



THE
TIMES
OF THE
SIGNS

Luke 12:54-56

54. Jesus said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens.
55. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens.
56. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

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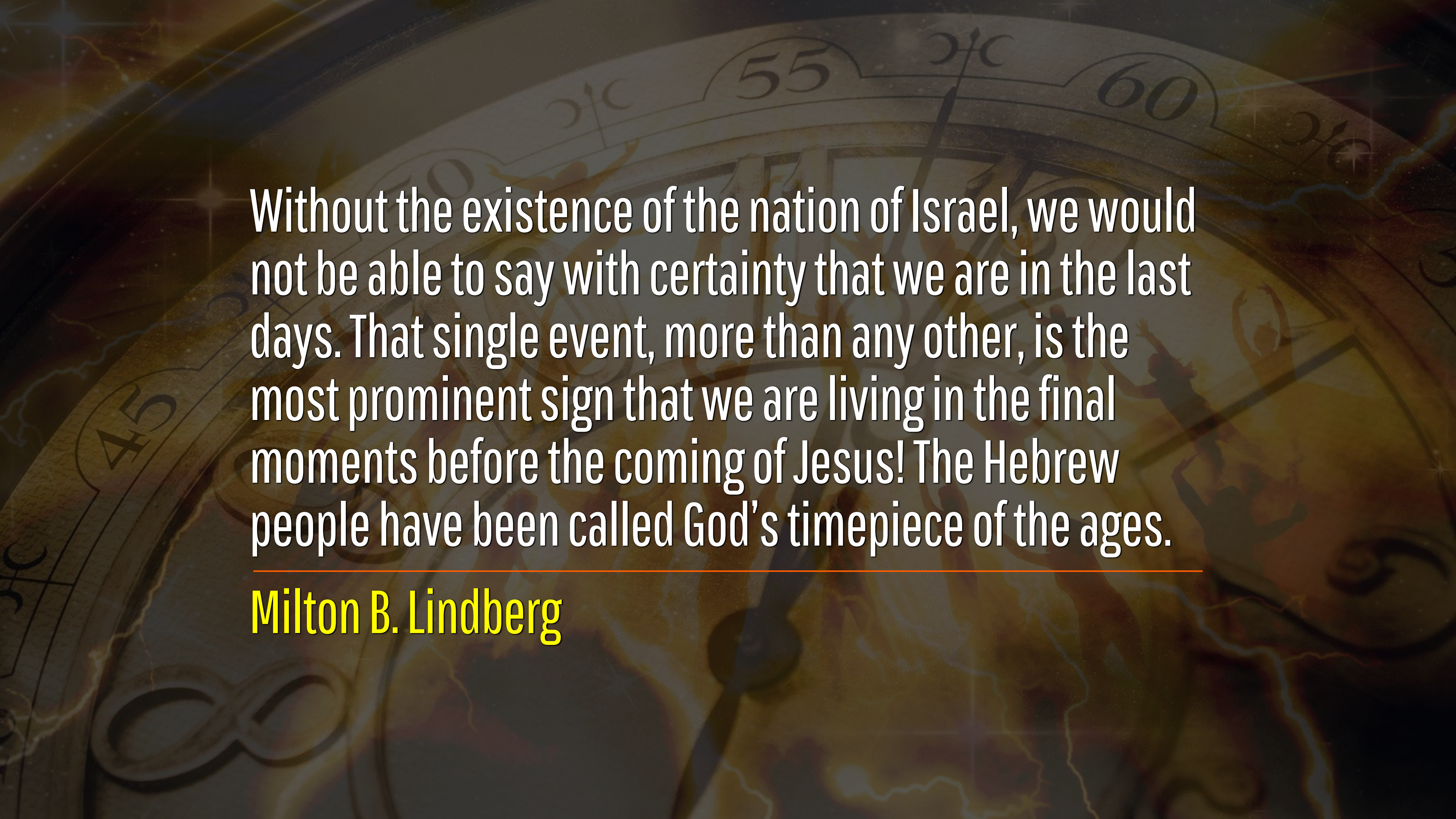
In the original Greek text the Greek word is **diakrino**

dia = through an account of, or because of
krino = to distinguish, to judge

The literal meaning is: through taking into account various truths and facts or because of particular evidence, we make a judgment because something is distinguishable, something is discernible, or interpretable.

The background of the image is a detailed illustration of a sundial. The dial face is circular and features a grid of lines. At the top, there are zodiac signs: a scorpion (♏) at 50 degrees, a sagittarius (♐) at 55 degrees, and a capricorn (♑) at 60 degrees. The dial is surrounded by a decorative border with intricate scrollwork. In the center, there are several figures, possibly representing the sun or other celestial bodies, and a large shadow is cast across the dial face. The overall color palette is warm, with shades of gold, brown, and blue.

The word translated **SIGNS** in the original Greek text literally means **distinguishing marks** It refers to that which is communicated or indicated that signifies something, that points towards something.



