

INTRODUCTION

The goal of this book is to show that history has fulfilled (at least at a first phase level) the prophecy of Daniel – namely that God’s chosen vehicle – the assembly / Body of Christ will be faced with **warfare**. Too often the body of believers just wants to have the promises without the spiritual warfare.

Having shown that the Jewish nation has experienced these battles, we will show that the Body of Christ is called to “stand” on the face of a renewed attack.

In the book of Esther, we are asked two important questions, the answers to which will indicate if you are ready for the call to war or not.

Esther 4:14b *“14 Who knows but that you have come onto **your royal position** for such a **time** as this?”*

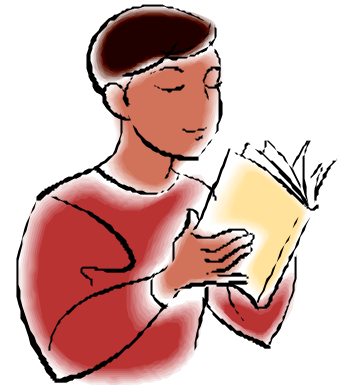
Do you read Esther:

- As a story?
- As something that will not happen again?
- As a Jewish “thing”?

OR

Have you written your name into the places / spaces wherever you find the words:

- Mordecai
- Esther
- Hatach



Wherever you are today:

- At work
- In business
- In your marriage, etc,

is a **combination** of the **freedom of choice** which you have exercised and **God’s Hand on your life**.

It is therefore a “royal position”.

Ex. 19:6 *“6 And you shall be to Me a **kingdom of priests**, a holy nation [consecrated, set apart to the worship of God]. These are the words you shall speak to the Israelites.”*

1 Pet. 2:9 *“9 But you are a chosen race, a **royal priesthood**, a dedicated nation, [God’s] own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”*

The first question is:

Are you focused on:

- Your problem.

- Where you would rather be.
- Why others are better off than you are.

OR

Are you ready to do God's purpose at **this time**?

The **second question** that we see from this verse is what we really understand about the factor of **time**.

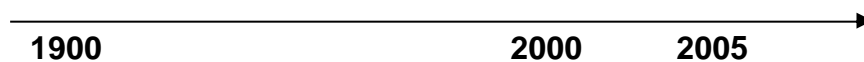
It's easy to tell me what the time is now – it's a precise reading from a good Swiss watch.



If however, I ask you **what is time**? I am sure that you will find the question more difficult to answer.

If you rely on the current world view, the Greco-Roman mindset, we will define time as a measurement of the rotations of the earth. Based on this understanding time is **linear**, it will be the same day after day, year after year – **each hour is a repetition of the previous hour**.

- **Greco-Roman time:**
One year after the other:



From a Hebrew mindset, we get a totally different view of time. An investigation of God's Word shows us that "**Man sanctifies time.**"

- After God had created heaven and earth and all that is in it in six days – He rested.
- After the Exodus out of Egypt, God commands the Israelites to mark the passage of time with the first day of the month to start at Passover – the day the new moon appears, and declares that man must rest.



Ex. 12:2 "2 This month shall be to you the beginning of months, the first month of the year to you."

Ex. 12:42 "42 It was a night of watching unto the Lord and to be much observed for bringing them out of Egypt; **this same night of watching unto the Lord is to be observed by all the Israelites throughout their generations.**"

Time, therefore is something defined **by man** as he **observed** the changing movement of the **heavenlies**.

As spiritual man sees the physical change in the sky he will tap into the **potential** power / holiness / purpose that God has **for that time**.

This time of power / revelation / blessing is more evident on the dates and times which God has:

- Commanded as His Set Feasts
- Set as seasons and His method of warfare through the words of the Prophets.

We call these times (specifically the commanded holidays) as “Moadim”.

The translation of this word “Moadim” means – **times of meeting**.

Therefore each time these days of celebration arrives on the calendar again:

- God wants His people to find Him again – to rediscover **new light of revelation**.
- God wants His people to **draw down** on new spiritual resources that **were not** available the year before.
- God wants us to live each year / time as an **unique gift with its own potential for destiny**.

We either use this gift or lose it.

Are you:

- a set apart Holy Nation, i.e. in a royal position?
- ready for a time like today?



Calling down God’s Blessing in time:

a) God has created all things before the foundation of this world. We can call this “Spirit time”.



In this time frame God’s plans and purposes for your life has been pre-determined.

b) God created the earth, placed man on it and allotted all men equal opportunity to make use of time.

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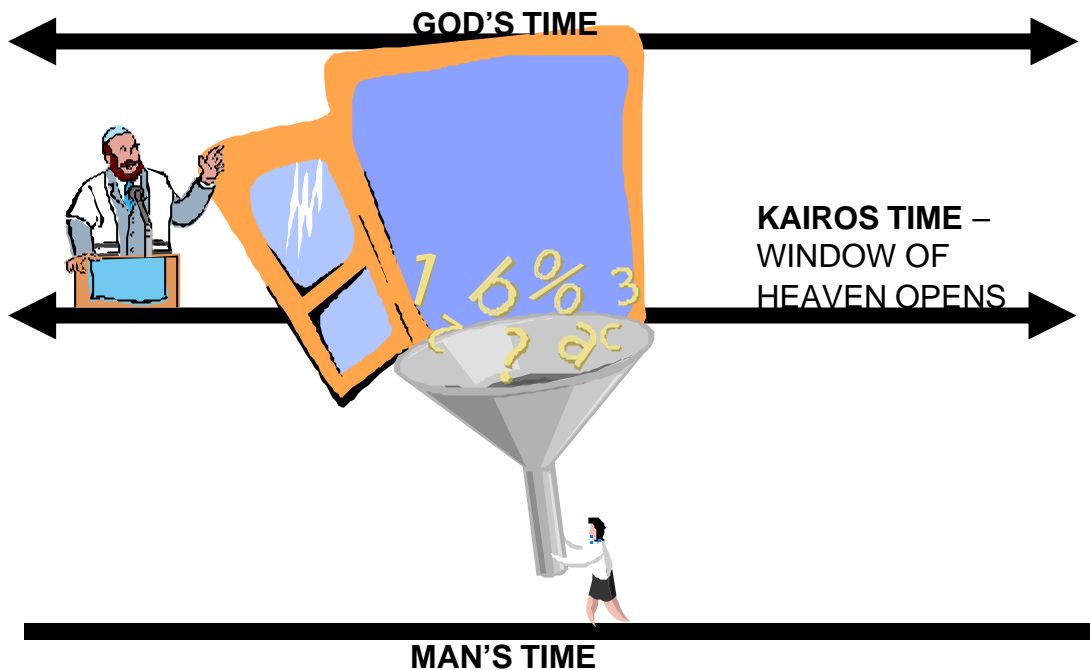
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FINISH

Our impact in this world is determined by:

- the generational family that we came from
- the culture that I am from.
- the time-period in which I live.

c) Each one of us has to reach up to God's time, through Kairos moments, to discover our purpose and destiny.



