

REVELATION - THE MUSICAL
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ACT TWO

1 INT. MOSCOW COMMAND POST - DAY

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Military generals and civilian planners surround the Russian President.

PRESIDENT IVANOV

General Petrenko, give us your assessment of the situation in the Middle East.

GENERAL PETRENKO

President Ivanov, Generals. Our intelligence from satellites and on the ground reveals that the Independent Arab Confederation has attacked Israel over control of Jerusalem.

They were supposed to have waited for us to initiate the attack but, after the Jewish Temple was rebuilt, they decided that they would delay no longer to reclaim what they consider their land. They are out to destroy that Temple and reclaim Mount Moriah.

The religious fervor they incite in their armies only conceals a lust for power by their leaders, so we see this as a wider conflict in which we cannot afford to sit idle.

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GENERAL YUDIN

There is too much at stake here. There are three major assets in Israel that we must control, rather than allow unstable political and religious regimes to dictate to us.

They are - number one: A warm water port on the Mediterranean, which we have always needed. In winter, many of our ports are locked in ice. Israel's Ashdod North Port is perfect.

Number two: Oil. The recent massive oil strike in Israel, in the area called "the foot of Asher," puts a different light on the situation. With a double-pronged incursion, we can control the oil of the Arabian Peninsula and Israel, added to our own, which would give us power over 500 billion barrels, or 52% of the world's supply.

Number three: The chemicals of the Dead Sea, the planet's most concentrated supply of naturally occurring potassium chloride, potash, bromine, magnesium hydroxide and other salts, must be seized. It is the world's most valuable depository of strategic minerals, with enough fertilizers for the entire planet; but, more importantly, chemicals for explosives.

Its value is estimated at 27 trillion Euros, four times the wealth of America before its fall. We must secure this entire area.

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PRESIDENT IVANOV

We have spent billions helping the Arabs to fight Israel, and this is how they repay us! Since they have not communicated with us, we must assume they will follow up with an invasion to seize these resources, and do not intend to share any of it.

Our allies in Germany, Iran, Turkey and Syria have agreed to commit their forces to our side. Stefan Temple says that he will defend Israel, but he is busy now with his incursion into Egypt.

If he thinks he can confront us, we will crush him as well. What assets is he after in Egypt? What can we control with his destruction?

GENERAL YUDIN

(Using a pointer
on a map.)

First and foremost, the oil fields now under Arab control. Egypt has oil, but not in great abundance. However, it does have gold in Gabal Kamel, iron ores at Aswan, limestones and dolomites at Bani Khalid for our iron and steel industry, phosphate deposits in the Nile Valley, coal at Maghara, gypsum and limestone deposits west of Alexandria, copper, zinc and lead deposits in the Eastern Desert and strontium deposits on the Red Sea coast.

The strategic minerals themselves are worth going into Egypt.

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PRESIDENT IVANOV

I concur, General Yudin. Does anyone disagree?

No one says a word.

PRESIDENT IVANOV (cont'd)

Then it is decided. We will advance on their positions as soon as you are ready. General Petrov, your armored divisions can be deployed by air?

GENERAL PETROV

Yes, Mr. President, in a matter of hours. The new non-metallic construction using carbon materials should give our tanks an unprecedented advantage by being virtually invisible to current anti-tank weapons. There is no metal to target.

PRESIDENT IVANOV

Then I am giving the order now for you to attack. Destroy the Arab armies and secure Jerusalem, the Dead Sea and the Ashdod North Port. Then, continue on to Egypt and destroy Stefan Temple. The Americans kept us from attacking Israel time after time, but their power is now evaporated. We have a free hand to do as we wish. Any questions?

There are none. The generals salute and leave the room.

VIDEO SCREEN TEXT: "The hook is thus set in the jaw of Gog and Magog, and they do not perceive that it is God tugging on the line."

2 INT. ANTHONY'S DORM ROOM - DAY

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The radio is playing as Anthony is dictating to his PDA.

ANTHONY

Blog: anthony2605, Date: T.D.
01.01.01. I haven't dated these
before, but this will take some
getting used to! The dates have
been changed to T.D. - Truce Date -
instead of A.D. - Anno Domini -
that's Latin for Year of the Lord.

Temple says those old religions are
now history, and now we'll have a
new one-world religion that is - I
guess - all-inclusive. My opinion
is: who cares? Old ones, new ones,
I'm not interested in any of them.
The blood shed in the name of
religions has been excessive, if
you ask my opinion - and since it's
my Blog, that's the idea.

But, more importantly, my
Comparative Religions class has now
been cancelled! Yes! What a bore
that professor was.

COMMENTATOR (V.O.)

Is this the end times predicted in
Revelation? You listeners have been
calling in with your fears about
world events, and I believe your
fears are justified. Yes, caller on
Line One?

LINE ONE CALLER (V.O.)

What is this new advertising
slogan, "Order Above Chaos" that
Stefan Temple is promoting? It's
now on the masthead of our daily
newspaper here in Houston.

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COMMENTATOR (V.O.)

That's a danger, isn't it, when people will choose a strict authoritarian regime over the chaos of democracy? Any time there is a "man with a plan" who offers himself as the solution to all your problems - watch out! Yes, Line Two, from Louisville?

