

CHAPTER 10

JERUSALEM: THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING

There is no other city on the earth that is closer to the heart of the G-d of Israel than the city of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). Combining both the *TeNaKh* (Old Testament) and the *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament), it is mentioned over 800 times. The heavenly Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) is the city of the G-d of Israel (Hebrews 12:22). It is the city of the great King (Psalm [*Tehillim*] 48:2, Matthew [*Mattityahu*] 5:35). The throne of the G-d of Israel is located in Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) (Ezekiel [*Yechezkel*] 43:7). It is from the heavenly Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) that He sits upon His throne as King of the universe (Psalm [*Tehillim*] 47:2). The heavenly Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) is also the city of the Bride of the G-d of Israel (Revelation 21:2, 9-10).

Both in ancient and in modern times, Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) has always been the heartbeat of religious life for the nation of Israel. The special significance of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) is emphasized throughout the Bible.

1. The G-d of Israel placed His name in Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) (II Kings [*Melachim*] 21:4) and His name would be there forever (II Chronicles 6:6, 7:16, 33:4).
2. Abraham (*Avraham*) offered his son Isaac (*Yitzchak*) on mount Moriah in Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) in the event known by the *house of Judah* (Judaism) as the *Akeida* (Genesis [*Bereishit*] 22).
3. Three times a year, males from the nation of Israel went to Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) to celebrate the Biblical Festivals. (Deuteronomy [*Devarim*] 16:16).
4. The Temple (*Beit HaMikdash*) was built in Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). (Psalm [*Tehillim*] 68:29).
5. The Priests (*Cohanim*) and Levites (*Levi'im*) taught the Torah and the *Sanhedrin* administered the G-d of Israel's court of justice from Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). (Deuteronomy [*Devarim*] 16:18, 17:8-11).
6. The throne of David was in Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) (I Chronicles 11:3-7).
7. The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus died as the suffering Messiah (*Mashiach*) known as *Messiah ben Yosef* (Joseph) on a tree in Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). (Matthew (*Mattityahu*) 16:21, 20:17-19).

8. The Holy Spirit (*Ruach HaKodesh*) indwelled and empowered the early Jewish believers in the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua/Jesus* in Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) (Acts 2).
9. Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) will become the center of controversy and a cup of trembling to the nations of the world and all nations will be gathered against her in the end of days (Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 34:8, Zechariah (*Zecharyah*) 12:2, 14:2).
10. Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) is the apple of the G-d of Israel's eye and He will fight against those nations who fight against Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) with the plague of nuclear war (Zechariah [*Zecharyah*] 2:1-2, 8, 14:3, 12).
11. The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua/Jesus* will set His feet upon the mount of Olives in Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) as the Kingly Messiah (*Mashiach*) known as *Messiah ben David* at His second coming (Zechariah [*Zecharyah*] 14:4).
12. The Torah will be taught from Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) by the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua/Jesus* during the Messianic age (*Athid Lavo*) (Isaiah [*Yeshayahu*] 2:2-3) and all nations will celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles (*Sukkot*) (Zechariah [*Zecharyah*] 14:16).

JERUSALEM AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE

The city of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) is constantly in the remembrance of the Jewish people (*house of Judah*) as they live their lives. She is regarded as the "*mother of Israel*." Prayers are said daily for Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). She is remembered in the prayers of the Jewish people when they thank the G-d of Israel for their food and when they have their Sabbath (*Shabbat*) and holy-day observances. In fact, the Passover (*Pesach*) Seder and the Yom Kippur service ends by proclaiming, "*Next Year in Jerusalem*." When a Jew says, "*Next Year in Jerusalem*," it is actually a prayer for the coming of the Messianic Age (*Athid Lavo*).

At the conclusion of every Jewish wedding ceremony, it is a tradition for the groom to break a glass (*Orach Chaim* 560:2, *Evven HaEzer* 65:3 in *Hagah*. See *Tosafot, Berakhot* 31a, s.v. "Isi."). Among Ashkenazic Jews, the custom is to shout *Mazel Tov* at this point. However, Sefardic Jews recite the verse:

"If I forget thee O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its cunning" (Psalm [*Tehillim*] 137:5).

The glass is broken so that even at the happiest moment of their lives, the bride and groom should recall the destruction of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). This is in keeping with the next verse:

"Let my tongue stick to my palate if I remember you not, if I set not Jerusalem above my greatest joy" (Psalm [*Tehillim*] 137:6).

