

## An Astonishing aftermath

After Jesus has descended on the Mount of Olives with his now immortal faithful, Israel will recognize him as their Messiah. Then the rest of the world will receive Christ's urgent demand to accept his authority, *"Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come..." - Revelation 14:6*. The reaction of the nations will be entirely negative. Three "holy wars" will be launched against God's newly restored kingdom - **Acts 1:6**. First off the mark will be the Islamic neighbours of Israel, led, as suggested last time, by the Caliphate based in the ancient territory of Assyria. Next, with far more heavy-duty fire-power, the champion of the eastern Orthodox Christianity will lead a multinational invasion of Israel. This being totally crushed, the champion of western Christianity will mount an even more massive invasion which also will be destroyed - **Psalms 2:9** - *"You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."*

And so will be fulfilled **Daniel 2:34** - *"...a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces...44 ...it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."*

The crushing of the "Assyrian" invasion - **Zechariah 14; Micah 2** - will be much more than a military victory. The belief that Jesus is a prophet is required in Islam. They believe that Jesus was born as a result of virginal conception by decree of *Allah* = God. Jesus was Israel's *al-Masih* = Messiah who was sent to guide Israel with a new scripture, *al-Injil* = the Gospel. Jesus was given the ability to perform miracles which no other prophet in Islam has ever been credited with. According to Islamic tradition, the descent at the End of Days of *Isa Ibn Maryam* = Jesus son of Mary will be to the Great Mosque of Damascus. Muslims believe that Jesus will return to earth to defeat *al-Masih ad-Dajjal* = the False Messiah = the Antichrist. They expect that Jesus' descent will be in the midst of wars fought by *al-Mahdi* = the Rightly Guided One against the False Messiah. It remains to be seen whether the current leader of the Caliphate, Abu Bakr, will be regarded as the Rightly Guided One, the redeemer of Islam.

But if he is the one to lead the "Assyrian" invasion of Israel, it will be because he has mistaken Jesus for the False Messiah. The outcome of this invasion, foretold by **Isaiah 19:25** is that *"the LORD of hosts" will then call it "Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance."* This is when *"Israel will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land."* This means that the home territories of the Assyrian invaders will then be invaded by the divinely-led forces of Israel, and be absorbed into Christ's kingdom. These former enemies of Israel will realize that instead of being *ad-Dajjal*, Jesus is actually the True Messiah, and transfer their former zealous worship from Mecca to the God of Israel in Jerusalem.

The results of this astonishing event were foreseen by **Isaiah 60:6** *"The multitude of camels shall cover your land, the dromedaries of Midian\* and Ephah\*; all those from Sheba\* shall come; they shall bring gold and incense, and they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD. 7 All the flocks of Kedar\* shall be gathered together to you, the rams of Nebaioth† shall minister to you; they shall ascend with acceptance on My altar, and I will glorify the house of My glory."* \*All these names are associated with Arabia. †This last name with Transjordan.

In proclaiming the praises of the Lord, these former enemies to the south and east of Israel, will worship the God of Israel. Under the restored kingdom of David animal sacrifices will again be offered, as retrospective instruction to the mortals during the Millennium. The care having been made that the animals are ritually acceptable, shows that the named peoples are indeed worshippers of the God of Israel.