We download our purpose / promise as Abraham did:

Heb. 7:6 “6 But this person who has not their Levitical ancestry received tithes from Abraham [himself] and **blessed him** who possessed **the promises** [of God].”
Gen. 14:19-20 “19 And **he blessed him** and said, Blessed (favored with blessings, made blissful, joyful) be Abram by God Most High, Possessor and Maker of heaven and earth,
20 And blessed, praised, and glorified be God Most High, Who has given your foes into your hand! **And [Abram] gave him a tenth of all [he had taken].**”

When we act on our destiny God / Melchizedek will come to bless us:

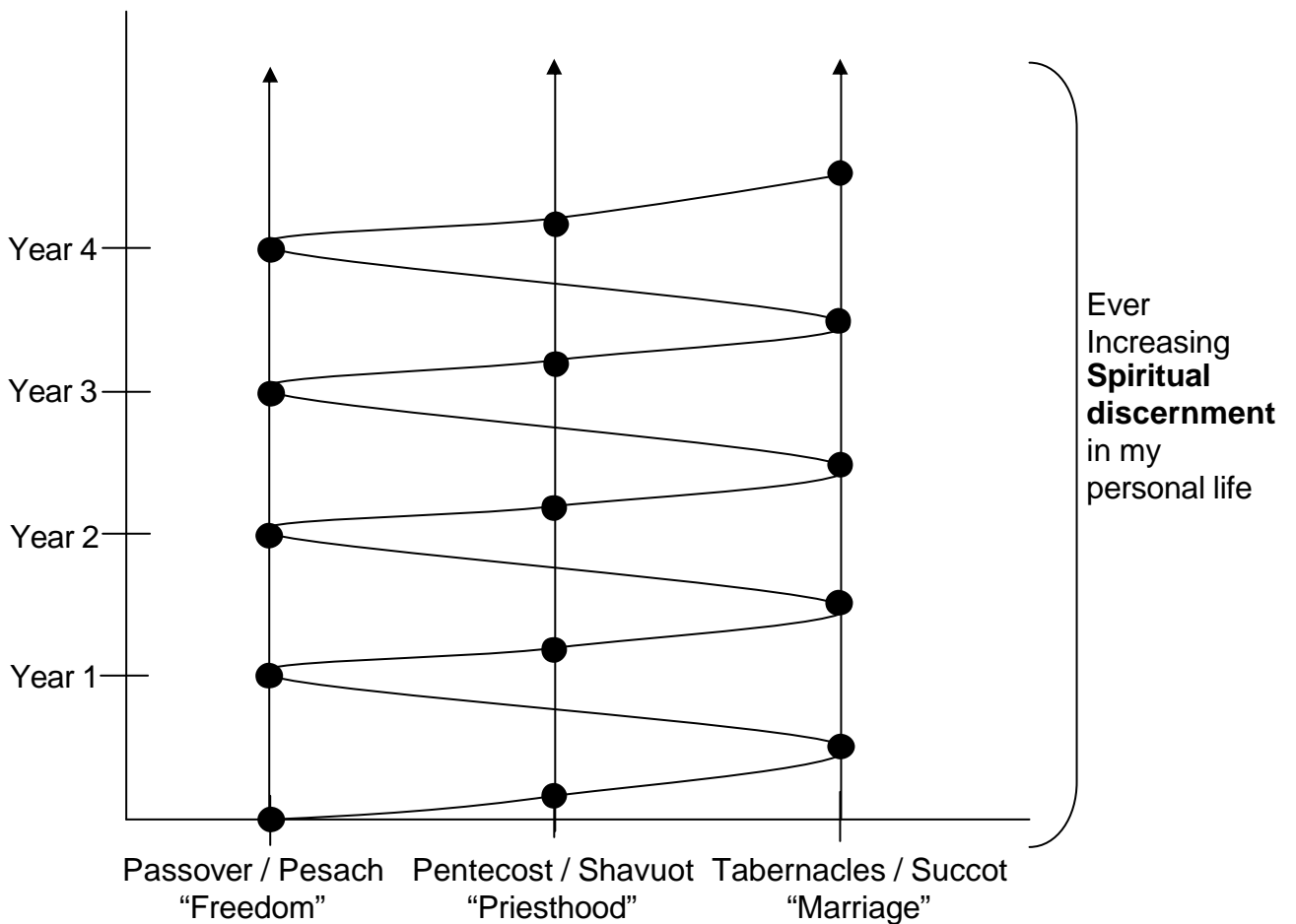
- with position
- material possessions
- peace

We need to take these blessings and use it as “seed” to be sown into the season of our lives so that we impact the community.

Now let's apply this principle to the Story of Mordecai, Esther and Hathach – the Eunuch.

God's Time	A prophetic word of warning that the Israelites would face an enemy at war with a promise of redemption. (Daniel)
Mordecai / Esther / Hathach's Time	They are in captivity, are watchmen on the wall, see the danger, react. Pray, fast, etc to open the "Kairos" window for their purpose / promise. God reaches down and changes the heart of an earthly king to raise the scepter.
God's Time	Blesses them with: - position - possessions - peace.

▪ **Hebraic time – Personal level:**



God's Season of Warfare

God creates the earth and places man within it to:

- multiply
- take dominion

Adam and Eve gave this right of rulership **away**.

God's plan is that man will – through the work on the Cross by His Son, Jahshua – regain that **position of dominion**.

God however knows that satan will continue with his same goal to cause us to fail in achieving God's purpose of establishing the Kingdom of God.

In order to empower the Israelites / Bride of Christ to stand, God **provides a prophetic vision of war to Daniel**. If we study this word and understand the form of attack, we will be able to walk in victory.

