

STAGE V - JESUS ARRIVES AT JERUSALEM

Hosea describes the Antichrist’s attack on Jerusalem as a time of distress which brings the surviving Jews there to finally acknowledge that Christ is Lord. Upon their confession, Jesus returns and saves them on the third day.

“ I will go away and return to My place
Until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face;
In their distress they will search for Me.
”Come, let’s return to the Lord. For He has torn us, but He will heal us;
He has wounded us, but He will bandage us.
He will revive us after two days;
He will raise us up on the third day,
That we may live before Him.
Hos 5:15-6:2 ”

The Antichrist’s forces have moved southward from Har-Megiddo and have been attacking Jerusalem from the west.

Jesus, with his heavenly army, descends on Petra, formerly known as Bozrah, within the ancient region of Edom, where modern-day Jordan is. He destroys the enemies there, saving the Jewish remnant and leads them out of Petra then heads north towards the east of Jerusalem.

“ Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south. You will flee by the valley of My mountains... Then the LORD, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!
Zech 14:3-5 ”

Read Habakkuk 3:3-13 which is a prophecy of Christ’s return to Jerusalem. It describes God coming from Teman, which was a district within Edom. The name Teman was also a synonym for “south”. The demise of the Antichrist is described in v13, where Christ strikes him and lays him open from neck to thigh.



When Jesus reaches Jerusalem, the Antichrist’s forces have already been attacking the city from the west for three days. God has been supernaturally limiting the success of the invasion, using the event to bring the remaining Jews there to repentance. On the third day of battle, Jesus arrives, standing on the Mount of Olives on the east of Jerusalem.

Zechariah tells us that Jesus will change the geography, splitting the Mount of Olives into two, creating a valley and an escape route for the surviving Jews in Jerusalem. Once His people are safely out of the city, Jesus, through his spoken Word, will destroy the Antichrist and all his forces.

“ Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay **with the breath of His mouth** and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;
2 Thes 2:8 ”

“ For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
Heb 4:12 ”

Jesus’ word is more than enough to destroy anything, because it’s the only thing holding everything together. It was His word that spoke Creation into existence. So at the word of Christ, the Antichrist’s body is split open, his armies die in a similar fashion, and the battle is over quickly. The War of Armageddon, the Age of the Gentiles, and the Tribulation come to an end. Finally, the earth is at rest from war.

All opposing armies have been destroyed and a large group of Jews on earth have been saved. There will also be some believing Gentiles on earth at Jesus’ coming and unbelieving Gentiles who weren’t part of the army, and who survived the Tribulation. We’ll soon discover what happens to all surviving humans as we transition into the thousand year Kingdom period. But before that period can begin, there is a lot of cleaning up to do as the world has been totally devastated during the Tribulation and in need of serious rebuilding!