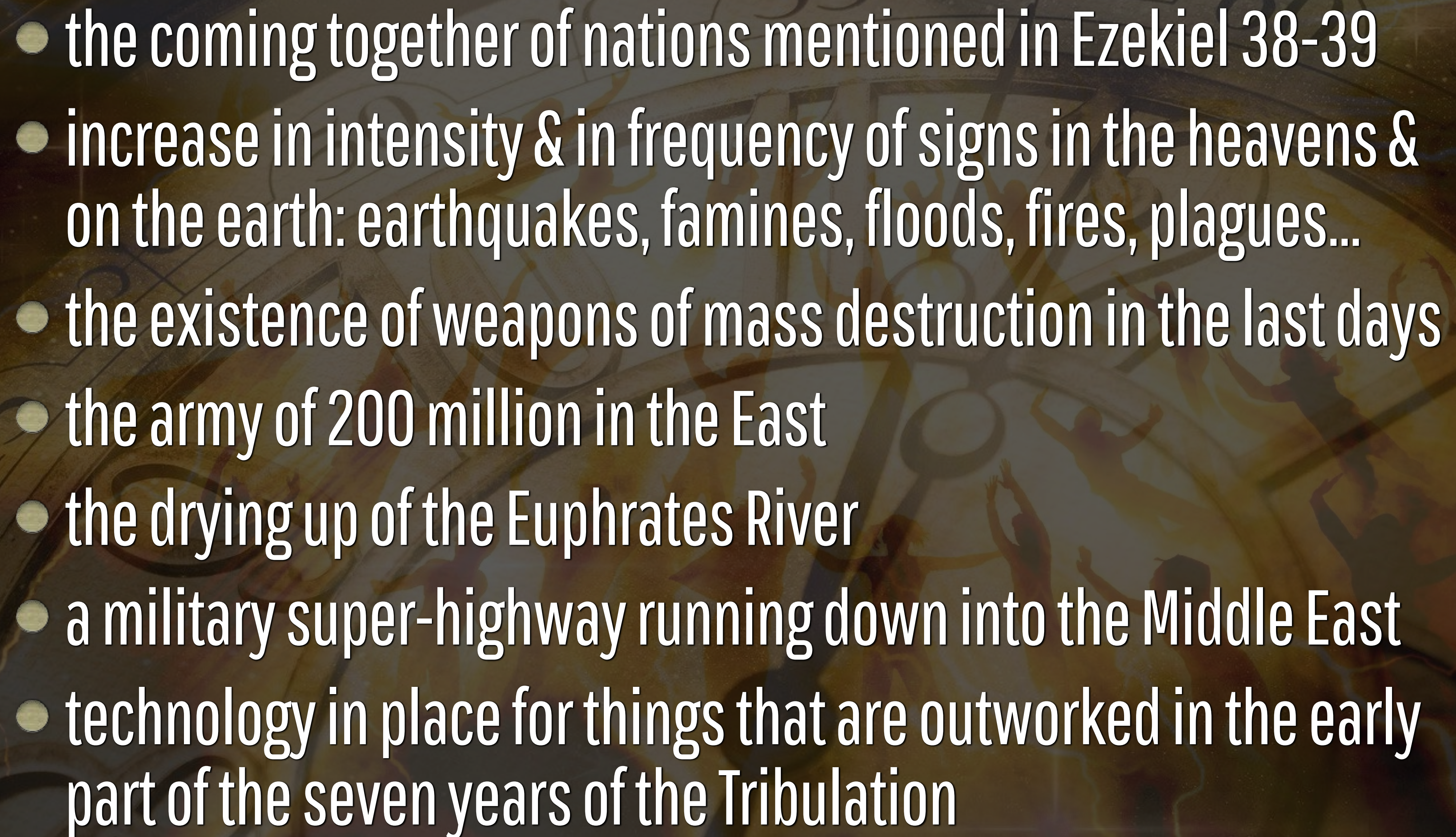
Without the existence of the nation of Israel, we would not be able to say with certainty that we are in the last days. That single event, more than any other, is the most prominent sign that we are living in the final moments before the coming of Jesus! The Hebrew people have been called God's timepiece of the ages.