As we approach this study of the Messianic Perspective of Spiritual Warfare we need to keep in mind a key principle that God sets out.

Dwell in unity:

Ps 133

*"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to **dwell together in unity!** It is like the precious ointment poured on the head that ran down on the beard, even the beard of Aaron, that came down upon the collar and skirts of his garments [consecrating the whole body]. It is like the dew of [lofty] Mount Hermon and the dew that comes on the hills of Zion; **for there the Lord has commanded the blessing**, even life forevermore [upon the high and the lowly]."*

For the past 2000 years, the church has, for the most part worked to **separate** itself from its Hebraic roots. This is a violation of Paul's clear message that we are wild branches grafted into the olive tree (**Rom 11:13-24**). The olive tree represents God's covenants and promises made to Israel, which we become part of when we received our salvation (**Eph 2:12-13**). *Paul warned us against separating and becoming arrogant (Rom 11:20), knowing that the root holds up the branches, not the other way around. Sadly, the Churches rejection of it's Hebraic roots has led to heresies in the Church, the integration of pagan practices, and the persecution of the Jewish people by the Church throughout the centuries (Wagner, 1998:11).*

As we can see there are at least two themes in the Bible which emphasize the coming together of the Israelites and the Gentiles.

Firstly, the wild olive.

In **Jer 11:10-16** the Lord speaks through His prophet Jeremiah and talks of both houses of Israel and Judah as a “green” olive tree. Also in **Rom 11:17-24** Paul clearly says that the Israelites’ rejection is not final and that the Gentiles (wild olives) would be *grafted into the natural (green) olive* (Israelites) (**Rom 11:24**)¹



Secondly, One New Man.

God has a purpose to create ONE NEW man (generic) out of both Israelite and Gentile, by bringing them both to the Cross – see **Eph 2:14-16**. The conflict between both groups is reconciled as we come into “one Spirit in the Father” (**Eph 2:18**). Paul goes on to say that “*Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household...with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord* (**Eph 2:19-21**)

[This division of Jew and Gentile] *is beginning to change ...the Church and Israel are [both] **rediscovering each other**. As God is restoring His land and people, Israel, in fulfillment of bible prophecy and in preparation of the soon coming Messiah, Christians are rediscovering their Hebraic roots, while Jews are meeting Christians who truly love and pray for them and the nation of Israel. In the past, Christians persecuted Jews in the Name of Yahshua. Today, because of Yahshua. The dividing wall of hostility” is coming down, just as he had planned from the beginning* (**Eph 2: 14-18**) (Wagner, 1998:11).

In summary, we see that the spiritual is not the first, but the natural and **then** the spiritual (**1 Cor 15:46**).

¹ This grafting is contrary to current agricultural practice where the cultivated fruit tree branch is grafted into the wild tree.

1. END TO WAR

There will be an end to war – there will be a time of **jubilee**. We find this promise in **Isa 2: 2-4**

*Now it shall come to pass in the latter days... they shall beat their swords into **plowshares** and their spears into **pruning hooks**. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they **learn war** any more.*

This speaks of an event in the future; although the Messiah has come we are **not living in the fulfillment** of the **prophecy**.

We find a further prophecy declaring thus a time of peace:

Isa 40:2 *Speak tenderly to the heart of Jerusalem, And cry to her that her time of service and her **warfare are ended***

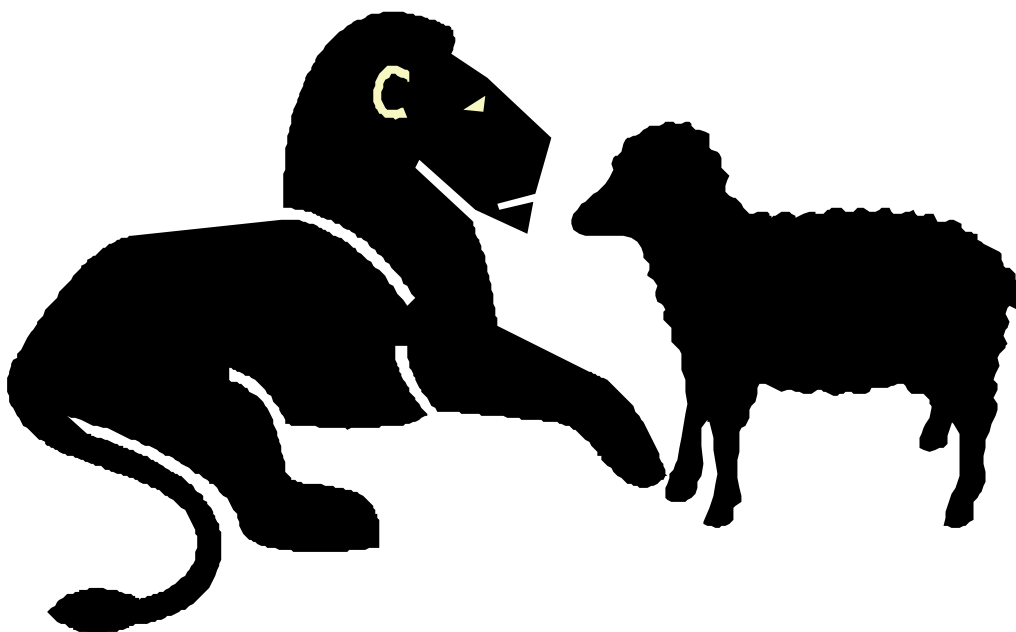
Not only is the war ended but we find the promise of jubilee in this verse as well:

Isaiah 2:3-5

“3 And many people 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. For out of Zion shall go forth the law and instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

*4 And He shall judge between the nations and shall decide [disputes] for many peoples; and they shall **beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks**. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.*

5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.”



