

As a topic of bible prophecy , the notion of a **GLOBAL ' THERMO-NUCLEAR ' WAR** has it seems never been fully accepted or countenanced by our community. Certainly it has never been articulated from our lecture and preaching platforms as a **' VERY REAL '** and approaching dimension of the coming judgments on mankind.

As a community , who rightly claim to have incontestably the most accurate ' bible-based ' understanding of prophecy in the end-times - we somehow seem unable (or unwilling) to process this confronting and horrific scenario of nuclear war. Even today - in the *very* last days of the kingdoms of men - as we witness unprecedented political turmoil around the globe and increasingly angry nations pursuing nuclear missile proliferation on a truly insane level – there still remains an uneasy reluctance among ' bible believers ' to discuss the possibility of ' man-made ' global destruction actually being an agency of divine judgement. Raise the issue and one is often met with strained looks , unsettled body language and even a nervous step backwards.

Perhaps it is because the thought of such a global disaster is just too horrific to contemplate ; perhaps , as many believe the '*irreversible nature*' of the nuclear fall-out and the ' centuries ' it would take (as scientists claim) for the deadly residue of nuclear radiation to dissipate seems totally incompatible with our understanding of (and desire for) God's Kingdom to be established on earth very soon. While never being openly stated , it does seem the universally preferred view on this contentious topic , is that it's simply easier to accept in broad terms that all the coming judgments executed on mankind "*the fire*" ; "*the flame*" ; the "*pillars of smoke*" ; the "*clouds*" ; the "*thunder*" ; the "*noise*" ; the "*darkness*" are essentially all outworkings exclusively related to the manifestation of divine power in the '*forces of nature*' , whether of volcanoes , earthquakes , storms , pestilences or the celestial elements. Yet every single one of these dramatic outworkings are direct '*by-products*' generated by the scourge that is nuclear warfare. Can we just ignore this ?

Our intent in this article is to comprehensively and conclusively show that GLOBAL NUCLEAR WAR . . . IS COMING !!!
The idea that the forces of nature are the ' principal ' source of divine judgement is simply wrong
and in fact is ' widely divergent ' from the immutable evidence found in God's Word.
We assert that scripture is exceedingly more explicit in its language.

In fact, God's Word repeatedly indicates that up until the moment the Lord Jesus Christ's feet stand upon the Mount of Olives , these catastrophic events are almost entirely of man's own doing. That the unprecedented disasters soon to engulf the earth will appear (ostensibly) to the world to be the ' natural ' consequences of mankind's greed , foolishness and corruption - whether war , famine , pestilence or disaster. There will be no '*open manifestation*' of divine power apparent in these unprecedented calamities UNTIL the Lord Jesus Christ appears openly and visibly to the whole world. That the '*divine judgments*' of the last days will be *in very large measure* the result of man '*reaping what he has sowed*' .

So clear and explicit is GOD'S WORD on this subject , ***almost every aspect*** of this coming nuclear war is comprehensively and graphically detailed in the pages of the Bible. **All** references are found in ' unmistakable context ' and include :

- the accurate description of '**NUCLEAR**' missiles and warheads
- the '**exact dimensions**' of these deadly projectiles
- the '**design and technical configurations**' (and uniformity worldwide)
- the '**core fissile materials / elements**'
- the '**operational trigger**'
- the '**flight path**' (precisely ' pinpointing ' its trajectory)
- the '**actual effect**' of these nuclear detonations

- the extraordinary meaning behind '**the fire**' and '**the flame**' (of nuclear war)
- the '**mortal**' and the '**destructive**' effects of '**nuclear radiation**'
- the '**scale and death toll**'

The Bible also states the effects of this 'full-scale' nuclear war , will **NOT** be chance or arbitrary, but will involve :

- the '**discriminatory selection**' of those who will perish
- the world-wide '**moral judgment**' upon the sinners and the ungodly
- the condemnation and targeted destruction of '**mainstream**' religions (& their followers)

Also revealed are God's 'unbreakable' promises . . .

- the '**selective protection**' of believers in a 'full-scale' nuclear war (both **WHY** & **HOW** this will be achieved)
- the '**remarkable place**' where '**the faithful**' will be protected
- the **faithful** will actually '**witness**' the reward of the wicked

Finally , the Bible declares :

- it is **God Himself** who '**initiates**' these man-made 'judgments'
- the ultimate '**destination**' of these highly destructive projectiles
- the '**overall purpose**' of this 'apocalyptic' nuclear war
- the '**final outcome**' beyond this coming global crisis

This article seeks to bring to light ' large sections ' of God's Word that for centuries have had valid and legitimate interpretations and now - only in the last days (according to the Father's will and purpose) - are their deeper , hidden understandings being fully revealed. Initially , some interpretations of passages may on face value seem subjective , however , when considered in the '**TOTALITY**' of the parallel bible quotes provided and the consistent manner in which the divine Hand has used literal , figurative , symbolic and metaphorical language throughout scripture , we believe the 'interpretations drawn' are absolutely sound and will withstand any scrutiny.

**We will then exhaustively consider "IN CONTEXT" extensive bible passages
and their consistent language & detailed descriptions
of these final cataclysmic man-made events.**

A HISTORICALLY 'UNPRECEDENTED' TIME OF TROUBLE . . . COMING SOON

Throughout scripture we are often provided with brief, fleeting visions of this long-prophesied '**time of trouble**'. Both in the old testament through the prophet Daniel and through the words of the Lord Jesus Christ in three of the Gospel records (Matt 24 / Mark 13 / Luke 21) we are told that this '**final tribulation / affliction**' will be '**UNLIKE**' any event **ever before seen** in the history of mankind. It will be utterly '**unprecedented**' in both its magnitude and its nature. While the bible passages (below) give no indication of the specific nature of these events , we are fore-warned they will be '**so grievous**' that all life on earth would otherwise be totally exterminated and cease to exist , if it were not for '**divine intervention**' - *through the Lord Jesus Christ* - to stop this global destruction and to save the '**chosen**' or '**elect**' of God. The old testament prophet Daniel speaks of this climactic moment when the Lord Jesus is revealed , a moment that will represent the beginning of the '**final apocalyptic phase**' of these end-times tribulations .

DANIEL 12

v1 - And **AT THAT TIME** shall Michael (Lord Jesus Christ) stand up ,
the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people
& there shall be a '**TIME OF TROUBLE**' such as NEVER WAS
SINCE there was a nation , even to that same time

This moment will be the culmination of the escalating chaos and unprecedented violence sweeping the whole earth and overwhelming mankind. The gospel record in **Matthew 24** is a crucial narrative in truly deciphering the end-times events. Not only does it provide perhaps the *most comprehensive timeline* in the bible, outlining the actual 'sequence' of events through this period but it also provides the one singular and epochal 'sign' to herald the arrival of the great **time of trouble**.

MATTHEW 24

- v15 - '**WHEN**' ye therefore shall see the '**abomination of desolation**' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, **stand in the holy place**, (whoso readeth, let him understand :) (**FULFILLED - 12th MAY 2009**)
- v21 - For '**THEN**' shall be **GREAT TRIBULATION** ,
such as was **NOT** since the beginning of the world to this time,
no, **NOR EVER** shall be
- v22 - And except those days should be shortened , there should **NO FLESH BE SAVED** :
but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened
- v29 - **IMMEDIATELY AFTER** the '**TRIBULATION**' of those days shall the sun be darkened,
and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven,
and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:
- v30 - And '**THEN**' ... shall appear '**the sign of the Son of man**' in heaven
and '**THEN**' ... shall all the tribes of the earth mourn,
and they shall see '**the Son of man**' coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

The central purpose of this prophecy (given by Jesus himself) was to provide a ' clear signpost ' to the faithful believers of the nearness and imminence of the time of '**GREAT TRIBULATION**'. **One prophetic event** was given by Jesus as '**A SIGN**' to herald the beginning of the end-times, this being '**WHEN**' the "**abomination of desolation . . stands in the holy place**". As noted above , this event was actually fulfilled on **12th May 2009** when for the **FIRST TIME EVER** a Roman Catholic Pope (Benedict) stood inside ' THE HOLY PLACE ' in Jerusalem. A 2,000 year old prophecy fulfilled - unmistakably and undeniably. According to Matthew 24 , the '**Great Tribulation**' (**Time of Trouble**) and the Lord's return will '**THEN**' follow this event.

In the time since this remarkable fulfilment (May 2009) there has been world-wide strife , turmoil and chaos. International financial / debt crises , the Arab Spring , the Syrian War , the rise of ISIS , the Global War on Terror , unprecedented migrant crises , the weakening and destabilisation of the EU , cataclysmic weather events , apocalyptic disasters (ie. Japan) and never before seen levels of violence and immorality worldwide. **BUT is this ' really ' the Great Tribulation spoken of ??** The Answer is YES , IT IS . . . but we can expect it to get much , MUCH WORSE !!! While these dramatic events may seem to be ' in the normal course ' of worldly happenings , the Lord Jesus ' fore-warned ' his followers to be vigilant , for in the last days before His return , the '**vast majority of mankind**' will be asleep to the approaching perils , and taken unawares (and perish) in the catastrophic events that will constitute the ' Day of the LORD '.

LUKE 21

- v34 - Take heed to yourselves , lest . . . '**THAT DAY**' come upon you unawares.
- v35 - For '**AS A SNARE**' shall IT come on ALL THEM that dwell on the face of the WHOLE EARTH.

As this unprecedented '**Time of Trouble**' intensifies , not only do we need to be preparing for the Lord's return , but we should also be warning others of this impending storm. Yet , as servants of the living God , do we '**TRULY UNDERSTAND**' what God's coming judgments on mankind will involve ? Do we actually know **WHAT IS COMING** . . . and are we even prepared for whatever time and circumstances **WE ARE REQUIRED TO ENDURE** during this ' final period of affliction ' ? We hope this article will provide helpful answers and a deeper level of understanding on these issues.

ISAIAH 24 - JUDGMENT OF THE 'WHOLE' EARTH

Perhaps no other single chapter of scripture provides a greater 'overview' and 'insight' into this coming catastrophic period than *Isaiah 24*. This one remarkable prophecy fully details the **pre-conditions**, the **world-wide distress**, the **reasoned explanation** of 'WHY' and the **final terrible outcome** of these divine judgments. **Verses 1 - 6** and **Verses 17 - 22** broadly frame these events from a 'global -or- world-wide' perspective, with the terms 'the earth' and 'the world' being consistently repeated. Wedged between these passages are **Verses 7 - 13** that focus on deteriorating events 'in the land' (of Israel) that appear to be contemporaneous with God's judgments upon mankind.

On a closer reading, **Verses 1 - 4** outline the misery, disorder and corruption found on earth before these final judgments, including social, economic and moral collapse in every level of society, together with the evident breakdown of the environment. **Verse 5** then makes clear this global deterioration and defilement by its inhabitants is the direct result of man's actions and this verse expands further, by providing the three specific reasons 'WHY' this corruption has occurred. Mankind has **1) transgressed God's Laws** **2) changed His ordinances** and **3) broken the everlasting covenant** - all three being foundational elements God had previously established for the natural, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of mankind.

ISAIAH Ch. 24

v1 - Behold, the LORD maketh **THE EARTH** empty and maketh it waste
and turneth it upside down & scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof

v2 - And **IT SHALL BE** ... as with the people, so with the priest;
as with the servant, so with his master;
as with the maid, so with her mistress;
as with the buyer, so with the seller;
as with the lender, so with the borrower

v3 - The land shall be utterly emptied and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word.

v4 - **THE EARTH** mourneth and fadeth away,
THE WORLD languisheth and fadeth away,
the haughty people of the earth do languish.

v5 - **THE EARTH** also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof;
because they have ... **transgressed the laws**,
... **changed the ordinance**,
... **broken the everlasting covenant**.

But ominously, '**THEN**' comes **verse 6** ...

v6 - **THEREFORE** ... hath '**THE CURSE**' (H423 אלה' âlâh → cp. Zech 5v3) 'devoured the earth'
and they that dwell therein are desolate:
therefore the **inhabitants of the earth** '**ARE BURNED**' and **FEW MEN LEFT**.

This is truly an apocalyptic verse with language that portends to a terrifying scenario for mankind. If there remained 'any doubt' about exactly what this verse is alluding to when it graphically describes the "**devouring of the earth ... the desolation ... and the inhabitants being burned ... until there are few men left**" then **Verse 6** contains a crucial and direct link to another prophecy that unequivocally confirms the coming 'terrible reality' of Isaiah's vision.

To understand what is '**this horror**' in Isaiah 24 that befalls the earth, we MUST UNDERSTAND what is "**THE CURSE**".

THE TIME OF TROUBLE . . .

1. THE CURSE / THE PLAGUE / THE PESTILENCE (RECURRING ' METAPHORICAL ' THEMES)

Beyond the normal use of symbols and metaphoric language , there are ' recurring themes ' consistently found in these ' *last days* ' prophecies. These recurring themes - while at times having subtle differences in name - nevertheless speak clearly of the same events and details that inextricably tie these end-times passages together . While some are commonly assumed to be directly referencing ' *divine power* ' through the ' *forces of nature* ' this is frequently **NOT** the case , and a closer examination often reveals the origin of many of these judgments befalling mankind are actually from man himself as we will demonstrate. Equally, it's also quite true that many of these *prophetic events* can also have a ' double-application ' or outworking , and will soon originate from **both** man and God during the ' Great Tribulation '. Among the most notable of these ' metaphoric ' themes found in these prophecies are the phrases " **THE CURSE / THE PLAGUE / THE PESTILENCE** "

As noted in **Verse 6** above , " **THE CURSE** " is translated from the ancient Hebrew word ' **אלה** ' (' *âlâh* ' - Strong's H423). It is an unusual rendering of the word that is found some 18 times in scripture, whereas the general English word " curse " is used HUNDREDS OF TIMES. One of the other ' rare ' occurrences of this same Hebrew root is found in **Zechariah Ch.5** , a chapter and prophecy that speaks of a troubling vision seen by the prophet. The entire chapter - from beginning to end - is utterly replete with descriptive symbolism and metaphorical language that points meticulously and indisputably to the certainty of an **end-times ' global nuclear ' war**.

It is a remarkable prophecy clearly never intended to be understood (in this manner) until the very last days. Down through the ages this prophecy in **Zechariah 5** has rightly had other legitimate interpretations attributed to it , however we would contend (given the ' enormity ' of this coming final fulfilment) this will be its ultimate and principle outworking. The prospect of world-wide nuclear war may be a shocking and confronting revelation to many students of God's Word , however it is also entirely consistent and in conformity with the ' *Time of the End / Great Tribulation* ' previously described in Daniel 11-12 , the gospel accounts and the devastating global events described in **Isaiah 24**.

In the event the reader still remains unconvinced of the bible evidence pointing to a **coming nuclear war** , there is still yet another ' **TRULY ASTONISHING** ' connection that will **TOTALLY** and **CONCLUSIVELY CONFIRM** this approaching scenario as described in God's Word. This previously ' *unknown -and- undiscovered* ' connection that we will reveal , quite incredibly is taken from (no less than) one of the **MOST** well-read , loved and cherished ' PSALMS ' known to bible students.

However , for just a moment let us consider the remarkable language used in **Zechariah Ch. 5** that so unmistakably describes this approaching ' *nuclear nightmare* '.



ZECHARIAH CHAPTER 5 - THE 'NUCLEAR WAR' PROPHECY

Initially, as we read through *Zechariah 5* we are presented with a peculiar, and at times '*truly bizarre*' series of descriptive mental images as seen by the prophet . . . '*a roll .. that flies*'; '*a woman .. in a basket*' and seemingly with a metal lid, as well as other women '*.. who have wings*' and who '*fly like storks*'. These images seem utterly nonsensical and unrelated. Yet when two elementary (but critical) '**ERRORS of TRANSLATION**' are corrected and then the overall prophecy re-considered through its masterful selection and use of metaphors and symbols, what materialises before us is a precise and detailed depiction not only of '*missiles*', but of a full-scale '*nuclear war*' in the modern age.



