

CHAPTER 11

THE JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS

By Israel embracing the plan of the nations of the world (UN Resolutions 242 and 338) for her to have "peace" with her Arab neighbors rather than believing the ETERNAL covenant that the G-d of Israel made with Abraham (*Avraham*) whereby his descendents would inherit the land of Canaan (Genesis [*Bereishit*] 17:7-8), the nation of Israel will experience a time of trouble such that she has never experienced in her entire history as a nation and as a people (Jeremiah [*Yermiyahu*] 30:7, Daniel 12:1). However, she will be redeemed/saved/delivered through it. This time of trouble is known as the tribulation to the *house of Israel* (Christianity). It is known as the birth pangs of the Messiah [*Chevlai shel Mashiach*] to the *house of Judah* (Judaism).

During this time, the G-d of Israel will judge ALL the nations on the earth. Some nations will NOT make it through the entire tribulation or birth pangs of the Messiah (*Chevlai shel Mashiach*). In Jeremiah (*Yermiyahu*) 30:10-11 it is written:

"Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the Lord; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid. For I am with thee, saith the Lord, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished."

The G-d of Israel will judge the nations based on three primary things:

1. The dividing of Israel's Promised Land.
2. The dividing of the city of Jerusalem.
3. The historical treatment of the nations of the world toward the *house of Judah* (Jewish people) when they were in exile in the nations.

THE JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS OVER THE CONTROVERSY OF ZION

The G-d of Israel will judge the nations over the controversy of Zion. What is the controversy of Zion? The controversy of Zion is the dispute and rejection among the nations of the covenant that the G-d of Israel made with Abraham (*Avraham*) giving him and his seed the land of Canaan as an everlasting possession (Genesis [*Bereishit*] 17:7-8) and the plan of the nations to make Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) an international city. By rejecting the covenant that the G-d of Israel made with Abraham (*Avraham*), the nations of the world will be OPPOSED to the restoration and reunification of BOTH houses of Israel (*house of Judah* [Judaism] and *house of Israel*/Christianity) to the land of Israel (Ezekiel (*Yechezekel*) 37:15-28). Regarding the controversy of Zion and the judgment of the nations, in Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 34:1-2, 4, 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 ... And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: [nuclear war] and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree ... for it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion."

JUDGMENT FOR DIVIDING THE PROMISED LAND

The G-d of Israel will judge the nations of the world for their plan to divide/part the land that the G-d of Israel promised the seed of Abraham (*Avraham*). In Joel (*Yoel*) 3:1-2 it is written:

"For, behold, in those days, and in that time [a Jewish idiom for the advent of the Messianic Age], 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."

JUDGMENT FOR DIVIDING THE CITY OF JERUSALEM

The G-d of Israel will judge the nations of the world for dividing the city of Jerusalem (making it an international city). In Zechariah (*Zecharyah*) 14:2-3 it is written:

"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle."

THE JUDGMENT OF NUCLEAR WAR

The judgment of the nations that have fought against Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) will be nuclear war. ONLY the nations who fight against Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) and SURVIVE will celebrate *Sukkot* (the Feast of Tabernacles) during the Messianic Age (*Athid Lavo*). In Zechariah (*Zecharyah*) 14:12, 16 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 [nuclear war] ... And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles."

THE JUDGMENT FOR THE TREATMENT OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE

In Genesis (*Bereishit*) 12:1-3, the G-d of Israel made a promise to Abraham (*Avraham*) and to his seed as it is written:

"Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country ... And I will make of thee a great nation ... And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee, and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus calls those nations of the world who bless the Jewish people "*sheep nations*" and those nations of the world who curse the Jewish people "*goat nations*." The "*sheep nations*" will enter into the Messianic Age (*Athid Lavo*). The "*goat nations*" will not enter into the Messianic Age (*Athid Lavo*). In Matthew (*Mattityahu*) 25:31-46 it is written:

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed [Genesis 12:3] of my Father, inherit the kingdom [Messianic Age/Athid Lavo] prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was hungry, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous [sheep nations] answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry, and fed thee? Or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren [the JEWISH BRETHREN of the JEWISH MESSIAH], ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand [goat nations], Depart from me [cannot enter the Messianic Age/Athid Lavo] ye cursed [Genesis 12:3], into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was hungry, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these [the JEWISH BRETHREN of the JEWISH MESSIAH], ye did it not to me. And these [goat nations] shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous [sheep nations] into life eternal." [Zoe/the highest form of life which in the case of the nations is the Messianic Age/Athid Lavo.]