2. WHAT HAPPENS “BEFORE” THE END OF WAR?

We are given the promise that the Messiah will return – this time not as the **suffering servant** but as a conquering **KING!**

Rev 19: 11-16 *After that I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse Appeared! The One Who was riding it is called Faithful and True, and He passes judgment and wages war in righteousness. His eyes blaze like a flame of fire, and on His head are many kingly crowns; and He has a title inscribed which He alone knows. He is dressed in a robe dyed by dipping in blood, and the title by which He is called is The Word of God. And the troops of heaven, clothed in fine linen, dazzling and clean, followed Him on white horses. From His mouth goes forth a sharp sword with which He can smite the nations; and He will shepherd and control them with a staff of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath and indignation of God the All-Ruler. And on His garment and on His thigh He has a name inscribed, **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.***

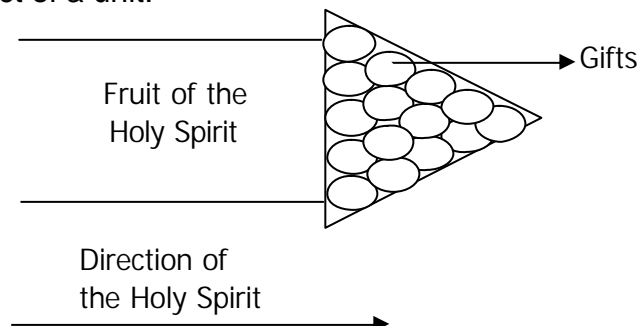
Until then the assembly / congregation / Church of God / Body of Christ is called to **go to war** and **stay** in combat until He comes.

Before we can study this further we need to establish who makes up this assembly.

a) As Corporate Israel

The Jewish nation understood that **each person** had to **believe in God by faith** – in the classic example, those who **painted** the blood of the lamb on their doorposts would be safe – the story of Passover. The Torah/Bible does not tell us that the entire house of Jacob was **saved**. We are only told that 600 000 men had left Egypt (**Ex. 12:37**). The question is how many stayed behind?

They clearly understood that **the nation** had to **function together** (spiritually), by moving when the cloud or the pillar of fire moved, etc. They therefore also understood the principle of **unity**, as each tribe had a place and a **function (gift)** around the temple. With this understanding we can deduce that they knew that since they were accountable to each other, they also had an obligation to deal with the inner conflict of a unit.



In Rom. 9-11 Paul draws a parallel with this corporate salvation of Israel and the Bride of Christ – the parallel of a single body (unity) functioning separately (gifts) while moving in the direction of the Holy Spirit is clear.

b) ASSEMBLY/ECCLECIA(Greek)/KAHAL(Hebrew)

One of the beliefs of the Replacement Theology Movement is that the “Church” started on one sunny day in the book of *Acts*.

We follow a God who is the same yesterday, today and will be tomorrow. Based on this assumption we would need to “find” a church in the Old Testament.

The world Church is a foreign concept and is the result of the translations from Greek to English, etc.

So what is the **truth**? The **assembly** (Ekklesia/Kahal) was established in the **wilderness at Mount Sinai**.

In *Acts* we read the story of Stephen who preaches with power and might – immediately after this word he is **stoned**. What were the last words this man spoke?

Acts 7:38: *“This is **He** who was in the **congregation in the wilderness** with the Angel who spoke to him in **Mount Sinai**, and with our fathers, who received the living words to give to us,”*

Stephan is saying that the same Jesus/Yahshua seen on earth and whose power is working through the Holy Spirit in *Acts* was at the start of the **Church**.

In *Ex. 19: 1-25* we find the story of how this group of people stood before God and say:

Ex. 24:3 *“And Moses came and told the people all the Words of Jahweh, and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, All the words which Jahweh has said, we will do. “*

c) Acts 7 has verified that this group is made up of:

- the house of Jacob
 - the house of Israel
- as a congregation. (**Acts 3: 25-26**)

We find another interesting thing. Those who went up out of Egypt consisted of:

- 600 000 men of the children of Israel **and**
- a mixed multitude of Gentiles who had accepted God in faith and had believed in their salvation. (**Ex. 12: 37, 38**)

This is truly interesting – we find the congregation of *Acts* also being increased by the acceptance of Gentiles who believe by **faith** in the work of Jesus as their salvation.

The apostle Peter confirms this in **Acts 10: 34, 35**.

Acts 10:34-35:

*“34 Then Peter opened his mouth and said, Truly I see that God is **no respecter** of persons;
35 but in every nation he who fears Him and works righteousness is accepted with Him.”*

Paul reinforces this in *Rom. 10: 9-13*.

Rom. 10:9-13:

*“9 Because if you confess the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved.
10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth one confesses unto salvation.
11 For the Scripture says, "Everyone believing on Him shall not be put to shame."
12 For there is **no difference both of Jew and of Greek**, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call on Him.
13 For everyone, "whoever shall call on the name of the Lord will be saved." “*

And therefore fulfils the promises made in the Old Testament:

Is. 28:16: *“therefore so says the Lord Jahweh, Behold, I place in Zion a Stone for a foundation, a tried Stone, a precious Cornerstone, a sure Foundation; he who **believes** shall not hurry.”*

Joel 2:32: *“And it shall be, whoever shall **call** on the Name of Jahweh shall be saved; for salvation shall be in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, as Jahweh has said, and in the remnant whom Jahweh shall call.”*

d) Having established that the assembly is made up of both houses of Judah and Israel we need to establish whether I am an Israelite or not.

Who is an Israelite?

Having established that we are part of **one** congregation that **started** at Mount Sinai, which was **renewed** in *Acts*, and which is in the process of **transformation** to be the Bride of Jeshua, we need to determine who is:

- the firstborn and
- who is an Israelite?

Paul connects the “general assembly” and the “firstborn”:

Heb. 12:23: *“to the **general assembly** and church of the **first-born** who are written in Heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,”*

Israel is conceived by God to walk as a first-born – set apart nation that will be a light to the world.

Ex. 4:22: “And you shall say to Pharaoh, Thus says the Lord: **Israel** is My son, My **first-born**.”

