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A ferocious army has been reserved for an appointed time, to invade and plunder the earth rendering it completely desolate with very few men left, but the inhabitants of earth including many professing believers are ignorant of what will befall earth in only a few years. This tenacious army will wage a war against men, ravage the women and will not spare children. Nothing will escape their claws.

Transparency is a subject alien to the majority of people alive today. We cannot accuse our Creator of keeping us in the dark about His plan because God, our Creator has spoken to us in great details through His servants the prophets about His awesome plan of salvation. It is our duty to employ the time required to search out what God has already said because ignorance cannot be sited as an excuse. Some have chosen to rely on those with little understanding to teach them, but if we should follow the path that has been set before us, surely we shall come to the knowledge of the truth. God has said His word is clear to those who have understanding. We have to be certain in our minds that only God, the author of the Holy Scriptures can open our understanding to what He has said. But when we come to the knowledge of the truth, what do we do with it? Do we apply it to our lives or is it just something else we know and then do nothing about it?

In the book of Proverbs, there is a passage of Scripture composed of a few words which should completely change the way you perceive life on earth when you come to the understanding of the intention behind these few words. The book of Genesis stipulates that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. This means at a particular, there was God and then God created everything from nothing.

Genesis 1:1 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Since God created the heavens and the earth and everything that is in them, this also stipulates that every event that is unfolding in the heavens and on earth is not alien to God because He has allowed them to happen for reasons that might be confounding to our little minds since we have not sat in His counsel to understand His awesome plan. We have been given the will to freely choose what we do with our lives but that free will is underpinned by laws and commandment to keep harmony amongst us, but with the passing of time, these laws and commandments have been systematically eroded from existence, particularly in

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our generation of people. Everyone now seems to be a law unto themselves. A significant number of us believe in our own righteousness, but are we justified in the sight of God? King Solomon was inspired to write:

Proverbs 16:4 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁴The LORD has made all for Himself, Yes, even the wicked for the day of doom.

These are the few words which should alter the perspective of how we perceive life. God has created everything for His purpose even the wicked for the day of doom. Water and air which are essential components for life on earth can also be the most destructive elements on earth. There are profound reasons why God has created the wicked but our lack of the understanding of the truth is keeping us from this knowledge. One important reason is to turn us back to God. We can see by the examples of the events that befell the children of Israel in the Old Testament when they use their free will to start serving other gods and the work of their hands. God allowed the wicked to oppress them until they repented of their evil ways. Secondly, the wicked will be used as a weapon to punish the people of God who do not repent of their sins in the day of doom.

The Lord Jesus Christ gave us the predestined end of the sons of the kingdom of God and that of the wicked one. The Lord is allowing both to grow together in this age for specific reasons. Consider this parable:

Matthew 13:24-30 New King James Version (NKJV)

²⁴Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. ²⁶But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. ²⁷So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' ²⁸He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' ²⁹But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' ' "

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From the understanding that the word of God interprets itself, here is the interpretation of this parable given by the Lord:

Matthew 13:36-43 New King James Version (NKJV)

³⁶ Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field."

³⁷ He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. ³⁹ The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. ⁴⁰ Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, ⁴² and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

This is the plight of all the inhabitants on earth. The wicked one, Satan the devil who is also an enemy of God has planted the wicked, his sons amongst the sons of the Kingdom of God. At the end of age, the sons of the wicked one will be gathered and thrown into the lake of fire. While the sons of the kingdom of God will inherit the earth and live for ever.

When we consider even further, there is an interesting passage of Scripture that describes the reasons why the world is in its current state:

Daniel 4:13-17 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹³ "I saw in the visions of my head while on my bed, and there was a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven. ¹⁴ He cried aloud and said thus: 'Chop down the tree and cut off its branches, Strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the beasts get out from under it, And the birds from its branches. ¹⁵ Nevertheless leave the stump and roots in the earth, Bound with a band of iron and bronze, In the tender grass of the field. Let it be wet with the dew of heaven, And let him graze with the beasts On the grass of the earth. ¹⁶ Let his heart be changed from that of a man, Let him be given the heart of a beast, And let seven times pass over him. ¹⁷ This decision is by the decree of the watchers, And the sentence by the

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word of the holy ones, In order that the living may know That the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, Gives it to whomever He will, And sets over it the lowest of men.'