ERROR # 1 - The first error to be corrected is in **Verses 1 & 2** with the words "*flying ROLL*". For generations this has been interpreted as a **TWO** cylindered '**SCROLL**' typical of writing parchments of that age. Yet the original Hebrew word is '*megillâh*' (מגילה Strong's H4039 - From H1556; a *roll* :- roll, volume) which by its very definition is a '**SINGLE** cylindered' roll. **This distinction is critical.** As Zechariah looked skyward, the sight of a '*flying*' object in the shape of twin cylindered scroll would make no logical sense. However, if the object is in the form of a '**SINGLE**' cylinder it immediately reveals a plausible aerodynamic-shaped representation of an arrow ... or more accurately a missile.

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A Vision of a Flying Scroll???		
<p>Zec 5:1 Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll.</p> <p>Zec 5:2 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll the length thereof <i>is</i> twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits.</p> <p>Zec 5:3 Then said he unto me, This <i>is</i> the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that <i>stealeth</i> shall be cut off <i>as</i> on this side</p>	<p>Zec 5:5 Then the me went forth, and now thine eyes, that goeth forth.</p> <p>Zec 5:6 And I said, This <i>is</i> an e He said moreover resemblance thro</p> <p>Zec 5:7 And, beh a talent of lead: a that sitteth in the</p> <p>Zec 5:8 And he sa And he cast it in</p>	

The logical conclusion that this strange '*cylinder-shaped*' object Zechariah saw '*flying across the sky*' was in fact pointing forward (prophetically) to the latter day invention of '*missiles*' is given even further credence in the very same verse as the angel actually reveals to the ancient prophet the '**EXACT DIMENSIONS**' of these mysterious flying projectiles . . .

" *the LENGTH thereof is twenty cubits* " (approx. 34 feet / 10.4 metres)
 and " *the BREADTH thereof ten cubits* " (approx. 17 feet / 5.2 metres)

Anyone looking at these measurements would immediately (and correctly) assert that being '*half as wide*' as it is in length would certainly not qualify the object as being '*aero-dynamic*' let-alone suitable for flight.

The Hebrew word for "*breadth*" in this instance is a poor translation. It does **not** mean the '*diameter*' (importantly, this method of measurement was '*unknown*' to the ancient Hebrews and was only devised later by the Greeks.) Rather, "*breadth*" in this passage speaks of "*a line cast about*" in the same manner as a person in old times would cast a rope around the base of a tree to measure its girth. For further biblical proof of this, we note throughout **ALL of scripture** there are **ONLY TWO** other instances where '*cylindrical*' objects (ie. pillars) are measured for their '*breadth*'. In both **1 Kings 7v15** & **Jeremiah 52v21** this concept of a "*line cast about*" is specifically described as the means of measuring the '*breadth*' of the pillars. In these passages "*Lines*" or "*Fillets*" (identical Hebrew word in both verses) are employed to '*compass around*' the columns or pillars to measure their respective sizes. In both instances, it explicitly describes the measuring of '*the circumference*' of the pillars by use of a rope-like chord (Line / Fillet) . . . and **not** their diameter.

1 KINGS 7v15 - For he cast two **PILLARS** of brass, of eighteen cubits high apiece:
 - and a '**LINE**' (H2339) of twelve cubits did '**compass**' (H5437) either of them about.

JEREMIAH 52v21 - Concerning the **PILLARS**, the height of one **PILLAR** was eighteen cubits;
 - and a '**FILLET**' (H2339) of twelve cubits did '**compass**' (H5437) it ;
 - and the thickness thereof was four fingers: it was hollow.

Furthermore, when we look deeper to the specific Hebrew meaning of these words (ie. "*Line / Fillet / compass*") their definitions provide yet another layer of unequivocal proof that the measurement described in **Zechariah 5** is indeed speaking of a "*line cast about*" (ie. circumference) and quite clearly **NOT** the diameter of these "*flying objects*".

[STRONG'S CONCORDANCE] - "**LINE / FILLET**" (H2339) חוט *chût khoot* - From an unused root, probably meaning to sew ; **a string** ; by implication **a measuring tape** - cord , fillet , line , thread

[STRONG'S CONCORDANCE] - "**compass**" (H5437) סבב *sâbab saw-bab'* A primitive root ; **to revolve , surround or border** used in various applications, literally and figuratively : - bring, cast, fetch, lead, make, walk, X whirl, X **round about** , **be on about every side**, apply, avoid, beset (about), besiege, bring again, carry (about), change, cause to come about, X circuit , (**fetch a compass (about, round)**), drive, environ, X **on every side**, beset (close, come, compass, go, stand) round about, remove, return, set, sit down, turn (self) (about, aside, away, back)

So clearly , this term "**breadth**" in Zechariah 5v2 actually refers to the '**circumference**' of the flying roll and **not** it's diameter. When we then mathematically recalculate the correct dimensions of these flying objects using the stated circumference , we soon discover the '**actual diameter**' of these objects converts to (approx. 5 - 6 feet / 1.6 metres)



We therefore have a mysterious '**flying object/s**' whose dimensions are :

(approx. **34 feet LONG** X **6 feet DIAMETER** / **10.4 metres X 1.6 metres**)

Could it be merely an '**astonishing co-incident**' that these measurements - as told to Zechariah over **2,500 years ago** by 'an angel' - are indeed the actual dimensions of nuclear and ballistic missiles typically made around the world today ?? Simply **INCREDIBLE !!!** . . . but there remains **far more** to come !!

Verse 3 is the terrible heart of this prophecy. It contains the '**critical link**' that inextricably connects this chapter to the apocalyptic prophecy we previously examined in **Isaiah 24**. While speaking to Zechariah , the angel of the LORD defines this impending cataclysmic event as "**THE CURSE**" , the exact same phrase used by the prophet Isaiah and who described the same terrifying effects in his vision. Compare the words of both prophets :

ZECH. 5 v3 - This is '**THE CURSE**' [H423 אלה' *âlâh*] that goeth forth over the face of **THE WHOLE EARTH**

ISAIAH 24 v 6 - Therefore hath '**THE CURSE**' [H423 אלה' *âlâh*] devoured **THE EARTH**.

This use of the ' identical ' Hebrew word for "**THE CURSE**" in both these two passages is extraordinarily unusual. As noted in our prior examination of **Isaiah 24** "**THE CURSE**" is translated from the Hebrew word '**אלה' ('âlâh - Strong's H423)**. It is a very rare rendering of the word found only 18 times in scripture , whereas the more common English word for "curse" is used **HUNDREDS OF TIMES**. Given the same '**apocalyptic back-drop**' in both these two chapters we can see how the LORD has ' tied ' these two prophecies together simply through the common use of this one unique Hebrew phrase.

As we continue to read through the balance of **Verse 3** we are presented with a vision of widespread death and destruction as "**THE CURSE**" sweeps forth over the ' whole earth ' with many being "**cut off**" (ie. ' die ' or ' perish '). We note specific focus is placed upon **everyone** that either '**steals**' or '**swears**' (ie. falsely or profanely). All these will perish . This clearly indicates that the effects of this '**man-made nuclear curse**' will be **NOT** be arbitrary or chance , rather it will be the execution of a '**moral judgment**' and the passing of a sentence against a wide swathe of mankind. However , there is also an absolute implication in this passage , those who are **NOT** found amongst these two evil classes of mankind (that steal or swear) will actually be '**preserved**' from the deadly effects of this global nuclear war. Sound improbable ?? . . . even impossible ?? Later, in yet another ' stunning ' bible passage we will provide '**incontestable bible proof**' of this exact promise , expressly pledged by God Himself and made to '**the faithful**' . . . and (once again) all found in the '**indisputable context**' of an **end-times ' global nuclear ' war !!!** . . . and incredibly , all within our '**much-loved PSALM**' !!

Finally as **Verse 3** concludes , we note the descriptive label of this '**CURSE**' that Yahweh uses as His chosen agency for the end-times judgment of the nations , changes for much of the remainder of the chapter to '**IT**' or '**THIS**' perhaps to underline the '**mysterious**' and '**utterly inexplicable**' nature of the event/s that Zechariah was witnessing in this vision . . . yet wholly unable to comprehend. Quite simply , this prophecy was **never intended** to be fully understood either in Zechariah's time , nor in the ages up until the final days , when these technologies would come into being.

While this coming nuclear holocaust is absolutely of man's making and foolishness - nevertheless **Verse 4** provides a powerful and authoritative '*divine commentary*' of this event, that **unequivocally establishes** that *it is God Himself* who '*initiates*' this judgment on mankind. We know this for a certainty because at the very outset of the verse He states clearly:

“ I WILL bring 'IT' forth . . . saith the LORD of hosts ”.

He neither apologises for - nor baulks from - the fact that, it is He (the divine ruler of the universe) who Himself has previously sworn that at the appointed time He would '*judge the nations*', now pronounces the execution of His righteous judgment in the form of '*the fire*' and '*the flame*' of nuclear war. It is by no means unusual that God has used a symbol or metaphor to declare the impending prosecution of His divine will. Indeed throughout scripture we know of many instances where God uses illustrative language (both literal and figurative) to announce an approaching evil whether in the form of *THE WHIRLWIND*, *THE SWORD*, *THE PESTILENCE*, *THE PLAGUE* or *THE LOCUSTS*. Just a few examples include:

EXODUS 10 v 4 - *If thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to morrow*
WILL I bring the 'LOCUSTS' into thy coast

JEREMIAH 25 v29 - *For, lo, I BEGIN to bring 'EVIL' on the city which is called by my name . . .*
For I WILL call for 'A SWORD' upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD

JEREMIAH 30 v23 - *Behold, the 'WHIRLWIND' of the LORD goeth forth with fury . . .*
it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked.

As **Verse 4** continues, the reader is introduced to a '*new and striking*' theme. Despite the massive scale and enormity of nuclear detonations (as we know capable of wiping out '*entire cities*' in an instant) the language in **verse 4** describing this approaching '*world-wide*' disaster, surprisingly and somewhat oddly is scaled down dramatically to a commentary of events at a '*domestic -or- household*' level. This is quite peculiar but is also deliberate. Critically it provides yet another '*remarkable link*' to our previously mentioned connection to a '**much-loved**' **PSALM** that points unmistakably to the certainty of a coming nuclear war. We will graphically illustrate this later.

This '**CURSE**' is then labelled in **Verse 4** as '*IT*' and is repeatedly described as '*entering into the house*' and also '*remaining in the house*' specifically of '*. . . the thief*' and '*. . . of him that swears falsely*'. So again, we see further reinforced (from **Verse 3**) the '**DISCRIMINATORY**' selection of those in society who commit these evils, as they are purged individually and collectively as a result of this nuclear scourge. Beyond this, we are told in **Verse 4** after '*entering in*' and '*remaining in the house*' this undefined and unidentified **curse** ('*IT*') has a tertiary phase that actually "**consumes**" the timber and the stones of the house. We would contend that this lethal and destructive substance that enters into, remains in and ultimately consumes these houses (which could not have been more accurately and graphically described over 2,500 years ago) is without doubt the residual effects of '*nuclear radiation*'. What else could it be??

[**NOTE** : As a further point of clarification, to the passage '*. . . of him that SWEARS FALSELY . . . BY MY NAME*', the inclusion of '**BY MY NAME**' (God's) denotes a strong religious connotation. It is by definition those who swear allegiance '*falsely in a religious sense*'. It is a condemnation of mainstream religions. It is a statement identifying those corrupt religious institutions that down through the centuries have adopted (and continue to teach) the '*false doctrines*' of the Roman '*Mother Church*'. Therefore by direct implication, this judgment will also apply to all the unfortunate '*individual followers*' of these false faiths, as they themselves have not personally searched out '*God's Truth*' in His Holy Word, but opted to '*entrust*' their belief and understanding to the corrupt teachings and traditions of '*men in robes*'.]

Verse 5 & 6 - The angel speaking with Zechariah then seeks to inform him further of the nature of this '**CURSE**', but still unable to understand the meaning or import of this vision, Zechariah directly asks the angel "*What is IT?*". The angel proceeds to offer additional details telling Zechariah, '*IT*' is an '*ephah*'. An '**ephah**' is a '*basket-like container*' dating back to ancient Hebrew times, it was commonly used for measuring quantities of grain and produce, and was approximately 40 litres in capacity. Once again (on the surface) this additional clue seems bizarre and unrelated to the '*flying object*' yet it is a vital component *within* what we now know today as '*missiles*'. This ephah (or basket) represents the '*payload*' that contains the deliverable elements forming the explosive warhead. Finally the angel says:

“ This is ‘ **THEIR** resemblance ’ through all the earth. ”.



This simple statement reveals two major factors concerning the ‘ **flying object** ’. Firstly, that they are all of similar design and construct, particularly with respect to the carrying of an ephah / basket. Secondly, these flying objects are found through ‘ **all the earth** ’ . . . and by implication, they are too numerous to be counted. So we see the figurative description of the basket (payload); the broad uniformity of design and construction; and their widespread proliferation globally are consistent with the ballistic missile industry we see world-wide today.

Verse 7 & 8 ... then continues to provide more overwhelming evidence that the angel is indeed pointing forward prophetically to the advent of the nuclear age, when he then speaks of a ‘ **talent** ’ (or weight) of **LEAD** being lifted up. As in prior instances, a completely random and seemingly unrelated item is introduced, but once again, it serves as a symbolic representation of a key facet of the actual subject matter, namely ‘ nuclear missiles ’ in the modern age. It is no coincidence the angel chose ‘ **LEAD** ’. The crucial element that is at the ‘ very heart ’ of nuclear weapons technology is ‘ **Uranium 235** ’. It is a scientific fact that when this radio-active substance ‘ *degrades and decays* ’ it actually turns into ‘ **lead** ’. Could this be purely co-incidence? What other metallurgical substance could the angel have possibly nominated to more accurately depict the nature of this ‘ *end-times* ’ weapons technology?

Furthermore the angel describes the ‘ **lifting up** ’ of this *weight of LEAD* and then in **Verse 8** the ‘ **casting down** ’ of the same upon the ephah (basket). It is a remarkable (coded) description of the ‘ **nuclear trigger** ’ used to detonate warheads in ballistic missiles. Not only do we have descriptions of the core ingredient (Uranium 235 / Lead) but also an illustrative overview of the operational trigger. This leads us to the ‘ **actual effect** ’ of this detonation, which INCREDIBLY is ALSO described in **Verse 7**. However, this also brings us to the **second major correction** of ‘ **TRANSLATIONAL ERRORS** ’ contained in this chapter - which once corrected - will incontrovertibly lift the lid on this widely misunderstood prophecy.

ERROR # 2 - In Zechariah 5 the translation of the word ‘ **woman** ’ has been source of confusion and consternation for centuries. A woman sitting ‘ in a basket ’?!? An extremely bizarre image to try to make sense of. Almost comical. Yet it did not need to be so. The original Hebrew word that the translators have erroneously derived ‘ **woman** ’ from is “ **ishshah** ” (**Strong’s Heb. H802**) as found in Strong’s authoritative concordance of the Bible.

PRIMARY ROOT	
784. אֵשׁ 'êsh, aysh;	a prim. word; <u>fire</u> (lit. or fig.):—burning, fiery, fire, flaming, hot.
785. אֵשׁ 'êsh (Chald.), aysh;	corresp. to 784:—flame.
786. אֵשׁ 'îsh, eesh;	ident. (in or. and formation) with 784; <i>entity</i> ; used only adv., there is or are:—are there, none can. Comp. 3426.
787. אֵשׁ 'ôsh (Chald.), ôsh;	corresp. (by transp. and abb.) to 803; a <i>foundation</i> :—founda- tion.

799. אֵשֶׁת 'eshdâth, esh-dauth';	from 784 and 1881; a <i>fire-law</i> :—fiery law.
800. אִשָּׁה 'eshshâh,	esh-shaw'; fem. of 784; <u>fire:—fire.</u>
801. אִשָּׁה 'ishshâh,	ish-shaw'; the same as 800, but used in a liturgical sense; prop. a <i>burnt-offering</i> ; but occasionally of any <i>sacrifice</i> :—(offering, sacrifice), (made) <u>by fire.</u>
802. אִשָּׁה 'ishshâh,	ish-shaw'; fem. of 876 or 582; irregular plur. אִשִּׁים 'âshiyim, naw-sheem'; a <i>woman</i> (used in the same wide sense as 582):—[adulter]ess, each, every, female, X many, + none, one, + together, wife, woman. Often unexpressed in English.