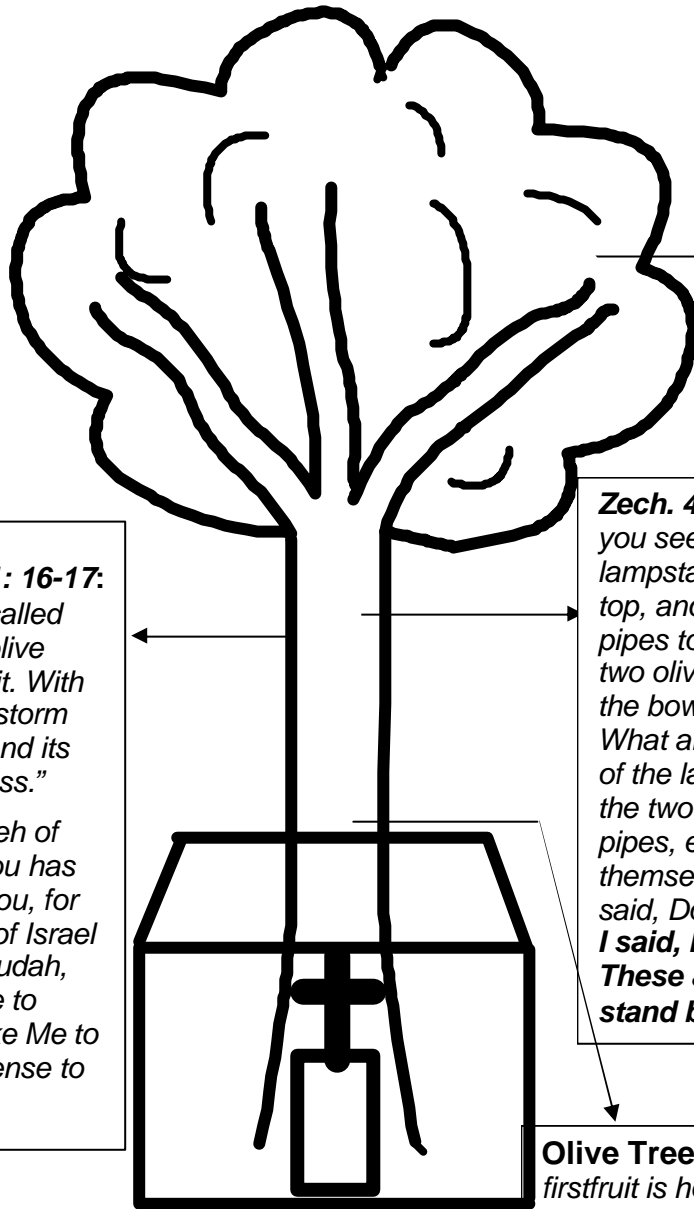
Ex. 19:5-6: *“And now if you will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then you shall be a peculiar treasure to Me above all the nations; for all the earth is Mine.
And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the sons of Israel.”*

But “Israel” struggles to understand the Words of Yahshua. Yahshua speaks to **Jews** who think that they have been free (in a sense physically but not spiritually). Yahshua goes on to refer them to the laws regarding an **Israelite slave**.

Yahshua takes the release of an Israelite slave (“Pidyon she vieyrm”) and makes the comparison between an Israelite slave who could be redeemed to his full positions/glory if the price of redemption has been paid and says it is similar to the resurrection of their rights to be a Priest if they believe in Him by faith as the Messiah. The truth is, we are **set free from the sin of death not from the Word of God (His commandments)**.

John 8:31-36: “31 Then Jesus said to the **Jews** who believed on Him, If you continue in My Word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 *And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*
33 *They answered Him, We are Abraham's seed and were never in bondage to anyone. How do you say, You will be made free?*
34 *Jesus answered them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Whoever practices sin is the slave of sin. 35 And the slave does not abide in the house forever, but the Son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.”*

So we have a congregation of the House of Jacob and a mixed multitude (Old Testament) and the Jew and Gentiles (New Testament) which is called/compared to:



Green Olive – **Jer. 11: 16-17:**
 Jer 11:16: “Jahweh called your name, a green olive tree, fair, with fine fruit. With the sound of a great storm He has set fire to it, and its branches are worthless.”

Jer 11:17 And Jahweh of Hosts who planted you has spoken evil against you, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done to themselves to provoke Me to anger by offering incense to Baal.”

One Body – Eph. 4: 3-6:
 ... There is **one body** and **one Spirit**, even as you are called in **one hope... one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, ...**”

Zech. 4:1-14 “...And he said to me, What do you see? And I said, I see, and behold, a lampstand, all of it gold, and a bowl on its top, and its seven lamps on it, and seven pipes to the seven lamps on its top; ... and two olive trees beside it, one on the right of the bowl, and the other on the left of it. ... What are these **two olive trees** on the right of the lampstand and on its left? ... What are the two olive clusters beside the two golden pipes, emptying the golden oil from themselves? 13 And he answered me and said, Do you not know what these **are**? And I said, No, my lord. 14 And he said, **These are the two sons of fresh oil who stand by Jahweh of the whole earth.**”

Church

Olive Tree – Rom. 11: 16-20: ‘16 For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, also the branches. 17 And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, **being a wild olive tree**, were grafted in among them, and became a sharer of the root and the fatness of the olive tree with them, 18 do not boast against the branches. But if you boast, it is not you that bears the root, but the root bears you. 19 You will say then, The branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in. 20 Well, because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be high-minded, but fear.”

3. STANDING ORDERS

Now that I know what the assembly means and that I know that I am an Israelite by faith through Jesus the Messiah I can determine what the **standing orders** from the Commander in Chief for me are.

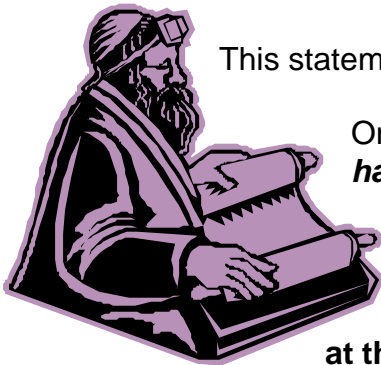
1. We are told to count the cost.

Luke 14:31 *Or what king, going out to engage in conflict with another king, will not first **sit down and consider** and take counsel whether he is able with the thousand men to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?*

2. We are told not to fear.

Ps 27: 3 *Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall **not fear**; though wars arise against me, even then will I be confident.*

3. We are told that we must observe and do all that we are commanded to do.

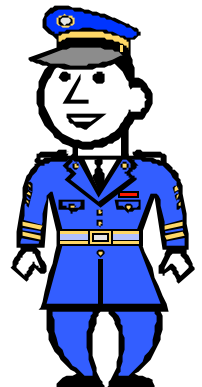


This statement is like a knife, it has two sides:

On the one hand: ***we must stand, be strong and have courage***

And on the other hand, ***we must meditate on the Torah/Word day and night.***

I must be a Torah/Bible Scholar AND a General at the same time.