This was the degree God gave against King Nebuchadnezzar who was lifted up in pride. It is for our admonition to know that God rules over the earth and has given it to whoever He pleases even to the basest of men. This is the reason why the world and its governments are in such a sorry state because of transgression of the laws and commandments of God. Moreover, the Lord has said He will devise an evil against which we will not be able to remove our necks because of transgression:

Micah 2:1-3 New King James Version (NKJV)

²Woe to those who devise iniquity, And work out evil on their beds! At morning light they practice it, Because it is in the power of their hand. ²They covet fields and take them by violence, Also houses, and seize them. So they oppress a man and his house, A man and his inheritance. ³Therefore thus says the LORD: "Behold, against this family I am devising disaster, From which you cannot remove your necks; Nor shall you walk haughtily, For this is an evil time.

This passage of Scripture confirms what the Lord had said through the prophet Amos that, if there is calamity in a city, it is because the Lord has purposed it:

Amos 3:6 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁶If a trumpet is blown in a city, will not the people be afraid? If there is calamity in a city, will not the LORD have done it?

The Lord has determined to bring a people who will completely devastate the earth on a scale beyond every stretch of our imagination. Ironically, ignorance will not redeem us from this evil time. The prophets who saw a preview of what these people will bring on the earth all felt physically sick. Who has an ear to hear? It is certain we are the generation to see this come to pass upon the earth but the majority of us are still in the dark of the signs of the times. The prophet Isaiah called these people the treacherous dealers:

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Isaiah 24:16-18 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁶ *From the ends of the earth we have heard songs: "Glory to the righteous!" But I said, "I am ruined, ruined! Woe to me! The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously, Indeed, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously."*

¹⁷ *Fear and the pit and the snare Are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth.* ¹⁸ *And it shall be That he who flees from the noise of the fear Shall fall into the pit, And he who comes up from the midst of the pit Shall be caught in the snare; For the windows from on high are open, And the foundations of the earth are shaken.*

The prophet Daniel was sick when he saw visions of these people at work on the earth:

Daniel 8:27 New King James Version (NKJV)

²⁷ *And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick for days; afterward I arose and went about the king's business. I was astonished by the vision, but no one understood it.*

The prophet Habakkuk was pleased to be asleep when these people come upon the earth:

Habakkuk 3:16 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁶ *When I heard, my body trembled; My lips quivered at the voice; Rottenness entered my bones; And I trembled in myself, That I might rest in the day of trouble. When he comes up to the people, He will invade them with his troops.*

The Lord Jesus Christ described this period of time as a time this world has never seen and will never see again after successive generations:

Matthew 24:21-22 New King James Version (NKJV)

²¹ *For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.* ²² *And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.*

These people will destroy to perfection, skilfully and if the Lord had not shortened the period of time they will be upon the earth no human will be left alive. During their reign on earth, for a period of five months, men will seek death but death will flee from them. It is hard to believe that one will try to take their own life but regardless of how hard they try,

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they will not die but go through the torment been inflicted by these people. The prophet Joel was inspired to write:

Joel 2: 1-2 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of the LORD is coming, For it is at hand: ²A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, Like the morning clouds spread over the mountains. A people come, great and strong, The like of whom has never been; Nor will there ever be any such after them, Even for many successive generations.

Before this the Lord had said through the prophet Joel:

Joel 1:5-8 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁵Awake, you drunkards, and weep; And wail, all you drinkers of wine, Because of the new wine, For it has been cut off from your mouth. ⁶For a nation has come up against My land, Strong, and without number; His teeth are the teeth of a lion, And he has the fangs of a fierce lion. ⁷He has laid waste My vine, And ruined My fig tree; He has stripped it bare and thrown it away; Its branches are made white. ⁸Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth For the husband of her youth.

We should not be confused this nation with any nation presently on the earth. This is a nation prepared for the appointed time in the future known as the Day of the Lord. This is a unique nation which does not currently exist anywhere on earth.