LINE TWO CALLER (V.O.)

I just heard this new TV jingle, "Live for today; yesterday is gone and tomorrow may never come." What does that mean?

COMMENTATOR (V.O.)

That is just the prelude to a universal acceptance of the hedonistic lifestyle that has swept the world. Pleasure seeking and self-gratification dominate society completely today. Look for it to get worse. I understand that there is a move afoot by Temple's Unification Division to eliminate books and media containing reference to Jesus and Satan.

He's already said that both heaven and hell are only superstitious myths, which was a relief to many. Yes, Line Three?

LINE THREE CALLER (V.O.)

I'm just now reading the Bible after all those people disappeared. I guess I'm too late, if what I'm reading is true. Was that the Rapture, where Christ snatched all Christians from the Earth, so they wouldn't have to endure what is coming next - the Tribulation?

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COMMENTATOR (V.O.)

I'm no expert, and I certainly was no Christian - WAS - but now I'm going through the same agony you are, Caller. I believe, yes, that's what it was. And, if so, we're about to undergo an awful period of time, when the Holy Spirit of God, which is called the "Restrainer" against unholy men and unholy activities, has been removed.

The Holy Spirit resided in God's Church - in the people we made fun of - the Christians. Now they - and the Holy Spirit - have been taken out of the world.

LINE THREE CALLER (V.O.)

What? Is that true? What does that mean?

COMMENTATOR (V.O.)

The effect will be to desensitize those remaining to the worldwide lawlessness, decadence and extreme violence to follow, when no one will complain about its escalation; instead, they will consider it entertainment.

Remember this, listeners: Silence in the presence of evil is passive complicity. Hey! Who are you guys? Get out of this studio! Hey, get your hands off me! Stop! Stop!

The radio feed goes dead. Anthony looks up at the silent radio.

3 INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

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Two young men sit on a couch watching television.

DUDE ONE

Dude, this pizza is cold! Hand me a beer to wash this gross taste out.

DUDE TWO

(Handing a beer.)

Put it in the micro and nuke it, dude. You shouldn't have tipped that delivery dude without checking it first. Pass me the remote.

DUDE ONE

No, man, it's my turn to pick a show. Let's watch "Teen Witch," with those witchcraft rituals and spells for teenagers. We can hex someone.

DUDE TWO

(Clicking
the remote.)

Nah, how about "The Gypsy Seer," with fortune telling secrets.

TV ANNOUNCER ONE (V.O.)

Viewers are reminded about rewards for informing on the criminal element known as Christians. Just call this number ..

DUDE ONE

(Grabbing the
remote and
clicking.)

Forget that, dude. What's this?

TV ANNOUNCER TWO (V.O.)

Coming up next, "Speak To Your Dead Relatives," with occult séances to contact the dead ..

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DUDE TWO
(Grabbing the
remote and
clicking.)

There is nothing good on during the
day, dude. Here, let me have that.

TV ANNOUNCER THREE (V.O.)
At four, Dr. Becker's "The Demon
Hour," for black magic instruction
to summon demons ..

DUDE ONE
(Grabbing/
clicking.)

Wasteland, dude, TV is a wasteland.

TV ANNOUNCER FOUR (V.O.)
"New Age Mysteries, " with sorcery
to solve your problems, is coming
up ..

DUDE TWO
(Grabbing/
clicking.)

Arrrrrh! Where is that ... ? Oh,
wait!

TV ANNOUNCER FIVE (V.O.)
At six, don't miss "Power Of The
State," showing live executions of
Christians by wild animals inside a
sports stadium with high infield
walls of clear Plexiglas ..

DUDE ONE
(Grabbing/
clicking.)

That's not til later, man, but I
definitely want to check that out.
Wait, what's this?

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TV ANNOUNCER SIX (V.O.)
Our number one program, "The Execution Show," with medieval tortures revived for rebels against authority ..

DUDE TWO
(Grabbing/
clicking.)
That's not til eight. Five hundred channels and nothing on during the day.

TV ANNOUNCER SEVEN (V.O.)
"Unit 246," with government police taking care of business after live televised car chases. The bad guys never win these ..

DUDE ONE
(Grabbing/
clicking.)
Yeah, yeah, we know. Cops gone wild. Where ... ? Oh, dude, this is it!

TV ANNOUNCER EIGHT (V.O.)
Coming up next, "The Ultimate Extreme Game," the world's highest-rated TV satellite channel, a live 24-hour reality series, using unmanned Predator drones for remote camera coverage, where Christian victims caught giving testimony about Jesus and who have refused Stefan Temple's security mark are sent running in an Amazon jungle.

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TV ANNOUNCER EIGHT (V.O.) (cont'd)
They are hunted on foot by teams of
men with primitive hand-to-hand
weapons. The wounded prey is
summarily beheaded at the end of
the pursuit.

The waiting list to be on one of
the hunting teams is now over a
year, so e-mail your application to
the address on your screen.

DUDE TWO

That's it, dude! The Roman Coliseum
reborn in the Amazon jungle.

