

16- Why Will They Rebel?

For a long period of time, we believed those whom we highly respected, when they told us that the coming Antichrist was going to have complete control of the "lost people" during the Great Tribulation and that the coming Antichrist was going to have complete control as the head of a one world government. We believed people we highly respected, that is, until we studied all of the scriptures dealing with the Antichrist and discovered, to our shock, that the Antichrist will only **attempt** to have complete control of a one world government. The Antichrist will only **attempt** to force everyone to worship him as the son of the queen of heaven (known by different names, depending upon the languages) who comes down to earth and reveals himself. Does it seem farfetched that people will believe that a person would come down from heaven and reveal himself? A son who would claim that he was destined to rule the world?

May we point out that many of us believe that the Son of the Living God has already come down from Heaven and that He has revealed Himself to mankind as the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords! It will be a small task for the Antichrist to convince most of the population that he is the one the world has been expecting for all these centuries. **That's Why Jesus Christ Called Him "The Antichrist"**. He will copy or emulate Jesus Christ as closely as he can. In addition, it looks like Satan is going to provide the world with the other part of the godhead that he (Satan) established in a flourishing belief system soon after Noah's flood. A belief system whose "daughters" are still flourishing today. ⁵ *And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." Revelation 17:5 (King James Version)*

Yes, during the Great Tribulation Satan will provide the world with the queen of heaven, the image of the beast, who will share power with the Antichrist. In fact, according to the Bible, if a person refuses to worship the image of the beast and they are captured, they will be killed. ¹¹ *And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns, like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon.* ¹² *And he executed all the power of the former beast in his sight; and he caused the earth, and them that dwell therein, to adore the first beast, whose wound to death was healed.* ¹³ *And he did great signs, so that he made also fire to come down from heaven unto the earth in the sight of men.* ¹⁴ *And he seduced them that dwell on the earth, for the signs, which were given him to do in the sight of the beast, saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make the image of the beast, which had the wound by the sword, and lived.* ¹⁵ *And it was*

given him to give life to the image of the beast, and that the image of the beast should speak; and should cause, that whosoever will not adore the image of the beast, should be slain.¹⁶ And he shall make all, both little and great, rich and poor, freemen and bondmen, to have a character in their right hand, or on their foreheads.¹⁷ And that no man might buy or sell, but he that hath the character, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Revelation 13:11-17 (Douay-Rheims Version, New Catholic Edition)

There are several reasons why we believe the people of the radical, terrorist nations to the south of the city of Babylon, the radical, terrorist nations to the north of the city of Babylon and the radical, terrorist nations to the east of the city of Babylon will reject (and eventually declare war against) the Antichrist. " ⁴⁰ *And at the time of the end shall the king of the **south** push at him; and the king of the **north** shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and overflow and pass through.⁴¹ And he shall enter into the land of beauty, and many [countries] shall be overthrown; but these shall escape out of his hand: Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.⁴² And he shall stretch forth his hand upon the countries; and the land of Egypt shall not escape.⁴³ And he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.⁴⁴ But tidings out of the **east** and out of the **north** shall trouble him; and he shall go forth with great fury to exterminate, and utterly to destroy many.⁴⁵ And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the sea and the mountain of holy beauty; and he shall come to his end, and there shall be none to help him." Daniel 11:40-45 (Darby's Translation)*

Again, there are several reasons why we believe the people of the radical, terrorist nations are going to reject (and eventually declare war against) the Antichrist. First the radical terrorist nations will reject him because he is a Jew. The Antichrist will be able to trace his lineage back to King David. Otherwise, the Jewish nation would never accept him as their messiah. and because the Antichrist will be able to trace his lineage back to King David, he will claim the right to sit on David's throne as the king of kings. Because of their cultural and religious background, the people of the radical terrorist nations have been taught to hate the Jews and the other infidels who do not embrace their extremist religion. As such they could never accept a Jew as the hope of the world. You know how most of the people of the terrorist nations in the Middle East feel

about the Jews and how they feel about women.. Can you imagine what will happen when the Antichrist demands they pray to and worship a woman?

Secondly, they will reject the Antichrist because he will honor and promote a trinity of gods, that is, god the father, god the son and the queen of heaven, mother of god. A person of the radical, terrorist nations is not going to worship a woman even if they are told she was the mother of god and the queen of Heaven. Their religion is monotheistic, that is, they believe that there is only one god, Allah, and Mohammad is his prophet.

Third they will hate him because he will use his authority to allow the Jews to tear down one of their mosques, the Mosque of Omar (the Dome of the Rock), in order to rebuild their Jewish temple. The Mosque of Omar was built around the tip of the mountain that was part of the temple site built by King Solomon. The Mosque of Omar (the Dome of the Rock) is one of the people of the radical, terrorist nations' sacred shrines and right now it occupies a prominent place on the present Jewish temple site. The people of the radical, terrorist nations believe it is the spot where Mohammad left the earth on his journey to visit their heaven.

According to Daniel 11:36-45, the nations to the south of Babylon, the nations to the north of Babylon and the nations to the east of Babylon are going to rebel against the rule of the Antichrist. This will happen during the Great Tribulation. We believe the Bible teaches those nations will organize a large army with the intentions of overthrowing the Antichrist who is headquartered, at that time, in the city of Babylon. If that is true, they will be led into battle by Iran (the land of the Medes, Isaiah chapter 13) and some of the weapons used will be nuclear. Zechariah 14:12 describes what happens to people who are near when a nuclear weapon explodes. *"their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths."*

Have you ever wondered when, where and why the Antichrist will receive a deadly wound and recover? We believe he will receive that wound in one of the battles between the forces of the Antichrist and the invading army when they rebel against the rule of the Antichrist. They will not be successful in killing the Antichrist but apparently they will be successful in running him out of the city of Babylon because Daniel 11:45 tells us, ⁴⁵ *He will pitch his royal tents between the sea and the beautiful holy mountain, but he will meet his end with no one to help him."* Not only will the Antichrist and his forces suffer a humiliating defeat, but if some of the weapons that are used are nuclear, it would explain the complete destruction of the city of

Babylon and why it will never be inhabited again. It could become too radioactive to be inhabited again. Please understand, we know that the Living Three Mighty Ones can destroy the city of Babylon with just the spoken word just as He has done with other reprobate cities who have turned away from Him. We are just suggesting that He might use the radical terrorist nations to destroy Babylon. " ¹⁵ *The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, **will stand at a distance** for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, ¹⁶ and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! ¹⁷ For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.' Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance ¹⁸ and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like this great city?' ¹⁹ They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.' ²⁰ Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!" ²¹ Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore. ²² The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore. ²³ The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived. ²⁴ And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth." Revelation 18:15-24 (New King James Version)*

We know that the battle that is described in Zechariah 14 (printed below) is not the **second battle** of Armageddon that will be fought in the area around Jerusalem at the end of the Millennium, the 1,000 year reign of Christ on this earth (Revelation 20:7-10). The battle that is described in the first verses of Zechariah 14 (printed below) will be the **first battle** of Armageddon that will be fought in the area around Jerusalem between the forces of the Antichrist and the invading army. How do we know that **the beginning** of Zechariah 14 (printed below) does not describe a battle against Jesus Christ and His people when they are attacked in Jerusalem? Because Jesus Christ would not allow the saved **in Jerusalem** to be raped and their houses destroyed while He is on the Throne **in Jerusalem**. **He will be in control of everything.**

On the other hand, we know that many Jews will be in agreement with the Antichrist and will be part of the army of the Antichrist when the people of the radical terrorist nations, led into battle by Iran (the Medes, Isaiah chapter 13), attack Jerusalem near the end of the Great Tribulation. So in that sense, you will have Jews who will be attacked at the end of the Great Tribulation but they will not be saved Jews who are fighting on the side of Jesus Christ. They will be lost Jews who have taken the "mark of the Beast" or aligned themselves with the Antichrist. They will be part of that group who will wring their hands in anguish when they see the King of Kings appear in the air. Zechariah 14:4 tells us that the King of Kings will stand on the Mount of Olives and the Mount of Olives will split in half. That will happen at the end of the Tribulation when the King of Kings will come to destroy both the army of the Antichrist and the invading army who is fighting the Antichrist.