This word is among a cluster of 3 almost identical Hebrew words, all have their **original root** in a primary word **H784** :

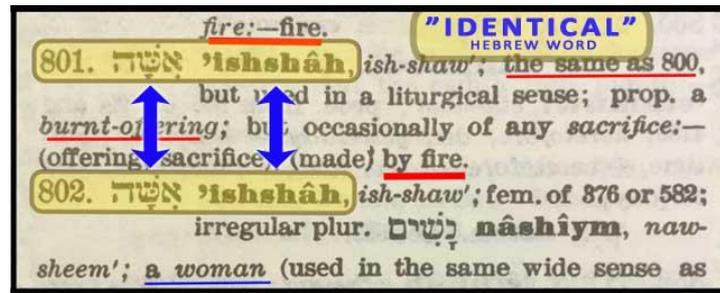
H784 אֵשׁ 'êsh aysh A primitive word; **fire** (literally or figuratively) : - burning, fiery, fire, flaming, hot

H800 אִשָּׁה 'eshshâh esh-shaw' Feminine of **H784**; **fire** :- fire.

H801 אִשָּׁה 'ishshâh ish-shaw' The same as **H800**, but used in a ‘ liturgical ’ sense; properly a ‘ **burnt offering** ’; but occasionally of any **sacrifice** : - (offering, sacrifice), **(made) by fire.**

H802 אִשָּׁה 'ishshâh ish-shaw' is the feminine of **H376** or **H582**; **a woman** (used in the same wide sense as **H582**) : [adulter]ess, each, every, female, X many, + none, one, + together, wife, woman.

In fact , the reader will notice the word (' **woman** ' - H802) the translators chose to insert in Zechariah 5 v 7 is the **VERY LAST** of this series of Hebrew words. Incongruously, they also used a translation that is ' **THE LEAST** ' reflective of the original root word (H784) and **defies 'ALL'** the preceding translated words that speak incontrovertibly of ' **FIRE** '. Is it any wonder this prophecy has been so misunderstood for two millennia ?? Clearly ' **FIRE** ' was the intended word.



Upon substitution of the word ' **FIRE** ' in place of ' **woman** ' the prophecy - and the vision of WHAT is coming - becomes infinitely clearer. We see the causal effect of the ' **casting down** ' of the lead will spark a ' **fiery ignition** ' of the nuclear elements within the missile warhead. This is represented by the ' **FIRE** ' in the basket. It is a terrifying prospect that is being revealed. If the reader has any doubt concerning the true nature of this evil and destructive man-made device , in **Verse 8** the angel himself , being aware of the intended purpose of these weapons, succinctly concludes " **This is WICKEDNESS** ".

Verse 9 ... then reveals ' **three** ' additional features of these modern day ' **missile systems** ' ...

Firstly , as Zechariah looked skyward to witness this unfolding vision , he saw not " **two women** " but rather **two separate " FIRES "** come out of the ' **flying roll** ' while it was in flight. This could not speak more conclusively to the widespread configuration of ballistic missiles today that often have ' **multiple** ' independent warheads that actually detach and deploy **in flight** to strike separate targets. Some missiles can ' carry up to 14 ' independent nuclear warheads and have the capability to wipe out entire countries. Each of these smaller individual MIRV's (Multiple Independent Re-entry Vehicles) are deployable ' **missiles / warheads** ' in their own right , which Zechariah saw as smaller " **FIRES** " coming out of the larger.

Secondly , Zechariah then vividly describes ' **the flight** ' of these **two new 'fiery objects** ' as he witnessed these happenings , saying " *the wind was in their wings ; for they had wings like the wings of a stork* ". While missiles do not typically have elongated wings as a stork , Zechariah being unable to conceive of the invention of rocket propulsion could only liken the motion of these ' flying objects ' with something that he knew. His description speaks to the smooth , effortless and graceful motion classically associated with storks , gliding through the sky with unbridled ease , elevated and propelled through the air as the wind gathers beneath their wings. He saw this ' **mirrored** ' in the motion of these fiery ' **flying objects** '.

Thirdly , in **Verse 9** Zechariah once again hearkens back to the ' **ephah** ' (basket / payload) as he completes the picture , revealing these two new smaller ' **fires** ' (missiles) also lift up the ephah " *between the earth and the heaven* ". So in other words , both these two MIRV's each have their own ' **ephah** ' or deliverable payload that the missiles carry in flight between the heaven and the earth , that is ' *through the sky* ' or the upper bounds of the ' **stratosphere** ' (near to heaven). This is ' **exactly** ' how ballistic missiles are conveyed to their intended targets around the world today. How could ' *a vision* ' from 2,500 years ago ... provide a more accurate and comprehensive depiction of these horrendous weapons of war ??

So in **Zechariah's vision** we can see that almost every aspect of this coming nuclear war is comprehensively and graphically detailed for the reader's benefit. How amazing that so many details of this 21st century military technology and warfare could be so meticulously explained and illustrated through ' *natural and symbolic* ' imagery that - for the most part - did not seem out of place in these passages when written by Zechariah so long ago.

Verse 10 & 11 ... Finally, to understand the ultimate destination and purpose of these highly destructive projectiles Zechariah enquires of the angel , " *Whither do these bear the ephah ?* ". The angel responds somewhat cryptically by telling Zechariah " *to build it AN HOUSE in the land of Shinar* ". As we consider the unmitigated death and destruction (on a world-wide scale) found in Zechariah's prophetic vision , the answer " *to build a house* " in an ancient Babylonian land of ' **Shinar** ' seems utterly detached and unrelated to the question. Yet hidden within this simple statement , rests the entire scope of God's eternal plan and purpose with mankind. The term ' **Shinar** ' is used as a representation of the first

'kingdom of men'. The Assyrian / Babylonian empire was the Head of Gold in Daniel's vision, the quintessential symbol of the rulership of man. It was renowned for its wealth, its glory, its idolatry, its immorality and most of all its ungodliness. Several thousand years later, its pagan and hedonistic influence, ideologies and practices can still be found in society today. For this reason the angel used 'Shinar' as a symbol for 'the world' today, in all its corruption, depravity and godlessness.

The purpose of delivering these 'ephahs' is to finally cleanse the world of man's evils. It is why 'THE CURSE ... goes forth over the face of the whole earth ... cutting off all evil-doers who steal and swear falsely (both institutions and individuals)'. Essentially its purpose will be to 'wipe the slate clean' in preparation for the building of 'the house of the LORD' in Zion; the establishment of God's kingdom on earth and the rulership of the Lord Jesus Christ worldwide. This global harvesting (or removal) of all ungodliness in the earth, will come in two stages, first this 'man-made' nuclear holocaust, before the full forces of nature are unleashed on the nations through the agency of the Lord Jesus Christ at his return. Once this cleansing process is complete then as the angel says in **Verse 11** (. . . of the LORD's House and kingdom on the earth) "and it shall be established . . . and set there upon her own base".

ZECHARIAH Ch. 5

- v1 - Then I turned & lifted up mine eyes & looked & behold a 'FLYING ROLL'
- v2 - And he said unto me, What seest thou?
And I answered, I see a 'FLYING ROLL' [H4039 מגילה megillâh - Note: It is a "ROLL" NOT a scroll ► ie. "missile"]
the length thereof is twenty cubits (approx. 34 feet)
& the breadth thereof ten cubits (ie. circumference " ... line cast about " -- diameter approx. 5 - 6 feet)
- v3 - Then said he unto me, This is 'THE CURSE' [H423 אלה' âlâh]
that goeth forth over the face of **THE WHOLE EARTH** (nuclear war)
for every one that 'stealeth' shall be cut off [perish]
as on this side according to it & every one that 'swareth' shall be cut off [perish] as on that side
- v4 - I will bring 'IT' forth, saith the LORD of hosts
and 'IT' shall enter into the house of the thief
and into the house of him that 'swareth falsely by my name' (false religion)
and 'IT' (ie. 'nuclear radiation') shall remain in the midst of his house
and shall consume it with the timber thereof & the stones thereof (ie. 'nuclear radiation')
- v5 - Then the angel that talked with me went forth and said unto me,
Lift up now thine eyes and see what is 'THIS' that goeth forth.
- v6 - And I said, What is 'IT'? And he said, 'THIS' is an 'ephah' (ie. 'basket' approx. 40 Litre ~ "payload")
that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is 'THEIR resemblance' through all the earth.
- v7 - And, behold, there was lifted up a 'talent of LEAD' (ie. 'Uranium 235')
& this is 'A WOMAN' (Heb. H801/802 "ishshah" - BURNT / FIRE offering) that sitteth in the midst of the ephah
- v8 - And he said, This is 'wickedness'. And he cast 'IT' into the midst of the ephah (ie. 'nuclear trigger')
and he cast the weight of LEAD (ie. uranium) upon the mouth thereof.
- v9 - Then lifted I up mine eyes and looked and behold,
there came out 'two women' (ie. 'BURNT / FIRE offerings' - Heb. H801/802 "ishshah")
the wind was 'in their wings'; For they had 'wings' like the wings of a stork
and they lifted up the ephah ('basket / payload') between the earth and the heaven (ie. 'stratosphere')
- v10 - Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither (where to..) do these bear the ephah?
- v11 - And he said unto me, To build it 'an house' in the land of Shinar (Babylon ~ ie. 'The World')
and it shall be established and set there upon her own base

The use of metaphoric and symbolic language , so masterfully woven into scripture , is a key feature that has allowed these prophecies to be written thousands of years ago , yet also ensured that so many of them would only come to be ‘ fully understood ’ with the passing of time , when the time was right in God’s eyes. It is a truly unique aspect of scripture and an unmistakable testament to its divine authorship , that the gradual ‘ rolling out ’ of His plan and purpose has been facilitated over vast expanses of time through these ancient *allusions* and *analogies*. We can look to many other bible passages which further illustrate the use of this ‘ *hidden* ’ but purposeful language in God’s Word.

A simple , but powerful example of this is found in **Jeremiah Ch. 51** . This is a chapter and prophecy that has a clear outworking in the present age as we now see in current world events , the ‘ *Medes* ’ (modern day ‘ *Iran* ’) rising to the fore just prior to Armageddon , but also (as noted in this chapter) with both hostile and hegemonic intentions towards its neighbour Iraq (ancient Babylon). Similarly and absolutely consistent with the Iranians we see today (who arguably , more than any other nation have an ‘ *obsessive pre-occupation* ’ with missiles and rocket technology) the prophet Jeremiah actually describes these people making ‘ *BRIGHT the arrows* ’. Writing thousands of years ago of the ancient Medes , the mention of perhaps ‘ torch-lighting ’ a primitive arrow would be entirely normal and appropriate in such a context. Yet this figurative analogy also presents an amazing *long-sighted vision* (that has remained undetected and misunderstood for millennia) of the fearful ‘ weapons technology ’ that would ultimately be developed and used in the future. It will be this technology foreseen so long ago , that will be the principle delivery vehicle to this looming ‘ *nuclear war* ’ at the end of time.

Importantly , it is also noted that whilst Jeremiah 51 v11 describes these destructive evils ‘ *unleashed by man* ’ , it is nevertheless characterised and explained by the prophet as “ . . . *because it is the VENGEANCE OF THE LORD* ” indicating these are in fact ‘ *divine judgments* ’ upon the people.

JEREMIAH Ch. 51

v11 - Make " *bright* " **THE ARROWS** (*missiles*) ; *gather the shields* :
 the LORD hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the *Medes* (*Iranians*)
 for his device is against *Babylon* (*Iraq*) to destroy it ;
 because it is the ‘ *vengeance of the LORD . . .* ’

ZECHARIAH CH. 14

We have already seen the use of the phrase “ **THE CURSE** ” in the apocalyptic contexts of *Isaiah 24* and *Zechariah 5*. Another prophecy widely accepted as having a ‘ *latter days* ’ application is **Zechariah 14**. In fact, it’s one of the signature passages often held out as bible evidence to support the idea a nuclear war is coming , with its haunting description (**v.12**) of men’s ‘ *flesh , tongues and eyes* ’ consuming away while they stand on their feet. It is graphic imagery that certainly does lend weight to the nuclear war concept. However , most importantly in the very same verse , this grievous affliction that consumes these men is actually called “ **THE PLAGUE** ”. This simply cannot be ‘ a coincidence ’ when we consider the thematic links between these prophecies (*The Curse / The Plague / The Pestilence*). In fact , the term “ **THE PLAGUE** ” is used repeatedly in this chapter (v12, v15 x2) as if to underscore its importance. In Zechariah 14 the original Hebrew word for ‘ **THE PLAGUE** ’ is :

H4046 מגפה *maggêphâh mag-gay-faw*’ From **H5062** ; ‘ **a pestilence** ’ ; by analogy *defeat* : - *plague (-d), slaughter, stroke*

The translation here of the word **PLAGUE** as “ **a pestilence** ” is quite uncommon and different to the majority of translations for ‘ *Plague* ’ throughout scripture wherein most instances have a primary meaning of a ‘ *personal* ’ wound , stroke or sore pertaining to leprosy. Whereas all 3 instances Zechariah 14 use this Hebrew word for ‘ *plague* ’ that relates to a ‘ collective affliction , a *widespread slaughter or defeat resulting from a pestilence / plague* ’ which is entirely applicable to nuclear war.

Verse 12 and **15** also highlight there is no distinction between man and beast, **both** are mortally effected by this “ **PLAGUE** ”. So we can see the chilling parallels between the effects of ‘ **THE CURSE** ’ (both in Zechariah 5 & Isaiah 24) and also the ‘ **THE PLAGUE** ’ (Zech 14) and their accuracy and consistency of detail with modern nuclear war are undeniable. It is also critical to note in **Zechariah 14** the contextual backdrop to this ‘ **PLAGUE** ’. **Verses 13-14** make perfectly clear at the ‘ same time ’ this nuclear ‘ **PLAGUE** ’ happens , there is also ‘ *widespread conflict* ’ between men, as the nations fight against each other at Jerusalem. This further underlines that this “ **PLAGUE** ” is the direct ‘ by-product ’ of man , not God.

ZECHARIAH Ch. 14

- v12 - This shall be 'THE PLAGUE' which the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem
 Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet
 and their tongue shall consume away
 and their eyes shall consume away in their holes
- v13 - And it shall come to pass IN THAT DAY, that a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them ;
 and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour
 and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour
- v14 - And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem and the wealth of all the heathen (nations) round about
 shall be gathered together, gold and silver and apparel in great abundance.
- v15 - And so shall be 'THE PLAGUE' of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass,
 and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents AS THIS 'PLAGUE' .

So we have examined **Isaiah 24**, **Zechariah 5** and **Zechariah 14** which all speak of this coming man-made nuclear nightmare in metaphorical terms, each prophet describing it as "THE CURSE", "THE PESTILENCE" or "THE PLAGUE". Likewise in each of these cases, the translations relate back to often exceptionally uncommon (but highly specific) Hebrew words that portray flawlessly this '**nuclear war**' scenario. This incredible level of specificity - that has been masterfully hidden in God's Word for literally '*thousands of years*' - has NOT happened by chance. It is undeniably '*by design*' and represents the indelible marque of 'divine' authorship.

Which brings us to - **PSALM 91** - perhaps the '**most astonishing**' revelation concerning this subject of bible prophecy.

As stated earlier this Psalm is among the most well-known and cherished of all Psalms that has provided countless generations of believers with encouragement and spiritual re-assurance. When we are overwhelmed with life or feeling overcome with emotion it is an one of a handful of beloved bible passages that we all go to, for comfort and strength in times of trouble. Yet do we **REALLY KNOW** what it is truly pointing to (prophetically)? Could it be speaking specifically of '**THE FINAL**' TIME OF TROUBLE ?? And does it '**reveal FAR MORE**' than we had ever previously understood ??

Let us consider **THE 'UNREVEALED' TRUTH** behind this amazing Psalm.

PSALM 91

Verses 1 & 2 - The Psalm opens with the well-known and enduring words that so expressively describe the LORD's comfort and protection during times of trial and tribulation. Yet there is clearly implied a **future tense** within these verses with the use of phrases "shall abide" "I will say" and "will I trust". If this is speaking of a specific future event, the references to the "secret place of the most High" and "shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty" do echo of other bible passages that also speak of a 'place of sanctuary' being provided by God during the final 'Time of Trouble'

We would suggest this is a further expansion on other sections of God's Word that speak of the '*gathering of saints*' (believers) into a '*secret place of protection*' as the world spirals into its darkest hour.