THE IDENTITY OF THESE PEOPLE

As it was in the days of Noah, there were giants on the earth which originated as a result of the procreation of women and angels, who did not keep their own habitation. With the passing of time these giants have been perfected to look more like the human race.

Genesis 6:4-6 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁴There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

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⁵ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶ And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

After the floods these giants continue to manifest on the earth. King David defeated Goliath an off spring of these giants. Have they been completely eradicated from the earth? The answer is no because there is one commonly known as the Anti-Christ who is alive and waiting to be unveiled at the appointed time. There is an astonishing passage of Scripture in the book of Joel which sheds some light on the awesome power of these people.

Joel 2:7-9 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁷ They run like mighty men, They climb the wall like men of war; Every one marches in formation, And they do not break ranks. ⁸ They do not push one another; Every one marches in his own column. Though they lunge between the weapons, They are not cut down. ⁹ They run to and fro in the city, They run on the wall; They climb into the houses, They enter at the windows like a thief.

These people understand the meaning of hierarchy. They will be able to enter houses without going through the door or windows. Most astonishingly, our weapons on earth; swords, bullets, bombs, arrows, will have no effect on them.

There is an interesting passage of Scripture in the book of Daniel that sheds some light on the identity of the people to come:

Daniel 2:40-43 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁴⁰ And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others. ⁴¹ Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. ⁴² And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. ⁴³ As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

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This passage of Scripture is addressing three elements which represent three different groups of people. We understand from Scripture that the human race is the clay element in this passage of Scripture. God is the Potter and we are the clay. The iron mixed with ceramic clay is the perfected race that used to be the giants we read about in the Old Testament. The iron element is the subject of our interest in this study. Who are they? Consider this passage of Scripture:

Isaiah 8:4-10 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁴for before the child shall have knowledge to cry 'My father' and 'My mother,' the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria will be taken away before the king of Assyria."
⁵The LORD also spoke to me again, saying: ⁶"Inasmuch as these people refused The waters of Shiloah that flow softly, And rejoice in Rezin and in Remaliah's son; ⁷Now therefore, behold, the Lord brings up over them The waters of the River, strong and mighty— The king of Assyria and all his glory; He will go up over all his channels And go over all his banks. ⁸He will pass through Judah, He will overflow and pass over, He will reach up to the neck; And the stretching out of his wings Will fill the breadth of Your land, O Immanuel. ⁹"Be shattered, O you peoples, and be broken in pieces! Give ear, all you from far countries. Gird yourselves, but be broken in pieces; Gird yourselves, but be broken in pieces. ¹⁰Take counsel together, but it will come to nothing; Speak the word, but it will not stand, For God is with us."

This passage of Scripture is a stern warning of the time the king of Assyria will reign over the earth in all his glory. We know the king of Assyria is Satan the devil. He will come with all his people and the restrains on him will be taken off at this time. The Lord told the prophet Habakkuk to write:

Habakkuk 1:4-10 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁴Therefore the law is powerless, And justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; Therefore perverse judgment proceeds. ⁵"Look among the nations and watch— Be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days Which you would not believe, though it were told you. ⁶For indeed I am raising up the Chaldeans, A bitter and hasty nation Which marches through the breadth of the earth, To possess dwelling places that are not theirs. ⁷They are terrible and dreadful; Their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves. ⁸Their horses also are swifter than leopards, And more fierce than evening

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wolves. Their chargers charge ahead; Their cavalry comes from afar; They fly as the eagles that hastens to eat. ⁹ "They all come for violence; Their faces are set like the east wind. They gather captives like sand. ¹⁰ They scoff at kings, And princes are scorned by them. They deride every stronghold, For they heap up earthen mounds and seize it.

The Lord has called this nation the Chaldeans. This is not a nation that exists on any part of the earth at the moment. They are bitter, terrible and dreadful. What they do will be right in their own eyes and they will not spare. No one will escape their claws. This will happen in our days. The Lord also said to the prophet Habakkuk:

Habakkuk 2:2-3 New King James Version (NKJV)

² Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it. ³ For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry.

