# Ezekiel 36–39 The Middle East Meltdown 2022



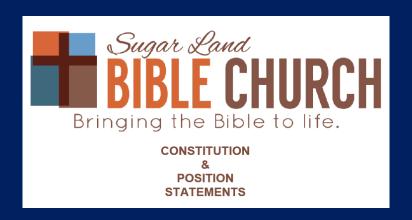


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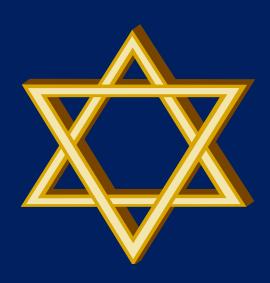
#### **SLBC Position Statements #1**

SANCTITY OF LIFE – We believe that the fetus, from the moment of conception, is a person (Psalm 139:13-18). We also believe that all persons are created in the image of God regardless of age, health, function and/or condition of dependency.



#### Ezekiel 33–48

- I. Ezekiel recommissioned (33)
- II. False shepherds removed (34)
- III. Edom destroyed (35)
- IV. Israel's restoration: physical & spiritual (36)
- V. Israel's restoration illustrated (37)
- VI. Means of restoration: Northern invasion (38)
- VII. Results of the Northern invasion: conversion (39)
- VIII.Millennial Temple (40–46)
- IX. Tribal land allotment (47–48)







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- Seven-month burying of the dead (39:11-12, 14-16)
- Seven-year burning of weapons (39:9-10)
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## Charles L. Feinberg

The Prophecy of Ezekiel: The Glory of the Lord, Paperback ed. (Chicago: Moody, 1969; reprint, Chicago: Moody, 1984), 230-31.

"Now there is presented the third emphasis of the greatness of the invasion and the subsequent slaughter at the hand of the Lord. Incidentally, the figure gives a clue as to the time setting for the entire passage. It is the same scene as that a Revelation 19, the great supper of God, and the chronology is clear. The events will transpire at the end of the great tribulation and just before the millennial reign of the Messiah of Israel."