PSALM 27 v5 - For in the '**TIME OF TROUBLE**' he shall hide me in his pavilion :
 in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me ;
 he shall set me up upon a rock.

ISAIAH 26 v20 - Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers,
 and shut thy doors about thee : hide thyself as it were for a little moment,
 until '**THE INDIGNATION**' (Great Tribulation) be overpast

ZEPHANIAH 3v18 - I will **GATHER THEM** (believers) that are 'sorrowful' for **the solemn assembly**,
 who are of thee (Israel), to whom the reproach of it was a burden.

PSALM 18 v19 - He brought me forth also into ' A LARGE PLACE ' ;
he delivered me , because he delighted in me.

Given the context of this future outworking , from exactly **WHAT EVENT** are the ' *upright in heart* ' being removed from ? The verses that follow in **Psalm 91** are of particular interest , and providing stunning metaphorical language that points once again to the certainty of nuclear war around the world.

Verse 3 & 4 ... As ' *the righteous* ' are secreted away from the catastrophic events engulfing the world , in **Verse 4** we are given an important clue as to the nature of the crisis befalling humanity , when the Psalmist describes this latter day curse as a " **NOISOME PESTILENCE** ". While the preceding adjective " *noisome* " simply means annoying , perverse or odorous , the critical element is the noun " **PESTILENCE** ". Throughout scripture there is never any variation (*nor* ambiguity) in the meaning of this Hebrew word. In **EVERY** instance it is ' *consistently* ' used in the same manner and with the identical meaning (as per Strong's Concordance - below)

' PESTILENCE '

H1698 דבר *deber* *deh'-ber* From **H1696** (in the sense of destroying) ; ' **a pestilence** ' : - murrain , pestilence , plague

COMPARE THIS ... to the Hebrew translation for the word " **PLAGUE** " as we previously examined in **Zechariah 14**.

' PLAGUE '

H4046 מגפה *maggêphâh* *mag-gay-faw'* From **H5062** ; ' **a pestilence** ' ; by analogy *defeat* : - **plague** (-d), slaughter, stroke

They are literally identical in the Hebrew. The words " **THE PESTILENCE** " and " **THE PLAGUE** " are ' *interchangeable* ' in their meaning and context. If the reader has any doubt as to the validity of the interchangeability of these two words then in **Psalm 91 v 6** the word " **Pestilence** " is repeated yet again - while just 4 verses later - **verse 10** further underlines their similitude by also introducing " **THE PLAGUE** " in the same context. When we recall the unmistakable language in **Isaiah 24** , **Zechariah 5** and **Zechariah 14** (wherein " **THE CURSE** ", " **THE PESTILENCE** " or " **THE PLAGUE** " are all mentioned) each prophecy clearly paints a picture of this nuclear war in the last days. With multiple references to both " **THE PESTILENCE** " and " **THE PLAGUE** " there can be **NO** doubt **Psalm 91** is also chronicling the same terrible event described in the other three prophecies. As this horrific ' *pestilence* ' (in verse 3) devastates the earth and all its inhabitants, **Verse 4** once again reassures ' *the faithful* ' of the LORD's overshadowing care and protection through the great tribulation.

Verse 5 & 6 then provide ' **overwhelming proof** ' that this prophecy - like those previously examined - is unquestionably detailing nuclear warfare. **Verse 5** alone details two deadly threats that would otherwise strike fear into citizens everywhere were it not for God's promise of His overshadowing protection. " **THE ARROW that flieth by day** " and the " **TERROR BY NIGHT** ". Obviously , both references are not literal , but rather figurative or metaphorical. Visualised 2,500 years ago , the imagery of a ' *deadly arrow in flight* ' is the perfect representation of missiles today in the 21st century and in this respect **Psalm 91** is absolutely consistent in its ' visual portrayal ' with the previous prophecies we have looked at.

So what do we deduce from the ' **TERROR BY NIGHT** ' that is coupled with ' *the arrow* ' in **Verse 5** ?? We only have to look to the land of Israel in recent years to understand exactly what terror the Psalmist is alluding to here. With the endless



hostilities between Israel and the Palestinians , we know the Jewish people live in a constant state of fear and trepidation , particularly at night with barrages of rockets and missiles being continually fired over the border by terror groups such as Hamas. This ' **terror** ' is amplified considerably at night. Families in their homes unable to sleep for fear of these deadly and indiscriminate rockets roaring out of the dead of night to reign down terror on their homes. We've often seen the news reports of panic and fear amid the darkness, emergency sirens wailing across Israeli cities, as ' *bright* ' glowing rockets streak across the heavens to deliver their evil tidings on the Jewish people. Can there be any shadow of doubt this is the ' **TERROR BY NIGHT** ' delivered by these ' *fiery* ' arrows ??

In **Verse 6** we are presented with two further elements which speak to the **aftermath** of nuclear warfare , that is ' **radiation** ' or ' **radioactive fallout** '. Firstly, the Psalmist says not to be afraid of " **THE PESTILENCE that walks in**

darkness ” As in prior instances , we again have a clear reference to ‘ **the pestilence** ’, highlighting the capacity for this nuclear radiation to be a ‘ **mass killer** ’. Similarly, the following phrase “ *nor for THE DESTRUCTION that wasteth at noonday* ” reveals the ‘ **destructive capacity** ’ of both thermal and ionising radiation from a nuclear blast that renders the target area utterly devastated and uninhabitable for generations. Just think of Chernobyl or Fukushima. Irrespective of whether it occurs ‘ *in darkness - or - at noonday* ’ we see the deadly and destructive effects of nuclear war will prevail.

Verse 7 & 8 - All the passages we have considered so far are ominous warnings of the ‘ certainty ’ of a coming nuclear war. However , even if the accumulated evidence presented to this point were still not enough for even the most intransigent sceptic to be totally convinced , then **Verse 7** of this ancient prophecy must certainly cross this threshold. This verse , written by the Psalmist more than ‘ *two thousand* ’ years ago , is a striking statement to the ‘ enormity ’ of these events and we notice here , the scale is measured - quite confrontingly - by the loss of human life. The verse states :

“ A THOUSAND shall fall at thy side ... and TEN THOUSAND at thy right hand ”..

Please think about this for a moment. Clearly this points to a ‘ **multiplicity** ’ of events resulting in varying levels of death and destruction , wherein ‘ *thousands* ’ perish according to the magnitude of that immediate event. A thousand here , and ten thousand there. Not until the advent of the industrial age and the invention of conventional , atomic and (then) nuclear bombs , could such scales of man-made slaughter in any single event have EVER been conceived of. Up until the 20th century there was simply NO means , NOR any mechanism (outside of divine power) to effect the ‘ instantaneous ’ death of so many people at once. These startling details revealed by the Psalmist fit intrinsically with the countless arsenals of ‘ **nuclear missiles** ’ around the globe today that widely possess divergent sizes , potencies and blast capacities.

In **Verse 7** ‘ *the faithful* ’ are then explicitly reassured ‘ **IT** ’ (**nuclear war**) shall NOT come near to them. This is an utterly stunning revelation that we hinted at earlier in this document. ‘ *Humanly speaking* ’ this is not only improbable , but obviously quite impossible. The **SELECTIVE PROTECTION** of ‘ **believers** ’ in the midst of a full-scale nuclear war !! It is however an unbreakable promise made by God himself to ‘ *the faithful* ’ whereby if they are among ‘ *those who believe and trust in God* ’ they will be ‘ *protected* ’ from the catastrophic effects of this nuclear inferno that will soon engulf the world.

[Knowing these events **ARE** coming , imagine **how ‘ powerful ’** this comfort and assured protection would be to ‘ *interested friends* ’ in our lectures and seminars , as they consider their own families’ fate amid these fearful and perilous times ahead]

Furthermore , in **Verse 8** ‘ *the faithful* ’ are also told ‘ *they themselves* ’ will actually witness “ *with thine eyes ... the reward of the wicked* ”. A clear and unambiguous reference to the ‘ *final judgments* ’ upon the nations - the ‘ *cleansing* ’ of the earth - wherein all ungodliness and wickedness will be forever wiped away.

[NOTE : Some may suggest there is a contradiction here ... While some bible passages (ie. Zech 5 / Psalm 91) suggest the faithful believers will ‘ *remain in the world* ’ (and in their houses) but will be **PROTECTED** from the deadly effects of this global nuclear conflict - while other passages (ie. Psa 27v5 / Isa 26v20 / Zeph 3v18 / Psa 18v19) do ‘ seem ’ to point to the faithful believers being removed to a place of safety (sanctuary) away from this world-wide inferno.

These two possibilities are **not** necessarily ‘ *mutually exclusive* ’. It is conceivable and perhaps quite probable that both are true , that the ‘ *faithful followers* ’ of Christ do remain through a large period of the ‘ *time of trouble* ’ witnessing much of the death and destruction (as explicitly told) and are only removed towards the end , as these events near their crescendo.]

Verse 9 & 10 - Finally the Psalmist in **Verse 9** takes the time to explain the reasons **WHY** ‘ *the faithful* ’ will obtain such a blessed manner of care and privilege during this coming period of world-wide chaos. The Psalmist does this in the most amazing and peculiar manner , leaving no doubt (whatsoever) that the prophecies of **Zechariah 5** and **Psalm 91** have been inextricably woven together by the LORD for the same intended purpose , to fore-warn and strengthen ‘ *the faithful* ’.

Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High ‘ THY HABITATION ’

There shall NO EVIL befall thee ... neither shall ANY PLAGUE ... come nigh ‘ THY DWELLING ’

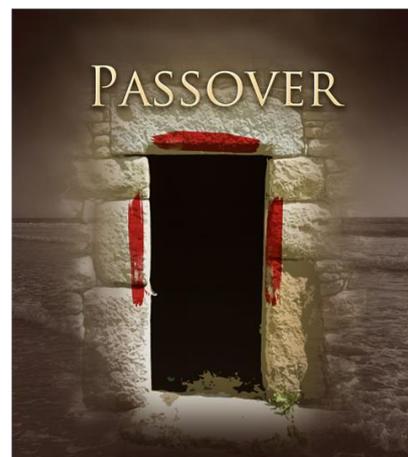
As the Psalmist commends ‘ *the faithful* ’ for making God their ‘ *their habitation* ’ he re-introduces the same unusual feature used ‘ uniquely ’ in the nuclear war prophecy of **Zechariah 5**. We considered at length the sudden change of context in Zechariah when - as he was outlining the ‘ global ’ implications of this coming war - the prophet then strangely zeroed down to a ‘ *domestic - or- household* ’ level , focusing (almost microscopically) on the ‘ *house -or- dwellings* ’ of the people.

The Psalmist adopts this **exact same approach** to conclude his vision by - *not once, but twice* - referring to the individual's house ("*thy habitation*" / "*thy dwelling*"). It seems this has been done not only to 'personalise' the message to the individual believer, but also to stamp a direct and irrefutable connection between these two end-time prophecies.

Even beyond this remarkable link, in the same verse the Psalmist also once again raises the spectre of "**THE PLAGUE**" - the same symbolic metaphor used widely in the prophecies examined. Interestingly though, unlike the prior instances where the Hebrew word for "*plague*" meaning a '*collective or mass killer*' was used, in this instance in **Psalm 91** the alternative Hebrew word for "*plague*" is used, meaning a '*personal wound, stroke or spot* (.. as in a leprous sore)'. This vastly different change of meaning for '*plague*' is therefore completely in line with the new '*household*' perspective adopted by the Psalmist and again underlines that no '*personal harm*' will come to the household of '*the faithful*'.

THE PASSOVER ... A TYPE OF A 'GREATER EVENT' YET TO COME

If we look to the '*very earliest*' bible references to "**THE PLAGUE**" in Exodus 11 & 12, yet *another stunning parallel* can be found, wherein the LORD pronouncing judgment upon the Egyptians, He promised protection to his people through the covenant of '**THE PASSOVER**'. We know the '*blood of the lamb*' painted upon the doorposts and lintels brought salvation to the individuals within '**THAT HOUSEHOLD**' as the '**angel of death**' passed overhead. As we consider the terrible spectre of this approaching '*nuclear war*' unleashed by man, is it just coincidence that Psalm 91 (*also speaking in the context of "THE PLAGUE"*) details the 'exact same' *divine protection* **WITHIN THE HOUSES** of '*the faithful*' during this final '*Time of Trouble*' ?

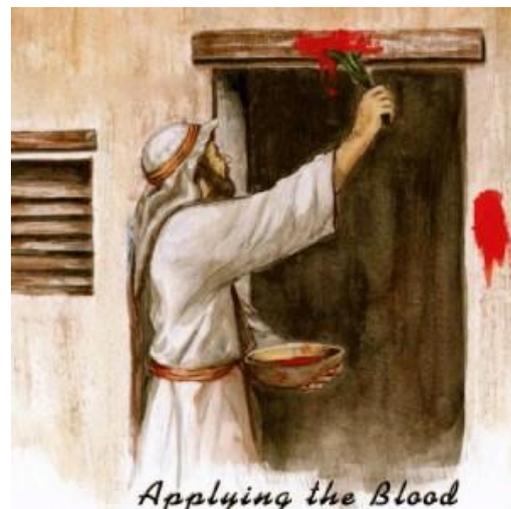


EXODUS 12

v12 - For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite 'all the firstborn' in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against 'all the gods' of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

v13 - And the blood shall be to you for a token UPON THE HOUSES where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will 'pass over' you, and "THE PLAGUE" shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt

v23 - For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will 'pass over' the door, and will NOT suffer '**the destroyer**' to come in UNTO YOUR HOUSES to smite you.



Interestingly, in Exodus 12 the angel executing this judgment is also described as "**the destroyer**" [**H7843** שחַתַּת *shâchath* A primitive root; **to decay**, that is (*causatively*) **ruin** (literally or figuratively) :- **destroy** (-er, -uction), **spoiler**, utterly, waste]

This term "**the destroyer**" is '*almost unique*' in all the bible. In only '**ONE**' other bible passage can this exact form be found. It is in Jeremiah 4 v7. In speaking *unmistakably* of the Russian '*Gog*' of the last days who will descend as an "**evil from the north**" upon Judah and Jerusalem, the prophet labels this foreboding end-times figure as "**the destroyer**" [**H7843** שחַתַּת *shâchath*] *of the Gentiles*". We know from countless other prophecies that Vladimir Putin - with the world's largest arsenal of nuclear weapons - will be the chief protagonist in the events leading up to (and including ..) **Armageddon**. He will be '**the destroyer**', appointed by God as the '**agent of death**' to execute *His* righteous judgments upon the nations. **JUST as it was in Egypt**. Similarly, as this approaching nuclear "**PLAGUE**" consumes the earth, it will be '**the faithful**' (*in Christ*) who will be afforded comfort and protection **WITHIN** the sanctuary **of THEIR HOUSES**. Once again **JUST as it was in Egypt**. And **EXACTLY** as described in Psalm 91. Surely in this we see ... God's Ways change not !!

A consistent feature of God's Word is that events in the Old Testament not only provide historical accounts of the past, but often foreshadow **greater, more significant** outworkings and fulfilments in the future, particularly in the 'end-times'. How remarkable and fitting that '**the Passover**' as recorded in the Book of Exodus, is not simply an ancient 'one-off' event from former times, but rather - for '**the faithful**' living in the very last days - a timely warning of catastrophic events soon to come? Such are the unsearchable ways of our Heavenly Father.

Within '**the Passover**' there are so many 'forward-pointing' parallels that speak conclusively to this event also having a latter-day fulfilment. The terms '**Egypt**' or '**the Egyptians**' we know are frequently and deliberately used throughout scripture as a broader, all-encompassing reference to '**the world**' and '**all nations**' in all their ungodliness and idolatry. *Is this parallel terminology just random chance -or- by purposeful design?*

We know the original Passover was a *merciful act* on God's part to save His people and ultimately deliver them from their captivity and bondage in Egypt. So it will be with '**the faithful**' in the last days. As we each wage a daily mortal struggle against the evils of **the world** (Egypt) we know we also shall soon be delivered from our own bondage and captivity (to sin) but **not before** the divinely appointed '**end-times angel of death**' (Vladimir Putin) executes the LORD's righteous judgments upon the nations. It will be from these global atrocities (largely in the form of nuclear annihilation) that '**the faithful**' will be preserved in their dwellings / homes. **JUST as it was in Egypt** . . & again **EXACTLY** as described in Psalm 91.

