of Shinar, to build her a house." When this is ready, they put her in her place there.

Jeremiah 30:4-7

Now these are the words that the Lord spoke about Israel and Judah. 5For thus says the Lord, "We hear the cry of fear, fear and no salvation." 6Ask if a man gives birth; why do I see every man with his hands on his hips as a birthing man and every face has taken on a corpse color? 7Woe to us, for great is that day without equal; it is a time of distress for Jacob; but from this he will be saved.

Jeremiah 16:16-18

Therefore, behold, the days are coming, saith the Lord, which will no more be said, "As the Lord lives, who brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, 15but rather, "As the Lord lives, who brought up the children of Israel out of the land and out of all the lands to which he had driven them;

yes, I will bring them back to the land which I gave to their fathers. 16 "Behold, I will summon many fishermen," says the Lord, "who will fish them out, and then I will summon many hunters, who will hunt them up from every mountain and every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks; 17For my eyes are on all their ways, they are not hidden from me, and their iniquity is not covered from my eyes. 18Therefore I will first repay their iniquity and their sin doubly, because they have profaned my land with the carrion of their abominations and abominations, with which they have filled my inheritance.

Isaiah 3:1 – Isa. 4:1

Therefore, behold, the days are coming, saith the Lord, which will no more be said, "As the Lord lives, who brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, 15but rather, "As the Lord lives, who brought up the children of Israel out of the land and out of all the lands to which he had driven them; yes, I will bring them back to the land which I gave to their fathers. 16 "Behold, I will summon many fishermen," says the Lord, "who will fish them out, and then I will summon many hunters, who will hunt them up from every mountain and every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks; 17For my eyes are on all their ways, they are not hidden from me, and their iniquity is not covered from my eyes. 18Therefore I will first repay their iniquity and their sin doubly, because they have profaned my land with the carrion of their abominations and abominations, with which they have filled my inheritance.

Ezekiel 13:1-7

Therefore, behold, the days are coming, saith the Lord, which will no more be said, "As the Lord lives, who brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, 15but rather, "As the Lord lives, who brought up the children of Israel out of the land and out of all the lands to which he had driven them; yes, I will bring them back to the land which I gave to their fathers. 16 "Behold, I will summon many fishermen," says the Lord, "who will fish them out, and then I will summon many hunters, who will hunt them up from every mountain and every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks; 17For my eyes are on all their ways, they are not hidden from me, and their iniquity is not covered from my eyes. 18Therefore I will first repay their iniquity and their sin doubly, because they have profaned my land with the carrion of their abominations and abominations, with which they have filled my inheritance.

Zechariah 13:2-6

And in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, so that they will be remembered no more; I will also remove the prophets and the unclean spirit from the land. 3 If anyone still acts as a prophet, his father and his mother, who begot him, will say to him, "You will not live because you have spoken lies in the name of the Lord; yes, his father and his mother, who begot him, will pierce him when he acts as a prophet. 4In that day the prophets will be ashamed of what he sees when he acts as a prophet, and they will not put on their robe to tell lies. 5But everyone will say, "I am not a prophet, I am a man who cultivates the field, for someone bought me in my youth." 6And if they say to him, "What are these wounds between your arms?" then he will say, "With this I have been smitten in the house of my friends."

Joel 2:1-11

Blow the trumpet on Zion and sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. Because he is near! 2A day of darkness and of gloom, a day of clouds and of thick darkness. As a red of dawn spread over the mountains, there is a numerous and mighty people; there was no such thing from the old age, and there will be no more after him until the time of the most distant generations. 3 A fire is consuming in front of him, and a flame is blazing behind him; as the garden of Eden is the land before him, and behind him is a wild wilderness; And there is also no escaping him. 4 His appearance is like that of horses; They run like steeds. 5 Like rattling chariots on the tops of the mountains they leap; like the crackling of a flame of

fire, which consumes stubble; as a mighty people, in battle array. 6 The nations tremble before him; all faces pale with fear.