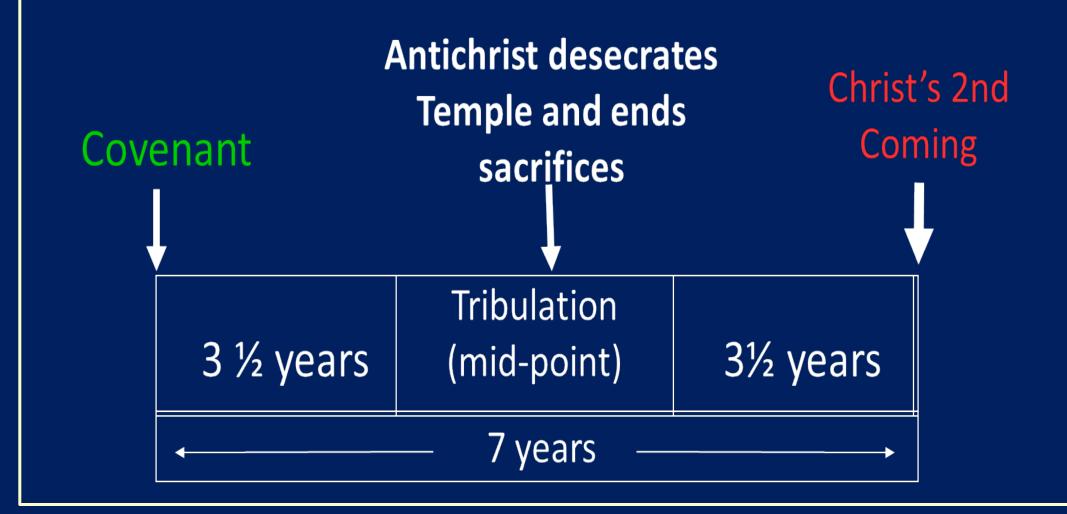
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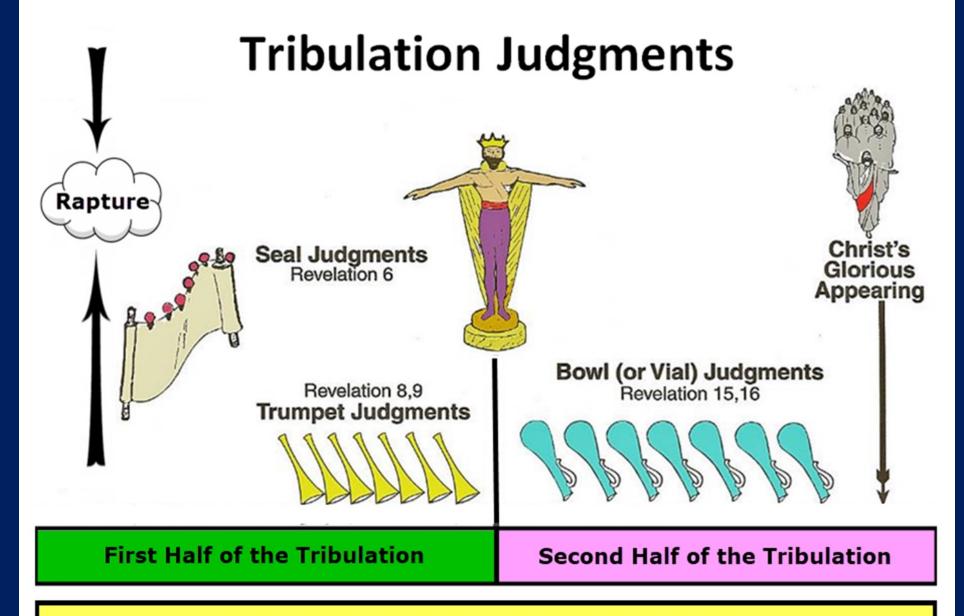
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## Matthew 23:37-39

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather [episynago] your children together, the way a hen gathers [episynagō] her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. 38 Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! 39 For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of THE LORD!""

# **DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD**





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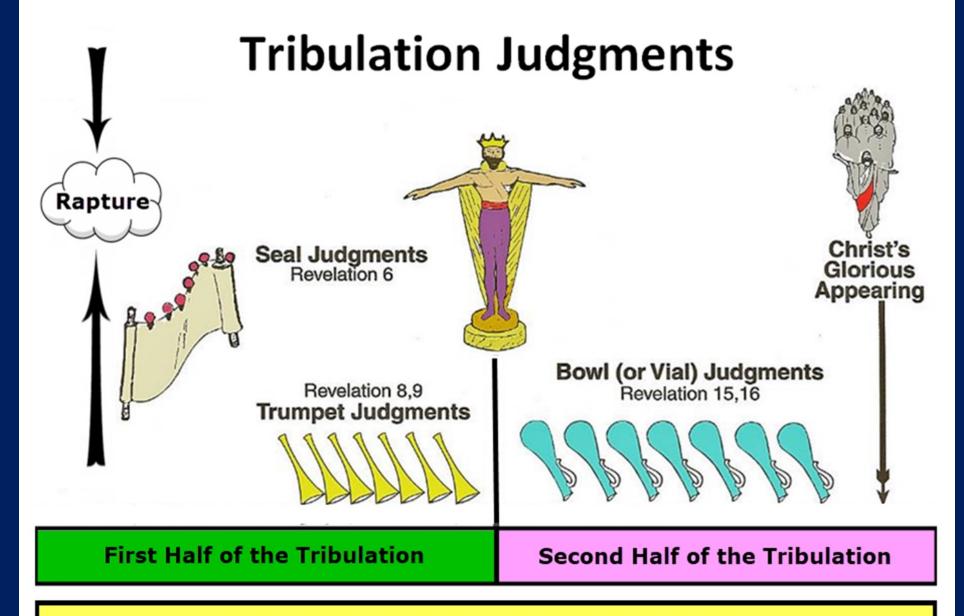