Furthermore, under the Mosaic Law the captive Israelites were specifically instructed to paint the '**blood of the Lamb**' upon their door posts as a protection against "**THE PLAGUE**" sent forth by the angel of death. Yet we know the Mosaic Law was later done away with by the Lord Jesus Christ. It is for this reason that during this final '**Passover**' there will be **no requirement** for '**the faithful**' to literally and physically paint the *blood of the Lamb* upon our door posts and lintels, rather it will be our **personal 'covenant relationship' with Christ** that will be the life-saving covering that will provide assurance and protection in the midst of this coming nuclear holocaust.

PSALM 91

- v1 - *He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*
- v2 - *I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress : my God; in him will I trust.*
- v3 - *Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the **NOISOME PESTILENCE***
- v4 - *He shall cover thee with his feathers & under his wings shalt thou trust his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.*
- v5 - *Thou shalt not be afraid for the '**TERROR BY NIGHT**' nor for '**THE ARROW**' that *flieth* by day*
- v6 - *Nor for '**THE PESTILENCE**' that walketh in darkness (ie.'nuclear radiation') nor for '**THE DESTRUCTION**' that '*wasteth*' at noonday (ie.'nuclear radiation')*
- v7 - *'**A THOUSAND**' shall fall at thy side, and '**TEN THOUSAND**' at thy right hand but '**IT**' shall not come nigh thee*
- v8 - *Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the '**reward of the wicked.**'*
- v9 - *Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, THY HABITATION*
- v10 - *There shall **NO EVIL** befall thee, neither shall any '**PLAGUE**' come nigh THY DWELLING*

Truly, a most remarkable Psalm. It is worthwhile to 'pause for a moment' and digest the full spectrum and alignment of metaphors and analogies brought together in this one small Psalm, which in concert vividly portray a full understanding of the shocking events to come. For the '**upright in heart**' who trust in God, this Psalm does (and will) provide the ultimate comfort, re-assurance and protection during the unprecedented and terrifying events soon to explode across the whole earth as "**THE CURSE / PLAGUE / PESTILENCE**" (foretold so long ago) devours the nations & consumes their peoples

2. **“THE FIRE & THE FLAME” . . . IN THE DAY OF THE LORD (RECURRING ‘METAPHORICAL’ THEMES)**

Another consistent theme repeatedly used in these apocalyptic end-times prophecies is **“THE FIRE and THE FLAME”**. While these references are often understood to be the product of ‘*divine judgment*’ (through the **forces of nature**), we would contend that , in the vast majority of passages these are accurate and vivid depictions of the evil that ‘*mankind*’ will soon unleash on himself (in the form of **nuclear war**). We will consider a ‘lengthy’ series of bible passages to illustrate this.

However , even a consideration of the terms **“FIRE”** and **“FLAME”** and their ancient Hebrew meanings provide no less than a **“breath-taking”** level of evidence that categorically proves beyond ‘any doubt’ that God’s Word is clearly fore-warning of this approaching ‘*nuclear nightmare*’. Throughout the *many* old testament passages where the **“THE FIRE”** and **“THE FLAME”** are used together, the same Hebrew words for ‘*Fire*’ and ‘*Flame*’ are used (in almost every instance)

As will be immediately noticed [below] , the word for **“FIRE”** is translated from the **identical** Hebrew word (**H784**) that was also the primary root for the word **“FIRE”** in the ‘*nuclear war prophecy*’ of Zechariah Ch.5 (which was mis-translated as ‘*woman*’). While the use of this same Hebrew word may not be surprising, it does display the unwavering consistency of scripture (when translated correctly) in all the prophecies that describe these ‘*nuclear events*’ during the final tribulation.

“FIRE” - **H784** **אש** 'ēsh *aysh* A primitive word ; **fire** (literally or figuratively) : - *burning , fiery , fire , flaming , hot*

Even more astonishing is the translation for the word **“FLAME”** in these occurrences where **“Fire and Flame”** are used in conjunction with each other. As will be seen in the Strong’s Concordance renderings below , the Hebrew word (used in almost every instance) is **H3852** that actually means **“a flaming head [of a spear]”**. Simply staggering !

“FLAME” - **H3852** **להבה** lehabāh *leh-aw-baw'*, Feminine of **H3851** meaning the same : - **flame** (-ming), **head [of a spear]** - **H3851** **להב** lahab *lah'-hab* From an unused root meaning ‘*to gleam , a flash*’ ; figuratively **a sharply polished blade** or **point of a weapon** : - *blade , bright , flame , glittering*

When we consider the reality of a nuclear war and (the design and configuration of) the missiles that will be used , we could not ask for a more accurate and emblematic representation than a **‘spear . . . with a flaming / fiery head’** (or tip) !! This perfectly detailed ‘*word-picture*’ of these modern day weapons is actually found ‘in’ the Hebrew meaning for **FLAME**. All the more remarkable when we remember these extraordinary words and visions were written by an ancient prophet . . . well over 2,000 years ago !!

In only 3 instances is the alternative meaning **H3851** for ‘**FLAME**’ used. These also define a visual ‘*flash*’ (or *gleam*) from a sharply polished blade - or - point of a weapon (ie. spear / arrow) further underlining the allusion to a man-made ‘*weapon*’ that actually delivers the ‘**FIRE**’ (**H784**). So we see **“THE FLAME”** is not merely a bland ‘*repetitive description*’ echoing the meaning of **“THE FIRE”** each time , but rather a separate and highly specific word-picture. Accordingly , as we proceed through an examination of passages wherein these two words are used together , these deeper underlying meanings and their visual imagery need to be remembered when reading of **“THE FIRE”** and **“THE FLAME”**.

PROPHECY of JOEL (Ch’s 1 – 2)

We are all familiar with this short and explosive prophecy that is unquestionably describing the final tumultuous events in the lead up to (and the events of) the ‘*Day of the LORD*’. The clearly defined pretext is established in **Joel 1 v 6** wherein Yahweh through his prophet Joel declares . . . **“For A NATION (ie. Russia) is come upon my land (Israel)”**. Further on in **Verse 12** , the involvement of ‘*all nations*’ in this *impending battle* is distinctly implied through the symbolic reference to the vine and **“ALL THE TREES of the field”**.

JOEL 1

v15 - *Alas for THE DAY ! for the DAY OF THE LORD is at hand and ‘AS’ a destruction from the Almighty shall it come*

v19 - *O LORD, to thee will I cry : for ‘THE FIRE’ hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness → **H784** “Fire” and ‘THE FLAME’ hath burned all the trees of the field. → **H3852** “Flame (-ming), Head of a SPEAR”*

v20 - The beasts of the field cry also unto thee : for the rivers of waters are dried up
and ' **THE FIRE** ' hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

→ **H784** " Fire "

But of vital importance is in **Verse 15** the ' proclamation ' of the arrival of the ' Day of the LORD '. This pronouncement is then immediately followed by ' a simile ' (" AS "). This simile is crucial because it ' qualifies ' the nature and origin of this event. Repeatedly mentioned in **vs. 19-20** " **THE FIRE** " and " **THE FLAME** " are compared to " a destruction from the Almighty " by the prophet deliberately inserting the word " AS ". The correct sense should be , it's " AS if " this destruction was sent by God himself. We can therefore reasonably conclude that this is NOT ' fires and flames ' sent direct from the heavens by God (or even from volcanoes etc.) but when considered in the accompanying context of Joel Ch.2 and also the deeper meaning of the words " **THE FIRE** and **THE FLAME** " (previously discussed) , this passage is speaking solely and indisputably of a cataclysmic war (ie. nuclear) between the forces of men. .

Similarly , every aspect of **Joel Ch.2** also points undeniably to the references of " **THE FIRE** " and " **THE FLAME** " being the evil ' **by-product** ' of man's weapons of war (ie. missiles). In **Vs.1** the ' blowing of the trumpet ' and ' sounding of an alarm ' are age old Hebrew practices to herald the beginning of a battle ' between armies '. At length this chapter speaks of the actors " a great people and a strong " , " their appearance . . . as horsemen . . . and horses " , " the northern army " , " with **FIRE** that devours before THEM " and " **FLAME** that burns after THEM " , all indicators that this is a formidable army , who themselves possess the power of " **THE FIRE** " and " **THE FLAME** " . . . harnessed principally in the form of missiles.

Similarly , all the ' sensory effects ' catalogued in **Joel Ch. 2** are also the direct results of man-made explosive detonations - whether nuclear weapons or conventional. The prophet Joel paints a bleak picture of the ' darkness and gloominess ' , ' clouds and thick darkness ' , ' the noise of chariots ' , ' the noise of a flame of fire ' , a ' devouring fire ' and ' burning flame ' all of which renders the wilderness ' desolate '. All these elements are a vivid description of the after-effects of a military conflict. So even in **Joel 2** there appears to be simply no scope for ' fires or flames of judgment ' coming directly from God or the unleashing of the forces of nature , at least UNTIL after **Verses 15-16** (appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ and the glorified saints) and **Verse 20** (the removal of the ' northern ' army) onwards.

JOEL 2

2v1 - Blow ye the trumpet in Zion & sound an alarm in my holy mountain :
let all the inhabitants of the land tremble:
for **THE DAY OF THE LORD** cometh , for it is nigh at hand . . .

v2 - A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness,
as the morning spread upon the mountains ;
a great people & a strong ; there hath not been ever the like,
neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations

v3 - A ' FIRE ' devoureth before them ; and behind them ' A FLAME ' burneth
the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness

v4 - The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses ; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

v5 - Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap,
like ' **THE NOISE** ' of a **FLAME OF FIRE** that devoureth the stubble,
' as ' a strong people set in battle array

■ v11 ... And the LORD shall utter his voice **before HIS ARMY** : for his camp is very great :

■ v15 ... Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly :

■ v16 ... Gather the people, sanctify the congregation , assemble the elders , gather the children . . .
let **THE BRIDEGROOM go forth** of his chamber & the bride out of her closet

■ v20 ... But I will remove far off from you ' the northern army ' and will drive him into a land barren
and desolate with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part

So we have consistent and compelling evidence across a range of perspectives that point unwaveringly toward man's own culpability in these dreadful events. Therefore, while these events do constitute the '**DAY of the LORD**', we see through all these prophecies, the actual '*fiery judgments*' are principally carried out by man. Herein rests the irony and the lesson:

It is a hallmark of God's interactions with mankind that - rather than repeatedly meting out His divine punishments for man's wickedness and disobedience - the LORD will invariably allow His children to 'reap the consequences' of their own foolishness and ungodliness. If man forsakes the unsearchable wisdom of God's Ways, then he is condemned to suffer the consequences of both his own foolishness and ultimately God's righteous judgments upon this untoward and godless world. Should we expect the final judgments upon the 'kingdoms of men' to be administered any differently?

We also know that man's 'flawed nature' will render him utterly incapable of finding any lasting solutions to the morass of violence and death sweeping the globe . . . therefore necessitating the righteous and all-powerful intervention of the Lord Jesus Christ to put an end to the terminal death spiral that will soon threaten all humanity.



THE PROPHECIES of ISAIAH

We've already considered Isaiah's comprehensive 'end-times overview' in chapter 24 and the global conditions that will lead to "**THE CURSE**" devouring the earth, burning the inhabitants and leaving "few" behind. Yet, beyond **Isaiah Ch.24**, and throughout the full volume of prophecies contained within the book of Isaiah, there is a chain of revealing passages that further prove the blighted hand of man is the pre-eminent source behind this coming global carnage.

Right from the outset, in **Isaiah chapter 1** the prophet provides a clear and unbridled account of the end of '*those*' who disobey God, describing the common fate of the '*transgressors and sinners*' whose lot will be to "**BURN together**". This is **NOT** a reference as the misguided 'churches' would suggest, to the "unquenchable fires" of Hell or Purgatory, rather it is the end of days "**reward of the wicked**" as described in **Psalm 91**. This is the same '**discriminatory purging**' (previously discussed) of those who "*steal*" and "*swear falsely*" as declared by the prophet **Zechariah**. How appropriate and just that the 'godless' religious institutions that teach the '**mythological falsehoods**' such as the literal existence of '*The Devil*', '*Satan*' and the '*eternal fires . . . of Hell*' will indeed be destroyed "**by FIRE**" of man's own making. It will be through "**THE FIRE**" and "**THE FLAME**" of this catastrophic nuclear conflict that the vast majority of the (ungodly) inhabitants of the world will perish.

ISAIAH 1

v28 - And the '**DESTRUCTION**' of *the transgressors* and of *the sinners* shall be **TOGETHER**, and they that '**forsake**' the LORD shall be consumed.

v31 - And the strong shall be as **tow** ('*straw*'), and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both '**BURN TOGETHER**' and none shall quench them.

If we require more proof of this, **Isaiah chapter 9** provides additional commentary, specifically focusing on "**THE FIRE**". Once again, the context is critical. In **Verse 5** the prophet references '*the battle of the warrior*' anchoring the narrative in military conflict between armies. Further in **Verse 12** we have the prophetic details of the coming 'end-times' attack by the Syrians and the Philistines (Palestinians) on Israel, a conflict we may well be on the threshold of witnessing in 2019.

Verses 13-17 are a commentary of the faithlessness and ungodliness prevailing 'in the land' (of Israel) in the last days . . . before ' judgment comes ' in **Verses 18-19**. In these two verses we see the outbreak of conflict , characterised by ' fire / burning / smoke ' and the land being ' darkened ' (scorched). This ' fiery judgment ' in the form of war , will consume much of the aforementioned wickedness ' in the land '. In **Verse 19** we then have confirmation this is a conflict ' between men ' as Isaiah states :

“ **THE PEOPLE** shall be as **THE FUEL** of ' **THE FIRE** ' . . . **NO MAN** shall ' **SPARE HIS BROTHER** ”

Then **Verse 20** portrays the terrible aftermath ' in the land ' as anarchy and desperation overwhelm the people. So over and over we see the scriptural record pointing forward to the ' scourge of wars ' in the last days sweeping the earth and wreaking death and destruction. So it is **man's own evil deeds** being the ' just and righteous ' means Yahweh uses to recompense the disobedience and godlessness of mankind.

ISAIAH 9

v5 - For EVERY ' battle of the warrior ' is with confused ' NOISE ' ,
and garments rolled in blood;
but this shall be with ' BURNING ' and ' FUEL OF FIRE ' .

v18 - For ' WICKEDNESS ' burneth as THE FIRE : ' IT ' shall devour the briars and thorns,
and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest,
and they shall mount up like the lifting up of smoke

v19 - Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts is the land ' darkened ' (' scorched ')
and THE PEOPLE shall be as ' THE FUEL of THE FIRE '
NO MAN shall ' **SPARE HIS BROTHER** ' .

v20 - And he shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry ; and he shall eat on the left hand,
and they shall not be satisfied : they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm

In these approaching days of the ' final tribulations ' military conflicts between the nations will be widespread. We know the ' principle theatre of battle ' and the world's attention will be centred upon God's people Israel , as widely foretold in scripture. Israel's involvement will begin as a ' regional battle ' as it defends itself against hostile attacks from Syria and the Palestinians. Although she will prevail , we are told Israel will be ' greatly weakened ' afterwards. This will precipitate the next war. Israel's sudden vulnerability will be the **window of opportunity** Russia and its confederate host have waited for. Already positioned in the Middle East (in Syria , Iraq) Russia together with the nations enumerated in **Ezekiel 38** will seize upon this moment and upon on Israel.

