

Vicarious Sacrifice: Prophecy of the 2d Advent, Zech 14:4; the Wine Press Metaphor: the Lord's Application of Violent Wrath on the Demonically-Inspired Armies, Rev 19:15, 19; Principles of the Lord's Millennial Government: the Perfect Balance of Freedom & Authority: the Absence of War, Isa 2:4; Beast-Dictator & False Prophet Sentenced to the Lake of Fire, Rev 19:20 & Satan into the Abyss, 20:1-3; the Unconditional Covenants to Israel: Abrahamic, Gen 12:1-2; Real Estate, 15:18; Davidic, 2 Samuel 7:16; New, Jer 31:33

Zechariah 14:4 - In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south. (NASB)

1. This prophecy refers to the Second Advent of Christ which other passages confirm:

Mount of Olives. (T)he cleavage of the Mount of Olives is due to an earthquake, and this is confirmed by Isaiah 29:6; Revelation 16:18-19. In both passages the context, as here in verses 1-3, associates the earthquake with the Gentile invasion under the beast (Revelation 19:20). Not one of the related events of this chapter occurred at the first coming of Christ, even though he was closely associated with the Mount of Olives during his ministry.¹

Revelation 19:15 - Proceeding from His mouth comes a sharp broadsword so that's with it He may impose violent death to the armies of the nations, and He will shepherd them with the royal scepter of divine authority under the inflexible standards of the laws of divine establishment; He treads the enemy as are grapes in the upper *ghath* and whose blood will flow from the violent wrath imposed by God, the Almighty. (EXT)

2. Principles:
 - (1) The Lord's violent wrath will reestablish order to planet earth which restores true freedom to its surviving inhabitants.
 - (2) True freedom requires authority in order for free will to function, but within the context of preordained standards from the integrity of God.
 - (3) Freedom without authority devolves into anarchy while authority without freedom results in tyranny.

¹ C. I. Scofield, ed., *The Scofield Study: NASB* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005), 1289n14:4.

- (4) Since Jesus Christ will Shepherd the population of the earth by means of His integrity, then the perfect balance of freedom and authority will be attained.
- (5) The knowledge of divine policy will be universal so that violations will be instantly adjudicated for those involved.
- (6) It is within this global culture that the true expression of peace on earth can be attained, a political environment that cannot even be approached prior to the Second Advent of Christ.
- (7) It is within the dispensation of the Millennium that the world can actually enjoy the fulfillment of the prophecy expressed by Isaiah in:

Isaiah 2:4 - He will judge between the nations, and will render decisions for many peoples; and they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up against nation, and never again will they learn war. (NASB)

- (8) This environment cannot become a reality until Jesus Christ rids the world of Lucifer and his demons and eliminates all the unbelievers who fought for the Dark Side.
- (9) Having defeated the armies advancing with the anti-Semitic attempt to eliminate the Jew from History, the Lord then imposes instant justice on these perpetrators beginning with Israel's two demonic antagonists of the Tribulation:

Revelation 19:19 - And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. (NASB)

Revelation 19:20 - And the Beast (Dictator) was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. (NASB)

- (10) Next on the agenda of Operation Clean House is the extreme violence showered down on the four armies who sought to eliminate the Jews.
- (11) In Revelation 19:17, the King of Arms, a Seraph Angel, invites the birds of the air to assemble for what he calls the Great Supper of God.
- (12) This angel tells the birds that they are about to be presented a smorgasbord of various types of flesh on which they may gorge.
- (13) The banquet includes the flesh of kings, military officers, rank and file soldiers, horses, and that of men both slave and free (Revelation 19:18).
- (14) All of these combatants fall from the violent slash of the Lord's sword noted in:

Revelation 19:21 - And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh. (NASB)

- (15) The coup de grâce that terminates the Angelic Conflict is noted in Revelation 20:1–3 with the incarceration of Lucifer in the Abyss:

Revelation 20:1 - Then I saw an angel [**seraph**] coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.

v. 2 - And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan [**decommissioned cherub**], and bound him for a thousand years;

v. 3 - and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time [**see: Revelation 20:8–10**]. (NASB)

- (16) At this point the Lord begins the process of setting up His millennial kingdom which will last for a thousand years:

The expression “a thousand years,” which occurs six times in vv. 1–7, gave rise to the term “millennium” (from the Latin *mille* meaning thousand, and *annus* meaning year). The millennium is that period of time during which Christ will reign upon the earth, a time of universal peace, prosperity, long life, and prevailing righteousness. The early church fathers, e.g. Justin Martyr and Irenaeus, interpreted this passage as referring to a future literal period of time. See Psalm 72:1–20; Isaiah 9:6–7; 11:1–9; 24:22–23; 30:15–33; 35:1–10; 44:1–28; 49:1–26; 65:17–25; Jeremiah 23:5–6; 33:15; Micah 4:1–4; Matthew 25:31–32; 1 Corinthians 15:24–28.²

(17) In the Millennium, the four unconditional covenants to Israel will be fulfilled:

(1) **The Abrahamic Covenant:** The patriarch is promised to be the father of a great nation. He would be the progenitor of a new race, the Jew, and the father of the nation Israel.

Genesis 12:1 - Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father’s house, to a land which I shall show you;

v. 2 - “And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing.” (NASB)

(2) **The Palestinian or Real Estate Covenant:** Abram is promised a huge section of real estate upon which the nation will be established permanently in the millennial kingdom:

Genesis 15:18 - On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates.” (NASB)

² C. I. Scofield, ed., *The Scofield Study Bible: NASB*, 1745n20:2.

- (3) **The Davidic Covenant:** The leadership will be granted to the tribe of Judah, house of David:

2 Samuel 7:16 - “Your house [**the Davidic dynasty**] and your kingdom [**Israel**] shall endure before Me forever; your throne [**authority**] shall be established forever.” (NASB)

4. **The New Covenant:** Whereas the Mosaic Covenant was temporary and ultimately retired, the New Covenant is permanent:

Jeremiah 31:33 - “This is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days [**Tribulation or Daniel’s seventieth week**],” declares the Lord, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” (NASB)

- (18) The New Covenant will be fulfilled in two parts:
(1) During the dispensation of the Incarnation, the covenant is fulfilled by the provision of the Savior Who makes possible a Jewish population to inherit the land and (2) during the Millennium and then forevermore in the New Heavens and the New Earth.

- (19) Here is the expanded translation of our passage:

Revelation 19:11 - Then I saw the second heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and the victorious Rider mounted on it is Faithful—trustworthy—and True—perfect integrity—and in divine righteousness He judges Jews and Gentiles with baptisms of fire and makes war against those He condemns.

v. 12 - His eyes a flame of judgmental fire, and also on His head were three diadems representing His three titles of royalty; and He has a royal title which has been written which no one knows but Himself.

v. 13 - He wears the crimson robe of royalty representing the blood splattered in prior engagements in defense of Israel. His royal title is called the Word of God.

v. 14 - And Army Groups B and C, deployed out of the third heaven, outfitted in incorruptible, immortal resurrection bodies, were following the Lord Jesus Christ on white horses of victory.

Revelation 19:15 - Proceeding from His mouth comes a sharp broadsword so that with it He may impose violent death to the armies of the nations, and He will shepherd them with the royal scepter of divine authority under the inflexible standards of the laws of divine establishment; He treads the enemy as are grapes in the upper *ghath* and whose blood will flow from the violent wrath imposed by God, the Almighty.

v. 16 - Furthermore, He has a royal title written on his battle robe and on His thigh, "King of kings and Lord of lords." (EXT)

(20) The next and final increment of our study is to address a question that arose during our study of the three days that occurred between our Lord's burial and His resurrection.