SIGNS OF THE END TIMES

- A warning follows Zechariah's 3rd vision
- God warns because He allows the faithful time to prepare
- God HAS warned us, given us signs to watch for, and the next fulfillment will be global in scope
- We are either on the threshold, or have stepped over it, into the End Times... PREPARE!!



- Zechariah 2:10 Hoy, Hoy! = woe, woe! Alas, alas!
- Generally the Land of the North was where invasions of Israel came from; in Zechariah, region of Babylon
- ▶ Jeremiah 3:13 18
- Two "fleeings": 1st, from Babylon to Yehud, and 2nd, another at an undetermined time in the future



DELIVERANCE?

- The Persians took down the iron curtain for Judah to return
- Deliverance and Judgment come on two levels: the individual, and on the national/corporate
- A Jew could be judged <u>spiritually</u> righteous by God, but that same Jew can also experience the destructive <u>physical</u> judgment of the group he/she belongs to



- "Daughter of Babylon"... "Daughter of Zion" "Daughter of..." = residents + affiliation
- "Daughters of Babylon" = the people God had spread out and scattered
- The number 4 is symbolic of being universal
- > 4 winds of Heaven = non-earthly, intangible
- 4 corners of the Earth = earthly, physical



- Daughter of Babylon = totality of all Jews in Babylon
- Daughter of Zion = a remnant of obedient Jews living in Babylon who still identify with the Hebrew faith
- Kiel and Delitzsch "...the daughter Zion, or the church, delivered out of Babel..."
- This is the traditional meaning the Church has adopted... and it is wrong

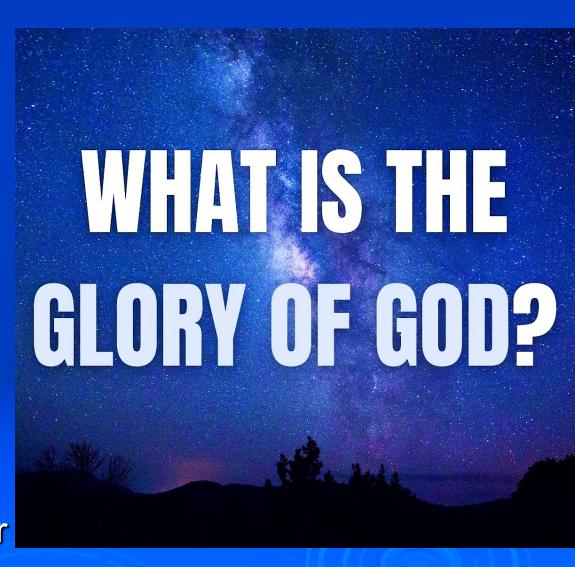
CONSTANTINIAN CHURCH = BABYLON?



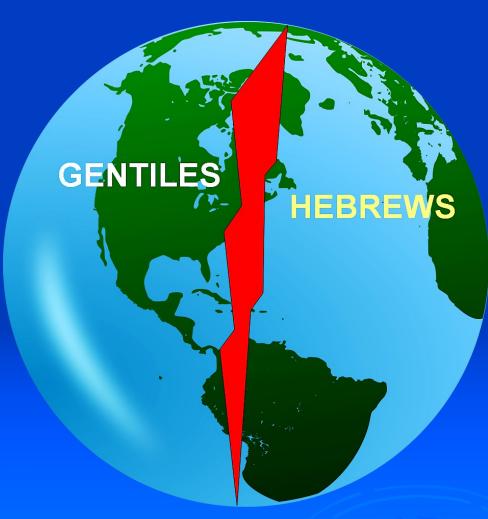


- Those who claim Messiah but refuse to identify with the entire Bible, and the Law of Moses, and the Sabbath, and Israel are the prophesied **End-Times daughter** of Babylon
- Rev. 18:4, 5
 "Come out of her,
 My people..."

- The Glory is used as a proper noun
- A special manifestation of God
- "Pupil of God's eye" an expression meaning God's most sensitive part
- 1st warning: faithful Jews should flee Babylon
- 2nd warning: whoever strikes Israel will be struck back by God



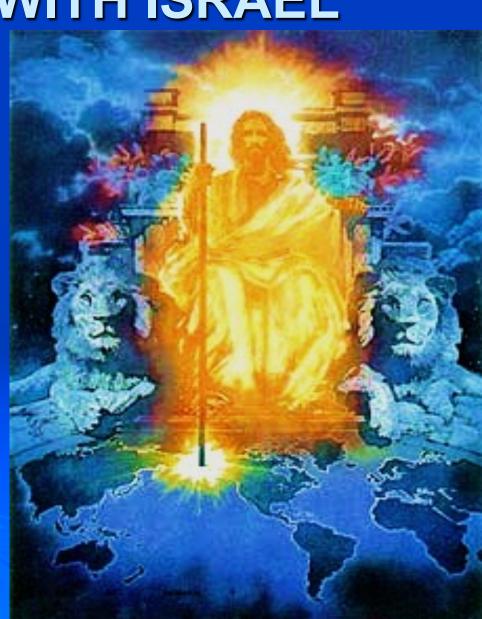
GOYIM



- Goyim can mean gentile political entities (countries) or gentile individuals
- Hineni = indeed, in the sense of certain to happen
- Vs.14 changes the mood from ominous to joyful
- Church traditionally says "I am coming" speaks of the Messiah

THE STICKY ISSUE OF GOD LIVING WITH ISRAEL

- God living with Israel means only one thing: His presence in the Temple
- ► Ezekiel 37:24 28
- Seems to be speaking of Messiah
- Zech. 2:15 Probably not many "nations", but rather many "gentiles"
- "On that Day" speaks of the Apocalypse, Day of the Lord, Judgment Day, etc.



TRYING TO PUT GOD INTO A BOX



- In the Old Testament, it is said that YHWH will do all these things
- In the New Testament, it is said that Yeshua will do all these things
- There is a unity between YHWH and Yeshua, but they are separately identified, with the Father issuing the directions
- God is a mystery, and we humans will never fully comprehend Him