This prophecy was given hundreds of years ago for an appointed time in the future. It might seem to many that this will never be fulfilled, that God has forgotten about what He has said. Rest assured that it will come to pass as it was written. We should be petrified of what God has said when we read these words, "he may run who reads it". To a significant number of us it means nothing. This nation will come for violence because they know they have only a short time. There are two passages of Scripture that hold the identity of this nation:

Jude 6-10 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁶ And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; ⁷ as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

⁸ Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. ⁹ Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" ¹⁰ But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.

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The Apostle Peter confirmed the word of the Lord when he was inspired to write:

2 Peter 2:1-11 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. ²And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. ³By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

⁴For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; ⁵and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; ⁶and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; ⁷and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked ⁸(for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)— ⁹then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, ¹⁰and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, ¹¹whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.

These passages of Scripture may not reveal what they conceal at a glance but when carefully examined it reveals:

- The angels who did not keep their proper habitation which is in the heavens but came to the earth and took wives for themselves have been kept in chains under darkness to execute judgement on the earth on those who practise the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities.
- Satan and these angels are dignitaries because they have been given a task which they must complete.

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- These angels will be released from their chains and darkness at the appointed time to fulfill God's plan.
- All those who practise unrighteousness on earth will be judged by these angels at the appointed time.

These angels are the most evil of all of God's creation. They are the people God has ordained to bring on the earth to use as a weapon to punish all those who do not repent of their sins. They will be unleashed on the earth without restraints, including their master Satan the devil.

THE REASONS FOR THEIR COMING

Openness is a fundamental component of the character of God. God has told His servants every facet of His salvation plan which includes every major event that has been prophesied to occur at the end of age. One of the main reasons why the Lord has determined to bring to pass these events at the end of age is firmly rooted in the transgression of His laws and commandments. Consider this passage of Scripture:

Matthew 7:21-23 New King James Version (NKJV)

²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' ²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

These professing believers knew what how to cast out demons and they prophesied in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. So why will the lord say to them He never knew them? The practise of lawlessness will keep us from the Kingdom of God regardless of what we have done in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Is it not for that reason that our Creator had to die for our transgressions? Calling on the name of the Lord will mean nothing on that day if we are not doers of the word of God now. That is why the Lord gave us this parable:

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Matthew 7:24-27 New King James Version (NKJV)

²⁴ *“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.*

²⁶ *“But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”*

We have heard what the Lord said during the time that He walked the earth which has been documented for us in great detail. The emphasis is on us to put it into practice. Ignorance will not be cited as a reason on the Day of Judgment. The Lord started His ministry with the words:

Mark 1:14-15 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁴ *Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”*

The message in this passage of Scripture is crystal clear. We have been advised to repent and to believe the good news of the Kingdom of God. The meaning of repent is to amend our ways of life. To turn from the way of disobedience to the laws and commandments of God and start living a life of obedience to God’s laws and commandments and the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ who has made it possible. God’s word to His people is:

Ezekiel 18:30-32 New King James Version (NKJV)

³⁰ *“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways,” says the Lord GOD. “Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies,” says the Lord GOD. “Therefore turn and live!”*

A new heart and spirit is freely given to those who choose to repent. With this spirit comes wisdom, knowledge, and understand of the truth if we diligently seek the Lord thereafter:

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Acts 2:38-39 New King James Version (NKJV)

³⁸ Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

But if we choose not to repent from our evil ways, this is the word of God which came through John the Baptist:

Matthew 3:7-12 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" ⁸ Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, ⁹ and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. ¹⁰ And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

This passage of Scripture is addressing our generation of people because we are the generation to see the wrath of God and the period of time when the Lord will thoroughly purge His threshing floor, the earth. The prerequisite condition for us to flee from the wrath to come is to go before the Lord with a humble and repentant heart. At that time many will ask why the Lord is doing all these things. Here is what the Lord has said?

Jeremiah 5:18-31 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁸ "Nevertheless in those days," says the LORD, "I will not make a complete end of you. ¹⁹ And it will be when you say, 'Why does the LORD our God do all these things to us?' then you shall answer them, 'Just as you have forsaken Me and served foreign gods in your land, so you shall serve aliens in a land that is not yours.'