The joy of marriage is associated with the city of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). In Jeremiah (*Yermiyahu*) 33:10-11 it is written:

"Thus saith the Lord; Again there shall be heard in this place ... even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem ... the voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride..."

The heavenly Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) is the city of the Bride of the G-d of Israel. In Revelation 21:2, 9-10 it is written:

"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband ... and there came unto me one of the seven angels ... saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God."

Every synagogue in the world is built with the ark on the side toward Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). Therefore, whenever a Jew prays, he faces the Holy city of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). Whenever King Solomon (*Shlomo*) dedicated the Temple (*Beit HaMikdash*) to the G-d of Israel, it was established that all prayer to the G-d of Israel should be directed toward Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). In I Kings (*Melachim*) 8:1, 3, 22-23, 28-30 it is written:

"Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion ... and all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark ... and Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven: And he said, Lord God of Israel ... yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee today: that mine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place. And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place..."

To the Jewish people, Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) is known as the "gate of heaven." So much is Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) a focal point of Jewish heart and life and the joy of the whole earth that it is written in the Talmud:

"Ten measures of beauty descended to this world. Nine were given to Jerusalem and one to the rest of the world."

To the Jewish people, the remembrance of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) radiates in every aspect of their lives. In truth, it is more than just a city. It is the heart and soul of the Jewish people and the entire nation of Israel.

JERUSALEM: THE CITY OF PEACE

Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) is first mentioned in the book of Genesis (*Bereishit*) 14:18 by the name of Salem. Salem was an early name for Jerusalem (Josephus, *Antiquity of the Jews*, Book 1, Chapter 10:2). In Genesis (*Bereishit*) 14:18-20 it is written:

"And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all."

The word *Salem* is the Strong's word (8004) in the Hebrew dictionary. *Shalom* is the Strong's word (7965) in the Hebrew dictionary. *Shalom* in Hebrew means "peace, wholeness or to be complete." Both *Salem* (8004) and *Shalom* (7965) come from the Hebrew word *Shalam*, which is the Strong's word (7999).

Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) is the Strong's word 3389. It is also related to the Hebrew word *shalam* which is the Strong's word (7999) and the Hebrew word *shalom* (7965). These are the Hebrew words for "peace, wholeness or completeness." Therefore, the Hebrew name for Jerusalem is associated with *shalom* or peace.

In Genesis (*Bereishit*) 14:18, *Melchizedek* is mentioned as being the king of Salem. *Melchizedek* is the Strong's word (4442) in the Hebrew dictionary. *Melchizedek* comes from two Hebrew words, *Melech*, and *tzedek*. *Melech* is the Strong's word (4428) which means, "king." *Tzedek* is the Strong's word (6664) which means, "righteous." Therefore, the king of Salem (*peace*) was Melchizedek (*the king of righteousness*).

THE JEWISH MESSIAH IS THE KING OF PEACE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus is the King of peace and the King of righteousness. He is the High Priest of the G-d of Israel after the order of Melchizedek. In Hebrews 3:1, 6:20, 7:1-2 it is written:

"Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle [Shaliach] and High Priest [Cohen HaGadol] of our profession Christ Jesus ... made a high priest forever after the order of Melchisedec. For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace."

The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus is not only a High Priest (*Cohen HaGadol*) forever after the order of Melchizedek (Psalm [*Tehillim*] 110:4) and the King of righteousness but He is also the King of peace. In Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 9:6 it is written about the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus:

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace [Sar Shalom]."

THE AKEIDAH: ABRAHAM BINDS ISAAC ON MOUNT MORIAH

Genesis (*Bereishit*) 22 is one of the most important Torah readings to the *house of Judah* (Judaism). In some Jewish communities, it is read every day of the week except for the Sabbath (*Shabbat*). It is the primary Torah reading for *Rosh HaShanah* (Feast of Trumpets). The major event of the chapter is Abraham's obedience to the G-d of Israel to offer his son Isaac (*Yitzchak*) as a burnt offering (*olah*) and bind him upon an altar. This event is known to the *house of Judah* (Judaism) as the *Akeidah*.

What is also important in this chapter is that the G-d of Israel provided for Abraham (*Avraham*) a lamb for a burnt offering (*olah*) as a substitute for Isaac (*Yitzchak*). When He did, Abraham (*Avraham*) called the name of that place "*Jehovah-Jireh*" which means "*the Lord will see.*" In Genesis (*Bereishit*) 22:1-2, 4, 6-8, 13-14 it is written:

"And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. And he said, Take now thy son, thy only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of ... Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off ... And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said,

*Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together ... And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. And Abraham called the name of that place **Jehovah-jireh**: as it is said to this day, **In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.**"*

Mount Moriah is located in Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). In II Chronicles 3:1, it is written:

"Then Solomon began to build the house of the Lord at Jerusalem in mount Moriah..."