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## 1<sup>st</sup> Six Seals (Revelation 6)

**SEAL 1** – 6:1-2 – Advent of antichrist

**SEAL 2** – 6:3-4 – War

**SEAL 3** – 6:5-6 – Famine

**SEAL 4** – 6:7-8 – Death

**SEAL 5** – 6:9-11 – Martyrdoms

**SEAL 6** – 6:12-17 – Cosmic disturbances



# Ezekiel 38:8, 11

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#### Ezekiel 38-39

- Invasion planned (38:1-13)
- II. Invasion executed (38:14-16)
- III. Invasion defeated (38:17–39:20)
- IV. Invasion's results (39:21-29)







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## Promised Exemption from Divine Wrath

The promise (1 Thess 1:10; 5:9; Rom 5:9; 8:1; Rev 3:10)

Tribulation = divine wrath/anger (Rev 6:16-17; 11:18; 14:10; 15:1, 7; 16:1, 19; 19:15)

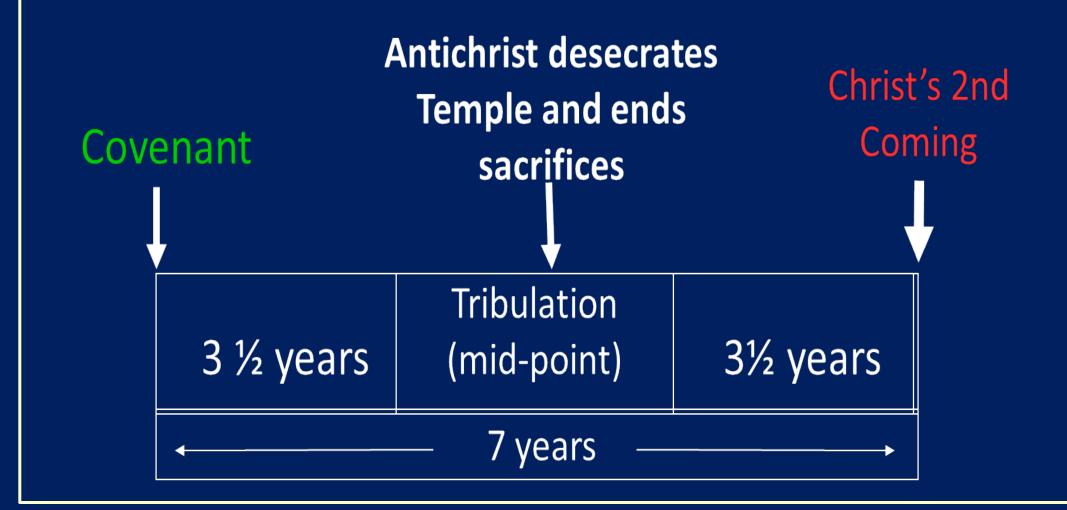


## Ezekiel 38:18-19

"18 It will come about on that day, when Gog comes against the land of Israel," declares the Lord God, "that My fury will mount up in My anger. 19 In My zeal and in My blazing wrath I declare that on that day there will surely be a great earthquake in the land of Israel."



