

A large wooden ark is under construction on a sandy beach at sunset. The ark is made of dark wood and has a curved roof. In the foreground, there are stacks of logs and a wooden fence. The sky is a mix of orange and blue.

AS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH

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Matthew 24:36-39 KJV

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 Noah 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 Noah 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.

Matthew 24:36-39 AMPC

36 But of that [exact] day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

37 As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

38 For just as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, [men] marrying and [women] being given in marriage, until the [very] day when Noah went into the ark,

39 And they did not know or understand until the flood came and swept them all away—so will be the coming of the Son of Man

40 At that time two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.

41 Two women will be grinding at the hand mill; one will be taken and one will be left.

42 Watch therefore [give strict attention, be cautious and active], for you do not know in what kind of a day [whether a near or remote one] your Lord is coming.

Last week, week one of this series, we started laying down the foundation in order that as we continue to learn and study God's Word we are building on His Word, the firm foundation. That foundation has to be understood, believed, trusted in order for the revelation of what God has put in His Word to protect, prosper and guide us in the Time Of The End or As In The Days Of Noah.

As you can see in the time line, these first Ten Generations of Men overlapped each other and shared God's faithfulness and judgment with one another. They were a walking Bible.

Adam was able to share God's judgment for his disobedience and God's grace with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He also told them of the coming judgement of fire and water which we read at the end of of last week.



“They also were the inventors of that peculiar sort of wisdom which is concerned with the heavenly bodies, and their order. And, that their inventions might not be lost before they were sufficiently known, upon Adam's prediction that the world was to be destroyed at one time by the force of fire, and at another time by the violence and quantity of water, they made two pillars, the one of brick, the other of stone; They inscribed their discoveries on them both, that in case the pillar or brick should be destroyed by the flood, the pillar of stone might remain, and exhibit those discoveries to mankind; and also inform them that there was another pillar or brick erected by them. Now this remains in the land of Siriad to this day.”

Antiquities of the Jews by Josephus
Book 1 Chapter 2 Section 3

Adam told his descendants that they needed to make 2 pillars, one of stone and one of brick that in case the pillar or brick should be destroyed by the flood, the pillar of stone might remain, and exhibit those discoveries to mankind. Those discoveries were a water mark showing how high the flood waters came. Jewish history says that those pillars were placed high above in a mountainous region to reveal how high the water rose for future generations to know there was a flood.

Why? God knew that soon after the flood (and this present time) that man would no longer believe that there was a flood. As a result, soon after the flood people went right back to their disobedience even when there were remembrances all around.

This is why so many people want to revise or change history. So what has happened in the past is forgotten, people will feel free to repeat it and won't feel guilty. If no one knows about the past then they do not know the outcome for disobedience. This is one of the things that satan uses to get people to repeat the past, the sins of former generations and ultimately to an eternal death.

John 10:10 KJV

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Genesis 3:1 KJV

3 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

From the Old Testament, New Testament, to the Holocaust, American history, 9/11 and the attacks on the United States etc., the enemy is using people to rewrite history. The Islamic nations, European nations and former southern USSR nations, they are rewriting history regarding the Jewish people as well.



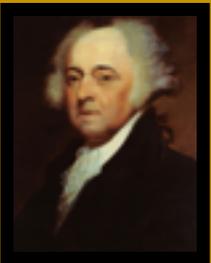
"Those that fail to learn from history, are doomed to repeat it."

- Winston Churchill (British Prime Minister)

American History in our own country is being rewritten, deleted and ignored. Schools won't teach that 29 of the 56 founders who signed the Declaration of Independence not only had seminary degrees, but were believers that followed Jesus Christ.

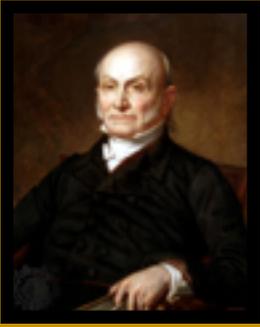


From the letters penned by our four presidents: President George Washington, President John Adams and President John Quincy Adams, that spoke of the beginning of a new land putting the one true God first as the key to making this land great.