THE LAMB OF G-D IS THE JEWISH MESSIAH

The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus referred to the binding of Isaac upon the altar as a prophetic foreshadowing of Himself. In John (*Yochanan*) 8:56-58, it is written:

"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM."

Spiritually, (*sod*/deeper meaning), Abraham (*Avraham*) is a type of the G-d of Israel. Isaac (*Yitzhak*) is a type of the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus. In a Orthodox Rabbinical commentary of Genesis (*Bereishit*) 22, the "*thicket*" represents the sins of the children of Israel. When the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus died upon the tree (Deuteronomy [*Devarim*] 21:22-23, Galatians 3:13, I Peter [*Kefa*] 2:24) as the suffering Messiah known as *Messiah ben Yosef* (Joseph), He did so as the spiritual Lamb of the G-d of Israel whom the G-d of Israel willingly gave as a burnt offering (*olah*) when He allowed Him to be bound to the tree to take away the sin of the entire world. In John (*Yochanan*) 1:29, it is written:

"The next day John seeth, Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

A burnt offering (*olah*) is an offering that is totally consumed. It is freely given and done freely, willingly, and joyfully by both parties involved. The Bible tells us that the G-d of Israel freely offered the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus who is also the only Son of the G-d of Israel (Proverbs [*Mishlei*] 30:4) freely and the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus was willing and obedient to His death upon the tree. In Philippians 2:8-11 it is written:

"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross [tree]. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 53 is written about the suffering Messiah (*Mashiach*) known as *Messiah ben Yosef* (Joseph). In Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 53:1, 4-5, 10, it tells us that G-d the Father offered up the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus willingly as a burnt offering (*olah*) for the sins of His people as it is written:

"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm [zeroa] of the Lord revealed? ... Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed ... Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin..."

Therefore, the binding of Isaac (*Yitzhak*) to the altar by Abraham (*Avraham*) has great significance to both the *house of Judah* (Judaism) and the *house of Israel* (Christianity).

THE G-D OF ISRAEL CHOSE JERUSALEM TO PUT HIS NAME THERE

The G-d of Israel chose Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) as His holy city and has chosen to put His name there. In II Chronicles 6:6 it is written:

"But I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there..."

The G-d of Israel's name will be in Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) forever. In II Chronicles 7:11-12, 16 it is written:

"Thus Solomon finished the house of the Lord ... And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him ... For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there forever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually."

THE PRIESTS AND LEVITES MINISTERED FROM JERUSALEM

It was the duty of the Priests (*Cohanim*) and the Levites (*Levi'im*) to teach the Torah from Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) to the children of Israel. In Deuteronomy (*Devarim*) 17:8-11 it is written:

"If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, being matters of controversy within thy gates: then shalt thou arise, and get thee up into the place which the Lord thy God shall choose; And thou shalt come unto the priests the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days, and inquire; and they shall show thee the sentence of judgment: And thou shalt do according to the sentence, which they of that place which the Lord shall choose shall show thee: and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they inform thee; According to the sentence of the law [Torah] which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do: thou shalt not decline from the sentence which they shall show thee, to the right hand, nor to the left."

THE COURT OF JUSTICE IS IN JERUSALEM

The G-d of Israel established that a court of justice be set up to judge the children of Israel with righteous judgments. In Deuteronomy (*Devarim*) 16:18 it is written:

"Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, throughout thy tribes: and they shall judge the people with just judgment."

This commandment was carried out by the *Sanhedrin*. The *Sanhedrin* consisted of 71 members. Their commissioning is derived from Numbers (*Bamidbar*) 11:16 as it is written:

"And the Lord said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel ... and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee."

It was believed that Moses (*Moshe*) was the head of the original seventy elders. Therefore, they consisted of 71 members. During the days of the Temple (*Beit HaMikdash*), the *Sanhedrin* met in the outer north wall of the Temple in a room known as the Chamber of Cut Stone. As long as the *Sanhedrin* convened, it functioned as both the supreme court and the central legislative body for all Israel.

The *Sanhedrin* ceased to exist after the destruction of the Temple (*Beit HaMikdash*) by the Romans.