DUDE ONE

Yeah, dude, I'd like to get on one
of those teams.

DUDE TWO

Not gonna happen, man. That's for
super jocks.

DUDE ONE

And psychos.

DUDE TWO

Well, dude, you definitely qualify
there.

They both laugh, settling back on the couch.

4 INT. KITCHEN - DAY

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Stage left corner. A single man is listening to an ANNOUNCER on a low-wattage pirate radio station.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

Listeners, those of you who believe, however belatedly, that Jesus was sent to take away the sins of the world - my brothers and sisters, we are the Tribulation saints.

I am risking my life speaking to you, but the truth is more important than my life.

All television is now controlled by the state, and is being transformed into a propaganda tool for Reuben Dan, who is the False Prophet. Pharmacy ads now peddle low cost synthetic hard drugs to anyone with a Euro, now the world currency, as television has literally morphed into the "opiate of the masses."

Abortions are advertised as a solution to an overcrowded world and for those who don't want the inconvenience of raising children. Euthanasia for the elderly is touted by tax credits to families that urge their parents not to be a burden on society.

Marriage has been deemed "unnecessary" by the new one-world religion and the state. Profligate sexual deviancy is considered the norm, and the breakdown of family units is now complete.

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ANNOUNCER (V.O.) (cont'd)

When man and wife separate, neither wants custody of the teenagers, leaving vast numbers of destitute, homeless, enraged adolescents, who survive by thefts, home burglaries and murder.

Most are rounded up and shipped to Temple's military units. Armies issue soldiers amphetamines before going into battle, to induce psychosis and to override any humanity that may be present when annihilating entire populations. Orders to the military to murder civilians are carried out with great relish.

The once-derided satanic worship has now come into fashion, with regular black mass services held at abandoned cathedrals touted on TV by a humanist, self-exalting female celebrity who declares herself one with the universe and stating, "I am that I am," the ultimate blasphemy against God.

Gold, silver, brass, stone and wood idols of ancient polytheistic gods, along with crystal balls, tarot cards and Ouija boards, are sold at the former cathedrals, with testimonials guaranteeing physical, emotional and spiritual benefits.

Traditional moral values are jeered. The term "Chris" for Christian is now a worldwide insult.

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ANNOUNCER (V.O.) (cont'd)
 Stefan Temple has consolidated all
 the World Federation armies under
 his control to counter the Russian
 and Arab Confederation threat and
 protect Israel.

The United States stands helpless
 with the disappearance of the
 majority of its armed forces.

SONG - "Revelation Soon"

5 INT. MOSCOW COMMUNICATIONS CENTER - DAY

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GENERAL PETRENKO (V.O.)
 (On a speaker
 phone.)

Mr. President, I can't understand
 it. There are strange phenomena all
 around us - a massive earthquake
 has swallowed an entire battalion,
 one-meter hailstones are smashing
 into our vehicles, killing many men
 and, at the same time, globs of
 burning sulfur are raining from the
 sky, like so many flamethrowers.
 It.. "

PRESIDENT IVANOV
 General? General?

The line has gone dead.

VIDEO SCREEN TEXT: "For seven years hence, Russian weapons
 will be used as heating and cooking fuel. The carbonized
 non-metallic tanks burn just like coal."

6 INT. CLINIC - DAY

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Anthony is dictating to his PDA, sitting away from the group.

ANTHONY

Blog: anthony2605, Date: T.D.
02.09.03. My friend Paul from the addiction clinic met me at an off-campus coffee shop and told me about what was happening. I'll make a long story short: I was wrong all this time!

I felt this powerful urge in my heart to listen to what he was saying. God IS real! How could I be so wrong? I'll post more as I catch up on some long-overdue reading - the Bible!

PAUL

(To the group.)

I want everyone to calm down now. We've been through some traumatic times, and I know the urge to relapse is strong, but I want you to resist.

RITA

Where did John go? What is happening in the world? People have all just - vanished! I'm so, so ..

PAUL

(Soothingly.)

Rita, I want you to take a breath and listen to what I have to say. All of you, just listen, and don't interrupt. I have been wrong all this time. John was right. The Bible he read daily is a blueprint of what is going on right now.

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PAUL (cont'd)

It's called prophecy, which is history written in advance. Every past prophecy in the Bible came true, every single one. Now we're living in the times prophesied over two thousand years ago in the book of Revelation and even five hundred years before that in the book of Daniel.

The people who all disappeared were Christians, who believed that Jesus was the Son of God, who came to Earth to take away the sins of the world.

He took our sins - yours and mine - onto Himself, and allowed Himself to be crucified willingly as the punishment that God demands. He arose from the dead in three days to live eternally. He gives that gift to you as well, if you will ask forgiveness for your sins and believe in His atoning sacrifice for you.

JASON

(Interrupting.)

Oh, come on, now! I've heard this all before. What does this have to do with us or with all those disappearances?

PAUL

Jason, you're on the verge of spending eternity in blackness and torment, separated from God for your stubbornness. Please try to open your mind. It may be your last chance.

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PAUL (cont'd)

Death could be around the corner for any of us, even getting hit by a car or a heart attack, so you cannot wait to see overwhelming proof of the supernatural. An angel is not going to appear to make you believe. You have to believe it in faith.