In **Isaiah chapter 5** just a ' small handful ' of verses provide a highly detailed insight into these coming events : -

ISAIAH CH. 5

v24 - Therefore as ' **THE FIRE** ' devoureth the stubble → **H784** “ fire ”
and ' **THE FLAME** ' consumeth the chaff → **H3852** “ flame (-ming), head of a spear ”
so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust
BECAUSE they (Israel) have ' cast away ' THE LAW of the LORD of hosts
and ' despised ' THE WORD of the Holy One of Israel.

v25 - Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled ' against his people '
and he hath stretched forth his hand against them and hath smitten them
and the hills did tremble and their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets.

v26 - And he will lift up ' an ensign ' (Gog / Russia) to the nations ' from far '
and will hiss unto them ' from the end of the earth '
and behold , they (Russia-led nations) shall come ' with speed swiftly '

v27 - None shall be weary nor stumble among them;
 none shall slumber nor sleep;
 neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed,
 nor the latchet of their shoes be broken:

v28 - Whose 'ARROWS' are sharp, and all their 'BOWS' bent,
 their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint,
 and their wheels like 'A WHIRLWIND' (Russia)

v29 - Their roaring shall be like 'A LION' (Russia - 'latter-day Assyrian')
 they shall roar like young lions : yea, they shall roar,
 and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry it away safe, and none shall deliver it.

- **Verse 24** is a dramatic account of "THE FIRE and THE FLAME" that will precede these nations, (illustrating the fearful firepower that will be used) and then v.24 spells out Israel's sin that has invoked this 'judgment from God'.
- **Verse 25** (in light of God's righteous anger towards His people) further confirms this smiting of Israel is 'from God'
- **Verse 26** unveils 'the instrument' Yahweh will use to execute His righteous judgment upon Israel , through a series of revealing 'phrases' (when cross-referenced to many other bible passages) irrefutably identify '**Russia**'.
 - " from far " - (see also - Deut 28v49 , Isa 10v3 , Jer 5v15 , Hab 1v8)
 - " from the end of the earth " - (cp. Deut 28v49)
 - " they shall come with speed swiftly " - (cp. Deut 28v49 , Jer 4v13 , Lam 4v19 , Hab 1v8)
- **Verse 28** Once again, the use of familiar symbols 'ARROWS and BOWS' to foreshadow 'modern missiles' followed by yet another representation of **Russia** in the 'WHIRLWIND' ([see our article 'WHIRLWINDS of the LORD'](#))
- **Verse 29** Finally to seal the vision, Isaiah uses the symbol of a 'LION' as a fitting emblem for **Russia**, the power that will bring together the **military** might of the Assyrian Empire and the **religious/ecumenical** might of the Roman.

We note so many of these metaphorical allusions pointing to **Russia** (ie. Ensign , Whirlwind , Lion etc.) are in fact ALSO prefigurements of an even greater 'manifestation of power' yet to come , that being of the Lord Jesus Christ who will crush the Gogian host of nations and subsequently establish his kingdom and dominion over the whole earth.

Another interesting use of this term "THE FIRE" (H784) is found in **Isaiah Chapter 26**. Some translations of **Verse 11** do vary markedly, but the King James Version seems unambiguous when (concerning 'the source' of the fiery judgment) it states : "THE FIRE ' of THINE enemies ' shall devour them ". While some translations do offer alternative renderings [Webster's Bible Translation](#) also provides a near identical translation "THE FIRE of THY ENEMIES shall devour them".

Notwithstanding the wide variation in bible versions , the translations in both the KJV and Webster's do align quite perfectly with these "FIRES" coming from the 'enemies of Israel' (and of God) rather than 'fire' being cast down from heaven.

ISAIAH 26

v11 - LORD, when thy hand is lifted up, they will not see:
 but they shall see, and be ashamed for their envy at the people ;
 yea , THE FIRE ' of THINE enemies ' shall devour them.

Some may suggest that the phrase "LORD, when thy hand is lifted up" is indicative that this is only '**after**' the Lord's appearance to the world and His presence open and visible ; at a time when **ONLY** 'divine judgments' (via the Lord's hand) will be evident and prevailing over the 'kingdoms of men'. We would assert that this is not the case and such a view only creates a nuanced understanding of this passage. More accurately , we would submit the said statement , " when thy hand is lifted up . . ." is a '**figurative allusion**' to the LORD's 'providential' involvement and His divine will being incontestably 'active' in the grievous developments wracking the nations. It is another clear scriptural reference , warning that 'the world' will only see these global calamities solely as the product of man's own doings and will not recognise God's hand in these burgeoning events , nor see them as the long foretold 'pre-cursor' to Christ's imminent and glorious return.

PSALM 83

Similarly, **Psalm 83** provides a fascinating overview of these unfurling events that lead to the coming ' Day of the Lord '. This well-known Psalm is ' *the authoritative bible passage* ' that outlines the end-times ' conspiracy ' devised by Israel's neighbours to utterly eradicate the Jewish people. The words of the Psalmist are penned ' *as if* ' from the lips of these Arab co-conspirators as they discuss their heinous deeds and their plan to take possession of the Holy Places :

PSALM 83

v12 - Who said, Let us (*Arabs*) take to ourselves the houses of God in possession

v13 - O my God, make them like a wheel ; as the stubble before ' **THE WIND** '

v14 - As ' **THE FIRE** ' burneth a wood, and

→ **H784** " Fire "

as ' **THE FLAME** ' setteth the mountains on fire;

→ **H3852** " Flame (-ming), Head of a SPEAR "

v15 - So persecute them with ' **THY TEMPEST** ' (*Russia*)

and make them afraid with ' **THY STORM** ' (*Russia*)

In **verse 13** the Psalmist interjects and pleads to God to act on behalf of , and save His people. We see the same figurative language of " **THE FIRE** and **THE FLAME** " used , and (*by no means co-incidently*) it is then ' *coupled with* ' unmistakable symbolic references to Russia once again. Allusions to ' **THE WIND** , **THE TEMPEST** , **THE WHIRLWIND** ' are all very common and repeatedly found throughout scripture and point forward to Russia (. . . and ' ultimately ' to the Lord Jesus Christ). So what is made abundantly clear in **Psalm 83** is whatever ' *remnants* ' remain of these hostile anti-semite nations (after their defeat at the hands of Israel) will be persecuted and utterly consumed by " **THE FIRE** and **THE FLAME** " of these rampaging ' Russian-led ' armies that God has appointed to execute His vengeance.

In the midst of the long series of military battles that represent the great ' Time of Trouble ' , it is generally accepted that events in ' **SYRIA** ' will form a ' *major inflection point* ' and be the cataclysmic starting point (for Israel) that will lead to the ' Day of the LORD '. Since its spiral into chaos in 2011 and the brutal civil war that has raged ever since , **Syria** has turned into a geopolitical powder keg , with ' **well over 20 foreign nations** ' (including 2 global super-powers) vying militarily for power and strategic ascendancy within its borders. Several prophecies point to this Syrian crisis exploding very soon and unleashing world-wide chaos. Among the most notable of these is **Jeremiah Ch. 49** which provides a disturbing account of a catastrophic event soon to befall the 5,000 year old Syrian capital , such that the whole city will *no longer exist*.

JEREMIAH Ch. 49

v23 - Concerning **Damascus**. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad:

for they have heard *evil tidings* : they are fainthearted ;

there is **SORROW ON THE SEA** . . . it **CANNOT BE QUIET**

(*ie. ' sea-launched ' missiles*)

v24 - **Damascus** is waxed feeble, and turneth herself to flee,

and fear hath seized on her :

anguish and sorrows have taken her, as a woman in travail.

v25 - How is the city of praise **NOT LEFT**, the city of my joy !

v26 - Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets,

and all the men of war shall be *cut off* [*perish*] **IN THAT DAY**, saith the LORD of hosts.

v27 - And I will kindle ' **A FIRE** ' in the wall of **Damascus**

→ → **H784** " fire "

and ' **IT** ' shall consume the palaces of **Benhadad**.



So if we ' briefly analyse ' each verse , a whole new understanding emerges :

- **Verse 23** Based on reports from her sister cities of Hamath (*Hama*) and Arpad (*Aleppo*), a fearful sentence of doom is declared upon Syria's capital Damascus. An entire city is about to be destroyed.. Two cryptic clues are given ... " *There is SORROW on the sea* " and " *it CANNOT be quiet* ". Could these two peculiar phrases be describing ' *anything else* ' other than a ' *submarine-launched* ' ballistic missiles ??

- **Verse 24** Panic stricken at the news of its impending doom , the city of Damascus and its people are overcome and paralysed with fear.
- **Verse 25** The complete annihilation and destruction of Damascus. The event is not described. Only the aftermath. Quite simply , the ancient city is ' gone '.
- **Verse 26** A vision of '*mass slaughter*' of "*ALL the men of war*" in Damascus , consistent with the whole city being destroyed in one event. Once again - *other than divine power* - what other ' conceivable ' source of evil could wreak such a catastrophic scale of death and destruction in an instant ?? Could '*anything*' other than man-made ballistic / nuclear missiles be responsible ?? Also note carefully, the identical parallel phrase repeatedly used in **Zechariah 5** to describe the deaths of those killed by missiles ("*cut off* ") is used here of those who '*perish*'.
- **Verse 27** Acknowledgement by God Himself that it is actually '*HE*' who will ignite this "*FIRE*" in Damascus that will utterly consume the ancient walls and royal palaces found in her. Notice also , the pronoun describing this horrific event is labelled "*IT*", exactly as it was done consistently in the '*nuclear war prophecy*' that is found in **Zechariah 5** , when it '*consumed the houses*'.

Finally , from whence would this '*submarine-launched*' nuclear missile come from ?? While it is difficult to foresee a scenario where Russia would attack and destroy the capital city of its own long-standing ally Syria , this devastating vision is found '*in the middle*' of Jeremiah Ch's 46 to 51 which detail the destructive path of the latter-day Assyrian in the last days.

There is also a compelling biblical and geopolitical case that could be made for another nation being the destroyer of Damascus. What other '*nuclear-armed*' nation would have the geopolitical circumstances , the conviction , the resolve and the courage to launch such a catastrophic strike against the capital city of Syria , knowing the Russian behemoth is both a staunch ally and fierce protector of Syria ?? Could it be any nation other than Israel ?? This is not without precedence. In recent months , despite vigorous protestations and even threats from both Russia and Iran , Israel has been frequently bombing Syrian and Iranian militia targets within Syrian territory. Moreover, accounts in Isaiah Ch's 9 and 17 also describe Damascus being reduced to a "*ruinous heap*" amid a war between Israel and Syria/Philistines (Palestinians). While there are strong arguments for both possibilities , the evidence for both remains in-conclusive and , as such any determination of this aspect would be '*speculative*' and outside the immediate purpose of this article.

PROPHECY of AMOS

Since the Arab Spring of 2011 , Syria has been a bloodbath. A continuing cycle of violence , death and destruction on an unimaginable scale. Yet more fateful events still await her. Events that will spread '*like a wildfire*' through the region , and ultimately the world. With Syria and its capital Damascus being the long-prophesied '*ground zero*' for this coming global descent into chaos , in the prophecy of **Amos Ch. 1 & 2** we are given 'the actual sequence' of events that will follow.

Just like the '*many*' prior instances of "*THE FIRE*" being used as a figurative representation for military conflict and war , it is also the '*centrepiece*' of this prophecy. In Amos 1 & 2 we are presented with a string of events (including and subsequent to the attack on Damascus) wherein God unequivocally states on each individual occasion that it is '*HE*' who sends the "*FIRE*" upon these ancient cities located in and around the Holy Land. What is most revealing is the deliberate order and logical progression of these events. These are not random , arbitrary occurrences.

Consistent with other bible passages , this phase of the '*Time of Trouble*' (involving Israel) begins with **SYRIA** in **Chptr 1** :

Vs.3 - 5 "*A FIRE*" consumes **Damascus** , the house of Hazael , the palaces of Benhadad , all found within **SYRIA**

Vs. 6 - 8 "*A FIRE*" consumes the lands of the **PALESTINIANS** (or ancient Philistines) ie. Gaza , Ashdod , Ashkelon , Ekron

Vs. 9 - 10 "*A FIRE*" consumes **LEBANON** , as Tyrus (a.k.a - ' Tyre ') is then set ablaze.

Vs. 11 to Ch.2 Vs. 3 "*A FIRE*" then consumes **JORDAN** , as Edom , Teman , Bozrah , Ammon , Rabbah are all razed

Finally , in **Ch.2 vs. 4 - 6** it ends with **ISRAEL** (Judah and Jerusalem) being consumed by "*FIRE*" sent from God.

If the reader carefully considers this 'sequence' of events (*remembering* **Psalm 83** was written well over 2,000 years ago !!) these " **FIRES** " actually start in the current geopolitical minefield of Syria , but then extend into other areas that reflect ' *escalating* ' Palestinian unrest in 2019 such as Gaza , Lebanon , then further a field to Jordan. *Finally* , in **Amos Ch.2** this series of consuming " **FIRES** " sent by God actually *finishes* in Judah and Jerusalem (Israel). Could this speak to a ' logical progression ' of military exchanges wherein Israel - having taken a ' *typically* pre-emptive ' posture against its hostile enemies - *in the end* ultimately suffers the same fate , as her own cities and palaces burn. We are not told in this passage if this is due to retaliation by its hostile Arab neighbours - *or*- the result of the Russian-Iranian onslaught that comes later. Although sent by God , the prophet Amos is absolutely clear, these metaphorical " **FIRES** " represent the exchange of munitions (missiles, bombs) and consume a long series of Arab/Palestinian targets before finally engulfing Jewish territory .

(CONSIDER THE 'SEQUENCE' OF EVENTS)

AMOS 1

v2 - The LORD will roar from Zion and utter his voice from Jerusalem . . .

v3 - Thus saith the LORD ; For three transgressions of Damascus (Syria)
and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof ;
because they have threshed Gilead (Israel) with threshing instruments of iron:

v4 - But I will send ' A FIRE ' into the house of Hazael (Syria) ,
which shall devour the palaces of Benhadad.

v5 - I will break also the bar of Damascus and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Aven
and him that holdeth the sceptre from the house of Eden :
and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith the LORD

v6 - Thus saith the LORD ; For three transgressions of Gaza (Palestinians)
and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof ;
because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver them up to Edom :

v7 - But I will send ' A FIRE ' on the wall of Gaza (Palestinians)
which shall devour the palaces thereof :

v8 - And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod
and him that holdeth the sceptre from Ashkelon
and I will turn mine hand against Ekron :
and the remnant of the Philistines (Palestinians) shall perish , saith the Lord GOD.

v9 - Thus saith the LORD ; For three transgressions of Tyrus (Lebanon)
and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof ;
because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom
and remembered not the brotherly covenant

v10 - But I will send ' A FIRE ' on the wall of Tyrus (Lebanon) ,
which shall devour the palaces thereof.

v11 - Thus saith the LORD ; For three transgressions of Edom (Jordan)
and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof;
because he did pursue his brother with the sword
and did cast off all pity and his anger did tear perpetually

v12 - But I will send ' A FIRE ' upon Teman (Jordan)
which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah (Jordan)

v13 - Thus saith the LORD ; For three transgressions of the children of **Ammon** (Jordan) and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof ; because they ripped up the women with child of Gilead , that they might enlarge their border

v14 - But I will kindle ' **A FIRE** ' in the wall of **Rabbah** (Jordan) and it shall devour the palaces thereof , with shouting in the day of battle , with a ' **TEMPEST** ' in the day of ' **THE WHIRLWIND** ' (ie. Russia)

AMOS 2

v1 - Thus saith the LORD ; For three transgressions of **Moab** (Jordan) and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof ; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime:

v2 - But I will send ' **A FIRE** ' upon **Moab** and it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth : and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet :

v3 - And I will cut off the judge from the midst thereof and will slay all the princes thereof with him , saith the LORD.

v4 - Thus saith the LORD ; For three transgressions of **Judah** (Israel) and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof ; because they have despised the law of the LORD and have not kept his commandments and their lies caused them to err ...

v5 - But I will send ' **A FIRE** ' upon **Judah** (Israel) and it shall devour the palaces of **Jerusalem** (Israel)

v6 - Thus saith the LORD ; For three transgressions of **Israel** and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof ; because they sold the righteous for silver and the poor for a pair of shoes;

PROPHECY of HOSEA

With remarkable similarity to Amos 2 v4-5 , the prophet **Hosea** details the identical events that will befall God's people and also decries Israel's spiritual failures , aptly describing its unfaithfulness , its idolatry and its misplaced trust (in walls) before passing the same sentence " *I will send **A FIRE** . . .* " upon the nation , with its cities and palaces being consumed. So again repeated in yet another prophecy , is the clear indication that Israel will face judgment and divine wrath , but through God's use of war and conflict from other hostile nations.