THE FESTIVALS ARE TO BE CELEBRATED IN JERUSALEM

Three times a year, the G-d of Israel instructed the males from the nation of Israel to keep the Feasts of the Lord (Leviticus [*Vayikra*] 23) in Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). In Deuteronomy (*Devarim*) 16:16 it is written:

"Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the Lord thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles..."

THE JEWISH MESSIAH CELEBRATED THE FESTIVALS

The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus celebrated the Festivals of the G-d of Israel. In Luke 2:41-42, He celebrated Passover (*Pesach*) as it is written:

"Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast."

The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles (*Sukkot*). In John (*Yochanan*) 7:2, 37-38 it is written:

"Now the Jews feast of tabernacles was at hand ...In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."

SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS ARE GIVEN IN JERUSALEM

The G-d of Israel commanded that various kinds of sacrifices and offerings be given in Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). In Deuteronomy (*Devarim*) 12:11, 14:22-23, it is written:

"Then there shall be a place which the Lord your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the Lord ... Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year. And thou shalt eat before the Lord thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the Lord thy God always..."

THE TEMPLE WAS BUILT IN JERUSALEM

The Temple (*Beit HaMikdash*) was built in Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). In Psalm (*Tehillim*) 68:29 it is written:

"Because of thy temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto thee."

THE THRONE OF DAVID WAS IN JERUSALEM

The throne of David was in Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). In I Chronicles 11:3-5 it is written:

"Therefore came all the elders of Israel ... and they anointed David king over Israel ... and David and all Israel went to Jerusalem ... David took the castle of Zion, which is the city of David..."

THE JEWISH MESSIAH WILL SIT ON THE THRONE OF DAVID

The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus was born to sit on the throne of David and rule over the *house of Jacob* which consists of the *house of Judah* (Judaism) and the *house of Israel* (Christianity) forever. In Luke 1:30-33 it is written:

"And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary [Miryam]: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus [Yeshua]. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

THE JEWISH MESSIAH DIED AND WAS RESURRECTED IN JERUSALEM

The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus died as the suffering Messiah (*Mashiach*) known as *Messiah ben Yosef* (Joseph) on a tree in Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). In Matthew (*Mattityahu*) 16:21, it is written:

"From that time forth began Jesus [Yeshua] to show unto his disciples [talmidim], how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day."

THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERED JEWISH BELIEVERS OF YESHUA IN JERUSALEM

The Holy Spirit (*Ruach HaKodesh*) empowered the Jewish (*house of Judah*) believers in *Yeshua*/Jesus as the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) to be His witnesses on the day of *Shavuot* (Pentecost). In Luke 24:44-49 it is written:

"And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the law [Torah] of Moses, and in the prophets [Nevi'im] and in the Psalms [Ketuvim], concerning me. Then opened he their understanding that they might understand the Scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ [Mashiach] to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance [Teshuvah] and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

This was fulfilled in Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) on the day of Pentecost (*Shavuot*). In Acts 2:1-5 it is written:

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost [Ruach HaKodesh], and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven."

THE ANCIENT BATTLE FOR JERUSALEM

The prophets of Israel wrote that the final battle of the age before the coming of the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) will be a battle of the nations over Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). In truth, this battle over Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) is an ancient battle between the kingdom of darkness (*HaSatan*) and the kingdom of light (the kingdom of the G-d of Israel).

The modern battle over Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) is being played out among the actors on the world's stage who are participating in this ancient battle. For those who have rejected the G-d of Israel as King of the Universe, their plans, ideas, beliefs and ideology are being influenced by the kingdom of darkness (*HaSatan*). They desire to divide the Promised Land of the G-d of Israel and desire to make Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) an international city. For those who put their faith, trust and confidence (*emunah*) in the G-d of Israel and His promises to His people and follow after the kingdom of light, they oppose dividing the land which the G-d of Israel promised to Abraham (*Avraham*) and his descendents forever through Isaac (*Yitzchak*) and Jacob (*Ya'acov*) and want Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) to be the eternal undivided capital of the nation of Israel.

LUCIFER DESIRES G-D'S THRONE

The origin of this battle over Jerusalem took place before the creation of Adam in the Garden of Eden (*Gan Eden*) when *HaSatan* tried to overthrow the throne of the G-d of Israel in the heavenly Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). In Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 14:12-14 it is written:

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High."

The throne of the G-d of Israel is in the heavenly Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) (Hebrews 12:22) in mount Zion, on the sides of the north, which is the city of the great King. In Psalm (*Tehillim*) 48:1-2 it is written:

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King."