Paul and every other Christian, as well as all children before the age of accountability, vanished in what was called the Rapture, the snatching away of God's children so they would not suffer the wrath of the coming Tribulation.

The Bible warns us of the coming "man of sin," the world's worst tyrant, who is controlled by Satan himself, to destroy the world in the vain hope that Jesus Christ, our LORD and Savior, will not return to set up God's Kingdom on Earth.

Evil times confront us, but there is one way out, and only one. And that is to ask God for forgiveness for all you've done, and to believe everything that He has done on your behalf. He sacrificed His one and only Son to redeem humanity through one inconceivable act of love for us.

JASON

(Unmoved and
sneering.)

That does not compute.

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RITA
(Wavering, she
calms her tone
to Jason.)

Jason, honey, we've not been on the best of terms. But if what Paul says is true, and what John said was true, we need to at least try to understand that 150 million people in the U.S. disappearing was a supernatural event, and only God can do something like that.

JASON
Baloney! I'm a smart guy, and I believe only what my eyes tell me. I didn't see any of that vanishing, so I don't believe it. And as far as God is concerned, He's never appeared to me, so why should I believe any of this superstitious stuff?

My life has been one disappointment after another. Why should God care about me?

JAMES
Jason, God does care about you, and about every single person on the Earth. He doesn't want any of us to live eternally separate from Him. In fact, the Bible says that if anyone of us will repent - that means changing your heart completely, asking for forgiveness and turning from your old ways and toward God - He will forgive you.

And every time each one of us does that, angels in Heaven immediately break into celebration.

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JASON

Oh, give me a break! Right! Angels singing when I change my mind.

JAMES

It's true. Jesus Himself said so. In fact, they're waiting for you right now.

SONG - "Angels Are Rejoicing"

7 INT. REUBEN DAN'S OFFICE - DAY

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In his office, Reuben Dan is holding court with two of his assistants, AVI DAYAN and GIDEON COWAN.

REUBEN DAN

I have all the time in the world for my hard-working assistants. What is it you want to know?

AVI

Rabbi Dan, we appreciate the opportunity to work for such a great man as you. Your knowledge of not only the Torah, but also all Biblical history, is almost encyclopedic, so when religious questions come up, you are the one Israeli television and radio programs consider the authority. We are honored to serve you and Chairman Temple.

REUBEN DAN

(Frowning.)

Use Chairman Temple's name before mine. And don't blow smoke, Avi. Get to the point.

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AVI

(Averting
his eyes.)

Uh, sorry, Rabbi, I'm just trying to begin with what we know to understand what we don't.

GIDEON

(Interjecting.)

What we'd like to know is how you first met Chairman Temple. How these amazing events all came about. It's astounding!

REUBEN DAN

(Smiling, he
leans back to
reminisce.)

My computer expertise led me to extensive Internet research on the intractable Palestinian problem and the hate that Arabs have carried for us Jews for over a thousand years.

But I was torn between disgust for those Muslims who wanted to destroy all Israel, dislike for our own government's leaders who oppressed the Palestinians and distaste for the American Christians who fueled the fire by their unqualified support for Israeli politicians.

It was a knot bound tight by blood and retribution. No one could untie it.

AVI

And the Internet is where you began to notice the Chairman?

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REUBEN DAN

(Nodding.)

Exactly. For years, he flew beneath everyone's radar, even with the billions he inherited from his father, whose tragic death at the hands of Israeli fighters, I believe, was the work of false information from the Americans to our government.

When he publicly forgave those responsible, I began to read stories online about him that the major media never picked up.

I saw his good works as not the work of a greedy man; they were the works of a benefactor and a champion of the poor.

He appeared to have great moral character, focus and direction in his strategy to feed everyone first - and he meant everyone - before any political situations could be attempted.

I was impressed, and I am not easily impressed. "This is a good man," I thought, "I have to meet him."

GIDEON

His good works? Do you mean the water and food processing plants in Africa?

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REUBEN DAN

Yes. It was an unlikely thing for a billionaire to do, to give away so much. So, when Stefan Temple was dedicating another food plant in Sudan, I flew in unannounced. Surprisingly, he immediately set an afternoon aside to speak one-on-one with me.

He was so self-effacing and modest about his charitable works that I initially thought it to be an act. But, as we continued to talk, I became convinced of his sincerity. "He is what he appears to be," I remember thinking, "How uncommon."

Chairman, uh, Mr. Temple, he wasn't Chairman then, deliberately steered the conversation from himself to me, wanting to know everything about my career, and especially my study of the Old Testament.

He asked me several questions that revealed a wealth of knowledge of the Bible. I was stunned. I began to question him about arcane points of Jewish law, and he responded with amazing accuracy, no matter the topic. He modestly credited his understanding to very wise private tutors when he was a boy.

I walked away from my afternoon with Stefan Temple in awe of the man. "How can anyone be this perfect?" I said to myself, "But nothing about him is false. Some men talk about changing things. This man does them."

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REUBEN DAN (cont'd)

He was unlike any billionaire or millionaire in the world, now or ever. He had incredibly fed millions and millions of starving people. He wanted no glory or profit or power.

