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NOAH 2.0 – AN ANALOGY

Earthquakes, fires, floods - nature's excesses appear to be increasing daily!! Disasters on all sides and at historic levels are wrecking havoc on the earth. Chaotic weather, along with failing man-made infrastructure, is multiplying devastation; claiming life, property, and anything else in its path! Most are alarmed, but few realize the root cause - human sin. Why? Because the overwhelming majority, blinded by worldly unbelief, choose to ignore God and the warnings found in the Bible. And our time, toward the end of the present age and just as God's Word predicted, parallels Noah's day.

For 120 years, this "preacher of righteousness" warned the antediluvian world of a coming catastrophic flood. Its wickedness had reached a level that necessitated God's judgments to put a check on sin. Noah was commanded to build an ark where believers of his message could find their only refuge. A time arrived when the ark was finished. All of a sudden, groups of animals and birds came from each direction, making their way toward and into the ark. Here was a warning sign for all to see. And yet the people went right on disregarding all the cautions of impending doom. Just a few days later, the prophesied event occurred. When the 'business as usual' folly of that ungodly generation passed, it was too late! Continuing to ignore plain heaven-sent evidence produced grave results, causing untold loss of life and desolation.

Likewise, in our time, lies, misconceptions, denials, and unconcern surrounding the events preceding the second coming of Christ are lulling people willingly into a false sense of security that will not be realized until it, also, is too late! ■

With the advent of social media, postings can go viral in a matter of hours. It's out there for all to view and form reactions. Information is available at one's fingertips. The same thing can be said of the Bible. This book, because of its near global availability, is also highly accessible. Sadly however, it is too often greatly ignored. To neglect the Bible by disregarding an imminent forecast of massive deception, which will engulf the entire world, puts you in serious trouble. Carelessly overlooking biblical warnings will prove to be eternally fatal! God through His Holy Scriptures has revealed the specifics leading up to this “last great delusion” beforehand. Sinister powers are vying for the allegiance of all humanity, and their attention is primarily focused upon a certain key city – one that captures the awe and imagination of most today – Jerusalem.

■ The mastermind behind this plot is Lucifer. Under the symbol of the King of Tyrus, the Bible reveals his beginning, purpose, and downfall: “Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I [God] have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.” (Ezekiel 28: 14-15). Though “perfect” and invested by God with the highest authority given to created beings, at some point something happened to him that brought “iniquity” (lawlessness, sin) into his heart.

Under another symbol, the King of Babylon, Lucifer is

described as taking the following steps to usurp God's authority, His place of rule, and His worship: "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High." (Isaiah 14: 12-14). Originally, Lucifer wanted to "sit" (be enthroned with power) in the place of God in Heaven. Deceiving a third of the angelic hosts (see Revelation 12: 4), his dissatisfaction broke out into open rebellion: "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." (Revelation 12: 7-9). While the objectives of Lucifer (now Satan – the adversary) are clearly outlined in these verses, the one point that is almost universally overlooked is the **place** described as "the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north."

Where is this 'place'? The expression "**mount of the congregation**" in Hebrew is *har-mo'ed*, meaning "mountain of assembly/congregation." Where is this

located? “Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on **the sides of the north**, the city of the great King.” (Psalm 48: 2). And what is another name for “mount Zion...the city of the great King?” According to Jesus, “neither by **Jerusalem**; for it is **the city of the great King**.” (Matthew 5: 35b). In heaven, Satan wanted to rule from “mount Sion ... the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.” (Hebrews 12: 22). Losing the battle there, he modified his tactical approach. He would begin his rule on earth. The target eventually became the worldly Jerusalem, Israel’s capital city. However, Jesus just before His death on the cross, pronounced a curse upon it for their national rejection of Himself as the Messiah (see Matthew 23: 37-39; compare with Luke 19: 41-44). From this time forward, God’s perspective no longer viewed Jerusalem as a holy city. Henceforth, it was (along with the earthly temple), considered “desolate!”