The moment the idea is admitted into society, that property is not as sacred as the laws of God, and that there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence. If “Thou shalt not covet,” and “Thou shalt not steal,” were not commandments of Heaven, they must be made inviolable precepts in every society, before it can be civilized or made free.

- John Adams (2nd President Of The United States)



(1) The law given from Sinai was a civil and municipal as well as a moral and religious code; it contained many statutes...of universal application-laws essential to the existence of men in society, and most of which have been enacted by every nation which ever professed any code of laws.

(2) There are three points of doctrine the belief of which forms the foundation of all morality. The first is the existence of God; the second is the immortality of the human soul; and the third is a future state of rewards and punishments. Suppose it possible for a man to disbelieve either of these three articles of faith and that man will have no conscience, he will have no other law than that of the tiger or the shark. The laws of man may bind him in chains or may put him to death, but they never can make him wise, virtuous, or happy.

- John Quincy Adams (6th President Of The United States)

We know that by rewriting (deleting/adding) history that a nation's education system is trying to eliminate God and promote self, humanism. From the government issued Bibles that were in public schools, to history about how God directed the pilgrims, those students today no longer believe that the Bible is true, that there was a flood, but believe in evolution and that the earth is billions of years old. As a result of rewriting and not knowing history, people go right back to their disobedience.

That is why history books during Bible times were used and referenced, children believe history when taught in schools. Who governs, controls the education system is vital because satan uses education based on humanism as a weapon to come against God's Word.

The sources from where you get history is very important!

Noah heard of the testimony (history) of who God was from Enos, the grandson of Adam and son of Seth. He knew of the coming flood in the future. This information was passed down through these generations of men. The choice has always been do we want to believe what God is saying is true or not.

Remember, they didn't have the written Word like we do today, they were living and talking the Word. They had history books, testimonies, and these are the same situations and people who we read about in the Word which increases our faith...

Romans 10:17 KJV

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

...are the same situations that these first Ten Generations Of Men lived. They also had to choose just like you and I do today, who are they going to be believe. They saw what happened to those who obeyed God and to those who were disobedient to God's commands. They knew the history and the testimonies of the generation who lived before them.

2 Timothy 1:12 KJV

12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

Remember, God is for us and not against us. He gives us His Word, the signs of His return that are in His Word, the stories of His faithfulness, grace and judgment so we will not be unaware of what is happening. He is being patient with you and I, with others, and letting the prophecies that were already foretold be fulfilled.

2 Peter 3:9 AMPC

9 The Lord does not delay and is not tardy or slow about what He promises, according to some people's conception of slowness, but He is long-suffering (extraordinarily patient) toward you, not desiring that any should perish, but that all should turn to repentance.

The first Ten Generations Of Men also had their names to remind them of who God was, is, and will be, as He would come as man to show us and be the Word.

John 1:1 AMPC

1 In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.

John 1:14 AMPC

14 And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us; and we [actually] saw His glory...

Revelation 19:10 KJV

10...for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

First Ten Generations Of Men

Names Defined

(basic description)

Generation 1	Adam	Man
Generation 2	Seth	Appointed
Generation 3	Enos	Mortal
Generation 4	Cainan	Sorrow
Generation 5	Mahalaleel	The Blessed God
Generation 6	Jared	Descend Or Come Down
Generation 7	Enoch	Teacher Or Teaching
Generation 8	Methusaleh	His Death Brings
Generation 9	Lamech	Despairing
Generation 10	Noah	Rest

This is the order of the first Ten Generations of Men. When you take the actual orders of the births and put the names or the meaning of the names into a sentence, this is what it says.

Man is appointed mortal sorrow, the blessed God will come down teaching; His death brings the despairing rest.

Concealed in the names of the first Ten Generations of Men in the book of Genesis is the actual Gospel where God Himself will come down in the form of a man (Jesus) and be the teacher. Then the death of Christ will bring men rest.

We left off last week as Josephus said that there was a monument of some kind that goes all the way back to the sons of Adam that talked about the flood that was coming and in his day it was the land of Siriad. Many people believe that is in the land of Egypt.

This is also confirmed in the book of Jasher...

Jasher 2:12-13

And Cainan knew by his wisdom that God would destroy the sons of men for having sinned upon the earth, and that the Lord would in the Latter Days bring upon them the waters of the flood. And in those days Cainan wrote upon tablets of stone, what was to take place in time to come, and he put them in his treasures.

