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Israel Must Be At the Center Of All END-TIME PROPHECY

I believe in the **Futurist** view of this last book of the Bible; a view that has been defined as the scheme which "looks for the fulfillment of these predictions in the events which are immediately to precede, to accompany, and to follow the **Second Advent of our Lord and Savior**" (Lectures on the Apocalypse).

Further, to keep me straight on prophecy, I am also tied to the teaching that Israel is *God's Clock*. I am persuaded that Prophecy of the **End-Times** will not, cannot, begin unless Israel is the center of all events.

The Four Horsemen of Apocalypse (Rev 6:1-8) will not be sent until Israel is fully agreeable to sign a peace treaty. The rest of the world is dependent upon what Israel does. The point that Israel is *God's Clock* must be understood or we shall waver in mind and heart, coming up with any ole' idea of the future.

For example, we might think that the **White Horse Rider** went out after World War II, which allowed Israel to re-establish Her country. Next, the **Red Horse Rider** initiated the events that occurred with the wars of Korea, Viet Nam, Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan; that they are continuing today because of the **Red Horseman**.

Then, the Black Horse Rider saddles up; which, does seem fit our Headlines of today. The Black Horseman is taking away prosperity with his balances. Soon, it seems, food rationing will be mandatory.

But, watch out! When the **Ashen Horse Rider** comes out of the gate, everyone is in a world of hurt. This Rider has "authority...to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth," Rev 6:8. It's not pretty or peaceful.

One may come up with a thousand or so like scenarios. But, understanding that Israel is *God's clock* will keep us looking Biblically. The Word states that She must be the principle country involved in the **End-Times** and the peace treaty.

Thus, just before Israel signs the treaty, we see a **White Horseman** galloping across the world. There's a lot of dust stirred up with this rider. "And, I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him; and he went out conquering, and to conquer," Rev 6:2.

It may be that the rider is already on the White Horse; but, not the other riders. Not yet. When the **White Horse Rider** is sent, Revelation informs us how the world-wide peace comes to pass. Without question, this leader has world-wide clout.

There is no mention of an arrow, an indication that the **White Horse Rider** has power to bring peace merely by the threat of the bow he carries. With the bow clearly in view, the world backs off and the **White Horseman** conquers the world by offering peace to all.

Peace does arrive for Israel and the world, but it's not for long - just 3 1/2 years. Yet, even though God's chosen people are involved, the peace treaty is a false one. We ought to look for the White Horse Rider. When we do, we'll see him closely aligned with Israel.

Some of the peace treaty can be known by what Jesus taught on the **End-Times** in Matthew 24:15. "Therefore when you see the **Abomination of Desolation** which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place...then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains."

Jesus said, wait until the treaty is broken. You'll know this by the Abomination taking place in God's Temple. By making a cross reference to 2nd Thessalonians 2, we see that the Second Coming of Jesus Christ is also tied to the treaty between Israel and the Antichrist - and, the abomination.

It is clear that the Second Coming cannot happen without Israel's involvement in the **false peace treaty**. Let's ask a question, here: '**Since, Jesus doesn't come until the man of sin is revealed, do we have proof of a post-tribulation rapture?**' Study this, carefully.

Most reach for some hope in the "**two comings of Jesus**" idea. I can't. I believe in just one coming; and the one is, the Second Coming.

However, God's word is true, so, once again, we must read the passage carefully: "Let no one in any way deceive you, for it (His return) will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God."

2nd Thessalonians 2 pin-points the time when we see the **ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION** stands in the holy place; the same time that Jesus taught in Matthew 24.

However, before all of this can take place, we think the **White Horse Rider** begins to ride. Israel (and the world) will be prepared to agree with the peace plan offered by the empty bow peace maker. Israel is certainly ready for peace. She has not had much peace since re-settling in Jerusalem and establishing Her country in the year of 1949. And, everyone else is sick of the killing, too.

The tie to Israel, as being God's clock, is a strong one. Historically, God has always used the nation as the center of His future plans - sometimes good and many times, not so good. But, without Israel, the world would have no hope, at all. Fortunately, for all of us, Romans 11 teaches that "God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew" (v2).

After all, God's promises are to Israel. They exist in the nation because She produced the Seed of Abraham, Jesus Christ. We Gentiles are blessed to be engrafted into the promise, according to the Apostle Paul. Further, he says "Now if their transgression be riches for the world and their failure be riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their fulfillment be!" (Rom 11:12).

So, Israel is how we understand the **End-Times**. As Israel goes, so goes prophecy. The rest of the world just tags along awaiting the end of time - some in hope and others under a strong delusion.