His reluctance was almost embarrassing. He wanted no credit, and the more he resisted, the more the media fawned upon him. Who is like that? No one that I knew.

AVI

(Interrupting.)

And the dreams? When did the dreams begin?

REUBEN DAN

Almost immediately after I returned from Sudan. I began to have the most vivid dreams of my life. Not nightmares, just the opposite. They were triumphal, glorious dreams, with, and I say this with great embarrassment, me as the star of the dream.

There I stood, in front of a crowd of over a million cheering people. I was the center of attention, at least for a while.

Then, from behind a great white curtain strode Stefan Temple to a deafening roar from the crowd. I noticed, in the dream, that I was holding a large purple cushion, on which rested a golden crown encased in diamonds, rubies and pearls.

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REUBEN DAN (cont'd)

I took the crown and placed it on his head, to the ecstatic reaction of the audience. He took the crown off, rejecting the offer. The crowd yelled all the louder, demanding he accept.

I placed the crown on his head a second, then a third time before he finally accepted it. The crowd exploded in a festive and riotous celebration of the coronation.

Then, at the same time in each dream, I woke up.

GIDEON

(Enthralled.)

Like the dreams of the prophets!

REUBEN DAN

(Smiling.)

Exactly. I always woke up thinking, "Could this be the promised messiah?" But how could this be? He's not from the line of David; he's not even Jewish. Or is he?

But our dispersal to the world lost all family records of the tribes of Israel; few Jews know - or care - to which tribe they belong.

I then began to research everything I could find on the topic, and as a result, I became passionate with my discovery: what I believed to be the arrival of the messiah in the world. The reports of Mr. Temple having been responsible for several miraculous events were enough to put me on the next plane to Rome.

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AVI

And that is when he asked you to join him?

REUBEN DAN

(Nodding.)

My audience with him was more than I expected. He offered me a job overseeing food distribution to the poor in western Africa, and the 300,000 Euro annual salary he offered just astonished me.

"How could I be worth such a fortune?" I argued inwardly, but I soon talked myself out of complaining about the money.

If this truly is the messiah, he is bringing great riches to his followers.

GIDEON

(Agreeing.)

Great riches to his followers.

REUBEN DAN

I left for Africa, overseeing the vast project of redistributing of water and food from the productive farms now dotting the continent. Then, when Mr. Temple moved into the political arena, and to the Presidency of the European Union, he brought me with him.

By now, I was certain that he was the messiah, but I told no one. I decided that the genealogical proof would come in time, and that I would go under the assumption that he was from the line of David, unless it was proved otherwise.

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REUBEN DAN (cont'd)

The Jewish link, after all, could provoke certain groups.

AVI

No need to inflame the Muslims or others who do not believe in messiah.

REUBEN DAN

Exactly so. So when Mr. Temple became Chairman of the World Federation, he appointed me as chief of the World Federation's Religious Affairs Office, to bring all of the world's disparate religions into one.

GIDEON

(Bothered.)

But, the Pope in Rome? How does that fit in with our Jewish tradition?

REUBEN DAN

(Nodding paternally.)

I understand your concern, young man, but we don't call him the Pope any more. He is now the Primate of the One World Church.

He is a bit preoccupied with his own importance, but we will deal with that. What you do not know is the control that Chairman Temple has over this new Primate, after the old one disappeared.

The new One World Church, though centered in Rome, will take its instructions from Babylon.

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REUBEN DAN (cont'd)

The Roman church is perfectly fitted for our purposes, with a centuries-old organizational structure intact and in place. It is very efficient in disseminating the true faith. The first edict, of course, was purging that old Jesus fairy tale from all church dogma.

Because religion has been so divisive, this new One World Church was created to combine aspects of many others, but centering on human greatness.

AVI

(Animatedly.)

Oh, the disappearances! Is it true about alien spaceships abducting those people? And how were they selected?

REUBEN DAN

Of course, it's true, Avi. What else could possibly be the explanation? And who knows why or how? But I believe Chairman Temple to be the most intelligent man the Earth has ever seen.

He will lead us into a thousand years of peace and prosperity. After all, he is the messiah. He has not explained all that he understands of that event.

He has told me that some mysteries are not for us to know. But I do know that the sudden depopulation of the planet is a good thing, not a bad thing, and feeding the world will now be easier for him.

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GIDEON

And those Christian stories about a .. a Rapture?

REUBEN DAN

All a myth, Gideon. I am convinced that the New Testament is completely false, and that the true messiah is waiting for me to proclaim it to the world.

AVI

What an honor that you will be his messenger.

GIDEON

(Looking at
his watch.)

Rabbi, it is time for your video conference with the council of religious leaders around the world.

REUBEN DAN

(Straightening
his tie.)

Thank you, Gideon. Both of you please go back to your offices to watch while I engage the link.

They leave and Dan clicks on his desktop computer. The screen springs to life with a dozen headshots of men in costumes to reflect their regions and denominations.

REUBEN DAN (cont'd)

My brothers, I have had a vision from god himself!