The Book of Jasher is also known as the “Book of the Upright One” in the Greek Septuagint and the “Book of the Just Ones” in the Latin Vulgate. The Book of Jasher is a collection or compilation of ancient Hebrew songs and poems praising the heroes of Israel and their exploits in battle.

The Book of Jasher is mentioned in Joshua 10:12-13 when the Lord stopped the sun in the middle of the day during the battle of Beth Horon. It is also mentioned in 2 Samuel 1:18-27 as containing the Song or Lament of the Bow, that mournful funeral song which David composed at the time of the death of Saul and Jonathan.

Then this was spoken about in the Book of Enoch as well...

Enoch 1:1-2

The words of the blessing of Enoch, wherewith he blessed the elect and righteous, who will be living in the day of the tribulation, when all the wicked and godless are to be removed...Enoch a righteous man, whose eyes were opened by God, saw the vision of the Holy One in the heavens, which the angels showed me...but not for this generation, but for a remote one which is for to come.

This is an account of Enoch going to heaven and this is why he named his son Methuselah connected to the flood waters when God revealed something to him.

Enoch 68:1

And after that my grandfather Enoch gave me the teaching of all the secrets in the book in the parables which had been given to him, and he put them together for me in the words of the book of the parables.

History indicates that Enoch saw something, wrote it down and handed it down to his descendants. We know that Adam's warning of a flood was put in brick and stone pillars. I wish we could find it but I don't know if we would know where or what to look for. Not finding it doesn't make it "not true", not finding the Ark doesn't mean it's "not true" or not finding the cross that Jesus was buried on doesn't make it "not true".

We know historically that all these things happened because of all the other evidence. According to the book of Enoch, he is caught up into heaven and God begins to reveal all these secrets to him.

We are going to read from the book of Jasher, remember this is Jewish history...

Jasher 3:14

And it was in the fifty-sixth year of the life of Lamech when Adam died; nine hundred and thirty years old was he at his death, and his two sons, with Enoch and Methuselah his son, buried him with great pomp, as last the burial of kings, in the cave which God told him.

This is an account of religious Jewish history from the history book of Jasher where we see Enoch and Methuselah together and they are burying Adam. Remember, they all knew each other and many scholars believed they all lived within close proximity of one another at the time of Adam's death. We don't normally think about this when we read the Bible, their age, who knew who and where they lived but this is all history.

Genesis 5:5 KJV

5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

Something happened to Enoch that was very unique. Enoch was number seven out of the first Ten Generations Of Men and he is translated to heaven.

Genesis 5:21-24 KJV

*21 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:
22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:*

23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

Genesis 5:21-24 AMPC

21 When Enoch was 65 years old, Methuselah was born.

22 Enoch walked [in habitual fellowship] with God after the birth of Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters.

23 So all the days of Enoch were 365 years.

*24 And Enoch walked **[in habitual fellowship]** with God; and he was not, for God took him [home with Him].*

Then we discover in Hebrews 11:5 (Old and New Testament go hand in hand with one another)...

Hebrews 11:5 KJV

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Hebrews 11:5 AMPC

5 Because of faith Enoch was caught up and transferred to heaven, so that he did not have a glimpse of death; and he was not found, because God had translated him. For even before he was taken to heaven, he received testimony [still on record] that he had pleased and been satisfactory to God.

What makes Enoch so unique? Enoch is the first actual recorded Biblical prophet. Although Jewish history tells us that Adam was preparing for a flood (pillar of stone and brick) and spoke of a flood coming, the Bible says that Enoch was the first Prophet.

So, here's a prophecy from Enoch (Old Testament) that Jude was writing about in the New Testament...

Jude 14-15 KJV

*14 And **Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying,** Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,*

15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Jude 14-15 AMPC

*14 It was of these people, moreover, that **Enoch in the seventh [generation] from Adam prophesied when he said,** Behold, the Lord comes with His myriads of holy ones (ten thousands of His saints)*

15 To execute judgment upon all and to convict all the impious (unholy ones) of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed [in such an] ungodly [way], and of all the severe (abusive, jarring) things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.