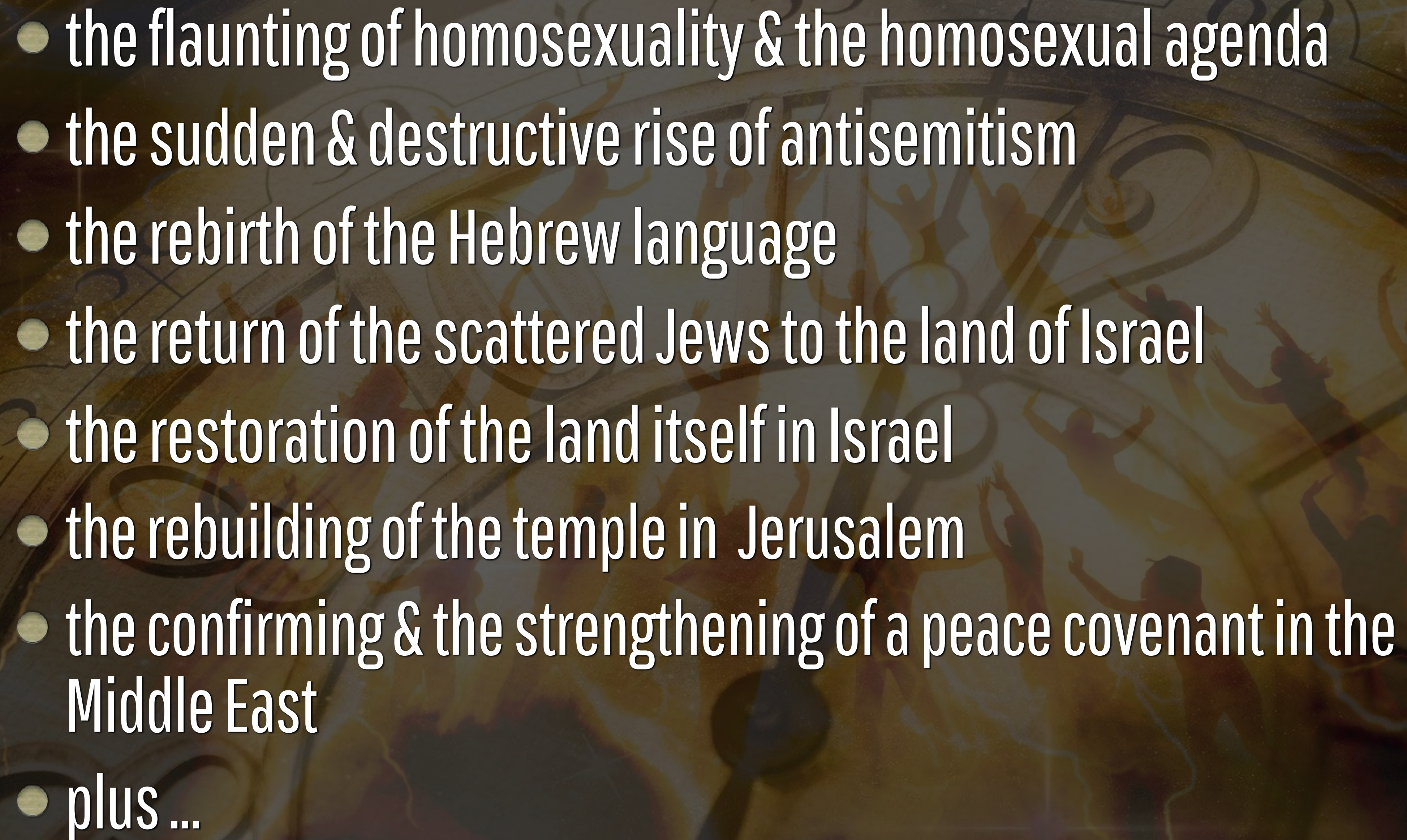
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Matthew 24:3-5 & 24

3. As He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?"
4. And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray.
5. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray.

24. For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.

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- The background features a circular zodiac wheel with various astrological symbols, including a scorpion, a centaur, and a bull. The numbers 45, 55, and 60 are visible on the wheel. The overall scene is dimly lit with a dark, atmospheric tone.
- the coming together of nations mentioned in Ezekiel 38-39
 - increase in intensity & in frequency of signs in the heavens & on the earth: earthquakes, famines, floods, fires, plagues...
 - the existence of weapons of mass destruction in the last days
 - the army of 200 million in the East
 - the drying up of the Euphrates River
 - a military super-highway running down into the Middle East
 - technology in place for things that are outworked in the early part of the seven years of the Tribulation

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- The background features a large, semi-circular zodiac wheel with various astrological symbols and numbers. Overlaid on this are silhouettes of people in various celebratory poses, such as jumping and dancing, set against a dark, textured background.
- the flaunting of homosexuality & the homosexual agenda
 - the sudden & destructive rise of antisemitism
 - the rebirth of the Hebrew language
 - the return of the scattered Jews to the land of Israel
 - the restoration of the land itself in Israel
 - the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem
 - the confirming & the strengthening of a peace covenant in the Middle East
 - plus ...

John 3:16-17

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John 3:1–7

1. Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.
2. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.”
3. Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

4. Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”
5. Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
6. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
7. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You MUST be born again.’

Ezekiel 36:25-27

25. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.
26. Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.
27. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances or My commandments.

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Matthew 7:13-14

13. Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.
14. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

Matthew 7:21-23

21. Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.
22. On that day many will say to Me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and do many mighty works in Your name?'
23. And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.'

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

1. Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,
2. and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain.
3. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,
4. that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures

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