The men in the video conference buzz excitedly. True visions from God have not been reported in thousands of years - TRUE visions. And no one had any doubt that these were true.

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REUBEN DAN (cont'd)

Yes, god came to me in a vision, saying, "My servant Stefan Temple is the shepherd who will lead my people. He will bring the entire world into peace and harmony. Accept him and you accept me. Reject him and you reject me.

Woe to the nation who rejects god's servant and god's prophet." Then six angels appeared to praise the name of god, and also the name of god's servant, Stefan Temple.

Then, I awoke from my vision.

PRIEST ONE (V.O.)

Peace at last! Stefan Temple is god's chosen leader!

Clicking off the video screen, Reuben Dan swivels in his chair as he speaks to himself.

REUBEN DAN

The primitive simplicity of their minds renders them an easier prey to a big lie than a small one. They themselves often tell little lies, but would be ashamed to tell big lies.

SONG - "P.R. Man To King Of The World"

8 INT. TEMPLE'S MEDIA OFFICE - DAY

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STEFAN TEMPLE

(Into the
TV camera.)

Now we see the result of unrestrained aggression. The Russian politicians were intent on war to gain property and minerals and the Independent Arab Confederation extremists were blinded by their obsolete religious propaganda.

They refused to submit their disagreements to the arbitration panel that we installed at the World Federation.

Now their armies and those of all their allies lie in tatters, rotting on the plains outside Jerusalem. This should be a lesson to those who would make war in the future.

In recent conversations with world leaders, we have all come to a consensus that, in the interests of peace, all nations will embrace a new world order of stability and harmony.

We will banish war forever from this planet, but territorial ambition must be a thing of the past. It has been the cause of all war since ancient times.

Mankind is inherently good, not evil, but there are evil men who come to power and lead others astray. This will end as of today.

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STEFAN TEMPLE (cont'd)

The World Federation will be the governing body for world peace, and will democratically assign good and faithful men - and women - to leadership roles in the ten Peace Regions you see on this map behind me.

He points to the division of nation-states, color-coded by region.

STEFAN TEMPLE (cont'd)

I will be your leader for a term of seven years, and then another will be selected to replace me. No single person with a lust for power will again infect the world with ethnic hatred and war.

But we all know that there will be attempts to subvert our efforts for peace, so we must protect you with a World Federation army to maintain a continuing peace.

Once the power brokers and arms merchants come to realize that they are stymied, they will fade into history like so many maggots feeding on the misery of humanity. Peace will reign over the entire world.

The words on this banner behind me - "Order Above Chaos" - are more than a slogan. It is a maxim that represents the only way humankind can prevent its own destruction.

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STEFAN TEMPLE (cont'd)

In order to maintain this order, we have issued instructions to each Peace Region to step up the implementation of the microchip identification program.

Up until this point, it has been voluntary, and many millions have complied. However, we have found that criminal elements have rejected this important part of our peace process, and refused to participate.

Therefore, as of today, the identification of all citizens will be mandatory.

Some loyal disciples of our peaceful utopian ideals have taken it on themselves to request that the miniature security tattoo covering the chip be a salute to my being risen from the dead, to prove their allegiance.

Their tattoo is the Italian phrase "Vivivi," which means, "You live! To you!"

I am so honored by their devotion that I have decided this will be the universal standard by which the chip will be protected, as well as visible proof of each citizen's fealty.

All commerce henceforth, from the smallest to the largest, will be conducted by this efficient system.

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STEFAN TEMPLE (cont'd)

You will find that, within a few years, crime will drop dramatically and then, eventually, disappear altogether. Criminals will have no place to hide any more.

You can live safely and securely in your homes. Do you remember when people used to leave the doors of their homes unlocked? I guarantee you that we will return to those days again.

But the war we face against criminals and religious fanatics will not be easy. It is up to each one of us to participate, and I call on young people to join our legions of enforcers to maintain order in the world.

We will train young people before whom the criminals of the world will tremble. I want young people capable of violence - imperious, relentless and cruel. We fight a determined foe, and we must battle with them in the only way they understand.

VIDEO SCREEN: Rallies of young soldiers demonstrating their loyalty for Temple, each with the triangular patches.

STEFAN TEMPLE (cont'd)

For this fight against criminal elements, I also announce full gun registration throughout the world. Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient and the world will go confidently into the future. Without law and order, our world cannot survive.

SONG - "Unbeliever's Blues"

9 INT. TEMPLE'S INNER OFFICE - DAY

9

STEFAN TEMPLE
(Pacing the room
and on his cell
phone headset.)

I want this on all the news
channels for the next two weeks, do
you understand? Good! Now listen!

The land of Israel is now open for
all the Jews to permanently return
to their ancestral homeland. Since
the land is clear of the terrorist
threat and the Palestinians have
left for their own country, there
is abundant property for returning
Jews.

My office in Jerusalem will handle
all the details of resettling
immigrants from Europe, North
America, Africa and Asia.

We expect millions to return in the
coming months. A great celebration
that has been two thousand years in
coming will now begin.

OK, did you get all that? All
right, get it done!

He takes off the headset and smiles at himself in the
mirror. He sees someone else in the reflection, startling
him.

