TO ARMAGEDDON

Sure Signs of Christ's Return



...the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men...



What is Armageddon?

And he gathered them together into a placed called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

Revelation 16:16

A Place Called in the Hebrew Tongue Armageddon

- **Arma** = a heap of sheaves
- Gai = valley
- **Don** = judgment

A Heap of Sheaves in a Valley for Judgment

Revelation 16:16

...when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather <u>all nations</u>, and will bring them down into <u>the valley of</u> Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel...



I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat

> Jeho = Yah - one of the names of God Shaphat = Judge

God will Judge i.e. The Valley where God will Judge

Joel 3:2

Armageddon & The Valley of Jehoshaphat

Armageddon	The Valley of Jehoshaphat
Arma – Gai – Don	Jeho – Shaphat
A Heap of Sheaves in a Valley for Judgment	The Valley where God will Judge
Revelation 16:16	Joel 3:1-2

For <u>I will gather all nations against</u> 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 ORD go forth, and fight against those nations...

Zechariah 14:1-3

Battle of Armageddon

- God is in control of the events that lead to Armageddon
- Nations will be gathered for war against Israel
- Jerusalem & Judah are controlled by Jews when Armageddon takes place
- It will be located close to Jerusalem
- Jerusalem will fall to the nations gathered against it
- God will deliver the Jews through the intervention of Jesus and the saints

Ezekiel 38 and Armageddon

Rev. 16:16, Joel 3, Zech. 14	Ezekiel 38
God orchestrates the events.	Verse 4
Nations gathered for war against Israel.	Verses 8, 16-17
God intervenes to deliver Israel.	Verses 18-22

How does God lure these nations down to attack Israel? Answer: Ezekiel 38:11-13

The international response? Answer: Ezekiel 38:13

Who are the nations that attack srael?

- 1. Gog, of the land of 4. Libya Magog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal
- 2. Persia 3. Ethiopia

- 5. Gomer and all its troops
- 6. The house of Togarmah and all its troops

Ezekiel 38:2, 5-6 (NKJV)

<u>Gog</u>, of the land of Magog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal

- Gog = **roof** (The English and Hebrew Bible Student's Concordance)
 - = mountain (Young's Concordance)
 - = something or someone lifted up, <u>a prince or a leader</u> in that

Sense (Strong's Concordance)

Ezekiel 38:2 (NKJV)

<u>Gog</u>, of the land of Magog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal

14 Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog... 15 ...you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army.

Ezekiel 38:2, 14-15 (NKJV)

Gog, of <u>the land of Magog</u>, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal



Gog, of the land of Magog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal

"prince of Rosh" <u>NOT</u> "chief prince"

- prince of Rosh (NKJV, NASB, AMP, NEB, ASV, YLT, Moffat, Rotherham)
- Rhos, prince of Meshech and Tubal
 (LXX)



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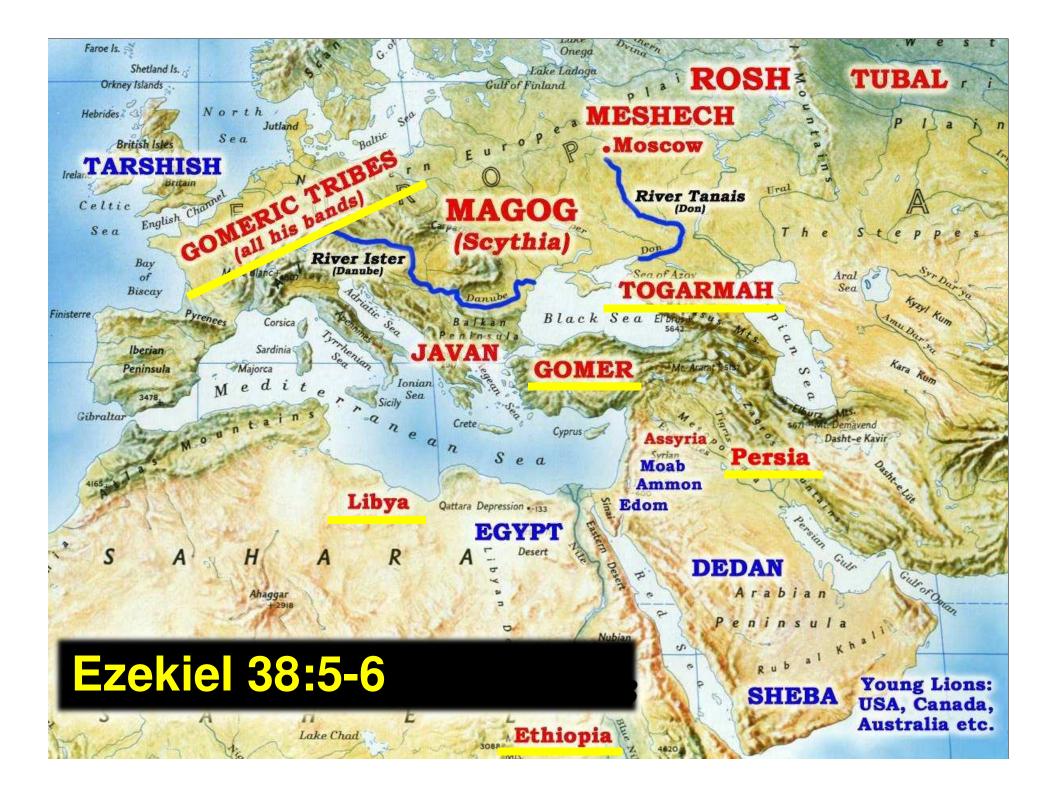


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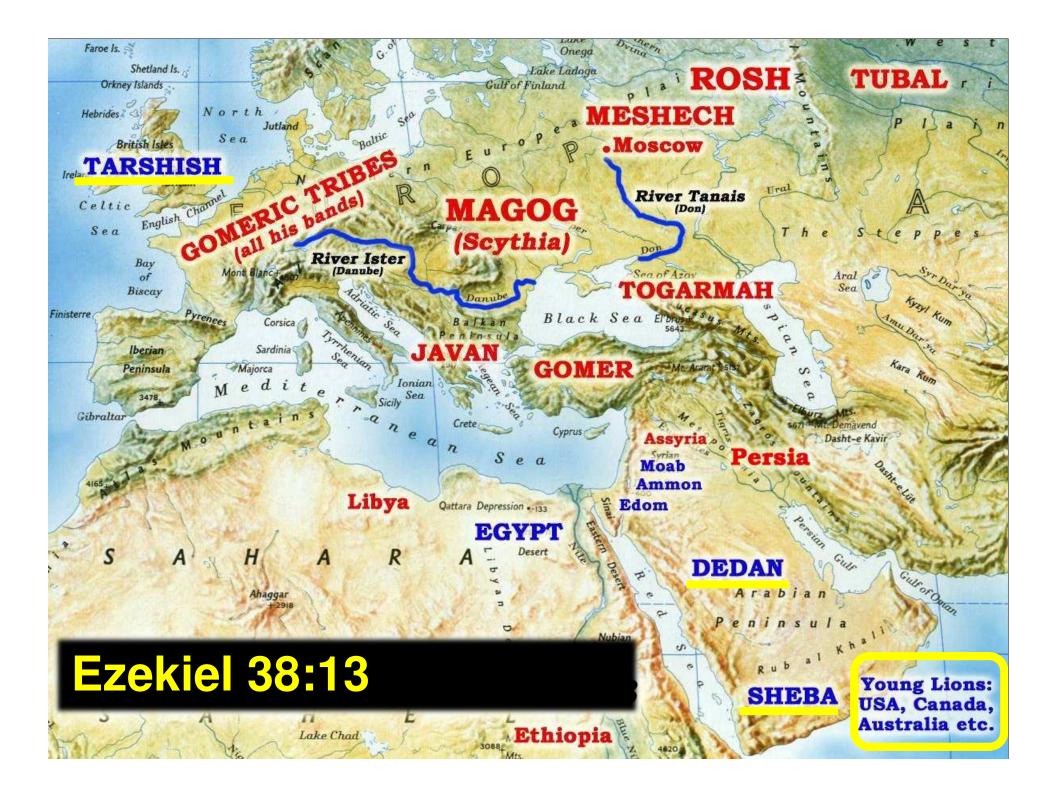


Who are the nations that speak out against Gog?

- 1. Sheba
- 2. Dedan

3. The merchants of Tarshish, and all their young lions

Ezekiel 38:13 (NKJV)



The Merchants of Tarshish, and All Their Young Lions



The Royal Standard of the United Kingdom

THE EMPIRE NEEDS MEN!





What about what's happening in the world today?

A Russian Dictator Dominates the Eurasian Continent



The rise of a Tsarist style Dictatorship in Russia

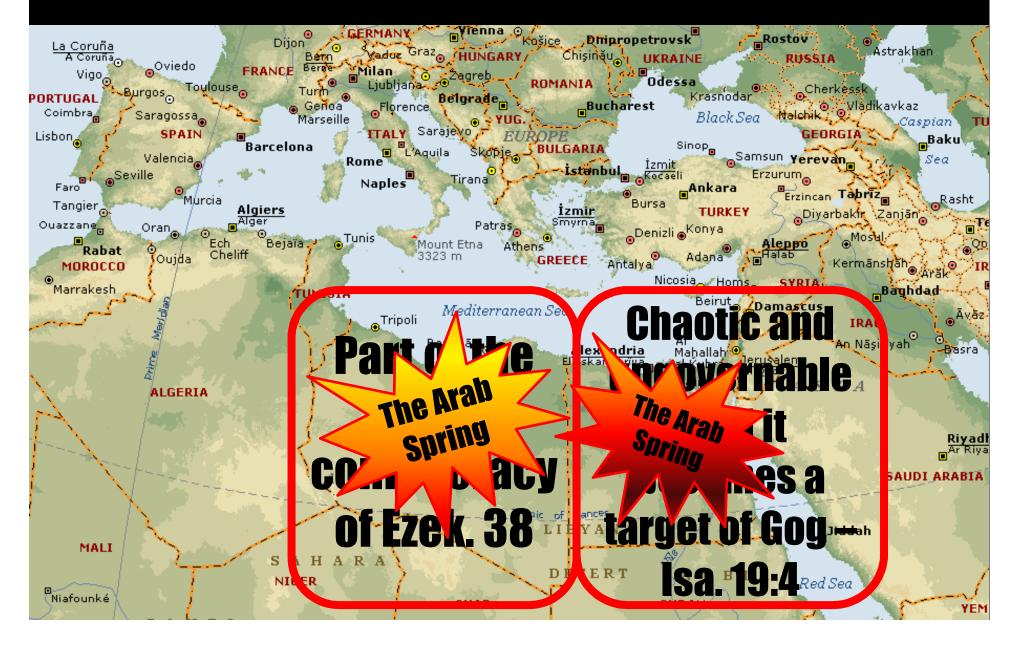
- From the KGB in East Germany....
- To a powerful and profitable role in St. Petersburg as Deputy Mayor.
- Head of the FSB (KGB).
- Protector of Yeltsin.
- President 2000/8 and 2012 to once obscure man potentially 2024.
 From St. Petersburg?



Territory West, North and East of Israel Comes Under Russian Control

Ezekiel 38:5-6

The future of Egypt and Libya



Israel's Prosperity Leads to Pride and Arrogance Resulting in Isolation

Ezekiel 38:12-13

Israel's Latter Day prosperity

- For 4 decades Socialist governments ruled Israel = economic sluggishness.
- Ezekiel 38:12 requires prosperity at end.
- Benyamin Netanyahu (MBA) American educated PM (1996-1999; 2009>) reformed Israel's financial system 2003.

 Israel prospers in many and varied fields computer technology, agriculture, arts, science, weapons development, oil and gas, diamonds, etc.

Israel's pride – prior to Armageddon

Ezekiel 39:25-26

"Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name; After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, **WHEN** they dwelt safely in their land, and none made them afraid." Refers to Ezekiel 38:8,11

Israel's Latter Day arrogance

Ezekiel 39:24-29 - declares Israel's long history of pride, self-dependence and arrogance peaks in the 'latter days'.

- Recent massive finds natural gas (Leviathan & Tamar fields) will make Israel self-sufficient for decades.
- Israel attributes its success to its own ingenuity and endurance under duress, oppression and attack.

Many of the Holocaust generation ceased to believe in God but He used them to create the state. Religious Jews were opposed it.

Israel's Latter Day isolation

- Jeremiah 30:13-14 requires Israel to be forsaken by friends before Armageddon.
- Both the US and Britain have shifted their attitude toward Israel recently as well as close ally Turkey led action to boycott Israel over the Gaza fiasco.

Of 175 U.N. Security Council and 690 General Assembly resolutions passed before 1990, 97 and 429 respectively were directed against Israel.

The West Bank will be Under Israel's Control

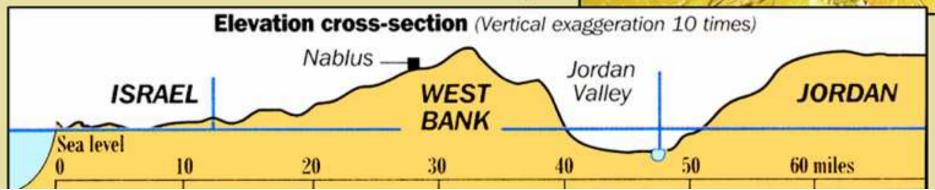




THE MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL

"After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them. Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee."

Ezekiel 38:8,9.





Russia's interest in Syria, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan...



Bible Prophecy and the crisis in Syria

- * The 'Arab Spring' uprising sees upwards of 100,000 dead in Syria – 2 mil. refugees.
- Bible prophecy requires the Assad

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worn enemy of Israel be imilarly... ponsored by Syria and ran the Seleucid kingdom territory of the king of the north Russia is building ties with Israel and has offered to create a Gazprom Israel!



"...and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over..." Dam 11:40



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...the honour of kings...

Proverbs 25:2

What's next?



...no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation...

2 Peter 1:19-21



Prophecies About to be Fulfilled

Syria, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan (the '**Persia**' of **Ezekiel 38:5**) are about to fall to Russian control – Daniel 7:7; 11:40.



Stamping the Residue

Rome After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.







The Grecian Empire – BC 334-67



The Roman Empire – BC 67 to AD 476



The Residue of the 3 Empires



The Time of the End

And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

Daniel 11:40

The Grecian Empire – BC 334-67



Prophecies About to be Fulfilled

Like Ahaz (2 Kings 16:7-9) and then Hezekiah (2 Kings 18:13-16), Israel will doubtless '<u>make a deal</u>' with Russia ('the Assyrian' of Isaiah and Micah).

The Latter Day Assyrian

Micah 5:5 – "And this man shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces."

Isaiah 14:25 – "That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot."

Isaiah 31:8 – "Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited."

Great Britain and the EU



Rail	Return of Jesus Acts 1:10-11, 1 Thess. 4:13-18	
Road	R esurrection 1 Cor. 15:12-19, 1 Thess. 4:13-18	Mile Seven
Junction	Judgment Acts 17:29-31, Matthew 25:31-46	
A t	Battle of Armageddon Rev. 16:16, Joel 3:9-14	
Mile Seven	Marriage Supper of	*
	The Lamb Rev. 19:5-10, Matt. 22:1-14, Rev. 17:14	

...a time of trouble such as never was...



the days of Noah & the days of Lot

Luke 17:26-30 (cp. Rev. 3:14-22)

What could cause "a time of trouble, such as never was" today?

Daniel 12:1-2

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The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 11:15

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Household of Faith

- Return of Jesus
- Resurrection
- Gathering of those alive in Christ
- Judgment
- Granting of Immortality to worthy

Kingdom of Men

- Russia takes control of Syria, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, parts of Pakistan
- Israel makes political agreement with Russia
- Russia invades Israel



For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it...

Isaiah 45:18

...he hath established it, he created it not in vain, <u>he formed it to be</u> inhabited...