Jos 1: 5-9 *No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be **strong and of good courage**, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only you be **strong and very courageous**, that you may do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you. Turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This **Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night**, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success.(Amp.)*

4. We are told to renew our minds.

We have to ensure that our war is against the Kingdom of Darkness based on a foundation of righteousness and not on pride based on our own abilities.

James 4:2 *You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous for what others have, and you can't possess it, so you fight and quarrel to take it away from them. And yet the reason you don't have what you want is that you don't ask God for it. (N.L.T.)*

1 Pet 2:11 *Dear brother and sisters, you are foreigners and aliens here. So I warn you to keep away from evil desires because they fight against you very souls. (N.L.T.)*

5. We are told to endure.

2 Tim 2: 1- 4, 11.

"1 SO YOU, my son, be strong (strengthened inwardly) in the grace (spiritual blessing) that is [to be found only] in Christ Jesus.

2 And the [instructions] which you have heard from me along with many witnesses, transmit and entrust [as a deposit] to reliable and faithful men who will be competent and qualified to teach others also.

3 Take [with me] **your share of the hardships and suffering** [which you are called to **endure**] as a good (first-class) soldier of Christ Jesus.

4 No soldier when in service gets entangled in the enterprises of [civilian] life; his aim is to satisfy and please the one who enlisted him."

11 *The saying is sure and worthy of confidence: If we have died with Him, we shall also live with Him.*



4. VISION OF WAR

Daniel, the end time prophet is given a “**vision of war**”. He sees what happens to the assembly/Bride of Christ because we are disobedient to his Torah / Word and because we are unrepentant in our ways.

The prophetic word has a literal interpretation i.e. war and the resultant defeat of Gods people **but** carries with it a spiritual reality. In order to understand this spiritual division we need to understand the following **principle** established in Gods Torah / Word.

1 Cor 15:46 *“46 But it is not the spiritual life which came first, but the physical and then the spiritual.”*

We now see that everything established in the Spiritual **must first be** established in the physical / natural.

Prayer, intercession, petition in the **physical realm, i.e. cause & effect**, set off a reaction in the spiritual for the army of God to move into battle in the spiritual realm. Equally, disobedience to God’s Torah / Word leads to the fact that God’s army of angels are prohibited from action and we fight and lose on our own.

Dan 10:12 – 13 *Then he said, “Don’t be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day **you began to pray** for understanding and to humble yourself before you God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer. But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the Kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then **Michael**, one of the archangels, **came to help me**, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia.*

CAUSE: Daniel prays

EFFECT : Michael comes to help Gabriel.

A second **principle** is also highlighted here namely that the Kingdom of **darkness** in regimented into a clearly **structured army**.



Dan 10:13 *But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the **kingdom of Persia** blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia.*

Dan 10:20 *He replied, “Do you know why I have come? Soon I must return to **fight against the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia**, and then against the **spirit prince of the kingdom of Greece**.*

Eph 6:12 *For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but **against the evil rulers and authorities** of the unseen world, against those **mighty powers of darkness** who rule this world, and against **wicked spirits** in the heavenly realms*

5. PATTERN OF THE WAR AGAINST THE ASSEMBLY OF GOD / BRIDE OF CHRIST

Daniel is given a **vision** of the **end time war**. He is told **who the enemy** will be. He is also told what the **results of the war** would be.

History will reveal to us the cause and effect that gives this prophesy a foundation.

We will see that the Assembly of God will commit **sin**, be **unrepentant**, be **attacked** and sent to **exile**.

Overview of the Pattern of Attack on the Church

We are required to be:

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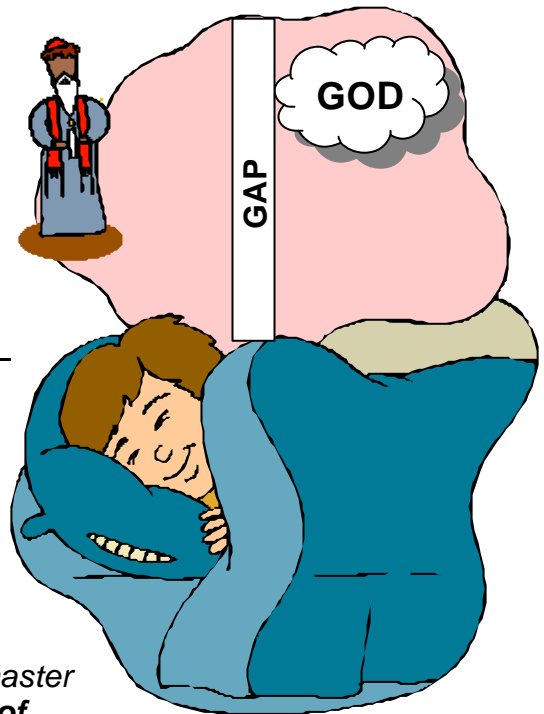
Rev 1: 6 *He has made us His Kingdom and his priests who serve before God his Father. Give everlasting glory! He rules forever and ever! Amen!*

A simple analysis of the function of these anointings will tell you what corresponding elements of man we are dealing with.

SOUL	BODY	SPIRIT
Renewed Mind / Will	Living Sacrifice	Enlightened / Reborn.

1. Attack against the Prophetic Voice

Daniel finds himself in exile in the King's Court at Babylon. Dreams and visions to give direction to God's people had been put on hold. The prophetic voice is only restored (for the Israelites and the Body of Christ) towards the end of the exile after Nebuchadnezzar had died.



Dan. 1:1-4 *"1 IN THE third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. 2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with a part of the vessels of the house of God; and he carried them into the land of Shinar [Babylonia] to the house of his god and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god. 3 And the [Babylonian] king told Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring in some of the children of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility— 4 Youths without blemish, well-favored in appearance and skillful in all wisdom, discernment, and understanding, apt in learning knowledge, competent to stand and serve in the king's palace—and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans."*

The prophetic word is meant to **lead**, to **give direction** to God's people and to **empower** them to live in victory.

Due to rebellion / idol worship, the people of Israel are **exiled** – Daniel now has to use the prophetic gift to interpret a **foreign king's dreams**.

Dan. 2:27-28 *"27 Daniel answered the king, The [mysterious] secret which the king has demanded **neither the wise men, enchanters, magicians, nor astrologers can show the king,***
28 But there is a God in heaven Who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what it is that shall be in the latter days (at the end of days). Your dream and the visions in your head upon your bed are these:"

We see a continuation of this pattern in the New Testament:

- In the time of John the Baptist, we find a similar situation – the people no longer followed God with all of their hearts.