Here we have Enoch, mentioned by Jude, giving a prophecy about the return of the Lord which we now know is Jesus Christ. We have the New Testament, so we know who the Lord is, and that He is coming with His myriads of holy ones, ten thousands of His saints (you and I), that is going to be returning. **Enoch prophesied this 3,400 years before John wrote about this in the book of Revelation.**

Revelation 19:1-21 KJV

1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:

2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

3 And again they said, Alleluia And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

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.

17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

John doesn't write the exact number of people in that End Times army but in the Greek we know it is an exorbitant or countless amount. Enoch said there will be tens of thousands upon ten thousands in the original text which means a countless number. But, Enoch was a prophet.

The book of Enoch goes back to 300 B.C. and other sections were written as late as 1 A.D.. The passage in Enoch 1:9 is the one that Jude (14-15) used. The translation to the English language is written below from 1773.

Enoch 1:9

And behold! He cometh with then thousands of his holy ones to execute judgement upon all, and to destroy all the ungodly: and to convict all flesh of all the words of their ungodliness which they have ungodly committed, and of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken of against Him.

This is not in the canon of scripture but, many scholars and early teachers of the New Testament church accepted this book. I don't believe books like this should be put in as the canon of scripture but you can glean history from it as it relates to scripture and is in line with scripture. This is the gathering of historical Jewish history, relating it to The Time Of The End and the translation of Enoch in Genesis 5:24 and Hebrews 11:5. We know from history that these are things that actually took place.

We are going to get into more of the life of Enoch next week but now I want to show you something regarding the prophecy in Jude by Enoch relating to the book of Revelation in Chapter 19. Remember, since the beginning of time God has always been pointing to the End of Time. He is not trying to sneak up on any one and keep them out of heaven.

Over thousands of years of prophecy, everything about the day in which we are living in and the things to come are spoken of throughout the Bible in great detail and do not contradict each other. From the beginning of time to now they are written as progressive revelation - God's Word never changes but becomes clearer as time goes and with our understanding of God's Word.

During our last study on the book of Ezekiel Chapter 35-46, we went over the 3 stages of the Lord's return at the end of the seven year Tribulation confirmed in several Old and New Testament passages. These prophecies are not hidden to Islam or the Jewish people, and they are known to you and I, followers of Jesus Christ and we are commanded to know these "things" (promises in God's Word).

This is progressive revelation based on the firm foundation starting in Genesis, the beginning of time, to the end of the Tribulation. Jesus Christ, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords says, the seven years is over and prophecy must be fulfilled.

Zechariah 12:2 KJV

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

Zechariah 12:9 KJV

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

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

Revelation 16:16 KJV

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

Before this last battle (Armageddon) in the Valley of Jezreel on the Plains of Megiddo, Jesus goes out by Himself to 2 different locations to free the remnant and kill the anti-christ armies in those areas. **That first stage is the Judah stage...**

Zechariah 12:7-9 KJV

7 The Lord also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah.

8 In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them.

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

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

Revelation 5:5 KJV

5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

The area of Judah goes down to the area of Edom where He will fight the enemy in Bozrah and rescue the remnant. The area of Edom is where Mount Seir is located and the Edomites were the descendants from Esau. This is also the area of Bethlehem and Jerusalem where Jesus and King David were born. So, Jesus will come and save a remnant there in Judah.



The second stage is the Bozrah Stage.

Isaiah 63:1-4 KJV

1 Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

2 Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?

3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

4 For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

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

Then, after this second stage battle, but before Armageddon, Jesus comes back to heaven to get you and I, the End Times army or ***armies which were in heaven (Rev. 19:14)***.

Revelation 19:11-16 KJV

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

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

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

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

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

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

The third stage is the Jerusalem Stage. This is the part where ***we get involved....*** (1 Thessalonians 4: those who were alive and those who had died - IN CHRIST and have gone up in the rapture.)

Zechariah 14:4 AMPC

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

This final stage, the Jerusalem Stage starts right at the Mount of Olives, and this is very important.