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## 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7

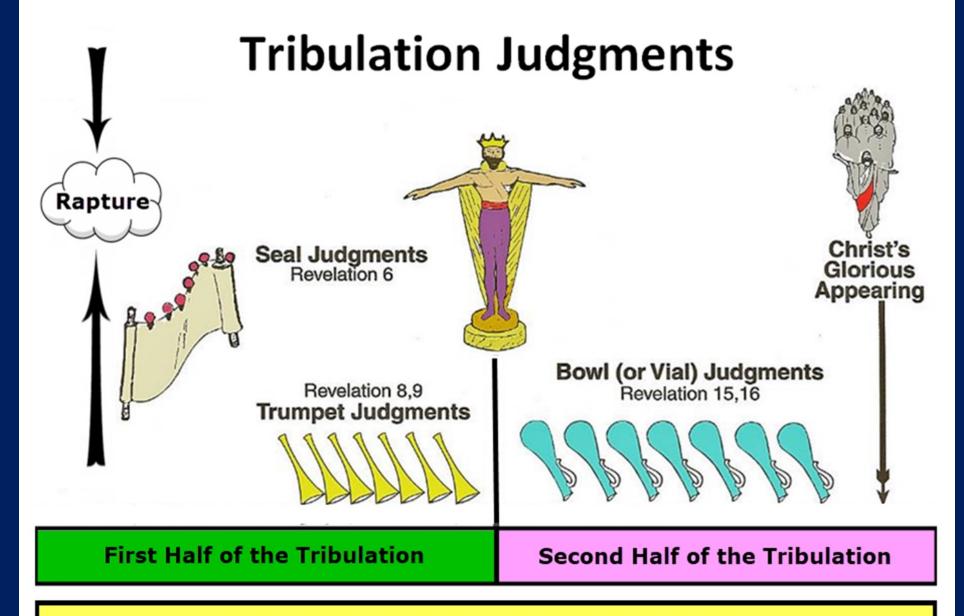
<sup>6</sup>And you know what <u>restrains [katechon; neuter]</u> him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. <sup>7</sup>For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now <u>restrains [katechōn; masculine]</u> will do so until he is taken out of the way.







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# Armageddon?

Ezek 38-39	Armageddon		
No battle (38:20-23)	Battle between armies and Lord (Rev. 19:19)		
Invaders come from the far west and north (38:5)	All nations invade (Rev. 16:14; Zech. 12:3)		
Enemies destroyed on Israel's mountains (39:2-4)	Events take place in Jerusalem (Zech. 12:2; 14:2; and the Valley of Jehoshaphat (Joel 3:12)		
Israel dwelling in safety (38:11)	Israel not dwelling in safety (Rev. 12:14-17)		
No massive blood flow recorded	Massive flow of blood (Rev. 14:20)		
Fire comes upon invaders (39:6)	Fire does not come upon invaders		
Pentecost, Things to Come, 347-48			





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# God's Resurrection Program **2 GENERAL RESURRECTIONS BELIEVERS UNBELIEVERS After First Fruits General Harvest Gleanings** Millennium **Christ** Rapture **Beginning of** Millennium

## Daniel 12:1-2

"1 Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. 2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt."

## Revelation 20:4-6

"4 Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life [zaō] and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. <sup>5</sup> The rest of the dead did not come to life [zaō] until the . . .

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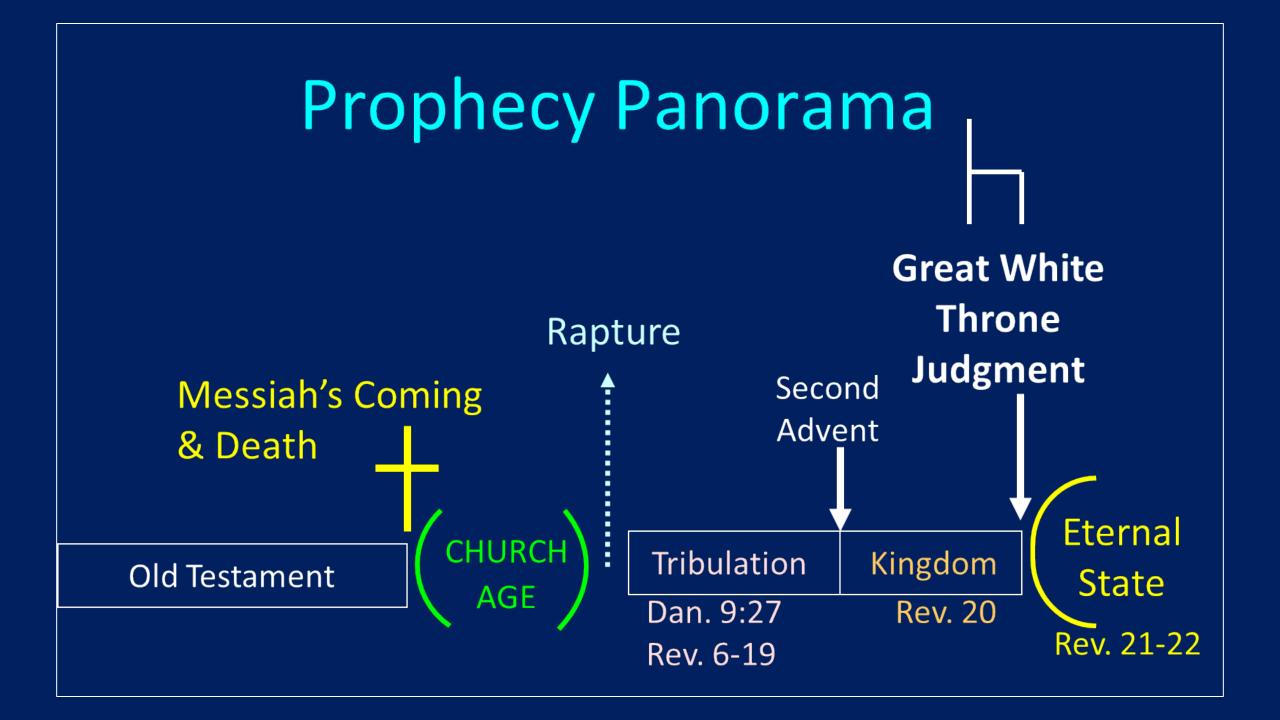
. . . thousand years were completed. This is the <u>first</u> <u>resurrection [anastasis]</u>. <sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the <u>first resurrection [anastasis]</u>; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years."



## 1 Corinthians 15:50-51

"<sup>50</sup> Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup> Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed."





Millennium Rev.20	Eternal State Rev.21-22	
Sin restrained	Sin removed	
Curse restrained	Curse removed	
Death	No death	
Mortals / resurrected	Resurrected only	
Mortals Destinies undecided	All Destinies sealed	
Renovation	Recreation	
Temporary	Eternal	
Transitional	Non-transitional	
Dispensation	Not a dispensation	

# Millennium and Eternal State

	Rev 20:1-10	Rev 21–22
Time	20:4	22:5
Luminaries	Isa 30:26	21:23; 22:5
Temple	Ezek 40–48	21:22
Death	Isa 65:20	21:4
Satanic activity	20:7	20:10
Rebellion	20:8-9	21:27





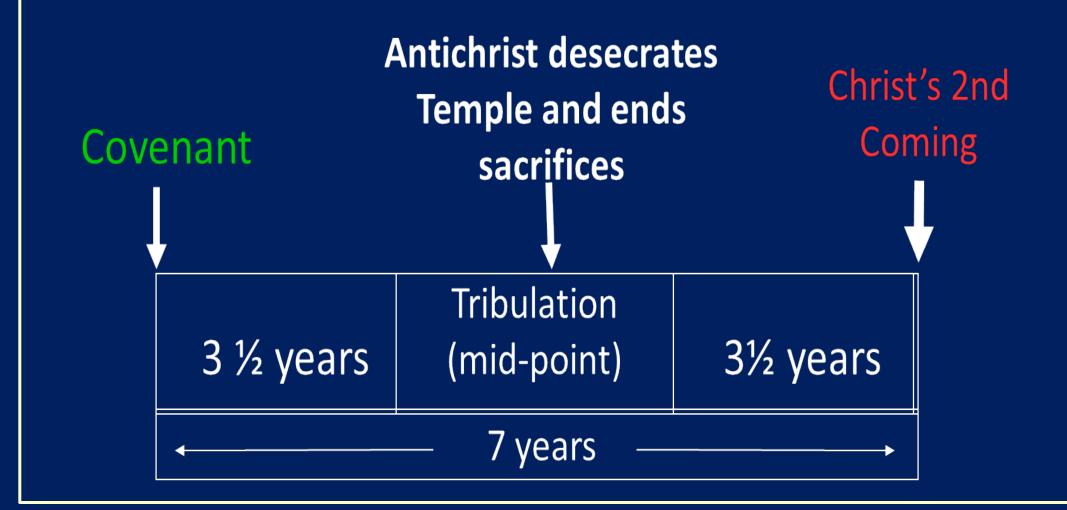
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## Daniel 9:27

And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.



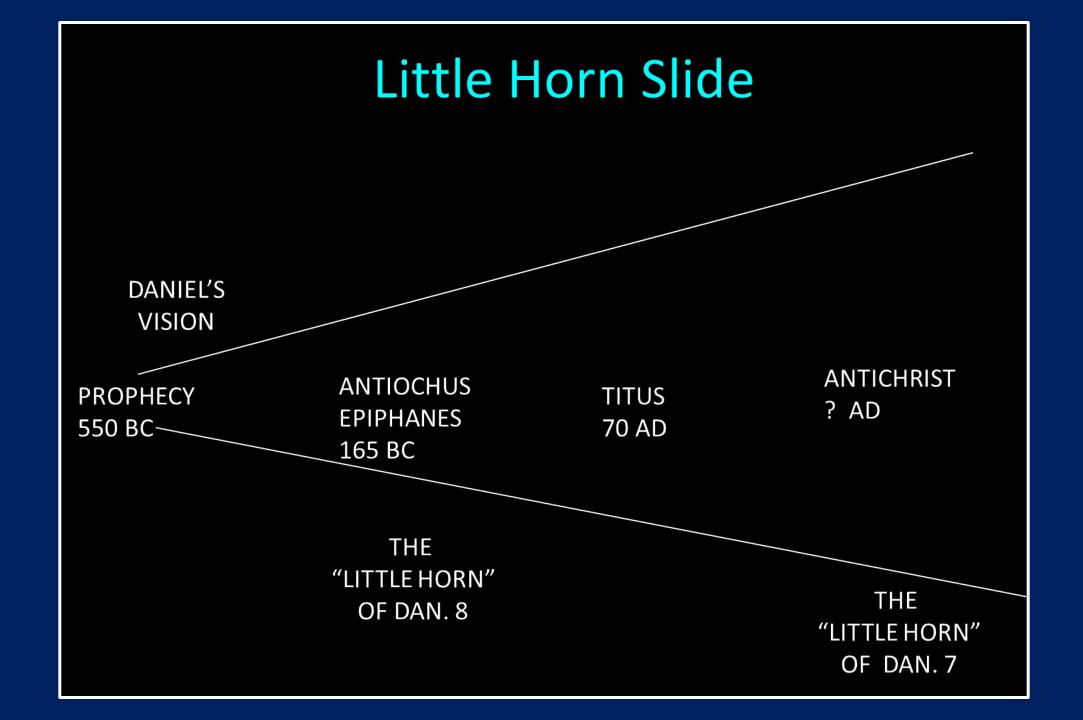
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# Isaiah 28:15, 18

"15 Because you have said, 'We have made a covenant with death, And with Sheol we have made a pact. The overwhelming scourge will not reach us when it passes by, For we have made falsehood our refuge and we have concealed ourselves with deception.'... 18 Your covenant with death will be canceled, And your pact with Sheol will not stand; When the overwhelming scourge passes through, Then you become its trampling place."





## Zechariah 12:10

"I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn."



# **CONCLUSION**





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