THE JUDGMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

While the G-d of Israel will judge ALL NATIONS during the tribulation or the birth pangs of the Messiah (*Chevlai shel Mashiach*), I would like to focus the rest of this chapter upon the judgment of one particular country in the world. This country is the United States of America.

I was born in the United States. I love my country. I praise the G-d of Israel that He allowed me to be born in a country that has probably been blessed greater by Him than any other country since the creation of the world up until the beginning of the tribulation period. Furthermore, I have been blessed to live not only in probably the most blessed country but also in the most blessed generation of any generation since the birth of the United States. Therefore, I praise the G-d of Israel for His historical blessings upon the United States and I praise and thank the

G-d of Israel that I have been blessed to live in the United States in the most blessed generation of its history.

However, in spite of being blessed so greatly by the G-d of Israel, no generation since the founding of the USA has sinned greater than the current generation. The USA has forgotten her Judeo/Christian heritage and has forgotten the L-rd G-d of Israel in the days of her richest blessings. The USA has fornicated with the god of materialism. Rather than using the blessings of the G-d of Israel to establish the covenant that the G-d of Israel made with Abraham (*Avraham*), she has used the blessings of the G-d of Israel to satisfy her own lusts. Both the members from the *house of Israel* (Christianity) and the members from the *house of Judah* (Judaism) have been guilty of these sins. In the Torah, the G-d of Israel warned His people against behaving in such a manner in the time of great blessing. In Deuteronomy (*Devarim*) 8:11-14, 17-18 it is written:

"Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage [European religious persecution for the house of Israel/Christianity and pogroms and the holocaust in Europe and Russia for the house of Judah/Judaism] ... And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day."

THE USA WILL BE JUDGED FOR DIVIDING THE LAND OF ISRAEL

The USA will be judged by the G-d of Israel for being the LEADER among the nations of the world in dividing the land of Israel. All of the peace agreements that Israel has made with her Arab neighbors have been based upon UN Resolutions 242 and 338. The USA has been the main negotiator with Israel and her Arab neighbors and has played a central role in ensuring that all peace agreements between Israel and her Arab neighbors would be based upon UN Resolutions 242 and 338. Because the USA had led the rebellion of the nations against Israel to part the land of Israel, she will be judged by the G-d of Israel for dividing/parting the land of Israel (Joel [*Yoel*] 3:2).

THE USA WILL BE JUDGED FOR DIVIDING THE CITY OF JERUSALEM

The United States has not recognized Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) as being the capital of Israel since it came into the possession of the nation of Israel in 1967 following the June war between Israel and her Arab neighbors. The reason is because the USA desires for Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) to be an international city after the full implementation of UN Resolutions 242 and 338.

The United States maintains diplomatic relations with more than 160 countries, and in each of those countries our state department maintains a US embassy in the capital city. Each of those countries, that is, except Israel. Under pressure from the Arab world, the US has maintained its embassy in Tel Aviv since 1948. 1

To rectify this injustice, the US Congress finally enacted The Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995, which calls for the embassy to be moved to Jerusalem by May 31, 1999. There was broad bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate, and the measure was passed by over 90 percent majorities. Campaigning for president in 1992, Bill Clinton said:

"I do recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, and Jerusalem ought to remain an undivided city."

He even put it in writing. In a June 1992 letter to the Rabbinical Council of America he wrote:

"I recognize Jerusalem as an undivided city and the eternal capital of Israel."