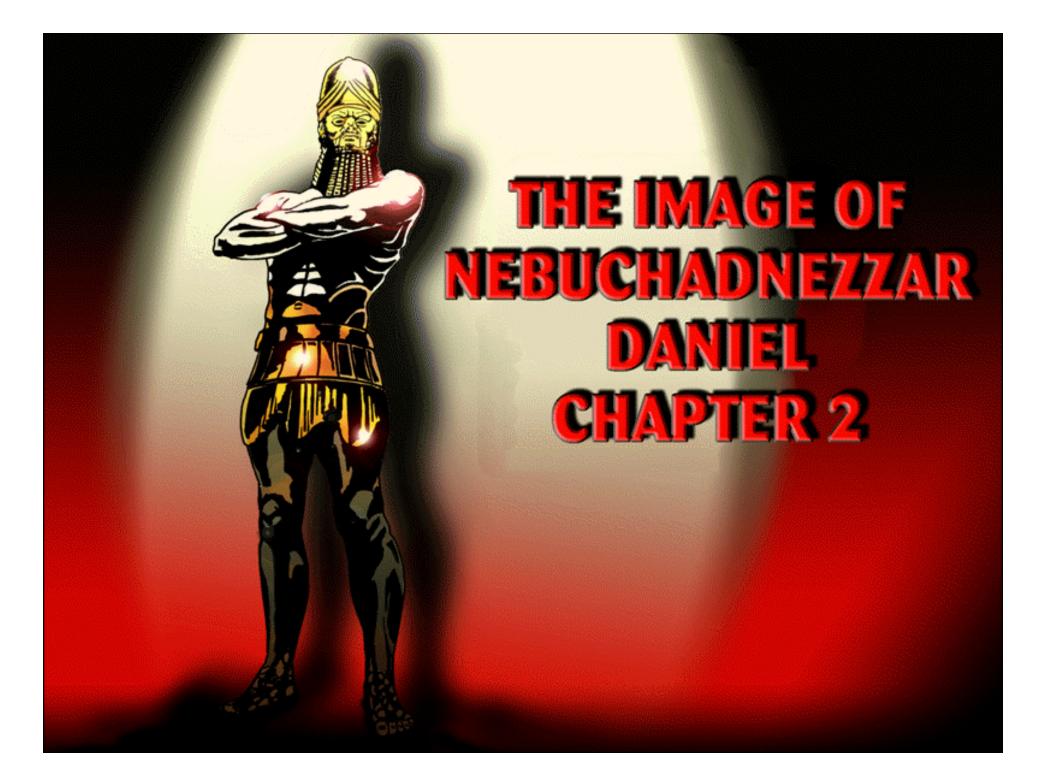
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The Flood

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But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.







And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams. wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.

Daniel 2:1-2

"Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and thighs of brass, His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay" - Daniel 2:31-33

Thou sawest till that a stone was cut without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces ... "

- Daniel 2:34

"...and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth."

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IRON LEGS

Pagan Phase of the Roman Empire to AD 312

Constantine introduces the Christian (Catholic) Phase of the Roman Empire

Catholic Europe & Eastern Orthodox



"...as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men." Daniel 2:42,43.

IRON: A Harsh Roman element — Daniel 2:40.

CLAY: Represents "The Seed of Men." CLAY is what men are: Gen. 2:7; Job 10:9; 33:6; Isa. 64:8.

"...in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." Daniel 2:44

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"...there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days."

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Revelation 11:15

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And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom...

Matthew 4:23 cp. 9:35, 24:14

Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God

Mark 1:14-15

...he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of



Luke 8:1, 10

I must preach <u>the kingdom</u> of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.



...he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.



...the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:



Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to lsrael?



The Kingdom: The Teaching of Jesus & His Disciples But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized,

Acts 8:12

The Kingdom: The Teaching of Jesus & His Disciples .. he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets,



Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ...



The Kingdom &

The Gospel

The Kingdom & The Gospel

...if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before.



The Kingdom & The Gospel

I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

Acts 20:17-31

The Kingdom & The Gospel For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

Acts 20:17-31

The Kingdom & The Gospel

Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

Acts 20:17-31

The Kingdom & The Gospel

I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto <u>another gospel</u>: <u>which</u> is not another; but there be some that trouble you,

Galatians 1:6-9

The Kingdom & The Gospel

What's at stake?

The Kingdom & The Gospel l am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth...

Romans 1:16-17

But without <u>faith</u> it is IMPOSSIBLE to please him...



...<u>faith</u> cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17 cp. 4:13-25

The Gospel & Us Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him

1 Corinthians 2:9 cp. Isa. 64:4

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Luke 12:31-32

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for <u>every one</u> <u>that asketh receiveth</u>; and <u>he that</u> <u>seeketh findeth</u>; and <u>to him that</u> <u>knocketh it shall be opened</u>.

Matthew 7:7-11

Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:



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