7 They run like mighty men, they climb the wall like warriors, and they go on, each in his own way; they do not run through each other, 8 and one does not supplant the other; each fighter goes his own way, and they push on between the weapons; they do not allow a breach to be created in their ranks. 9 They rush at the city; they run on the wall; they climb into the houses; they come through the windows like a thief. 10 Before them the earth trembles, the heavens tremble; the sun and moon turn black and the stars withdraw its shine. 11 And the Lord lifts up his voice before his army, for his army is very numerous; for mighty is (the army) that fulfills its word; for great is the day of the Lord, and very dreadful! Who will bear him?

Amos 5:18-20

Woe to those who long for the day of the Lord! What will the day of the Lord be for you? Darkness he is, and not light! 19 Like when a man flees from a lion, and a bear overtakes him; and he comes home and leans his hand on the wall, and a snake bites him! 20 For darkness will be the Lord's day, and not light, even dark and without brightness.

Zephaniah 1:7-13

Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is near; for the Lord has prepared a sacrificial meal; He has sanctified his guests. 8 It will come to pass in the day of the Lord's sacrifice that I will afflict the princes and the king's sons and all those who wear foreign clothing. 9 And in that day I will afflict all those who leap over the threshold and fill the house of their masters with violence and deceit.

10 It shall come to pass in that day, says the Lord, that there will be a loud cry from the Fish Gate, and a howling from the New City, and a loud cracking of the hills. 11 Weep, you inhabitants of the mortar, for all the merchants will perish, and all the money-mongers will be exterminated.

12 It will come to pass at that time that I will search Jerusalem with lamps; I will afflict the men who have grown fat on their dregs, and who think to themselves, "The Lord does no good, and He does no evil."

Matthew 24:9-28

Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and they will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then many will fall, and they will deliver one another up and hate one another. 11 And many false prophets will arise, and many they will deceive. 12 And because the contempt of the law increases, the love of most will grow cold. 13 But whoever endures to the end will be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations, and then the end will have come.

*15 And when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet standing in the holy place, whoever reads it, take heed to it, let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 He who is on the housetop, do not go down and take his household goods, and he who is in the field, 18 he did not return to take his robe with him. 19 Woe to the pregnant and the nursing in those days. 20 Pray that your flight may not fall in winter or on a Sabbath. **21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, nor will ever be again. 22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.** 23 If anyone says to you, "Behold, here is the Christ," or, "Here," do not believe it. 24 For false Christs and false prophets will arise, and they will perform great signs and wonders, so that they may deceive even the elect. 25 Behold, I have foretold you. 26 If they say to you, "Behold, He is in the desert, does not go there; behold, He is in the secret room, does not believe it. 27 For as lightning comes from the east and light to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. 28 Where the carrion is, there the vultures will gather.*

Note; Verses 21-22 describe a worldwide anti-Semitism during the Great Tribulation.

Revelation 12:1-17

And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and a wreath of twelve stars on her head; 2 and she was with child, and cried out in her labor pains and in her pain to give birth. 3 And another sign was seen in heaven, and behold, a great ruddy dragon with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads seven crowns. 4 And his tail dragged a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.

And the dragon stood before the woman who was to give birth, so that as soon as she had given birth to her child, she would devour it. 5 And she gave birth to a son, a male creature, who will shepherd all the Gentiles with a rod of iron. and her child was suddenly carried away to God and his throne. 6 And the woman fled to the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God that she might be sustained there for twelve hundred and sixty days.

Conquering the dragon

7 And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels had to wage war against the dragon; The dragon and his angels also waged war, 8 but he could not stand, and their place in heaven was no longer found. 9 And the great dragon was cast (to the earth), the old serpent, who is called the devil, and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast down to the earth and his angels with him. 10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying,

Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the power of his Anointed One have appeared; for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them day and night before our God, has been cast down. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives unto death. 12 Therefore, rejoice, you heavens and those who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, knowing that he has little time.

The dragon persecutes the woman

13 And when the dragon saw that he had been cast down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who had given birth to the male child. 14 And the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle to fly into the wilderness, to her place, where she will be maintained out of sight of the serpent, for a time and times and half a time. 15 And the serpent threw water out of her mouth behind the woman like a stream, to let her be carried away by the stream. 16 And the earth came to the woman's aid, and the earth opened her mouth and swallowed up the stream that the dragon had cast out of his mouth. 17 And the dragon was angry with the woman, and went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus;