

SECOND ZECHARIAH

Section 9-11 and Section 12-14

THE FUTURE AGE



- Chapter 12 lays out how God is going to resolve the problem of Jerusalem and Israel once and for all!
- Israel will suffer greatly, but will be the victor
- **NOTHING** can change what has been predicted
- Some denominations believe we can avert God's wrath, but that is due to their ignorance of the OT



END TIME PROPHETS

SHOULD WE BELIEVE OR NOT?

- Book of Revelation is valuable; but Minor and Major Prophets are where the bulk of End Times info exists
- From these we can learn to interpret world events, and know what to prepare for and how
- Similar to how it was for Joseph and Egypt
- But... will we take God's Word seriously?

ZECHARIAH CHAPTER 12

THE FATE OF THE WORLD

- A direct oracle from Yehoveh, and it concerns Israel
- Burden of Yehoveh contrasted with Burden of Hadrach
- Hadrach is representative of the pagan world
- Vs. 2 *Hinneh!* (Behold) Something coming that is surprising or history changing
- Jerusalem will be a cup of trembling for the peoples around it
- *Ra'al* = to stagger around like a drunk person

A CUP OF TREMBLING

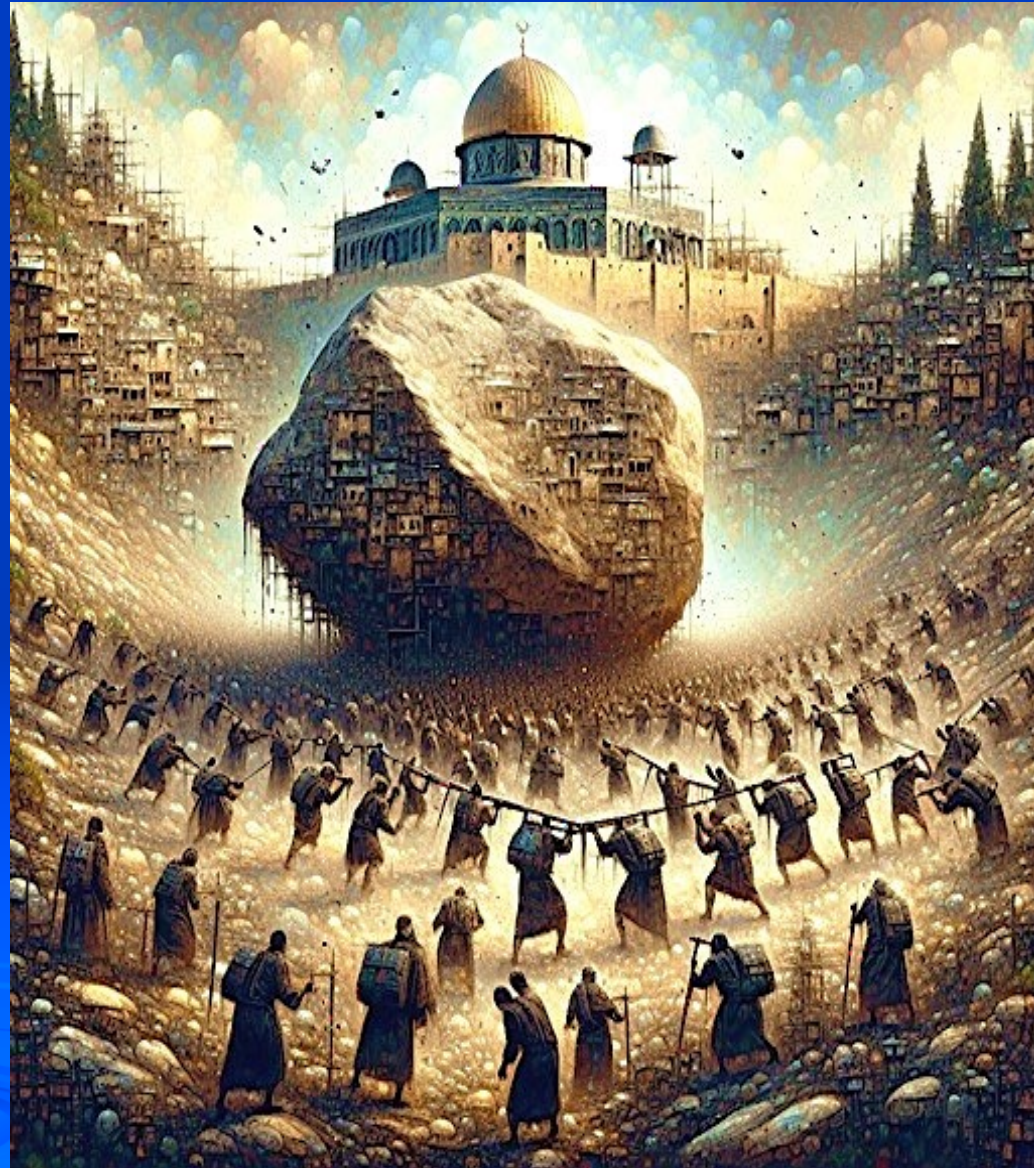


- “Cup” is a quantity of something set apart to be experienced
- *Ammim* = peoples
- *Goyim* = nations, gentiles
- Jeremiah & Zechariah closely aligned
- Jeremiah 25:15 – 31 explains in more detail
- Both near and far away nations will be affected



JERUSALEM: BURDEN-STONE

- Not just Jerusalem;
also Judah (Israel)
- *Eben ma amasa* =
stone of burden
- A negative thing; will cause
exhaustion and harm
- Vs. 3 “...*all the
nations on earth...*”
- Armies will represent
all the nations
- But, there won't be enough
room for them all in Israel
- So some nations will
support the nations
nearer to Jerusalem



END OF NATIONS



- The nations don't realize they are fighting God!
- **Nakah** = striking with defeat
- Horses and riders are the war equipment and their operators
- The soldiers will be terrified and probably run away



GOD'S LOVE FOR ISRAEL

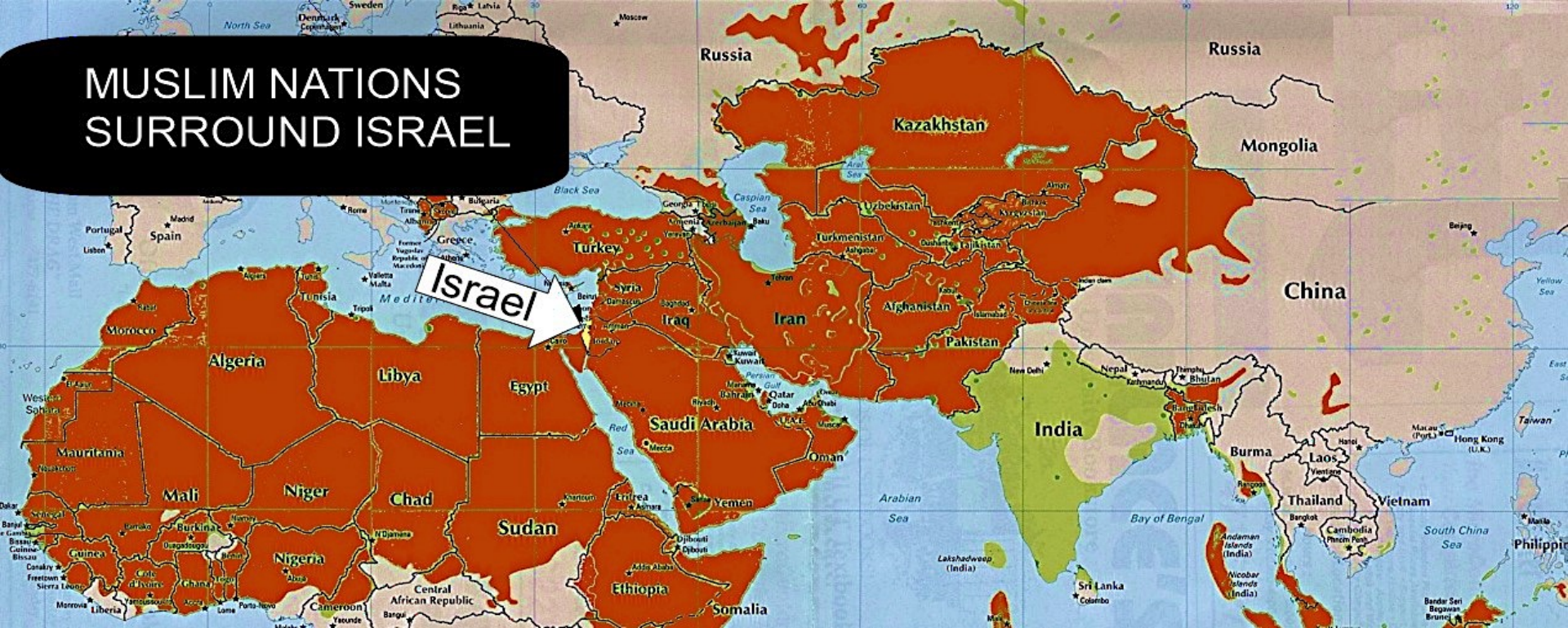
- God will harm the nations, but safeguard Israel
- Genesis 12:1 – 3
- The New Testament Church says it has replaced Israel for God's special favor
- The Church's blindness affects them spiritually

"ON THAT DAY"

- Vs. 5 Not the leaders but rather the clans of Judah
- The population of Israel will be united in their conviction
- The inhabitants in Jerusalem know they are mighty in God
- Fire in the Bible either consumes and destroys, or it purifies and re-creates
- Matthew 13:34 – 40



MUSLIM NATIONS SURROUND ISRAEL



- Vs. 6 says the surrounding nations will suffer complete destruction
- It is Islam that typifies the hatred of Israel
- Other nations on earth will be gravely damaged but survive
- During Messiah's 1000 year reign there will be nations



ISRAEL PERSONIFIED

- To the “right and left” is a merism (both ends and everything in between)
- It means ALL nearby nations to Jerusalem
- Zech. 12:6
From the Hebrew mind, Jerusalem is female
- Lamentations 1:1 – 2
- Jerusalem will become the Jerusalem God wanted, and Israel hoped for, for so long