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Four years ago I preached a series on Revelation. Last week I preached on who is worthy. Tonight we will reopen a sermon that I preached in 2000. This was written before September 11, 2001 when the Lord showed America that she is not invincible. In 2000 when I originally wrote this I was telling about an attack that I did not know about. Reviewing this four years hence has revealed some insight. How much closer are we to

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The Lamb is the only one worthy to open the book sealed with seven seals. Each of these seals describes a condition in the last days. Some of these conditions are prevalent today. The signs of the times are certainly pointing to the soon return of the Lord, and the rapture of the church. Matthew 24 tells us that when we see these things come to pass, it is time to look up for our redemption draweth neigh. Jesus gave a synopsis of the conditions during the last days. (Matthew 24 and Luke 21) A background in the teachings of Christ on the subject will help us to gain a deeper knowledge of the signs of the times.

When John received The Revelation of Jesus Christ, the destruction of Jerusalem as prophesied by Jesus was already accomplished. John received the revelation around 100 ad. Titus destroyed Jerusalem in 70 ad. Jesus told of the destruction around 30 ad. Thus the churches already knew the writings of Matthew and the other apostles. They saw

the destruction of Jerusalem, which Rome advertised that the same would happen to any nation who stepped out of line. When the churches first received their copy of The Revelation, they already read Matthew 24 which foretold the events of the Last days. They already had a background in the teachings of Jesus and what Jesus taught his disciples. Since they had this background, before opening the seven seals, we should have the same information they had.

Matthew 24

And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to show him the buildings of the temple.

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be

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famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and won-

ders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

25 Behold, I have told you before.

26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

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

34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe

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entered into the ark,
39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.
43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.
44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.
45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?
46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.
47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.
48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;
49 And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;
50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,
51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

After the disciples were with Jesus for three years, they were still looking on the physical aspects of man. They desired to show Jesus the glorious buildings of the temple. Jesus responded telling them that there wasn't going to be one stone left upon another. The disciples were looking on the appearance as they

saw things, but they weren't able to see Titus sacking Jerusalem in forty years. They thought Jerusalem was going to last another thousand years. In 70 ad. the Roman General Titus totally destroyed Jerusalem.

After Jesus tells his disciples about the destruction of Jerusalem, they come to him asking for more in-depth information concerning the end times. Jesus begins his discourse in verse 4.

Matthew 24:4-5

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Back on February 28, 1993 there was one who claimed to be Christ in Waco, Texas when the FBI destroyed the compound of David Koresh who taught many that he was Christ incarnate. Many were lead astray by his deceptions. He wasn't the only one who has taught that he was the Lord, but throughout history men have attempted to take the upper seat.

1 John 2:18-19

18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

When John wrote his first epistle, he claimed there were many antichrists even in the first century. From then on men have taken the name of the Lord for themselves and lead many astray with their false teaching.

The Lord continues his discourse describing

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wars and rumors of war. Throughout history, sinful man has always taken what wasn't his. If he had to fight a war for it, there was plenty of cannon fodder. Nationalism and a common enemy have been a rallying cry by politicians and generals throughout all of history. The majority of time they were lying to the people, using crowd control and patriotic fervor to cause the populous to want to go to war. Pick up any newspaper or see the news on television and you will see a common enemy being built by the politicians. Why did we fight Iraq? Was it to restore democracy in Kuwait? Why is a fervor being built around former Yugoslavia? Why are we sending our troops to intervene in a civil war that has been going on for centuries? This is an example of building a common enemy to unify the people.

Matthew 24:6-7

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

After the Lord's talk of wars, he continues with saying that there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in diverse places. It seems there are more earthquakes today than there has been in the past. We hear more about pestilence throughout the world today than we have in the past. Finally, there is famine in places all over the world.

The above have been going on since time began. The Christian is not to fret or be afraid, for all these things must come to pass before the end. The Christian has the Rock to trust on, and if you realize who Jesus is, everything

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the world does means nothing. When you have Jesus, you have everything that is important.

Throughout history the true “born-again Christian” has been persecuted by the world. The world's unrighteousness is really shown by the true righteousness of the Christian. The world doesn't like to be shown their unrighteous, so they will resort to persecuting the saint.

Matthew 24:8-10

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

During the first century, there was a general persecution of the saints. This resulted in the saints having to stand for what they believe in and be executed for it. This same persecution is going to happen in the days prior to the Lord's trumpet call for his saints to join him in the air. In the last days, all the nations are going to have a moratorium against the Christian who really trusts in his Lord and Saviour. This is already in process in America, where the Government is replacing God to supply all of your needs.

At the University of Pennsylvania, they have thought police examining the thoughts of the students. If the students refuse to toe the line with their speech and thoughts they are threatened with expulsion! An Israeli student went to trial for calling some obnoxious people “water buffalo!” while they were trying to study around midnight. These people who were disturbing the peace and creating a ruckus outside were not disciplined at all! The

first thing that the police asked the student who shouted water buffalo, “Did you have any racial thoughts?” These are police inquiring about the very thoughts of the students!