But by 1995, the president had changed his tune. His administration opposed the Jerusalem Embassy Act, and he refused to sign it when it was passed. Clinton could not veto the bill, with a 90 percent majority supporting its passage. However, nothing has been done about moving the US Embassy to Jerusalem. A waiver was written into the bill allowing the president to put the new embassy construction on hold for six-month intervals if he deems vital national security interests to be at risk and so reports to Congress. Since then, the Clinton administration immediately moved to take advantage of the waiver, claiming national security interests would be jeopardized by moving the embassy, because it might disrupt the Middle East peace process. 2

Just two months after the Congressional vote to finally recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, the Fiftieth General Assembly of the United Nations passed a resolution chastising Israel for her claims on all of Jerusalem. The resolution passed by a vote of 133 to one — Israel was the only nation to vote against it. The United States, once Israel's staunch ally, abstained from voting. 3

Because the USA does not recognize Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) and seeks to divide Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) and make it an international city, the USA will suffer the judgment of nuclear war and will NOT make it as a nation through the tribulation period (Zechariah [*Zecharyah*] 14:12, 16).

THE USA EMBRACES ARAFAT THE MURDERER AND TERRORIST AS A MAN OF PEACE

Rather than the USA embracing the covenant that the G-d of Israel made with Abraham (*Avraham*) whereby He gave the seed of Abraham (*Avraham*) the land of Canaan as an EVERLASTING possession (Genesis [*Bereishit*] 17:7-8), the USA is embracing Yasser Arafat as a man of peace and a peace partner to the nation of Israel even though the USA once did not allow Yasser Arafat into the USA because he is a terrorist. The history of this event is as follows.

The Forty-third General Assembly of the United Nations was scheduled to take up the Palestinian issue at a session in early December 1988. Yasser Arafat requested a visa so he could come to New York and address a special session of the UN. Under the direction of President Reagan, Secretary of State George Shultz denied the visa because antiterrorist legislation in the USA specified that no waiver on visa requirements could be issued to anyone known to be actively engaged in terrorist activity. 4

The UN conference was rescheduled to be in Geneva, Switzerland. On December 14, 1988, Arafat called a press conference to announce that he recognized Israel's "right to exist," and he accepted the terms of UN Resolutions 242 and 338 and renounced the use of terrorism. From that point forward, the United States openly supported the PLO. 5

THE USA IS MODERN DAY BABYLON

Spiritually (*sod/deeper meaning*), the USA is the land of Babylon. The word Babylon means "*confusion*" (Genesis [*Bereishit*] 11:9). Babylon is a generic term in the Bible that refers to the ways of the adversary (*HaSatan*) and his kingdom of darkness. The Bible talks about a financial Babylon, a political Babylon, a religious Babylon and a land of Babylon. Literally (*Peshat*), the modern land of Babylon is the area of Iran and Iraq. However, today, very few members of the *house of Judah* (Judaism) and the *house of Israel* (Christianity) live in Iran and Iraq. Therefore, there must also be a spiritual (*sod/deeper meaning*) land of Babylon.

Today, the USA is the spiritual land of Babylon. The prophets of Israel had much to say about the judgment of the land of Babylon in the end of days. The judgment of the land of Babylon in the end of days is prophesied in Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) chapter 13, 21:1-10 and chapter 47, Jeremiah (*Yermiyahu*) chapters 50 and 51. In the *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament), the judgment of the land of Babylon in the end of days is spoken about in Revelation 18.