There is a passage in the Bible which is the fulfilled prophecy in Revelation from the three stages that John wrote about going back to Zechariah and Isaiah. **These 3 stages of battles from Armageddon, Jerusalem to Bozrah are exactly 200 miles long in a straight line.**

Revelation 14:20 KJV

20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs. (200 miles)



Enoch prophesied about this as recorded in Jude 14-15, 5400 years ago. Also in Isaiah Chpt 63, Zech. Chpt 12-14, Rev. Chpt 5-19, the book of Ezekiel, and all of the prophets, the Bible has always pointed to the Time Of The End and telling the story of the Jewish people.

So, where did Enoch get this information from? God Himself, and confirmed by what Adam was speaking all along - fire and water destruction. It was confirmed by the previous generations on how they lived in obedience and disobedience that Enoch had to choose to be righteous. He had faith and it pleased God!

Isaiah 46:9-10 AMPC

9 [Earnestly] remember the former things, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me,

10 Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose,

In closing for part 2 of this series, I want to end on a passage in Romans Chapter 11. Paul wrote that you and I, former gentiles (sinners, unbelievers) are now grafted in or adopted into the line of Abraham. The Jews, most of whom did not believe that Jesus has already come, don't think it is over for them, don't think we are better than they are or prideful. For God said, if they believe, get rid of their unbelief then they will be grafted back in as well.

Romans 11:11-31 AMPC

11 So I ask, Have they stumbled so as to fall [to their utter spiritual ruin, irretrievably]? By no means! But through their false step and transgression salvation [has come] to the Gentiles, so as to arouse Israel [to see and feel what they forfeited] and so to make them jealous.

12 Now if their stumbling (their lapse, their transgression) has so enriched the world [at large], and if [Israel's] failure means such riches for the Gentiles, think what an enrichment and greater advantage will follow their full reinstatement!

13 But now I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I lay great stress on my ministry and magnify my office,

14 In the hope of making my fellow Jews jealous [in order to stir them up to imitate, copy, and appropriate], and thus managing to save some of them.

15 For if their rejection and exclusion from the benefits of salvation were [overruled] for the reconciliation of a world to God, what will their acceptance and admission mean? [It will be nothing short of] life from the dead!

16 Now if the first handful of dough offered as the firstfruits [Abraham and the patriarchs] is consecrated (holy), so is the whole mass [the nation of Israel]; and if the root [Abraham] is consecrated (holy), so are the branches.

17 But if some of the branches were broken off, while you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among them to share the richness [of the root and sap] of the olive tree,

18 Do not boast over the branches and pride yourself at their expense. If you do boast and feel superior, remember it is not you that support the root, but the root [that supports] you.

19 You will say then, Branches were broken (pruned) off so that I might be grafted in!

20 That is true. But they were broken (pruned) off because of their unbelief (their lack of real faith), and you are established through faith [because you do believe]. So do not become proud and conceited, but rather stand in awe and be reverently afraid.

21 For if God did not spare the natural branches [because of unbelief], neither will He spare you [if you are guilty of the same offense].

22 Then note and appreciate the gracious kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's gracious kindness to you—provided you continue in His grace and abide in His kindness; otherwise you too will be cut off (pruned away).

23 And even those others [the fallen branches, Jews], if they do not persist in [clinging to] their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again.

24 For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and against nature grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much easier will it be to graft these natural [branches] back on [the original parent stock of] their own olive tree.

25 Lest you be self-opinionated (wise in your own conceits), I do not want you to miss this hidden truth and mystery, brethren: a hardening (insensibility) has [temporarily] befallen a part of Israel [to last] until the full number of the ingathering of the Gentiles has come in,

26 And so all Israel will be saved. As it is written, The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will banish ungodliness from Jacob.

27 And this will be My covenant (My agreement) with them when I shall take away their sins.

28 From the point of view of the Gospel (good news), they [the Jews, at present] are enemies [of God], which is for your advantage and benefit. But from the point of view of God's choice (of election, of divine selection), they are still the beloved (dear to Him) for the sake of their forefathers.

29 For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. [He never withdraws them when once they are given, and He does not change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His call.]

*30 Just as you were once disobedient and rebellious toward God but now have obtained [His] mercy, through their disobedience,
31 So they also now are being disobedient [when you are receiving mercy], that they in turn may one day, through the mercy you are enjoying, also receive mercy [that they may share the mercy which has been shown to you—through you as messengers of the Gospel to them].*