Therefore, *HaSatan* stirred a rebellion against the G-d of Israel in the heavenlies with the desire and purpose to exalt his throne above the G-d of Israel and to sit upon the throne of the G-d of Israel in the heavenly Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). In doing so, *HaSatan* wanted to establish a government in the heavenlies without the G-d of Israel.

SATAN IS CAST OUT OF HEAVEN

When *HaSatan* rebelled against the G-d of Israel, he was cast down. The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus witnessed this event. In Luke 10:18 it is written:

"And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven."

When *HaSatan* was cast out of heaven, one-third of the angelic hosts rebelled with *HaSatan* against the G-d of Israel and were cast out of heaven also. In Revelation 12:3-4 it is written:

"And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth..."

THE TOWER OF BABEL: WORLD GOVERNMENT ON THE EARTH

When the G-d of Israel created Adam in the Garden of Eden (*Gan Eden*), this ancient battle between the G-d of Israel and *HaSatan* began to be played out on the earth through mankind. When *HaSatan* tempted Eve, he told her the ancient lie that he believed when he tried to overthrow the throne of the G-d of Israel in the heavenly Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) by telling her that she could be like gods. In Genesis (*Bereishit*) 3:4-5 it is written:

"And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

In the process of time, *HaSatan* inspired the people on the earth to try to establish the first world government without the G-d of Israel and exalt themselves and their name above the G-d of Israel and reject Him as being King over all the earth. In Genesis (*Bereishit*) 11:1, 4 it is written:

"And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech ... And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."

When the people of the earth through the inspiration of the kingdom of darkness (*HaSatan*) rebelled against the G-d of Israel and tried to build a city and a tower that would reach unto heaven and exalt their name above the G-d of Israel, the G-d of Israel judged their evil plan and it was called the tower of Babel. In Genesis (*Bereishit*) 11:8-9 it is written:

"So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth."

THE RESURRECTION OF THE TOWER OF BABEL

The tower of Babel became a blueprint of *HaSatan's* rebellion against the G-d of Israel through the people living on the earth. This has continued throughout the ages and will be brought to its final conclusion in the ends of days when the nations of the world try to resurrect the tower of Babel and establish a world government without the G-d of Israel. The goal of the framers of world government is to make the city of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) the capital of this godless "New World Order."

This end-time plan of the nations to resurrect the tower of Babel and to create a world government without the rule of the G-d of Israel was given for us to understand as a type and shadow by the G-d of Israel through the world empires of Egypt (*Mitzrayim*), Babylon, Greece and Rome. The preview of these world kingdoms as a type and shadow of world government at the end of the age (*Olam Haze*) was given to Daniel the prophet. With the conclusion of the last world kingdom seen by Daniel the prophet (which is world government or the "New World Order" and a resurrection of the tower of Babel of old), the G-d of Israel will crush this end-time world government at the same time when they try to make Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) an international city. After this, the G-d of Israel through the Jewish

Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus will set up His world government which will be a Torah based government during the Messiah age (*Athid Lavo*). In Daniel 7:1-3, 7, 9-10, 13-14 it is written:

"In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters. Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts [future world kingdoms] came up from the sea, diverse one from another ... After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast [the last world kingdom which is world government or the "New World Order"] dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly ... and it had ten horns ... I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened ... I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."

Daniel's vision will be fulfilled in the end of days when the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus will return to the earth as the Kingly Messiah known as *Messiah ben David*, defend Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) and crush the resurrected tower of Babel known as world government or the "New World Order." This will happen during the days when the nations of the world seek to divide the land of Israel and make Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) an international city and the capital of their world government.

The ancient battle between the kingdom of darkness (*HaSatan*) and the kingdom of light (the kingdom of the G-d of Israel) which originated before the creation of Adam in the Garden of Eden (*Gan Eden*) when *HaSatan* tried to overtake the throne of the G-d of Israel in the heavenly Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) will be played out on the earth in the end of days over the land that the G-d of Israel promised Abraham (*Avraham*) and His descendents forever through Isaac (*Yitzchak*) and Jacob (*Ya'acov*) and over the sovereignty of the city of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). The G-d of Israel described this battle through the prophet Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) as the "controversy of Zion."

The "controversy of Zion" (Isaiah [*Yeshayahu*] 34:8) will conclude with the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus fighting against the nations (*Zechariah* [*Zecharyah*] 14:2-3), defending the city of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*), delivering/saving the nation of Israel from her enemies, ending the exile and

bringing about the reunification of the two houses of Israel (Ezekiel [*Yechezekel*] 37:15-28) and establishing the Messianic Age (*Athid Lavo*).