STEFAN TEMPLE (cont'd)
How did you get in here? Who are
you?

He begins to walk to his desk to push an emergency button.
He stops midway there when he is compelled to take a better
look at the intruder.

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VIDEO: 3-D projection on upstage scrims to indicate no physical presence.

The VISITOR has the bearing of Hapsburg royalty: imperious, swollen with pride and ramrod-straight, wearing a dark cape with red silk lining over a custom-tailored suit; his long black hair is perfectly in place. One large signet ring dominates his right hand. He carries a pair of leather gloves that he uses to occasionally punctuate a sentence. When he speaks, it is resonant, old and musky.

VISITOR

Well done, Stefan. Once you get those obstinate Jews inside these borders, then the fun will really begin, won't it?

As he laughs, a primeval echo rises from his throat. Temple says not a word. He just circles the Visitor warily, as a tiger stalking his prey.

VISITOR (cont'd)

Then when all the world's Jews believe they will finally be safe, here in their homeland, that will be the time to spring the trap, won't it, Stefan, my son?

STEFAN TEMPLE

Your son?

Temple continues to circle him. There is something familiar here, something comfortable, something .. anticipated.

VISITOR

(Smiling.)

Because if there is no Jerusalem left, no Israel and no Hebrews left to populate it, there can be no one to welcome their Jewish Messiah who promised to come to save them from their enemies, now is there?

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VISITOR (cont'd)

And He will leave this poisoned planet to those who deserve it.

We both know that your heart has been set on this task since you were a boy, don't we? For I was there with you even as a child, watching over you, grooming you, protecting you, shielding you from those who would take away your birthright.

How many corpses have you and I together strewn by the roadside to bring you to this point? Now, it is accomplished. Emperor of the world!

Temple begins to understand who his Visitor is. But, instead of deep terror, he feels .. powerful. He stays silent, though, for he is aware of standing before a being much more terrible than he is.

VISITOR (cont'd)

You must concentrate on the task of eliminating every trace of evidence of everyone and everything relating to God and that spoiler of my majestic plans, the Nazarene, Jesus.

And that includes these new Christians that seem to be springing up everywhere. Very tiresome! But the Hebrews - how have they gotten away with their rebellion all these centuries?

His voice begins to rise in anger.

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VISITOR (cont'd)

They have broken every Law and every command He gave them, they have bowed down to the idols I created for them, they have done every unclean thing I instructed my minions to put in their daydreams.

One would think that is sufficient to have favor withdrawn from them. But He still loves them! How is this possible? Is there not one ounce of revenge He feels toward these people?

Well, I certainly do! Do you know how easy it was to fill their neighbors with hate? Ha! My best work, if I do say so myself. I do hate superbly.

Suicide bombers? Who - but me! - could conceive of such a brilliant scheme? The last ones to fall for it en masse so blindly were the kamikazes. God's work indeed! How dare they give Him the credit for it!

Do they really think murdering children with explosive vests will get them into heaven? Ha-ha-ha-ha!

Well, heaven is over-hyped, anyway. Boring! No murder. How exciting can that be? Earth is where the action is!

Wait, I take that back, hate is my second best work; my best work is the false religions. I can improvise, invent and contrive with effortless imagination.

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VISITOR (cont'd)

No one can resist my salesmanship.
Once I've found the right
candidate, and he's willing to do
my bidding without question, I can
infect the entire world.

The recipe is to be just a step off
what He says is the truth, and
replace it with my version of the
truth. Ha-ha-ha-ha!

All it takes is a whisper from me:
"Why do the Jews have a God and you
don't? Not fair!" Or the more
direct approach, "This is God
speaking! Pay attention! Write this
down!" Well, I soon realized that
some couldn't even write!

Mix together jealousy, pride,
anger, envy and avarice, stir well
and you have a volatile and
explosive stew of religions, one
for every taste. Absolutely my best
work!

And now, is the opportunity - your
opportunity - our opportunity - to
pay back old debts, both yours and
mine.

When the world's Hebrews are lured
back into Israel, then it becomes
your - what is your favorite
phrase? - your shooting gallery.

By feigning great humanitarian
compassion for them, you have
gained their trust, and who better
to thrust the dagger than a close
and caring friend?

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Temple finally gains his voice, after listening in rapt attention to this primordial evil.

STEFAN TEMPLE

Brutus.

VISITOR

Brutus, quite so! I wondered if you would speak again. But then, I do tend to dominate a conversation - among other things.

STEFAN TEMPLE

(Clearing
his throat.)

I thought that was your voice in my head all these years.

VISITOR

Oh, yes, that was me, waiting for you to grow up, to gain the power that only a ruthless man can acquire. It's your brutality that I admire, your ability to extinguish a human life without so much as a twinge of compassion.

Even as a child, I was proud of you, following my every instruction, concealing your love of ultra-violence with lies and deception.

Now it's time for you to fulfill your long-awaited presence on this tired old planet. You are the great leader the world has been waiting for.

Every person will fall on their knees to worship you, and those who do not will be executed in cruel and delicious new ways.

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VISITOR (cont'd)

It is the time you have always waited for, and it is the time I have always waited for.