*"¹ The LORD will have his day. And when it comes, everything that was ever taken from Jerusalem will be returned and divided among its people. ² **But first**, he will bring many nations to attack Jerusalem—homes will be **robbed**, women **raped**, and half of the population **dragged off**, though the others will be allowed to remain. ³ The LORD will attack **those nations** like a warrior fighting in battle. ⁴ He will take his stand on the Mount of Olives east of Jerusalem, and the mountain will split in half, forming a wide valley that runs from east to west." Zechariah 14:1-4 (Contemporary English Version)*

Again, the land we call Iran today was originally the land of **the Medes**. The Medes were part of the Medo-Persian empire. Arthur Custance, in his book, "Noah's Three Sons", tells us that after Noah's flood some of the descendents of Gog or Magog (Genesis 10:2) settled in the land we call Iran today and others settled westward as far as the British Isles. Based upon the description of the battle described in Zechariah 14, the battle will include the use of nuclear weapons. Do you suppose that is why the Lord is allowing Iran (the land of the Medes) to develop nuclear capabilities?

The Antichrist begins consolidating his power while he is headquartered in Babylon, before he moves his headquarters to Jerusalem. *"⁴¹ He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. ⁴² He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries; and the land of Egypt shall not escape. ⁴³ But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; and the Libyans and the*

Ethiopians shall be at his steps.⁴⁴ But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him; and he shall go forth with great fury to destroy and utterly to sweep away many.⁴⁵ **And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the sea and the glorious holy mountain;** yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him." Daniel 11:41-45 (American Standard Version)

So when we compare what we are told in Daniel 11 (printed above) with what we are told in the 13th chapter of Isaiah (printed below), it seems that the radical, terrorist nations will attack the Antichrist in Babylon first. Babylon by that time will be a trading metropolis where the Antichrist will have set up his headquarters. The Antichrist and the inhabitants of the city of Babylon will eventually suffer a humiliating defeat and it seems that they will be forced to flee to Jerusalem to escape the army of the radical, terrorist nations. One of the important facts to note, however, is that the city of Babylon, at that time, will probably be completely destroyed. "¹ And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.² And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen,** is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.³ For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.⁴ And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.⁵ For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.⁶ Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled, fill to her double.⁷ How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.⁸ Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.⁹ And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,¹⁰ Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.¹¹ And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:¹² The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and

*all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, ¹³ And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. ¹⁴ And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. ¹⁵ The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, ¹⁶ And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! ¹⁷ For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, ¹⁸ And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! ¹⁹ And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. ²⁰ Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. ²¹ And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and **shall be found no more at all.** ²² And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; ²³ And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. ²⁴ And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth." Revelation 18:1-24 (King James Version)*

First, if we examine the 13th chapter of Isaiah (printed below) carefully, we will see that chapter 13 **was written to Babylon** and predicted that the city would be totally destroyed. This agrees with Revelation, chapter 18. Then it seems, the invading army that will totally destroy Babylon, will eventually attack the Antichrist and his army in Jerusalem near the end of the Great Tribulation. Second, if we examine Isaiah, chapter 13 (printed below), carefully, we will see that the world events that are described in Isaiah chapter 13 will happen during the Great Tribulation. ¹⁰ **For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine.** ¹¹ "I will

*punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. ¹² I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir. ¹³ Therefore **I will shake the heavens,** And **the earth will move out of her place,** In the wrath of the LORD of hosts And in the day of His fierce anger." Isaiah 13:10-13 (New King James Version)*

" ³¹ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God." Hebrews 10:31 (American Standard Version)

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