THE CONTROVERSY OF ZION

In the end of days, the city of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) will become a stumbling block and a cup of trembling for all the nations who will be gathered against her because of the controversy of Zion. In Zechariah (*Zecharyah*) 12:1-3 it is written:

"The burden of the word of the Lord for Israel saith the Lord, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him. Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it."

In Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 34:1-3, 8 it is written:

"Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it. For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter. Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood ... for it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion."

WHAT IS THE CONTROVERSY OF ZION?

How will the nations be gathered against Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) and what is the controversy of Zion? The controversy of Zion is over two primary issues. The first is the controversy of the covenant that the G-d of Israel made with Abraham (*Avraham*) and His descendents forever when He promised them a land. The descendents of Abraham (*Avraham*) became the *house of Jacob*. The *house of Jacob* consists of the *house of Judah* (Southern Kingdom) and the *house of Israel* (Northern Kingdom). Secondly, the controversy of Zion is over the future, destiny and sovereignty of the city of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*).

G-D WILL JUDGE THE NATIONS FOR DIVIDING HIS LAND

The G-d of Israel promised that He will judge all the nations for dividing His land. In Joel (*Yoel*) 3:1-2 it is written:

"For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land."

UN RESOLUTIONS: LAND FOR PEACE

The plan of the nations of the world to divide the land that the G-d of Israel promised to Abraham (*Avraham*) and His descendents forever through Isaac (*Yitzchak*) and Jacob (*Ya'acov*) is being expressed by the nations of the world through the United Nations based upon UN Resolutions 181, 242 and 338. UN Resolution 181 was passed by the United Nations in 1947. The idea of this plan was to establish a Jewish state, a Palestinian state and make Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) an international city. This plan by the nations is the foundation for the controversy of Zion. This plan does not recognize the covenant that the G-d of Israel made with Abraham (*Avraham*) and does not recognize the sovereignty of the G-d of Israel over the city of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*).

UN Resolution 242 was passed following Israel's 1967 war with her Arab neighbors when the entire city of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) came into the hands of the Jewish people (*house of Judah*). UN Resolution 338 was passed following Israel's 1973 Yom Kippur war with her Arab neighbors. UN Resolutions 242 and 338 is based upon the principle of Israel trading "*land for peace*."

In trading "*land for peace*", the nations of the world are rejecting the covenant that the G-d of Israel made with Abraham (*Avraham*) and His descendents forever through Isaac (*Yitzchak*) and Jacob (*Ya'acov*). In Leviticus (*Vayikra*) 25:23 it is written:

"The land shall not be sold forever: for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me."

THE PLO AND THE ARAB NATIONS SEEK TO DESTROY THE NATION OF ISRAEL

Furthermore, the nations of the world are putting their trust in having a "*just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the Middle East*" into the hands of Yasser Arafat and the PLO. Yasser Arafat is a murderer and a terrorist and the PLO was founded to destroy the nation of Israel and drive them into the sea. It is completely illogical for the nations of the world to believe that there can be a "*just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East*" by putting their trust for peace into the hands of a murderer and a terrorist (Yasser Arafat) and an organization (PLO) which was founded with the initial goal of destroying the nation of Israel and driving them into the sea. The plans of the PLO in confederacy with her Arab nations to destroy the nation of Israel and drive them into the sea is prophesied in Psalm (*Tehillim*) 83:1-8 as it is written:

"Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them: they have helped the children of Lot. Selah."

G-D WILL JUDGE THE NATIONS

This injustice by the nations of the world against the Jewish people and the nation of Israel by rejecting the covenant that the G-d of Israel made with Abraham and His descendents forever and by rejecting the sovereignty of the city of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) will bring the wrath of the G-d of Israel upon the nations of the world. The wrath of the G-d of Israel will be fully expressed during the period of time known as the tribulation or Jacob's (*Ya'acov's*) trouble to the *house of Israel* (Christianity) and as the *Chevlai shel Mashiach* or the *birth pangs of the Messiah* to the *house of Judah* (Judaism). The wicked plan of the nations and the judgment of the G-d of Israel against the nations because of the controversy of Zion is spoken about in Psalm (*Tehillim*) 2:1-4 as it is written:

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision."