John is imprisoned and finally killed to quiet the Voice in the Wilderness.

- The Apostle John is banished to the Island Patmos in an attempt to quieten the prophetic word.

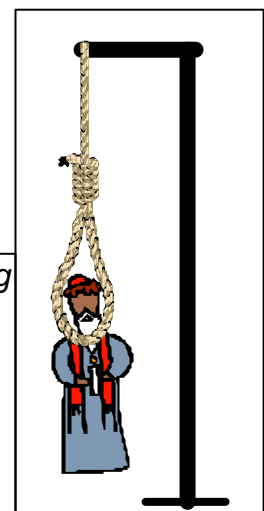


2. Attack against the Physical Body / Priesthood

We find the physical manifestation of this story recorded in the **Book of Esther**.

The spirit of Amalek rises up as the second War / Empire to destroy the people of Israel / Body of Christ physically (represented by the king of Persia as a Ram).

Dan. 8:4, 20 *"4 I looked and saw **the ram** [Medo-Persia] pushing and charging westward and northward and southward; **no beast could stand** before him, neither could anyone rescue from his power, but he did according to his [own] will and pleasure and magnified himself.*
20 The ram you saw having two horns, they are the kings of Media and Persia."



We see in this recording of history that Haman / Amalek use occultic powers to obtain the right to attempt to destroy the Jews physically, i.e. to remove that "royal priesthood and the holy nation" entirely.



The actions of Mordecai, Esther and Hathach who make a stand "**at a time such as this**" make a way to bring a reversal of the fortunes of the nation.

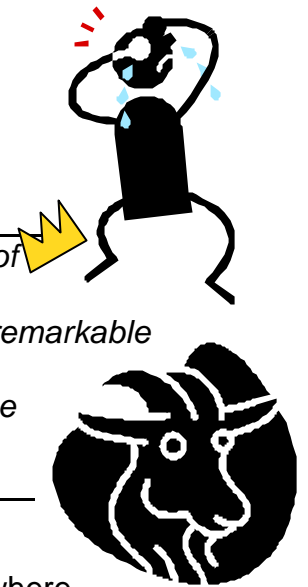
We celebrate / remember this victory:

- with a fast on the day before the battle (to ensure that we stand in God's strength and not our own)
- and a feast to record the victory!

3. Attack against the Spirit man / Kingship

The third war comes under the leadership of the king of Greece (represented by a male goat).

Dan. 8:5, 21 "5 As I was considering, behold, a **he-goat** [the king of Greece] came from the west across the face of the whole earth without touching the ground, and the goat had a conspicuous and remarkable horn between his eyes [symbolizing Alexander the Great].
21 And the shaggy and rough he-goat is the king of Greece, and the great horn between his eyes is the first king [who consolidated the whole realm, Alexander the Great]."



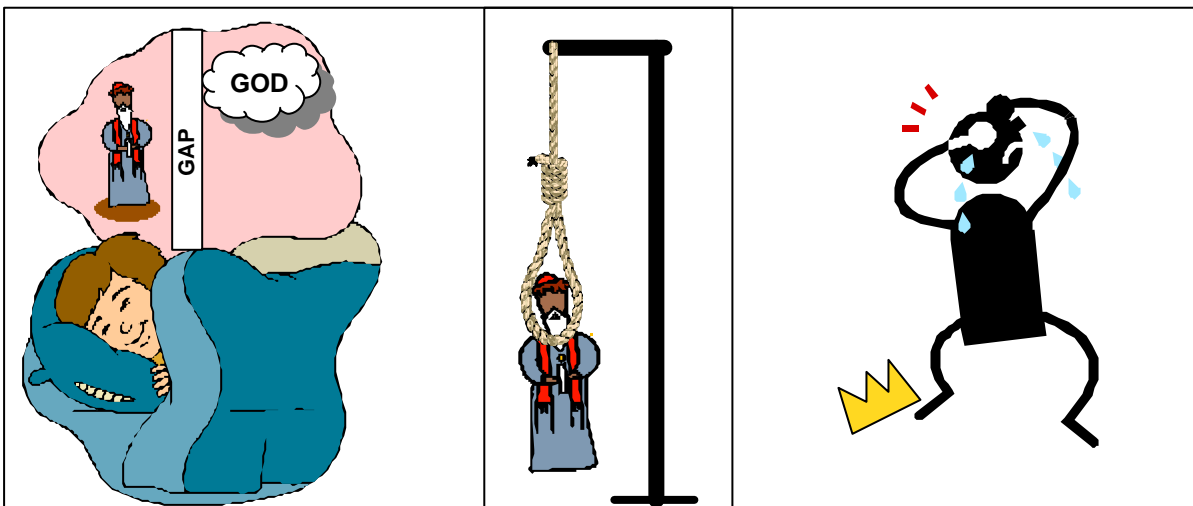
The Greek kingdom rose up against God's Word / Torah, His commandments / His feasts / etc. in a process of spiritual warfare where the Israelites / Body of Christ are attacked in the area of mind / faith resulting in our values being changed from:

God-Centered to World-Centered.

This prophetic word is fulfilled during the time period between the Old Testament and the New Testament and is recorded in the history books.

The Maccabees respond to God's call and defeat the Greeks. We celebrate this at the Festival of Lights – **Chanukah**.

4. Attack against the totality of Man: Body, Soul and Spirit



The Fourth war comes in **two phases** and is prophesied in:

Dan. 7:23 “23 Thus [the angel] said, The **fourth beast** shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms and shall devour the whole earth, tread it down, and break it in pieces and crush it.”

Dan. 7:24-25 “24 And as for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise; and **another shall arise after them**, and he shall be different from the former ones, and he shall subdue and put down three kings.
25 And he **shall speak words against the Most High [God]** and shall wear out the saints of the Most High and **think to change the time [of sacred feasts and holy days] and the law**; and the saints shall be given into his hand for a time, two times, and half a time [three and one-half years].”



In this phase the beast is described as a **leopard / dragon**.

1) The first phase attack has already manifested in the physical when the kingdom of **Rome** rose up against Israel at the time of Jahshua’s ministry and shortly thereafter.