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF BABYLON

1. Babylon is an end-time nation who is judged by the G-d of Israel "*in those days and in that time*" and in the "*day of trouble*." This is a reference to the time of Jacob's trouble or the birth pangs of the Messiah (*Chevlay shel Mashaich*) (Isaiah 13:8, 13, 21:3, Jeremiah 50:4, 20, 51:2, 43).
2. Babylon is a rich and economically prosperous country (Jeremiah 50:37, 51:13, Revelation 18:3, 19).
3. Babylon is a land of "*mixed/mingled people*" (Jeremiah 50:37).
4. Babylon is a world military power (Jeremiah 51:53).
5. Babylon is a country that has defeated mighty kingdoms through war (Jeremiah 50:23, 51:20-21).
6. Babylon is a land that sits among many waters (Jeremiah 51:13).
7. Babylon is a country that has a heritage in the G-d of Israel but has sinned and has turned from the G-d of Israel (Jeremiah 50:11, 14, 24, 29, 38, 51:7).
8. The G-d of Israel would have healed the land of Babylon if she would have repented but she will not repent (II Chronicles 7:14, Jeremiah 51:8-9).
9. The good news of Messiah is going forth from the land of Babylon but it will be "*cut off*" in "*the time of harvest*" which is the end of the age (Jeremiah 50:16, Matthew 13:39).
10. Babylon is a country that does not believe that it will experience the wrath and judgment of the G-d of Israel (be a widow) (Isaiah 47:5, 7-10, Revelation 18:7-8).
11. The attacking power against Babylon is from the north (Jeremiah 50:3, 9, 26, 41, 51:48).
12. Babylon is destroyed by extremely accurate arrows (missiles) and the attack is devastating (Jeremiah 50:9, 14, 29, 42, 51:3, 11).
13. A fire is kindled in the cities of Babylon from the accurate arrows (missiles) (Jeremiah 50:32, Revelation 18:8).
14. Babylon will be destroyed in the way that Sodom and Gomorrah was destroyed (Isaiah 13:19, Jeremiah 50:40).
15. When Babylon is destroyed, it will never be inhabited again (Isaiah 13:19-20, Jeremiah 50:3, 13, 26, 39-40, 51:2-3, 26, 29, 37, 43, 63-64).
16. The nations of the world tremble and shake in fear at the defeat of Babylon (Jeremiah 50:46, Revelation 18:9-10).

17. The *house of Judah* (Judaism) and the *house of Israel* (Christianity) who live in Babylon are called to flee from Babylon and go to the land of Israel (Isaiah 13:14, Jeremiah 50:4-5, 16-19, 28, 33, 51:9, 45, Revelation 18:4).
18. The *house of Judah* (Judaism) and the *house of Israel* (Christianity) who live in Babylon and who have escaped the sword (judgment upon the land of Babylon) are called by the G-d of Israel to let Jerusalem come to their mind (Jeremiah 50:4, 51:50).
19. When Babylon is destroyed, the sins of the *house of Judah* (Judaism) and the *house of Israel* (Christianity) will be pardoned (the exile will be over and the house of Judah and the house of Israel will be restored) (Jeremiah 50:20).
20. 20) When the *house of Judah* (Judaism) and the *house of Israel* (Christianity) flees the land of Babylon and returns to the land of Israel, they will enter into an ETERNAL covenant that will not be forgotten (the Messianic Age/*Athid Lavo*) (Jeremiah 50:4-5 = Ezekiel 37:26-27).

From the 20 characteristics of the land of Babylon given above, I believe that the evidence is overwhelmingly conclusive that the nation being portrayed by these characteristics is the United States of America. Because of the just described characteristics of the USA and because the USA has been the most influential nation of the world in encouraging Israel to divide/part her land by trading "*land for peace*" and because the USA desires to make Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) an international city, the USA will be totally destroyed during the tribulation period or the birth pangs of the Messiah (*Chevlai shel Mashiach*).

JUDAH AND EPHRAIM FLEE BABYLON AND RETURN TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL

During the tribulation period/Jacob's trouble, the *house of Judah* (Judaism) and the *house of Israel* (Christianity) will be fleeing from the land of Babylon and returning to the land of Israel. When both houses of Israel return to the land of their forefathers, the centuries of exile will be over. The *house of Judah* (Judaism) and the *house of Israel* (Christianity) will be one nation when they return to the land of Israel. They will be redeemed, restored, reconciled and unified in the land of Israel (Ezekiel [*Yechezekel*] 37:15-28). After this event happens, the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus will set His feet on the mount of Olives and be King over all the earth (*Zechariah* [*Zecharyah*] 14:4, 9) and usher in the Messianic Age (*Athid Lavo*) teaching the Torah to the nations from the city of Jerusalem (*Yerushalayim*) (Isaiah [*Yeshayahu*] 2:2-3).

May the G-d of Israel bring redemption, restoration, reconciliation and unity to both houses of Israel speedily in our days. Amen!