Because of the wicked plans of the kings of the earth against the L-rd, against His land, against His people and against His holy city of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*), the nations of the world will drink the cup of the wrath of the G-d of Israel. In Jeremiah (*Yermiyahu*) 25:15-17, 27-28 it is written:

"For thus saith the Lord God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it. And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them. Then took I the cup at the Lord's hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the Lord had sent me ... Therefore thou shalt say unto them, thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Drink ye, and be drunken, and spew, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you. And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup at thine hand to drink, then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Ye shall certainly drink."

The G-d of Israel will judge the nations who come against the city of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) with the plague of nuclear warfare. In Zechariah (*Zecharyah*) 14:12 it is written:

"And this shall be the plague wherewith 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 eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth."

THE SCORNFUL MEN WHO RULE JERUSALEM

Not only will the nations of the world be severely chastised because of the controversy of Zion but the nation of Israel will also be severely chastised by the G-d of Israel for agreeing to the plan of the nations of the world to divide the land of Israel and make Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) an international city. By agreeing to these plans, the nation of Israel will experience the most difficult time in her existence as a nation. This period of time is known by the *house of Israel* (Christianity) as the tribulation or Jacob's (*Ya'acov's*) trouble and to the *house of Judah* (Judaism) as the *Chevlai shel Mashiach* or the *birth pangs of the Messiah*.

The G-d of Israel through the prophet Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) warns of the scornful attitude of the modern day leaders of the nation of Israel who have no regard for the land that the G-d of Israel promised to Abraham (*Avraham*) and his descendents forever through Isaac (*Yitzhak*) and Jacob (*Ya'acov*) and the judgment which will come upon them and the nation of Israel as a result of their scornful attitude. In Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 28:14-18 it is written:

"Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: Therefore, thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste. Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it."

THE NATION OF ISRAEL WILL SUFFER GREAT TRIBULATION

Because of the rejection of the covenant that the G-d of Israel made with Abraham (*Avraham*) and the embracing of the "*covenant with death*" as advocated by the nations of the world, the scornful leaders and the entire nation of Israel will experience their most difficult time that they have ever experienced as a nation. However, the wise will understand these things and give instruction and counsel to many. In Daniel 12:1-3 it is written:

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

THE G-D OF ISRAEL WILL PURIFY HIS PEOPLE

During this time, the G-d of Israel will bring His people through the fire and refine them as silver is refined and try them as gold is tried. They will call upon the name of the L-rd and the L-rd will deliver His people through the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus. In Zechariah (*Zecharyah*) 13:9 it is written:

"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 shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God."

THE JEWISH MESSIAH WILL SAVE THE NATION OF ISRAEL

The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus will arise as a mighty warrior and save the nation of Israel and deliver them from their enemies when they call upon His name. In Luke 13:35 it is written:

"...verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

In that day when the nations of the world seek to destroy the city of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*), the G-d of Israel will pour out the spirit of grace and supplication upon the house of David and the city of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). When the nation of Israel calls upon the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus, He will save them and deliver them from their enemies. In Zechariah (*Zechariah*) 12:8-10 it is written:

"In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn."

THE JEWISH MESSIAH WILL FIGHT FOR JERUSALEM

When the nations of the world seek to destroy Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) and when the nation of Israel calls upon the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus for their deliverance, the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus will fight against those nations and defend the covenant that the G-d of Israel made with Abraham (*Avraham*) and His descendents forever, the land, the people and the city of

Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). Then, He will set His feet down upon the mount of Olives and be King over all the earth. In Zechariah (*Zecharyah*) 14:2-4, 9 it is written:

"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle ... then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east ... And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one."

THE G-D OF ISRAEL IS KING OF THE UNIVERSE AND HIS THRONE IS IN JERUSALEM

The G-d of Israel is King over all the earth and the city of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) is the place of His throne. Psalm 47 is a coronation psalm proclaiming that the G-d of Israel is King over all the earth. In Psalm (*Tehillim*) 47:1-9, it is written:

"O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet. He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob [both the house of Israel (Christianity) and the house of Judah (Judaism)] whom he loved. Selah. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness. The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted."

The G-d of Israel is our King of glory. In Psalm (*Tehillim*) 24:1, 8, 10 it is written:

"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein ... Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle ... Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah."

In Psalm (*Tehillim*) 48:2, it is written:

"Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King."

The throne of the G-d of Israel is in Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). In Jeremiah (*Yermiyahu*) 3:17 it is written:

"At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord..."