Consequently, like Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob, the ancient Christians understood that "here [on this present earth] have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come." (See Hebrews 13: 14; compare with 11: 8-16). Christ's victory at Calvary shifted the divine focus. Satan's failure to destroy God's rule over the earth dashed all his aspirations to eventually rule the universe from heaven. Abraham's "seed" (i.e., Christ - see Galatians 3: 16) won the decisive battle over Satan, thereby empirically securing God's king-

dom on the earth ("Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." – Matthew 6: 10). The promises are now fulfilled by the reality. The temporal and earthly have been superseded by the eternal and heavenly. Though defeated, Satan has refused to yield the contest. Rather, in desperation, he has altered his strategy. Ruling over the world from the earthly Jerusalem, once simply a means to an end, for him is now an all-consuming end in itself. Through false christs, apostles, prophets, and teachers, he has infiltrated the church under a pretended facade of righteousness: "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness." (2 Corinthians 11: 14-15). Under this deceptive cloak, the devil, his angels, and his human agents are re-doubling their efforts to divert the attention of God's people from the heavenly to the earthly. Down through the ages of the Christian era, this satanic work continues to be carried forward by the great prophesied anti-christian power foretold throughout the Scriptures. Described in vivid detail by Daniel as the "little horn" (Daniel, Chapters 7, 8), by Paul as the "man of sin" (2 Thessalonians, Chapter 2), by John as the "anti-christ" (1 John, Chapter 2), and again by him as the "beast" (Revelation, Chapter 13), this false church - with a "man" at its head - has for centuries been identified by students of God's Word as the Roman Catholic Papacy.

■ Beginning around the era of the Crusades, the interest of the Roman Church has been remarkably parallel to Satan's in drawing the attention of people to the earthly Jerusalem. In recent times, under the guise of "world peace," the eyes of humanity are fastened upon it as a symbol of this near-universal hope. The Papacy has been foremost in promoting this movement desiring to root its plans to secure and control old Jerusalem as a worldwide city of peace for all nations. Back in April 1984, the intentions of the Vatican were trumpeted loud and clear in a papal Apostolic Letter issued on

Pope Francis

" May Jerusalem be truly the City of Peace! May her identity and her sacred character, her universal religious and cultural significance shine forth as a treasure for all mankind! "

May 26, 2014

"Good Friday" entitled *Redemptionis Anno*. Pope John Paul II proclaimed: "Jerusalem stands out as a symbol of coming together, of union, and of universal peace for the human family. The Holy City, therefore, strongly urges peace for the whole human race ... The Roman Pontiffs, especially in this century, have witnessed with an ever anxious solicitude the violent events which

have afflicted Jerusalem for decades, and they have followed closely with watchful care the declarations of the United Nations which have dealt with the rule of the Holy City. On many occasions the Holy See has called for reflection and urged that an adequate solution be found to this difficult and complex situation ... Indeed, there should be found with good will and farsightedness, a concrete and just solution by which different interests and aspirations can be provided for in a harmonious and stable form, and be safeguarded in an adequate and efficacious manner by a special statute internationally guaranteed so that no party could jeopardize it ... The [Roman] Church, which looks at Christ the Redeemer and sees his image in the face of every man, invokes peace and reconciliation for the peoples of the land that was his. This peace proclaimed by Jesus Christ in the name of the Father who is in heaven thus makes Jerusalem the living sign of the great ideal of unity, of brotherhood and of agreement among peoples according to the illuminating words of the Book of Isaiah: "Many peoples shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'" (Isaiah 2: 3)."

This policy continues into the present century. During his May 2014 commemorative "Pilgrimage To The Holy Land," visit to Israel, in an address to Israeli President Shimon Peres given at the Presidential Residence in

Jerusalem on May 26, Pope Francis stated: “I am happy to be able to meet you once again, this time in Jerusalem, the city which preserves the Holy Places dear to the three great religions which worship the God who called Abraham ... Precisely for this reason, their sacred character must be perpetually maintained and protection given not only to the legacy of the past but also to all those who visit these sites today and to those who will visit them in the future. May Jerusalem be truly the City of Peace! May her identity and her sacred character, her universal religious and cultural significance shine forth as a treasure for all mankind!”

The papal motives may still appear somewhat veiled, but the goal for ‘someone’ to exercise authority and control over the city of Jerusalem in order to bring peace to the whole world has been thoroughly outlined. The Vatican is positioning itself to be that someone. With this major player on the scene, measures to bring this to pass are moving forward. According to Daniel, Chapter 11, prophecy declares: “And he [“the king” in verse 36] shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.” (verse 45). This “king” is the Papacy and the “glorious holy mountain” is the city of Jerusalem (see Daniel 9: 16). Soon, events will transpire that will rivet the attention of earth’s population onto a ‘divine like’ being – appearing as “an angel of light” – claiming to be the long-looked-

for Messiah. With the papal throne established in old Jerusalem, the devil will use this agent and its allies to deceive the nations into believing that the hope of Israel and the world has finally arrived. Peace and prosperity will lure all into welcoming 'God' to the Davidic throne which will be set up on the earth in Jerusalem in order for 'the Messiah' to begin his eternal rule. Says Scripture: "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty ... And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." (Revelation 16: 13 -14, 16).

■ Armageddon (or Gr., *Har-magedon* – see NASB version) is the name of the **place** where "the battle of that great day of God Almighty" is fought, not the actual name of the battle itself. This name, while given in Greek in the text of Revelation 16: 16, is there said to be a Hebrew name. The Hebrew word which most accurately meets the requirements of the Greek transliteration – *Harmagedon* – is the compound term *Har-mo'ed*. (See Appendix). This is the same word translated in Isaiah 14: 13 as "mount of the congregation" which, as noted earlier, is a reference to Jerusalem. Satan plans to gather "the kings of the earth and of the

whole world” to old Jerusalem where, enthroned as the professed king of heaven and earth, he will launch his last battle against the true God and His few faithful people who have refused to give their allegiance to this imposter masquerading as God. His attempt to destroy this “little flock” (Luke 12: 32) will be thwarted by “the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ” (see Titus 2: 13). This intervention, at the second coming of Christ, is what Revelation 16: 14 refers to as “the battle of that great day of God Almighty,” and is described in greater symbolic detail in Revelation 19: 11-21. The delusion of “peace and safety” will engulf the planet at that time, but will rapidly be turned into “sudden destruction” (1 Thessalonians 5: 3) when the “wrath of God” is “pour[ed] out ... upon the earth.” (Revelation 16: 1). Terrible will the slaughter be on all those who follow the antichrist and his cohorts in their worship of Satan (see Luke 17: 26-30; 19: 12-15, 27; Revelation 6: 14-17; 14: 14-20; and 19: 17-21). The false religious system, described in the book of Revelation under the figure of “BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH,” comprised of the “dragon,” the “beast,” and the “false prophet,” will be the first satanic power to experience God’s wrath upon it. The union of the “great city” will collapse and all the false religion that comprised it will be judged and annihilated. The political and social parts remaining will all take part in turning against the “woman” just before the

appearing of the true Messiah (Jesus) destroys them (read Revelation, Chapters 15 through 20). The “present evil world” (Galatians 1: 4), will be replaced by “new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.” (2 Peter 3: 13).

Tragically, by promoting interpretive approaches and principles that are out of harmony with the biblical text, modern day Christianity is advancing similar ideas about the end times that the world in general, and the Papacy in particular, favor. This is most prominent in the area of prophetic interpretation. Most people today do not realize that practically all Protestants up to about the middle of the nineteenth century, identified the Roman Catholic Papacy as the biblical Antichrist! They understood that the major apocalyptic prophecies of Scripture outlined a continuous historical fulfillment that unmistakably pinpointed the Papal Church and its allies as the antichrist system. Early on, this truth was so powerful and successful in nullifying the power and influence of Rome, that the Vatican and its supporters began at the Council of Trent a “Counter Reformation” to oppose the Protestant movement. Shortly after the Assembly’s deliberations, the papacy commissioned Jesuit scholars to develop a different interpretive approach to prophecy that would counteract the biblical approach of the Reformation. Two views were championed, one by Luis de Alcasar and the other by Francisco Ribera. Alcasar limited the identification of antichrist

to one of the imperial Roman emperors (usually Nero) in the past before the conversion of Constantine I in the early fourth century A.D. Contrariwise, Ribera limited antichrist's identity to a future world dictator that would appear on the world scene three and a half years prior to the second coming of Christ. Both views denied the continuous historical principal delineated in Scripture. Among other things, this historically shifted the focus to an **individual** either in the past or in the future, thereby eliminating the present, ongoing Roman Catholic **system** as the biblical Antichrist. And though this was exactly the effect that the Papal Church wanted to achieve, for 300 years this approach had little influence outside of Catholic circles until certain Protestant expositors began adopting, expanding, and systematizing these two views into the now current prophetic schools of thought known as "Preterism" (Alcasar's method) and "Futurism" (Ribera's method). It is the latter view, commonly referred to as dispensationalism, that receives the most recognition today. This 'gap theory' teaching, based upon the 70 (prophetic) weeks prophecy in Daniel 9: 24-27, inserts an exegetically unwarranted time span of over 2,000 years between the 69th and 70th week thereby detaching the last week and placing it into the future seven years prior to the visible return of Jesus Christ. This erroneous 'secret-rapture' embellishment diverts attention toward a yet to come antichrist figure that will (supposedly) persecute and attempt to destroy a future Jewish nation that becomes converted to Jesus Christ. This 'antichrist' is to-

tally defeated at the close of this 'tribulation period' when Christ appears and begins His earthly millennial reign in this present world on a Davidic throne from old Jerusalem. Incredibly, that Protestants/non-Catholics should **abandon** the prophetic truth that identifies Romanism and its allies as the antichristian system - plainly outlined and foretold in the Scriptures (known today as "Historicism") to advance and promote Jesuit inspired "alternatives" invented and designed to accomplish **this very thing** - is one of the primary means that Satan is using to bring the entire world under his deceptive control!

The earthly Jerusalem will play a very dominant role in the last remnant of time. The world's attention will be primarily centered upon it. God's Holy Word reveals that Satan and his angels will deceive the entire world into believing that this current age will usher in the long awaited kingdom rule of God on this sinful planet. Through miraculous signs and wonders, the unholy alliance of his earthly forces will work to bring 'peace' to Jerusalem and eventually to all of humanity. This evil facade will appear to be so genuine "that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." (Matthew 24: 24). Any who oppose it will be persecuted, even to the point of death (see Revelation 13: 15). Satan's ultimate goal to usurp the authority and worship of the true God by all the created intelligences – especially humans who were made "in the image of God" (Genesis 1:26-27) – will reach its climax at this

point. However, it is not God who is ruling from old Jerusalem, but His arch-enemy! This is why the masquerade will be short lived. The entire system will suddenly fall apart. The wicked inhabitants of earth will then realize that by concentrating all their attention and hopes on this present world, they have been duped into exchanging eternal salvation for a false security and a worthless inheritance. Peace and prosperity will give way to fear, despair, and anguish, but it will all be too late. They chose to stand with Satan, and will ultimately suffer his fate (see Ezekiel 28: 17-19; Revelation 20: 10, 15).

The popular view today of the world and its future fate, no matter how varied and discordant, remains centered primarily on events happening here. In other words, the main focus is “this worldly.” The Scriptures, by contrast, have always had an “other worldly” focus. For instance, when God promised Abraham and his offspring the land of Canaan, they literally understood the promise as eventually referring to “a better country, that is, an heavenly ... for [God] hath prepared for them a city.” (Hebrews 11: 16). The “new Jerusalem,” the city that Jesus declares as “the name of the city of my God ... which cometh down out of heaven from my God,” is the “city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.” (Revelation 3: 12; Hebrews 11: 10). It will stand forever on the “new earth” and God throughout the eternal ages “will dwell with [us], and [we] shall be his people, and God himself will be with [us], and be

[our] God.” (Revelation 21: 1-3). This is the hope of Abraham and all his faithful offspring in Christ, Jew and Gentile alike (see Galatians 3: 28-29).

Our attention should be directed heavenward, for we are but “strangers and pilgrims on the earth” at this time. (Hebrews 11: 13b). We must ever be mindful that “our conversation [country or citizenship] is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 3: 20). There is no inheritance here for “the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.” (2 Peter 3: 10). Our hope is in “an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for [us].” (1 Peter 1: 4). Therefore: “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection [mind] on things above, not on things on the earth ... When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.” (Colossians 3: 1-2, 4). ❖

“ The last great delusion is soon to open before us. Antichrist is to perform his marvelous works in our sight. So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures. By their testimony every statement and every miracle must be tested. ”

Ellen G. White The Great Controversy, pg. 593

☞ ARMAGEDDON

“And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.” (Revelation 16: 16 KJV).

“And they gathered them together into the place which is called in Hebrew Har-magedon.” (Revelation 16: 16 ASV).

“For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation [Har Mo’ed], in the sides of the north.” (Isaiah 14: 13 KJV).

“Har Mo’ed in Greek is Armageddon.”
Leslie Hardinge, *Jesus Is My Judge*, page 180.

Actually the word, “Armageddon” is better translated in the ARV – Har-Magedon. The first part of the compound word – *Har* – means “mountain.” It is the second part of the name that is more difficult to translate. *Mageddon* is from the Hebrew word Mo’ed, commonly used throughout the Old Testament for “congregation” (Exodus 27: 21; 28: 43; 29: 4, 10, 11, 30, 32; etc.), for an appointed “feast” (Leviticus 23: 2; etc.), and for an “assembly” and the “places of the assembly” (Lamentations 1: 15; 2: 6). Written in Greek in Revelation, transliterated into English in our Bibles, it nevertheless is a Hebrew designation of a specific place. What “place”? The Hebrew language has no vowels, as such. The three consonants from Magedon which we need to consider are “m (מ),” “g (ג),” and “d (ד).” In the Hebrew language the *Ayin* when translated into the Greek is often translated by a gamma (γ). One example is the name, Gomorrah, sis-

ter city to Sodom. The Hebrew spelling is Ayin, (not Gimel) *Mem, Res, He*. In the LXX, the Greek translation of the Old Testament, the city is spelled, γ (gamma) ομορρα.

This explanation is represented in the diagram below.

"A PLACE CALLED IN THE HEBREW TONGUE
ARMAGEDDON" (REV. 16:16)

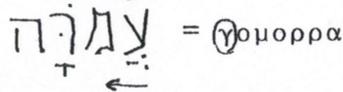
THE ENGLISH - HAR-MAGEDON (ARV)

THE GREEK - ἄρ μαγεδων



THE HEBREW

ILLUSTRATION
USING "GOMORRAH"



The word in the Old Testament which most accurately meets the requirements of the Greek transliteration - magedon - is the Hebrew word, mo'ed (מוֹעֵד). On the surface, there is one problem. The middle consonant "ayin" (א) does not appear to be the equivalent of the Greek "gamma"(γ). However, Gesenius wrote:

"While the Hebrew was a living language, this letter (א) which is peculiar to the Semetic tongue, and extremely difficult for our organs to pronounce, seems to have had ... a two-fold pronunciation [a soft and a hard sound]. The harder ayin, which the Arabs called Ghain, was a harsh sound uttered from the bottom of the throat, accompanied by a certain whirring or whizzing, so as to resemble the letter "R" when uttered abruptly with a strong rolling. This the Seventy have usually represented by the letter [gamma]" in the LXX. (Hebrew and English of the Old Testament, p. 737)



“Jews, Muslims and Christians alike call this city [Jerusalem] their spiritual home. How much needs to be done to make it truly a ‘city of peace’ for all peoples, where all can come in pilgrimage in search of God, and hear his voice, ‘a voice which speaks of peace’ (cf. Ps 85:8)! ... As a microcosm of our globalized world, this City, if it is to live up to its universal vocation, must be a place which teaches universality ... ” Pope Benedict XVI, Homily on May 12, 2009.



“ Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness ... ” (Isaiah 5: 20).



Jesus said: “ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. ... For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.” (Matthew 23: 37-39; 24: 24).