²⁰ "Declare this in the house of Jacob And proclaim it in Judah, saying, ²¹ 'Hear this now, O foolish people, Without understanding, Who have eyes and see not, And who have ears

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and hear not: ²² Do you not fear Me?’ says the LORD. ‘Will you not tremble at My presence, Who have placed the sand as the bound of the sea, By a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass beyond it? And though its waves toss to and fro, Yet they cannot prevail; Though they roar, yet they cannot pass over it. ²³ But this people has a defiant and rebellious heart; They have revolted and departed. ²⁴ They do not say in their heart, “Let us now fear the LORD our God, Who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season. He reserves for us the appointed weeks of the harvest.” ²⁵ Your iniquities have turned these things away, And your sins have withheld good from you.

²⁶ ‘For among My people are found wicked men; They lie in wait as one who sets snares; They set a trap; They catch men. ²⁷ As a cage is full of birds, So their houses are full of deceit. Therefore they have become great and grown rich. ²⁸ They have grown fat, they are sleek; Yes, they surpass the deeds of the wicked; They do not plead the cause, The cause of the fatherless; Yet they prosper, And the right of the needy they do not defend. ²⁹ Shall I not punish them for these things?’ says the LORD. ‘Shall I not avenge Myself on such a nation as this?’ ³⁰ “An astonishing and horrible thing Has been committed in the land: ³¹ The prophets prophesy falsely, And the priests rule by their own power; And My people love to have it so. But what will you do in the end?

The Lord will avenge Himself against all those who do wickedly. This list includes all those who teach and preach the word of God deceitfully and according to the commandments and precepts of men. Most importantly, we have to evaluate our own paths to see if it aligns with the path the Lord has set. What are the fruits of our hearts? Are these the fruits of our spirits:

Galatians 5:19-21 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Moreover, to be more specific, this is what the Lord has said about the hearts of men in our generation of people:

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2 Timothy 3:1-7 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ²For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having a form godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! ⁶For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, ⁷always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

If these traits dominate our characteristics, surely, we stand in the path to see the wrath of God which will be executed by the people to come. The Lord has said:

Zephaniah 1:17-18 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁷ "I will bring distress upon men, And they shall walk like blind men, Because they have sinned against the LORD; Their blood shall be poured out like dust, And their flesh like refuse."

¹⁸ Neither their silver nor their gold Shall be able to deliver them In the day of the LORD's wrath; But the whole land shall be devoured By the fire of His jealousy, For He will make speedy riddance Of all those who dwell in the land.

Sin, which is the transgression of the laws and commandments of God, is the reason why the Lord has proposed to bring these people on the earth as a weapon of His indignation.

THEIR DEVASTATION

We have to be crystal clear on the fact that, it is the Lord has assigned these people as a weapon of His indignation. These people were created for this purpose. Consider what the apostle Paul was inspired to write:

Romans 9:16-24 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁶ So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy. ¹⁷ For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may

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show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.”¹⁸ Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.

¹⁹ You will say to me then, “Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?”²⁰ But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, “Why have you made me like this?”²¹ Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honour and another for dishonour?

²² What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction,²³ and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory,²⁴ even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

This passage of Scripture gives us an understanding of the fact that, ‘God has created all things for Himself, even the wicked for the day of doom.’

These people have already visited the earth once under restraint but they left nothing but lawlessness and violence. The purpose of their visit was to turn the people of Noah’s generation back to the Lord but only eight made it into the ark. This time, all restraints will be taken away and they know they have a limited time of freedom before they will be cast into the lake of fire where they will be tormented for ever.

Furthermore, these people are presently kept in chains in darkness until when they will be released on the earth for a limited time. Contemplate on the fact that they know it will be their last taste of freedom, not forgetting the fact that their hearts have always been set on wickedness and violence.

These people, although they are spirit beings, they will be given an earthly body because everyone alive at that time will be able to see them just as it was in the days of Noah. The reality is a petrifying prospect when we consider the fact that this army is made of one third of the total number of angels God has ever created and they will all be walking breath of the earth at that period of time for a particular purpose.