HOSEA 8

v14 - For **Israel** hath forgotten his Maker and buildeth temples and **Judah** hath multiplied ' fenced ' cities : but LWILL send a ' **A FIRE** ' upon his cities and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

How can we be sure this " **FIRE** " ('sent' by God) is not the result of the 'forces of nature' or 'from the heavens' but rather is delivered by hostile foreign powers ? Once again , context is critical. Throughout the earlier verses in **Hosea 8** we find constant and repeated references indisputably identifying Russia as the head of these rampaging anti-semitic nations. In the opening verse we see the blowing of the " **trumpet** " signalling the outbreak of war ' between armies ', before :

Verse 1 - it is declared the attacker comes as " **AN EAGLE** " (cp. Deut 28v49 / Jer 48v40, 49v22 / Hab 1v8 / Lam 4v19)

Verse 3 - describes Israel being pursued by " **THE ENEMY** " (cp. Isa 59v9 / Jer 6v22-25 / Lam 1v9, 4v12)

Verse 7 - describes Israel 'reaping' " **THE WHIRLWIND** " (cp. Dan 11v40 / Jer 4v13 / Isa 5v26-28)

All three of these ‘*metaphoric allusions*’ listed are well-known and established ‘*symbols*’ used throughout God’s Word for the latter-day nation of ‘**RUSSIA**’. Currently the possessor of the ‘*world’s largest arsenal*’ of **nuclear weapons**, is there anyone who believes Russia’s iron-fisted autocrat (Vladimir Putin) in his quest for global domination, is not prepared to unleash these deadly ‘*doomsday*’ weapons to achieve his aims ??

PROPHECY of ZECHARIAH

Another instance of the ‘**THE FIRE**’ being used is in **Zechariah 13** wherein God speaking of end-time events in Israel, in **Verse 9** says that after ‘*two-thirds*’ of the Jews will perish in the land, He will also preserve the other ‘*one-third*’ of His people and bring them through ‘**THE FIRE**’. While chapter 13 is devoid of any clue to what constitutes this “**FIRE**”, the chapter is ‘straddled between’ two adjoining chapters that speak ‘*extensively*’ on the ‘**Day of the Lord**’ and the battle for Jerusalem. As if to emphasise the apocalyptic nature of this event, chapter 12 repeats the phrase “*in that day*” ‘**6 times**’ while in chapter 14 the same phrase is repeated no less than ‘**8 times**’ . . . yet interestingly, **never once** in chapter 13 wherein this **all-consuming** ‘**FIRE**’ is mentioned. Given that this ‘**FIRE**’ referred to by Zechariah is deeply embedded in the middle of these two parallel narratives it is therefore abundantly clear this ‘**FIRE**’ which kills two-thirds of the people (and then, that God brings the other one-third through) is in fact ‘**THE FIRE of WAR**’ between the armies ‘of man’ battling for Jerusalem. Once more we see the ‘*judgments of God*’ (here brought upon His people) being in the form of ‘*man-made*’ destruction, through either ‘**conventional**’ or ‘**nuclear**’ war. There is simply no evidence that the ‘**THE FIRE**’ of Zechariah chapter 13 comes from ‘*any*’ other source (ie. heaven or volcanoes etc.) other than man.

ZECHARIAH 13

- v8 - And it shall come to pass, that **IN ALL THE LAND** (of Israel), saith the LORD
‘*two parts*’ therein shall be cut off and die;
but ‘*the third*’ shall be left therein.
- v9 - And I will bring ‘*the third part*’ through ‘**THE FIRE**’
and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried:
they (Jews) shall call on my name, and I will hear them : I will say, **It is my people**

LAMENTATIONS (of JEREMIAH)

Even **Lamentations** provide more compelling evidence declaring that, not only is the source of Israel’s ‘**judgment of FIRE**’ undeniably **from God** (who “*hath kindled A FIRE in Zion*”) but the same verse states it is the accomplishment of “**HIS fury**” and the pouring out of “**HIS fierce anger**” against them.

LAMENTATIONS 4

- v11 - The LORD hath accomplished his fury ; he hath poured out his fierce anger
and hath kindled ‘**A FIRE**’ in Zion (Jerusalem)
and it hath devoured the foundations thereof.
- v12 - The kings of ‘*the earth*’ and all the inhabitants ‘*of the world*’
would NOT have believed that **THE ADVERSARY** and **THE ENEMY**
should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem.

More specifically Lamentations also makes clear His people’s punishment is directly at the hands of two foreign powers “**THE ADVERSARY**” and “**THE ENEMY**” (**Iran and Russia**) who invade Israel and the Holy City, Jerusalem. Interestingly, this bible passage also emphatically conveys the ‘*world-wide*’ shock and disbelief that these two powers should suddenly invade and ‘lay siege’ to the Holy City. So once again, the Book of Lamentations confirms the execution of God’s will and the pouring out of ‘*His judgment*’ upon Israel is (. . . in yet another instance) actually achieved **WHOLLY and EXCLUSIVELY through the ‘hand of man’ . . . via conflict and war** (prior to Jesus’ appearance on the Mt. of Olives.)

3. “ PILLARS OF SMOKE ” (RECURRING ‘ METAPHORICAL ’ THEMES)

As we return to the striking ‘ symbolism ’ broadly used to describe the terrifying ‘ reality ’ of this coming ‘ **nuclear war** ’ and the worldwide havoc that will follow , another revealing biblical reference is the “ *pillars of smoke* ” as found in **Joel Ch. 2** and its parallel New Testament citing in **Acts Ch. 2**

JOEL 2 v 30 - *And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth,
BLOOD, and ‘ FIRE ’ and ‘ PILLARS OF SMOKE ’*

ACTS 2 v 19 - *And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath;
BLOOD, and ‘ FIRE ’ and ‘ VAPOUR OF SMOKE ’*

These passages are routinely (and almost *exclusively*) linked to the ‘ *natural* ’ phenomena of ‘ **erupting volcanoes** ’ in the last days. Both verses are often quoted from our lecture platforms as legitimate and verifiable evidence that points to the outworking of divine judgment in the end-times wherein the natural earth is convulsing to the maladies brought on by mankind. Yet , could we be un-aware of (or perhaps even dismissing) their ‘ *primary* ’ intended meaning ?? So , is it mere coincidence that these “ *pillars of smoke* ” are the ‘ *universal signature* ’ accompanying every single **nuclear detonation** ?



Almost like an apocalyptic headstone , these ‘ *swiftly deploying* ’ clouds that tower over the freshly scorched earth are a testament to the colossal destruction and misery unleashed beneath them by man. Can we ignore this vivid imagery Yahweh has deliberately left on record for our learning ?? Do we believe that it is simply ‘ *erupting volcanoes* ’ that will span the vast expanse of the globe - *or* - is this nuclear war scenario a far more *plausible* and *accurate* explanation when we read these words ?? More importantly , are we as ‘ *faithful watchmen* ’ sounding a dire warning (both to those , within the household of God and those in darkness ‘ *in the world* ’) of these terrifying things coming on the earth ??

In **Joel Ch.2** the language is highly specific , with the word for “ **PILLARS** ” being rendered by Strong’s Concordance as :

H8490 תִּימָרָה tîymârâh *tee-maw-raw* From the same as **H8558**; ‘ **a column** ’, that is , **cloud** :- **pillar**.

This Hebrew word and this analogy to ‘ **a column** ’ comes from an *unused root* meaning to ‘ *be erect* ’ ; (ie. as a *palm tree*). While the citation of **Joel 2** found later in **Acts 2 v 19** does seem to lose ‘ *the pillar* ’ in favour of ‘ **a VAPOUR of smoke** ’ as a result of the New Testament translation from the Greek - nevertheless - if we also look to a ‘ *previously examined* ’ passage in **Isaiah 9 v18** we actually discover the **EXACT same** translation (*quite literally* ‘ **hidden** ’ in the text) of yet another stunning passage about these monumental plumes of smoke.

ISA 9 v 18 - *For wickedness burneth as ‘ **THE FIRE** ’ : it shall devour the briers and thorns,
and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest,
and they shall mount up like the ‘ LIFTING UP OF SMOKE ’*

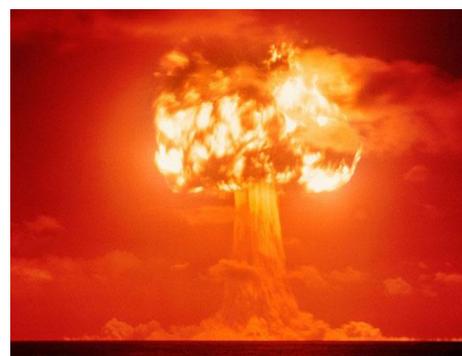
Fittingly , and in the familiar context of ‘ *burning wickedness* ’ and ‘ *devouring fire* ’ that consumes the ‘ *briers , thorns and forests* ’, the prophet Isaiah in the King James Version wrote :

“ they shall mount up . . . like the LIFTING UP OF SMOKE ”.

Yet **almost every** other alternate (and reliable) translation renders this phrase :

“ they ‘ ROLL ’ upward . . . in a ‘ COLUMN ’ of smoke ”

Anyone who has compared the formation of volcano plumes to nuclear blast clouds will be aware that ‘ *the latter* ’ conform *far more* closely with ‘ *columns* ’ . . . ‘ *rolling upward* ’. Nuclear blasts typically have a well-defined ‘ *column* ’ or cloud stem that ‘ *envelopes itself* ’ as it shoots skyward , rolling into a gigantic bulbous cloud at the top , whereas volcano clouds are generally more



non-descript , lacking a distinctive form or consistency of shape until the smoke ascends into the heavens in the loose form of a column. We would again suggest the ‘*precise language*’ used prophetically in scripture is certainly NOT by chance , but points unquestionably and unmistakably to the horrific spectre of nuclear war in the last days.

Finally , like so many other ‘*allegorical*’ references in scripture , we know these powerful images and allusions actually foreshadow even greater events to come - that being the manifestation of ‘*divine power*’ - through the Lord Jesus Christ , who will ultimately use the ‘*forces of nature*’ to forever obliterate the evil deeds and corruption of man and impose His Father’s righteous and sovereign will upon the kingdoms of men. Even in the “*pillars of smoke*” referred to in *Song of Solomon* we are given a vision of the Lord’s long awaited advent as he emerges from the wilderness , His power and presence likened to the colossal nature and grandeur of the “*pillars of smoke*” previously considered.

SONG 3 v 6 - ‘WHO’ is this that cometh out of the wilderness like ‘PILLARS OF SMOKE’
‘*perfumed*’ with myrrh and frankincense , with all powders of the merchant ?

ISAIAH 19 - PROPHECY of EGYPT

All these bible occurrences of symbolism , metaphors and illustrative word-pictures help to crystallise our understanding of events to come. But perhaps no where else in God’s Word is this illustrated more graphically than **Isaiah 19**. In this prophecy about Egypt we have a ‘*scintillating array*’ of metaphorical allusions that once again seem to ‘*speak irrefutably*’ to the certainty of nuclear conflict , this time affecting Egypt.

ISAIAH 19

v1 - Behold , the LORD rideth UPON A ‘SWIFT CLOUD’ and shall come into Egypt
and the IDOLS of Egypt shall be ‘MOVED’ at his presence,
and the HEART of Egypt shall ‘MELT’ in the midst of it.

v4 - And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord :
and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts

v16 - In that day shall Egypt be like unto women : and it shall be afraid and fear
because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which he shaketh over it.

v17 - And the land of Judah shall be a terror unto Egypt,
every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself,

v20 - And it shall be for A SIGN and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt:
for they shall cry unto the LORD because of ‘*the oppressors*’
and he shall send them ‘a saviour’,
and a great one, and he shall deliver them.

If we ‘*carefully and critically consider*’ these verses in their overall context , the true meaning becomes very apparent :

Verse 1 Is the centre-piece of this stunning prophecy providing the **THREE major allusions** (misunderstood by many) that are allegorical language actually describing the reality of nuclear war. As we have previously established , before Jesus’ appearance on the Mount of Olives , all of God’s judgments on the nations will be executed through ‘*man-made means*’ (ie. war) even though these events are actually ‘*sent by Him*’.

Clearly , there is no need that the LORD actually “*RIDES UPON a swift cloud*” as if upon a magic carpet. It is not a literal statement , it is a ‘*figurative*’ illustration that signals that ‘*THE LORD’s will*’ is being brought upon/to Egypt.

Secondly , this precise depiction of a “*SWIFT cloud*” could only refer to either whirlwind/storms clouds - or- alternatively the explosive mushroom cloud from a nuclear blast. With the presence of ‘*intense heat*’ mentioned later in **Verse 1** , this eliminates the notion of whirlwind/storms and *exponentially* strengthens the



nuclear detonation probability. Furthermore, this 'nuclear explosion' scenario is absolutely consistent with the words that follow, as "the IDOLS of EGYPT" (ie Pyramids, Sphinxes etc.) "... shall be ' MOVED ' " indicating these monumental structures are 'moved - or - shaken' by these blasts. What else could this statement be referring to ?? And outside of divine power, what else would possess the enormous capability to move these structures ?

It is quite plausible the third and final allusion "the HEART of Egypt shall ' MELT ' in the midst of it " could well be a figurative statement (concerning 'the spirit' or 'resolve' of the Egyptians) however, it does seem far more logical (given all the accompanying evidence) this is in fact a 'literal' event, describing the



capital city (or 'heart') of Egypt 'melting' as it is engulfed by this man-made 'nuclear' firestorm. While the LORD is NOT literally and visibly present in Egypt, the following verses further remind the reader (Vs.16) that this "shaking of the hand of the LORD which he shaketh over it" figuratively show these events indisputably represent the outworking of the LORD's will. (Notice 'repetition' is used here to reinforce the importance of this point)

'IF' the LORD were actually 'present' here in Egypt (in a protective sense) then Verse 17 "the land of Judah (ie, God's own people, Israel) shall be A TERROR unto Egypt" would make no sense. However, we do know (for a certainty) from many other bible references (Jer 46v19,20,24 / Ezek 30v3-4 / Ezek 32v2-16 / Dan 11v40-42) that Egypt will be among the first nations to fall to the invading Russian confederacy and be in captivity. If 'hostile' Russian forces are in possession of Egypt (v20 - "the oppressors") and threaten the Holy Land, we can readily appreciate why a 'nuclear-armed' Israel may well be "A TERROR" to the captive Egyptians. This fits in exactly with the full narrative earlier in Isaiah 19 :

ISAIAH 19 v2 - And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians (2011 Egyptian Revolution) and they shall fight every one against his brother and every one against his neighbour; city against city, kingdom against kingdom.

19 v3 - And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards

19 v4 - And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a CRUEL LORD (Muhammad Morsi 2012-13); and a ' FIERCE ' king (cp. DANIEL 8 v 23 / DEUT 28 v 50 - Russian 'GOG') shall RULE over them

Finally, in Verse 20 we are then told that Yahweh will then respond to the desperate cries of the Egyptians sending them "A SAVIOUR / A GREAT ONE" (Jesus Christ) to deliver them from their brutal Russian overlords "the oppressors".

v20 - And it shall be for A SIGN and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of 'the oppressors' and he shall send them A SAVIOUR, and A GREAT ONE, and HE shall deliver them.

We see throughout this prophecy in Isaiah 19, 'God's judgments' upon Egypt are innately connected to the hostile nations surrounding them (ie. Russia, Israel, etc.) and how all the illustrative language and evidence suggests (quite conclusively) the curse of 'nuclear warfare' will be central to these catastrophic events that will befall Egypt before the Lord's return.

4. “ CLOUDS / DARKNESS / GLOOMINESS / NOISE ” (RECURRING ‘ METAPHORICAL ’ THEMES)

Beyond the use of “ *The Curse / The Pestilence / The Plague* ” and “ *The Fire / The Flame / Pillars of Smoke* ” all of which link these apocalyptic prophecies together , these same passages also contain other ‘ *visual language* ’ that vividly describe the ‘ *actual effects* ’ of military conflict , and of nuclear war. Across several of these bible accounts that foretell of the ‘ *Day of the LORD / Time of Trouble / Great Tribulation* ’ we also see “ *Clouds / Darkness / Gloominess / Noise* ” as a repeated feature that not only describes the aftermath of nuclear war, but also provides important contextual verification.

