

## Five purposes in the Tribulation

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- \* To fulfil God's judgment upon Israel for rejecting the Messiah
- \* To bring about Israel's national repentance
- \* To judge the world for its sin & rebellion
- \* To judge the world's unbelief
- \* To create a final showdown between Christ & Satan's forces that sees Satan evicted from his false place as the god of this world







## Joel 3:9–12

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9. Proclaim this among the nations: Consecrate for war; stir up the mighty men. Let all the men of war draw near; let them come up.
10. Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, “I am a warrior.”
11. Hasten and come, all you surrounding nations, and gather yourselves there. Bring down your warriors, O Lord.
12. Let the nations stir themselves up and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.



## Psalm 2:1-12

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1. Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?
2. The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying,
3. “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”
4. He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.
5. Then He will speak to them in His wrath, and terrify them in His fury, saying,
6. “As for Me, I have set My King on Zion, My holy hill.”
7. I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to Me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten You.



8. Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage, and the ends of the earth Your possession.
9. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
10. Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.
11. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
12. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.





U.S. forces guarding the city of Babylon, currently being rebuilt. (June 2009)



## **Micah 2:12**

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I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men.



## Daniel 11:36–45

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36. And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is decreed shall be done.
41. He shall come into the glorious land. And tens of thousands shall fall, but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom and Moab and the main part of the Ammonites.



## Hosea 6:1-3

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1. “Come, let us return to the Lord; for He has torn us, (so) that He may heal us; He has struck us down, and He will bind us up.
2. After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live before Him.
3. Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; His going out is sure as the dawn; He will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.”



## Isaiah 53:1-9

1. Who has believed what He has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
2. For He grew up before Him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him.
3. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces
4. He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.  
Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.



5. But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.
6. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned-every one-to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
7. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.



8. By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?
9. And they made His grave with the wicked and with a rich man in His death, although He had done no violence, and there was no deceit in His mouth.



## Isaiah 34:1-2; 5-6

1. Draw near, O nations, to hear, and give attention, O peoples! Let the earth hear, and all that fills it; the world, and all that comes from it.
2. For the Lord is enraged against all the nations, and furious against all their host; He has devoted them to destruction, has given them over for slaughter.
5. For My sword has drunk its fill in the heavens; behold, it descends for judgment upon Edom, upon the people I have devoted to destruction.
6. The Lord has a sword; it is sated with blood; it is gorged with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the Lord has a sacrifice in Bozrah, a great slaughter in the land of Edom.



## Isaiah 63:1-6

1. Who is this who comes from Edom, in crimsoned (bloodied) garments from Bozrah, He who is splendid in His apparel, marching in the greatness of His strength?  
“It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save.”
4. For the day of vengeance was in My heart, and my year of redemption had come.



## Micah 2:12–13 (Amplified Bible)

12. I will surely gather all of you, O Jacob; I will surely collect the remnant of Israel. I will bring them [Israel] together like sheep in a fold, like a flock in the midst of their pasture. They [the fold and the pasture] shall swarm with men and hum with much noise.
13. The Breaker [the Messiah] will go up before them. They will break through, pass in through the gate and go out through it, and their King will pass on before them, the Lord at their head.

(King James Bible)

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## **Zechariah 12:7**

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And the Lord will give salvation to the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not surpass that of Judah.

## **Zechariah 14:3–4**

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3. Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations as when He fights on a day of battle.
4. On that day His feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward.



## **Matthew 24:29**

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Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

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