The Lord told his disciples that they were going to be falsely accused by friends, family, and neighbors.

Matthew 10:22

22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

Matthew 10:34-37

34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

36 And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

Mark 13:13

13 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Luke 21:12

12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

John 15:20-21

20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also perse-

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cute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

The enemies of the Lord, those who refuse to know him, are rising up, persecuting the saints of the Lord. Even in America, Christians will be executed for their unfailing belief in the Lord.

Matthew 24:11

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

There have been many false prophets who have claimed some mysterious spiritual knowledge not found in the Bible. There are organizations that purport to have deep secrets that only they know. Many are deceived by these religions where everything is a secret, and only they know the truth. Jesus did nothing in secret. Everything Jesus taught was offered to all who would listen.

Matthew 24:12-13

12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Walking the streets of Philadelphia, iniquity abounds on every corner. Hustlers, prostitutes, homosexuals, and ad nauseam. In some neighborhoods, prostitutes proposition a man while he is with a woman! The wickedness of America is abounding, and America is calling good evil and evil they call good. These are signs that we are living in the end times.

Isaiah 5:20

20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for

darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

2 Timothy 3:1-7

1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

These are the days that we are living in! We are living in the days where sin abounds, and righteousness is condemned! These are the days where men's lusts are on display for all to see. Man's wickedness is now being called good, while the Christian's righteousness is being trumpeted as wicked. Today's courts allow the robber to go free, and condemn anyone who tries to defend themselves against the robber. These are the signs that we are living in the last days, before the Lord calls his church home.

Matthew 24:14

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is now being preached in every nation on earth. The fulfillment of the prophecy that the gospel would be circulated world wide has been fulfilled.

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Matthew 24:15-21

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

The portion of Daniel Jesus was referring to will be discussed in detail with the appropriate portion of Revelation. Jesus was talking to the Jews and was telling them that when the antichrist desecrates the temple, they are to flee into the mountains. They are to flee the same way Lot was to flee Sodom. They aren't to turn back or gaze upon what they are leaving behind. Jesus also alludes to the rapture of the church. How are people on top of their houses going to run anywhere without going through their house? This is the portion where the Lord calls his church home and there is no looking back. When the rapture happens, you won't need any change of earthly clothes. You are going to meet Jesus in the air.

The opening of the seven seals commences after the rapture of the church. This is the start of the great tribulation as described by the Lord.

THE FIRST SEAL:

Revelation 6:1-2

1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

The first seal describes the Lord conquering his enemies. He has a crown upon his head and he sits upon a white horse. Revelation 19 also describes the conquering king who makes war with the enemies of God.

Revelation 19:11-16

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.

The world has been fighting the Lord and los-

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ing the war. They don't realize who they are fighting against. They think that they are fighting against some crazy Christians, or they are just doing their own thing. All the sin and iniquity they accomplish they are building up wrath against the day of wrath.

Romans 2:5

5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

When the Lord calls his church home he is going to unleash his wrath upon the earth. The ones who don't meet the Lord in the air are going to face the wrath of him who hung on the cross of calvary to save them from their own unrighteousness. He is going to fight them with the sword of his mouth, and will rule them with a rod of iron.

The first seal is the Lord himself riding upon a white horse conquering the rebellious world who has resisted him from the very beginning. The Lord told his disciples to be of good cheer, for he has overcome the world!

John 16:33

33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Jesus is the ultimate conqueror, utterly destroying his enemy. The Christian is victorious in the end while the world has lost the war.

THE SECOND SEAL:

Revelation 6:3-4

3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.
4 And there went out another horse that was

red: and power was given to him that sat there onto take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

The first weapon the Lord uses gives the earth what they desire the most: war. The people of the world must really love war, for they have always allowed their governments to cajole them into war. There always is a justification to go to war. Usually it is to take something which doesn't belong to you. The American government used it against the Indians. Germany used it against Europe. Iraq used it against Kuwait. People must love war for it gives them a "legal" way to steal.

With the church out of the way, telling their governments that war is evil and et cetera, the governments of the world will have a heyday stealing from each other. At the same time, the governments will be saying that they are really working for peace. Without the restraints of God holding back the nations, the nations will have all-out war. Zechariah gives a greater detail about the war that is in the Last Days.

Zechariah 1:8-21

8 I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white.

9 Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will show thee what these be.

10 And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth.

11 And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said,

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We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.

12 Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years?

13 And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words.

14 So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.

15 And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

16 Therefore thus saith the LORD; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.

17 Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

18 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns.

19 And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

20 And the LORD showed me four carpenters.

21 Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.

According to Zechariah, the world is at peace

when the saints are raptured. All of the earth is sitting still and is at peace. This is the time when the Lord becomes jealous for Jerusalem and fights against the gentiles.