In **Joel 2** these ‘ visual ’ descriptions are coupled with strong allusions to **1.)** the end-times Russian confederacy (*as it is about to descend upon and attack God’s people , Israel*) and . . . **2.)** to “ **THE FIRE** ” and “ **THE FLAME** ” that scorch the earth both before and after them. We ask once again , what else could such devastating imagery refer to ?

Joel 2 v2-3 - A day of DARKNESS and of GLOOMINESS ,
a day of CLOUDS and of THICK DARKNESS . . .

a ‘ *great people* ’ and ‘ *a strong* ’ (Russian Confederacy) ; there hath not been ever the like,
neither shall be any more after it , even to the years of many generations.

A ‘ *FIRE* ’ devoureth before them ;

→ → H784 “ Fire ”

And behind them a ‘ *FLAME* ’ burneth

→ → H3852 “ Flame (-ming), Head of a SPEAR ”

v5 - Like ‘ THE NOISE ’ of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap,

like ‘ THE NOISE ’ of a **FLAME OF FIRE** that devoureth the stubble, → → H3851 / H784.

‘ as ’ a *strong people* set in battle array

While the record in **Joel Ch.2** identifies **the aggressors** (‘ *a great people and a strong* ’) alluding to the invading Russian confederacy , the dramatic parallel account in **Zephaniah 1** provide an identical description of the ‘ *visual elements* ’ of this event (confirming it is ‘ the same ’ occurrence). Nevertheless Zephaniah provides an entirely different perspective clearly identifying **those ‘ assailed upon ’** (‘ *the fenced cities* ’) during this same onslaught , those being Israel. So between **Joel** and **Zephaniah** we are given ‘ *both opposing perspectives* ’ around a common ‘ *identical description* ’ of this event but the underlying point is the form of judgment in “ **THE FIRE** ” and “ **THE FLAME** ” is entirely of man’s doing.

Zeph 1 v15 - That day is a day of wrath ,
a day of trouble and distress,
a day of wasteness and desolation ,
a day of DARKNESS and GLOOMINESS ,
a day of CLOUDS and THICK DARKNESS.

v16 - A day of the trumpet and alarm **AGAINST** ‘ *the fenced cities* ’ (ie. Israel)
and against the high towers.

Yet, in this the end-time battle for Jerusalem - if we consider a third account of this event - when ‘ **truly divine power** ’ is brought upon the Russian-led ‘ *multitude of nations* ’ who have overwhelmed and now possess the Holy Land , we see the composition of elements has changed to a more complete profile of the ‘ **forces of nature** ’. In this instance, not only do the elements synonymous with ‘ **nuclear war** ’ remain present (ie. FIRE , FLAME , GREAT NOISE) but new components of nature are introduced (EARTHQUAKE , TEMPEST , STORM , THUNDER). This being the full unsheathing of God’s fury upon the nations , these devastating forces are both unprecedented in their form , and colossal in their magnitude and ferocity.

So great , so powerful and so destructive are these *natural elements* , all the mighty ‘ **nuclear-armed** ’ nations are crushed , and - as the prophet says - reduced to nothing more than the lingering memory “ *of a night vision* ” as if , they had only ever been ‘ a dream ’.

Isa 29 v6-7 - Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with **THUNDER**,
and with **EARTHQUAKE** and **GREAT NOISE** ,
with **STORM** and **TEMPEST**,
and **THE FLAME** of devouring **FIRE**.

And the 'multitude of all the nations' that **FIGHT AGAINST ARIEL** (Jerusalem)
and that distress her . . . shall be as a dream of a night vision.

UNLIKE all the previous examples we have studied in this article , in this instance we know for ' a certainty ' these are **NOT** ' *metaphorical* ' or ' *figurative* ' allusions to the nations and/or peoples. How do we know ? One clear proof of this is that as metaphors " THE STORM " and " THE TEMPEST " throughout scripture has been consistently used as representative symbols **for** ' RUSSIA ' , but in this final battle for Jerusalem we see these ' literal ' forces of nature (in ' *the storm* ' and ' *the tempest* ') actually being employed at the command of the Lord Jesus Christ , to finally destroy RUSSIA , and the multitude of nations with it.

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IN CONCLUSION , in this paper we have considered a vast array of ' symbolic passages of prophecy ' . All of these , after being studied are found to be thoroughly ' supported and verified ' *by context* , *by cross-references* and *by empirical evidence* . There simply remains **no doubt** these passages speak to the certainty of a ' man-made ' **NUCLEAR WAR** coming very soon. This is not to say ' every ' theatre of battle in this impending global war will necessarily be ' *nuclear* ' , however when both the ' *technical specificity* ' and the ' *incalculable scale* ' of prophecies such as **Zechariah 5** , **Psalm 91** and **Isaiah 24** are fully understood and weighed , we can be absolutely certain the totality of these events (as faithfully and accurately depicted in God's Word over 2,000 years ago) will surely come to pass.

As we approach the very last days of the ' kingdoms of men ' it does seem astounding that **so much** information on this apocalyptic topic has been concealed within God's Word. From the times of the ancient prophets , ' **whole chapters** ' and expansive ' **metaphoric themes** ' dedicated to the explanation and understanding of these ' catastrophic end-times events ' have been quite literally ' *hidden in plain sight* ' . Yet according to the LORD's wisdom and mercy , these secrets are being revealed at the appointed time , for the benefit of those who are watching and waiting for the Lord's return , and for also ' the saving ' of those who are yet in darkness and perhaps searching for answers.

Therefore , now with a deeper appreciation of God's underlying purpose in these **symbols** , **metaphors** and **analogies** , we can see their ' **LITERAL** ' fulfilment is just around the corner. Furthermore we can also find a more complete understanding of ' *other* ' similar end-time prophecies in both the old and new testaments (many of which , have not even been touched upon in this article). Consider for example the description of ' *the Day of the Lord* ' in the Apostle Peter's words :

2 PETER 3

v10 - But ' **THE DAY of the Lord** ' will come as a thief in the night
in the which the heavens shall pass away with a ' **GREAT NOISE** ' ,
and the elements shall ' **MELT** ' with fervent heat ,
THE EARTH also and the works that are therein shall be ' **BURNED UP** ' .

v12 - Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the **DAY OF GOD** ,
wherein the (' *political* ') heavens being ' **ON FIRE** ' shall be **DISSOLVED** ,
and the elements shall ' **MELT** ' with fervent heat ?

Likewise , the Old Testament prophet Malachi (with near identical language) also provides the same ' *apocalyptic insight* ' into the coming events soon to befall mankind. Are both their visions and their ' choice of words ' merely co-incidental ?? Do we not recognise and accept this symbolic language laid out in God's Word as both ' *accurate and descriptive* ' of the exact events soon to take place ? More urgently, are we alerting others to the profound dangers soon to sweep the earth ?

MALACHI 4

v1 - For, behold, ' **the DAY cometh** ' that shall ' **BURN as an OVEN** ' ;
 and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble
 and **THE DAY** that cometh shall ' **BURN THEM UP** ', saith the LORD of hosts,
 that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

Finally , through an ' exhaustive ' examination of **metaphors** and **figurative allusions** found in these end-times prophecies ,
 we discovered that many are either ' identical ' or ' highly similar ' (synonyms) :

- " The Curse / The Pestilence / The Plague "
- " The Fire / The Flame / Pillars of Smoke "
- " Clouds / Darkness / Gloominess / Noise "

Not only do they frequently speak to the exact same prophetic event , but they also provide such overwhelming accuracy
 and detail that all the aggregated evidence points to the absolute certainty that ' GLOBAL NUCLEAR WAR ' is near. The
 common and repeated occurrences of these ' metaphors ' and ' figurative allusions ' in prophecy - together with other
 illustrative language (ie. ' On Fire ' ... ' Melt ' ... ' Burned up ' ... ' Burn as an Oven ') - help portray with unwavering
 clarity , a grim and dire vision of the ' Day of the LORD / Time of Trouble / Great Tribulation ' and God's final outpouring
 of judgment upon mankind , particularly those judgements that are by the ' foolishness of man's own hand ' and that will
 shortly be fulfilled in a very ' **REAL** ' and ' **LITERAL** ' manner .

As we now await the time for this " **CURSE** " to break forth across the whole earth , it serves us well to return to one of
 our first bible verses to recall the full horrific import of these approaching events and to be reminded of the grave
 responsibility we all have to sound an alarm to those around us , of the perils that lay ahead.

ISAIAH Ch. 24

v6 - **THEREFORE** ... hath ' **THE CURSE** ' devoured the earth '
 and they that dwell therein are desolate :
 therefore ' the **INHABITANTS** ' of the earth
 ... ' **ARE BURNED** ' and ' **FEW** ' MEN LEFT

A FINAL THOUGHT

As watchmen , who now stand on the ' thresh-hold ' of cataclysmic global events , the likes of which ' the world ' has
NEVER before seen , we have both an *individual* and a *collective* responsibility to ' those within the household of God ' and
 a responsibility to ' those without ' (who are yet in darkness) to let them know ' **exactly WHAT is coming** ' !!! If we do
 this , it may be they *will* avail themselves of the opportunity to find ' sanctuary ' both for themselves and their families
 (through the hope that is offered ' in Christ ') and through His grace escape from the ' nuclear catastrophe ' that will soon
 engulf the entire planet.

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A SUMMARY OF 'BIBLE' EVIDENCE (THE COMING NUCLEAR WAR)

- Bible symbols / metaphors for 'NUCLEAR WAR' - *THE CURSE / THE PLAGUE / THE PESTILENCE*
- *THE FIRE / THE FLAME / PILLARS OF SMOKE*
- all of which link these apocalyptic prophecies together - 'Time of Trouble / Great Tribulation / Day of the LORD'
- it is God Himself who 'initiates' these (man-made) 'judgments' - " I WILL bring IT forth . . . saith the LORD " (*Man's own evil deeds are the 'just and righteous' means God uses to recompense the disobedience and godlessness of mankind*)

Almost every aspect of this 'Coming Nuclear War' is comprehensively and graphically detailed :

- Description of 'nuclear' missiles and warheads - " a *FLYING ROLL* " [It Is a "ROLL" .. NOT a scroll ► ie. " missile "]
TRANSLATIONAL ERROR (CORRECTION # 1) : " Scroll " → " ROLL "
- Other bible symbols / metaphors for 'MISSILES' - *THE ARROW (. . . that flieth by day) / TERROR BY NIGHT*

Design and technical configurations :

- Exact dimensions - ' *the length is twenty cubits , the breadth (ie. circumference) ten cubits* ' [apx. **34 feet LONG X 6 feet DIAMETER / 10.4 metres X 1.6 metres**]
- 'Payload' that contains the deliverable elements is - ' *ephah* ' (or basket - apx. 40 litres)
- Uniformity (worldwide) - " *This is THEIR RESEMBLANCE through all the earth* "
- Core fissile materials / elements - " a talent of **LEAD** " (ie. Uranium-235)
- the 'operational trigger' - " he cast 'IT' (ie. talent of LEAD) into the midst of the *ephah* " ('basket')
- " he cast the *weight of LEAD* (ie. uranium) upon the mouth thereof

TRANSLATIONAL ERROR (CORRECTION # 2) : " Woman " → " FIRE "

- the 'Nuclear Warhead' - " *this is 'A ~~WOMAN~~ FIRE* ' (ie, FIRE / BURNT offering) *that sitteth in the midst of the ephah* "
- Multiple Independent Warheads (MIRV's) - ' *there came out TWO ~~WOMEN~~ FIRES* (ie, FIRE / BURNT offerings) *the wind was in their wings* "
- the 'flight' - " *the wind was in their wings . . . For they had 'wings' like the wings of a stork* "
- the 'flight path / trajectory' - " *they lifted up 'the ephah' BETWEEN the earth and the heaven* " (ie. 'stratosphere')
- the 'effect' of these nuclear detonations - " *Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet*
Their tongue shall consume away
Their eyes shall consume away in their holes "
- " *the inhabitants of the earth are burned and few men left* "
- the extraordinary meaning behind 'the fire' and 'the flame' (of nuclear war)
" FIRE " - **H784** אש meaning :- **fire** (literally or figuratively) : - *burning , fiery , fire , flaming , hot*
" FLAME " - **H3852** להבה meaning :- **flame** (-ming), **head** [of a spear]
- **H3851** להב meaning :- ' to gleam , a **flash** ' ; figuratively *sharply polished blade* or **point of a weapon**

Aftermath of nuclear warfare , that is ' **radiation** ' or ' **radioactive fall-out** '

- the description of 'nuclear radiation' - " IT shall enter *into the house* "
- " IT shall remain in the midst *of his house* "
- " and shall consume it with the timber thereof & the stones thereof "
- the 'mortal' effects of nuclear radiation - " *the ' PESTILENCE ' that walks in darkness* " (mass killer)
- the 'destructive' effects of nuclear radiation - " *the DESTRUCTION that wasteth at noonday* " (mass destruction)
- the scale and death toll - " A THOUSAND shall fall at thy side . . . and TEN THOUSAND at thy right hand "

The Bible also states - the effects of this global nuclear war , will **NOT** be arbitrary or chance , but will involve :

- the '**discriminatory selection**' of those in society who commit these evils (1. *immorality* 2. *false worship*)
- the execution of these events are a 'moral judgment'
 - " for every one that '*stealeth*' shall be cut off "
 - " every one that '*swaereth*' shall be cut off "
 - " all the proud , and all that do wickedly, shall be **STUBBLE** "
 - " the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together "
 - " they shall both '**BURN TOGETHER**' and none shall quench them "
 - " they that '*forsake*' the LORD shall be consumed "
- the destruction of 'mainstream' religions (& their followers) - " him that '*swaereth falsely*' **BY MY NAME** "
- Vast majority of the (ungodly) inhabitants of the world will perish - " the **INHABITANTS** of the earth **ARE BURNED**
... and '**FEW**' MEN LEFT

God's unbreakable promises ...

- The absolute promise of '**selective protection**' of believers amid a 'full-scale' nuclear war (both **WHY** and **HOW** this will be achieved)

WHY ...

Because thou hast made the LORD ... **THY HABITATION**

HOW ...

v1 - He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall **ABIDE UNDER** the shadow of **THE ALMIGHTY**.

v2 - I will say of the LORD, **HE IS MY REFUGE** and **MY FORTRESS** :
my God ; in him will I trust.

v3 - Surely **HE SHALL DELIVER THEE** from the snare of the fowler,
and **FROM THE NOISOME 'PESTILENCE'**

v4 - **HE SHALL COVER THEE** with his feathers
and **UNDER HIS WINGS** shalt thou trust
' his truth ' shall be **THY SHIELD** and buckler.

v5 - Thou shalt not be afraid for the '**TERROR BY NIGHT**'
nor for '**THE ARROW**' that flieth by day

v6 - Nor for '**THE PESTILENCE**' that walketh in darkness (ie. 'nuclear radiation')
nor for '**THE DESTRUCTION**' that 'wasteth' at noonday (ie. 'nuclear radiation')

v7 - '**A THOUSAND**' shall fall at thy side , and '**TEN THOUSAND**' at thy right hand
but '**IT**' shall **NOT COME NIGH THEE**

v10 - There shall **NO EVIL** befall thee ...

- The 'faithful' will be protected ... **in their houses** - " neither shall any '**PLAGUE**' come nigh **THY DWELLING** "
- The faithful will actually 'witness' the reward of the wicked
- " Only **WITH THINE EYES** ... shalt thou **BEHOLD** and **SEE** the 'Reward Of The Wicked "

FINALLY , THE BIBLE DECLARES :

- the '**destination**' of these highly destructive projectiles - " goeth forth over the face of **THE WHOLE EARTH** "
- " in the land of **Shinar** " [ie. 'the world']
- the '**overall purpose**' of this apocalyptic nuclear war - " To build it **AN HOUSE** " [ie. 'the house of the LORD']
- " it shall be **established** and set there upon her own base "
- the '**final outcome**' beyond this coming global crisis - A world '**cleansed**' of man's evils and ungodliness and 'prepared' for the 1,000 year reign of the Lord Jesus Christ and the establishment of His Father's Kingdom on Earth