The attitude of this army will be no different from when they first walk the earth. They took for themselves wives. These women had no choice:

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Genesis 6:1-2 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, ²that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

When they arrive on earth to fulfill the indignation of the Lord, they will not spare children. They will kill the men and take the women captives.

Psalms 137:8-9 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁸O daughter of Babylon, who are to be destroyed, Happy the one who repays you as you have served us! ⁹Happy the one who takes and dashes your little ones against the rock!

The Lord has said He will punish the world for its evil. This punishment will come because men will not heed the messenger from God who will reiterate the necessity for men to repent of their evil ways and to start walking according to the laws and commandments of God. Moreover, they will scorn at the mention of the fact that the return of the Lord Christ to restoration of all things is at hand. If we all repent, then the Lord our God will have no reason to punish the world.

Isaiah 13:11-19 New King James Version (NKJV)

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. ¹²I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir. ¹³Therefore 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. ¹⁴It shall be as the hunted gazelle, And as a sheep that no man takes up; Every man will turn to his own people, And everyone will flee to his own land. ¹⁵Everyone who is found will be thrust through, And everyone who is captured will fall by the sword. ¹⁶Their children also will be dashed to pieces before their eyes; Their houses will be plundered And their wives ravished.

¹⁷“Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, Who will not regard silver; And as for gold, they will not delight in it. ¹⁸Also their bows will dash the young men to pieces, And they will have no pity on the fruit of the womb; Their eye will not spare children. ¹⁹And Babylon, the

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glory of kingdoms, The beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, Will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

There is going to be mass migration on earth at that time because the world economy system would have fallen at this stage and everyone will return their respective nation of origin. Here, the Lord has called these people the Medes. Don't be put off by the use of the different names. Look in the context of the passage of Scripture to understand what is being addressed is in line with other passages of Scripture. This passage of Scripture is addressing the atrocities these people will commit on earth.

Ezekiel 23:22-27 New King James Version (NKJV)

²² *"Therefore, Oholibah, thus says the Lord GOD:*

'Behold, I will stir up your lovers against you, From whom you have alienated yourself, And I will bring them against you from every side: ²³ The Babylonians, All the Chaldeans, Pekod, Shoa, Koa, All the Assyrians with them, All of them desirable young men, Governors and rulers, Captains and men of renown, All of them riding on horses. ²⁴ And they shall come against you With chariots, wagons, and war-horses, With a horde of people. They shall array against you Buckler, shield, and helmet all around. 'I will delegate judgment to them, And they shall judge you according to their judgments. ²⁵ I will set My jealousy against you, And they shall deal furiously with you; They shall remove your nose and your ears, And your remnant shall fall by the sword; They shall take your sons and your daughters, And your remnant shall be devoured by fire. ²⁶ They shall also strip you of your clothes And take away your beautiful jewellery. ²⁷ 'Thus I will make you cease your lewdness and your harlotry Brought from the land of Egypt, So that you will not lift your eyes to them, Nor remember Egypt anymore.'

In the book of Genesis chapter six, we saw the use of the word men of renown. This means the Lord is speaking of the same people. Today, the majority of people in the world worship what they do not know. These are the spirits people are worshipping ignorantly and cannot be told otherwise. At the appointed time, the Lord will give these wicked angels charge over the inhabitants of the earth. They will remove their ears and their nose and They will take away all their possessions.

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Jeremiah 5:14-17 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁴ Therefore thus says the LORD God of hosts: "Because you speak this word, Behold, I will make My words in your mouth fire, And this people wood, And it shall devour them.

¹⁵ Behold, I will bring a nation against you from afar, O house of Israel," says the LORD. "It is a mighty nation, It is an ancient nation, A nation whose language you do not know, Nor can you understand what they say. ¹⁶ Their quiver is like an open tomb; They are all mighty men.

¹⁷ And they shall eat up your harvest and your bread, Which your sons and daughters should eat. They shall eat up your flocks and your herds; They shall eat up your vines and your fig trees; They shall destroy your fortified cities, In which you trust, with the sword.