In the vision of the wars, we see that the attack will come from different kingdoms, but also in different forms.

As each of the challenges are experienced and worked through with:

- repentance
- prayer and intercession
- and the restoration of God’s purposes

we will find that the war becomes:

- all encompassing
- of greater intensity

We find in the onslaught from Rome a type of war which encompassed all of the aspects from previous campaigns with the sole purpose of destroying God’s creation: **ONE NEW MAN**.

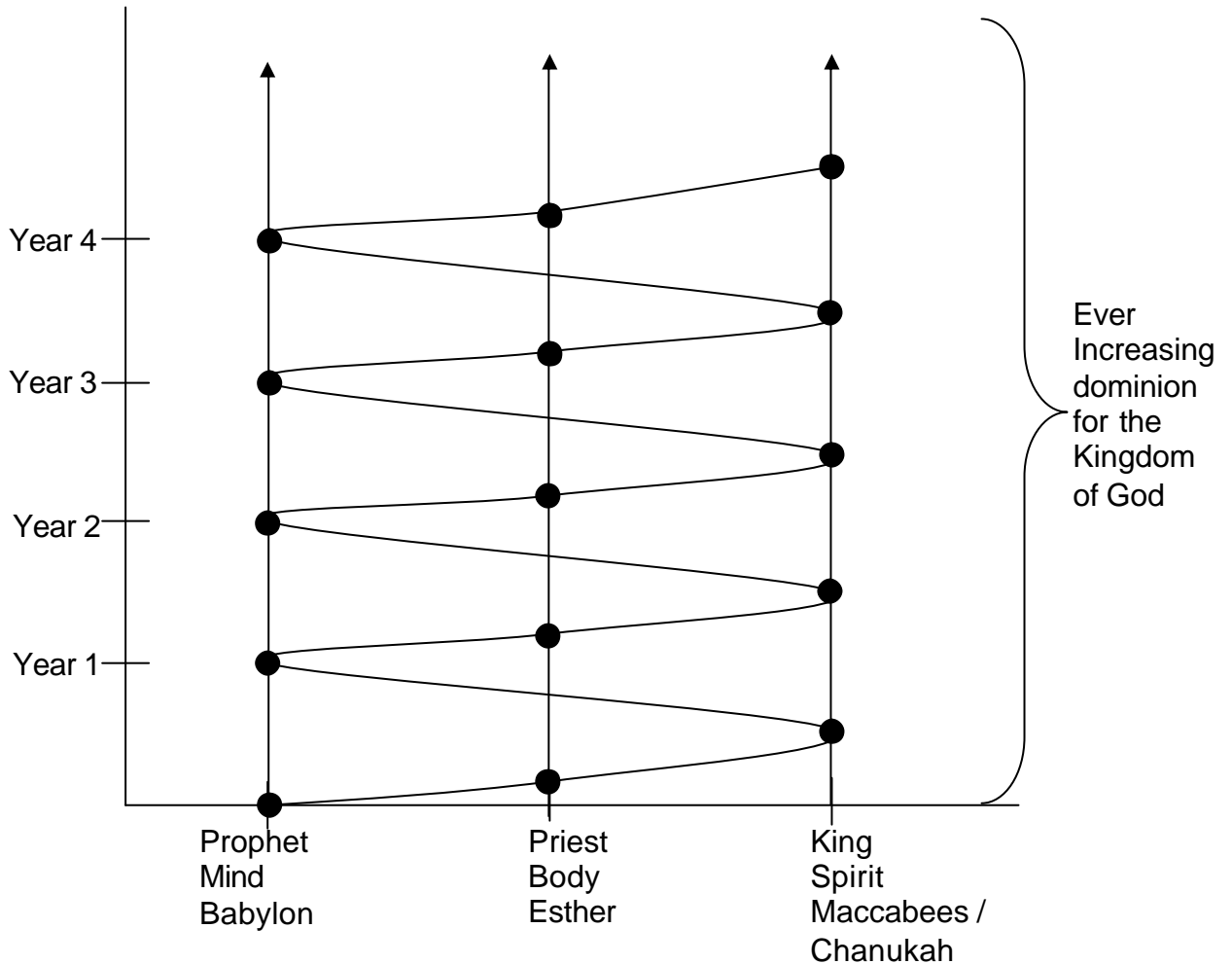
Satan / Rome attacks the:

- Spirit – destroy / kills the Messiah
- Mind – ridicules the belief system and empowers the Roman Catholic Church.
- Body – Kills and banishes a nation into exile for over 2000 years.

2) The Body of Christ is currently living in the **time of the second phase** all-out-attack. We call this the “birth pangs” of the return of the Messiah.

The following diagram serves to show the interaction of the concepts of Prophet / Priest and King and that of Spiritual Warfare. We are always at war – we have to use the Kairos moment to see the past and the future.

Community level:



Generational Curse / Foundation for this Prophetic word to materialize:

In the “vision of War” we are told that there will be a war. We are **not** told what the cause “root of the evil” is which creates the foundation for this prophetic word to materialize.

However, the history of the Assembly of God (the Jewish People) reveals the following:

- Abraham set a standard of righteous living.
- Isaac his son follows in his footsteps to such a degree that we see that he never leaves the land of the covenant.
- Jacob moves into his prophetic calling to build the nation (the 12 tribes).
- Moses / Joshua and others are powerful leaders who take the people out of Egypt and back into the Promised Land. But after 400 years they start a process of rebellion.
- The book of Judges describes an interesting period in the history of this people of God.

1. The nation was united in the service to God.

Judges 2: 4 – 5 *When the angel of the Lord finished speaking, **the Israelites** wept loudly. So they called the place “Weeping,” and they offered sacrifices to the Lord.*

Judges 20: 1-2 *Then **all the Israelites**, from Dan to Beersheba and from the land of Gilead, came together in one large assembly and stood in the presence of the Lord at Mizpah. The leaders of **all the people and all the tribes of Israel** – 400,000 warriors armed with swords – took their positions in the assembly of the people of God.*

Judges 20: 23 *For they had gone up to Bethel and wept in the presence of the Lord until evening. Then they asked the Lord, “Should we fight against our relatives from Benjamin again?” And the Lord said, “Go out and fight against them.”*

2. Each man did right in his own eyes i.e. ruled by God.

His own conscience was enough to bring him to the assembly for:

- WAR
- SERVICE