THE G-D OF ISRAEL WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE CITY OF JERUSALEM

Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) is always in the remembrance of the G-d of Israel. In Psalm (*Tehillim*) 137:5-6 it is written:

"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy."

THE MESSIAH REMEMBERS THE CITY OF JERUSALEM

Traditional Judaism (*house of Judah*) expects that the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) will fulfill two primary roles. He will be a suffering Messiah (*Mashiach*) known as *Messiah ben Yosef* (Joseph) as well as being a Kingly Messiah (*Mashiach*) known as *Messiah ben David*. However, traditional Judaism (*house of Judah*) believes that these two roles will be fulfilled by two different people. The suffering Messiah (*Mashiach*) was seen as being a humble Messiah (*Mashiach*) who would ride into Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) on a donkey. On the other hand, the Kingly Messiah (*Mashiach*) was seen as riding on a white horse.

In the weekly Internet Orthodox Jewish *Parasha Ki-Tetze 5757* written by Orthodox Jewish Rabbi Mordecai Kornfeld who is associated with *Ohr Somayach*, he writes about the Messiah (*Mashiach*) and his role of riding on a donkey and on a (white) horse. In the article, he explains that horses represent war and conquest. Furthermore, he states in this *parasha* that the prophet (*Zecharyah 9:9*) describes the Messiah as "a poor man, riding upon a donkey." He then explains that the *Gemara (Sanhedrin 98a)* describes how King Shevor of Persia scoffed:

"Why doesn't your Messiah come riding on a horse? If he lacks one, I'll be glad to provide him with one of my best!"

The article continues and the question is asked:

"Why, indeed, should the Messiah come on a donkey? Isn't a horse a more appropriate sign of military victory?"

Rabbi Kornfeld's article concludes with the response that the answer may be learned from the words of the *Gemara* earlier on that same page (ibid.). A poor man on a donkey is a description of how the Messiah will appear if the Jews are not found deserving of a spectacular salvation. Whether we deserve it or not, we will eventually be redeemed; however, if we are not deserving the Messiah will only arrive riding on a donkey. A horse is a sign of proud conquest; this Messiah will provide but a humble Exodus. As the *Gemara* says in *Shabbat 152a*:

"One who rides a horse is a king; one who rides a donkey is but a freeman."

THE JEWISH MESSIAH RODE ON A DONKEY

The *house of Israel* (Christianity) understands that the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus will fulfill both the role of the suffering Messiah (*Mashiach*) known by the *house of Judah* (Judaism) as *Messiah ben Yosef* (Joseph) as well as the role of the Kingly Messiah (*Mashiach*) known as *Messiah ben David*. The suffering Messiah rode humbly into Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) at His first coming on a donkey and proceeded to weep over the city of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) because of her future destruction which happened in 70 CE. At His second coming, He will ride in conquest and victory on a white horse. In Matthew (*Mattityahu*) 21:1-9 it is written:

"And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say aught unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy king cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strewed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest."

After the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) humbly on a donkey as the suffering Messiah (*Mashiach*) known as *Messiah ben Yosef* (Joseph), He wept over the city of Jerusalem

(Yerushalayim) realizing her future destruction to come by the Romans in 70 CE. In Luke 19:41-44 it is written:

"And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation."

THE JEWISH MESSIAH WILL RIDE ON A WHITE HORSE

When the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus returns to the earth at His second coming as the Kingly Messiah (*Mashiach*) known as *Messiah ben David*, He will ride on a white horse as a mighty warrior in victory over His enemies. In Revelation 19:11-16 it is written:

*"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called **The Word of God**. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **King of kings, and Lord of lords.**"*

When the nations of the world gather against Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*), the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus will fight against those nations as a mighty man of war. Following His victory over the nations in battle, He will set His feet down on the mount of Olives and be King over all the earth. In Zechariah (*Zechariah*) 14:2-4, 9 it is written:

"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle ... Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives ... And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one."

Following this event, the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus will set up His Messianic Kingdom and rule and reign on the earth from Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) teaching the Torah to all nations. In Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 2:2-3 it is written:

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the G-d of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law [TORAH], and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

The G-d of Israel desires to someday have a Torah based world government with the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus ruling, reigning and teaching the nations of the world the Torah of the G-d of Israel from Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*). When this happens, peace (*shalom*) will come upon the entire earth. May the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus come to the earth as the Kingly Messiah known as *Messiah ben David* and bring redemption, restoration, reconciliation and unity to both houses of Israel and usher in the Messianic Age speedily in our days. Amen!