There is no language on earth today that has not been translated. We read about the mark of the beast but the majority of us have no idea the reason why that mark will be introduced. There is going to be a severe famine throughout the earth and if anyone alive is not part of these people, they will not be able trade. Furthermore, the Lord has said He will:

Deuteronomy 28:49-51 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁴⁹ The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flies, a nation whose language you will not understand, ⁵⁰ a nation of fierce countenance, which does not respect the elderly nor show favour to the young. ⁵¹ And they shall eat the increase of your livestock and the produce of your land, until you are destroyed; they shall not leave you grain or new wine or oil, or the increase of your cattle or the offspring of your flocks, until they have destroyed you.

As a result they will pine away and die of hunger. If you think this will be just another day, you will have to think again because these people will cause those who have not been taken into the Lord's protection to eat their own children. Yes, you read it correctly. Families will eat their own children and each other, something we cannot even begin to imagine today:

Deuteronomy 28:52-57 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁵² "They shall besiege you at all your gates until your high and fortified walls, in which you trust, come down throughout all your land; and they shall besiege you at all your gates throughout all your land which the LORD your God has given you. ⁵³ You shall eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and your daughters whom the LORD your God has given you, in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you. ⁵⁴ The sensitive

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and very refined man among you will be hostile toward his brother, toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the rest of his children whom he leaves behind,⁵⁵ so that he will not give any of them the flesh of his children whom he will eat, because he has nothing left in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates.⁵⁶ The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground because of her delicateness and sensitivity, will refuse to the husband of her bosom, and to her son and her daughter,⁵⁷ her placenta which comes out from between her feet and her children whom she bears; for she will eat them secretly for lack of everything in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates.

What a sobering thought. The Lord has described the period of time when He will bring this people to invade the earth as:

Matthew 24:21-22 New King James Version (NKJV)

²¹ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²² And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

It is critical that we are under God's protection during the reign of these people on earth. To be under God's protection during that period of time starts now. We just cannot afford to wait because we never know what tomorrow brings.

WHEN WILL THEY COME

The opening of the Seals in the book of Revelation holds the keys that to the revelation of the period of time when these people will be unleashed on the earth. There are a few events that precede the coming of these people with the most important being the inauguration of the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord of lords and King of kings in heaven.

Luke 17:28-32 New King James Version (NKJV)

²⁸ Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;²⁹ but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone

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from heaven and destroyed them all. ³⁰ Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

³¹ "In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. ³² Remember Lot's wife.

The day the Son of man is reveal has already been expounded in the book of Zechariah. This will be an event in heaven in which Satan will be present before God the Father when He takes Satan's authority and gives it to the Lord Jesus Christ:

Zechariah 3:1-5 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. ² And the LORD said to Satan, "the Lord rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"

³ Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. ⁴ Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes." ⁵ And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by.

This is the event that will spark the war in heaven which will result in Satan being thrown out of heaven with the rest of the fallen angels by Michael and his company:

Revelation 12:1-12 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹ Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. ² Then being with child, she cried out in labour and in pain to give birth.

³ And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. ⁴ His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. ⁵ She bore a male Child who

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was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. ⁶ Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

⁷ And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, ⁸ but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. ⁹ So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. ¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. ¹² Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

This event coincides with the opening of the fifth Seal when the bottomless pit is open to set free this army who will invade the earth:

Revelation 9:1-12 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹ Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. ² And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. ³ Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. ⁴ They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵ And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. ⁶ In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.

⁷ The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. ⁸ They had hair like women's

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hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. ⁹ And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle. ¹⁰ They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months. ¹¹ And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon. ¹² One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

It was mention earlier that these people are currently held in chains and in darkness. It is in the bottomless pit that this army has been held and when they are released there will be war on earth:

Revelation 12:13-17 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹³ Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. ¹⁴ But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. ¹⁵ So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. ¹⁶ But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. ¹⁷ And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

This is the period of time that has been described as a time of trouble that has never been before the earth was created, and it will never happen again after successive generation. The Lord has promise to protect His people. This people will be allowed on the earth during the period of time that makes the beginning of the great tribulation.