The seventy years referred by Zechariah are seventy weeks of years, or approximately 490 years: from the deliverance of Israel to the first coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. During this time there were three great empires, Persian, Grecian, and Roman. During the reign of these three empires, peace reigned throughout the Middle East. Then the Lord came and reclaimed Jerusalem from the gentiles and returned it to Israel.

The Lord always fights for his chosen ones. When the Lord came to Jerusalem, he was fighting for his people. All though his people rejected their Saviour, he still fought for them. If the Lord came today, many Christians would reject him just as the Jews did. There is no difference between people today and people 2000 years ago.

<i>Ruler</i>	<i>Date B.C.</i>	<i>Years Reigned</i>
Cyrus The Great	539-530	9
Cambyses	530-522	8
Darius I	522-486	36
Xerxes I	486-464	22
Artaxerxes I	464-423	41
Darius II	423-404	19
Artaxerxes II	404-359	45
Artaxerxes III	359-338	21
Arses	338-336	2
Darius III	336-331	5

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1 Roland Kenneth Harrison, Introduction to the Old Testament, (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1969), p.193.

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The main item in Zechariah's prophecy is the Lord building his house in Jerusalem. This is when the world is judged by the Lord and he reigns supreme in Jerusalem during the millennial reign. The reign of the gentiles is drawing to a close. The cup of the Lord's wrath against the wickedness of the gentile nations is about full. The Lord showed me before Bill Clinton was elected president that the next president of the United States was going to fill up the cup of the Lord's wrath against America. This nation is a fulfillment of prophecy of the wickedness abounding. America may be at ease, but the Lord is sore displeased with us. (Zechariah 1:15)

In the first two seals the Lord is riding on a white horse, and one is warring against the wickedness of the world with a red horse. Even the shores of America will come under attack. America is no longer safe when they are fighting against the creator of the universe. When you fight God, you lose!

THE THIRD SEAL:

Revelation 6:5-6

5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

The third seal is famine upon the earth. We are hearing more about world famine now than ever before. But when the Lord pours out his wrath upon the earth, there is going to be massive famine throughout the world. The weather may destroy some crops now, but when the Lord fights against the wickedness of the world, very few crops will be grown.

Isaiah 14:26-32

26 This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

27 For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

28 In the year that king Ahaz died was this burden.

29 Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken: for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent.

30 And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety: and I will kill thy root with famine, and he shall slay thy remnant.

31 Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Palestina, art dissolved: for there shall come from the north a smoke, and none shall be alone in his appointed times.

32 What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.

Ezekiel 5:1-17

1 And thou, son of man, take thee a sharp knife, take thee a barber's razor, and cause it to pass upon thine head and upon thy beard: then take thee balances to weigh, and divide the hair.

2 Thou shalt burn with fire a third part in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled: and thou shalt take a third part, and smite about it with a knife: and a third part thou shalt scatter in the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them.

3 Thou shalt also take thereof a few in number, and bind them in thy skirts.

4 Then take of them again, and cast them into

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the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire; for thereof shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel.

5 Thus saith the Lord GOD; This is Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her.

6 And she hath changed my judgments into wickedness more than the nations, and my statutes more than the countries that are round about her: for they have refused my judgments and my statutes, they have not walked in them.

7 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye multiplied more than the nations that are round about you, and have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my judgments, neither have done according to the judgments of the nations that are round about you;

8 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, am against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations.

9 And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and where unto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abominations.

10 Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter into all the winds.

11 Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD; Surely, because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also diminish thee; neither shall mine eye spare, neither will I have any pity.

12 A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee: and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and I will scatter a third part into all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them.

13 Thus shall mine anger be accomplished, and I will cause my fury to rest upon them, and I will be comforted: and they shall know that I the LORD have spoken it in my zeal, when I have accomplished my fury in them.

14 Moreover I will make thee waste, and a reproach among the nations that are round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by.

15 So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment unto the nations that are round about thee, when I shall execute judgments in thee in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes. I the LORD have spoken it.

16 When I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, which shall be for their destruction, and which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase the famine upon you, and will break your staff of bread:

17 So will I send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee; and pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I will bring the sword upon thee. I the LORD have spoken it.

Ezekiel 6:1-14

1 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them,

3 And say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys; Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places.

4 And your altars shall be desolate, and your images shall be broken: and I will cast down your slain men before your idols.

5 And I will lay the dead carcasses of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones round about your altars.

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6 In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished.

7 And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

8 Yet will I leave a remnant, that ye may have some that shall escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries.

9 And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, because I am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me, and with their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols: and they shall lothe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.

10 And they shall know that I am the LORD, and that I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them.

11 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Smite with thine hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence.

12 He that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish my fury upon them.

13 Then shall ye know that I am the LORD, when their slain men shall be among their idols round about their altars, upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they did offer sweet savour to all their idols.

14 So will I stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate, yea, more deso-

late than the wilderness toward Diblath, in all their habitations: and they shall know that I am the LORD.