STEFAN TEMPLE

(Unclear.)

That you have waited for?

VISITOR

Yes, Stefan, the worship. Don't you understand yet? That's what I have craved even before man was placed on this world.

And now, it will happen because of you and through you. I will experience it through you; enjoy every delicious victory you achieve, every catastrophe and tragedy you cause.

It will be a glorious time!

STEFAN TEMPLE

(It's slowly dawning on him.)

You mean you are going to ..?

VISITOR

Precisely! I'll see your kingdom through your eyes, taste the things you taste, smell the things you smell.

And you, in return, will savor my thousands and thousands of years of triumphs and conquests and profit from my wise and shrewd counsel.

STEFAN TEMPLE

(Elated.)

How can I lose?

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VISITOR

Exactly. How can you lose?

SONG - "Angel Gone Wrong"

10 EXT. BACK ALLEY - NIGHT

10

THEODORE looks both ways before he opens the door, and rushes into the night, making his way through back alleys.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

The cruel and uncaring streets of Cleveland get even nastier in the winter. When the wind sweeps down the concrete canyons off Lake Erie, the arctic air bites through pants like a paper cut. Not many people would be out this close to dawn. Except people getting rich off the Christians like Theodore.

Some, the violent ones and the sociopaths, preferred hiding in dark alleys and waiting for a Christian - they called them "Chris" for short, as in, "Hey guys, there's a Chris."

They would wait until a "Chris" was making another furtive late night incursion into enemy territory to buy food and water for his family. They were easy to spot and usually had a nice pocketful of cash.

There were roving gangs of psychotics all over Cleveland now, with no one to rein them in. You'd be lucky if they only robbed you.

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ANNOUNCER (V.O.) (cont'd)

Some employed violence if you didn't hand over the money right away; others would beat their victims senseless out of an amphetamine drug rage or, more often, just because they liked it. They knew Christians wouldn't go to the cops.

The few cops that were left after the Big Disappearance, as the media was now calling the Rapture, were on the payrolls of the state's wealthy aristocracy, those who supported Stefan Temple. Rumors abounded that a U.S. Senator, Senator Talbot, who had collaborated with Temple early on, made out like a bandit.

He had a huge mansion facing the lake, surrounded by razor wire and patrolled by six city cops a shift for three shifts a day. Well-armed security is the only way to stay alive today, if you have money.

Theodore can't afford going on the main streets. The cops not protecting the moneyed gentry were busy picking up Christians for Stefan Temple.

THEODORE

(To himself.)

What is it about Christians that Stefan Temple hates so much? What happens to them when they were picked up? No one has ever come back to let us know.

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Theodore slams his body inside a small alley doorway when a passing police cruiser shines its floodlight down the darkened passageway, but the cruiser keeps going on down the street.

At a dingy industrial building, the door is offset from the alley enough that you could hide while you wait for the door to open. Theodore knocks four times in the code, and waits. The peephole darkens, so someone is checking him out. The door opens six inches to give one more eyeball at Theodore, and then is opened all the way.

11 INT. EMPTY FACTORY FLOOR - NIGHT

11

RONNIE, a late-20s punk, leather from head to toe, stands back as Theodore walks to the table in the middle of the room. A single bare light bulb in a metal hood lights the empty factory floor, but only a ten-foot circle of it. At the table is DEREK, an older punk dressed in the standard black.

DEREK

(Holding out a
hand to the
other chair.)

What'll it be this month, Theodore?
Beans, rice, wheat, meal and fresh
water? Like last month?

THEODORE

(Nodding.)

Sure, Derek, but I don't have as
much money as I had last month. Do
you think you could sell me the
supplies for a little less? Like
five hundred Euros?

DEREK

(Insulted.)

Theodore? How can you ask me to do
such a thing? I have huge expenses.
The price of this food is just
going up, not down.

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DEREK (cont'd)

My supplier has jacked the price on me, and then there's the expense of the cops I have to pay off. I mean, really, you don't think I can sell this at a loss, now do you? I'm doing you a favor.

After all, no "Chris" can buy any food without this chip they implanted in us. I mean, I can't see what the big deal is.

It's just a chip. But if you want to go through all that aggravation, that's up to you. After all, I wouldn't have any customers, then, would I?

Derek smiles a reptilian grin, baring yellowed and decayed teeth.

THEODORE

How much is it, Derek?

DEREK

(With another
solicitous smile.)

Seven hundred and fifty Euros for a month's rations. It's a bargain in today's uncertain times. Especially since no one uses cash any more.

Unless, that is, you're buying guns, drugs or stolen merchandise. Which also happen to be specialties of mine.

THEODORE

But five hundred is all I have.

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DEREK

(Unmoved.)

Well, then, I guess you'll get just two-thirds of the supplies, won't you? Ronnie, measure it out for him.

The younger punk goes to the stock and pulls some cans out of the cardboard boxes that had already been packed for Theodore.

It is an exhausting experience for Theodore to watch as the cans are taken away. He couldn't complain, he couldn't bargain, he couldn't do anything but watch.

Theodore takes his box of cans and burlap sacks and slips back down the alley unnoticed.

12 EXT. BACK ALLEY - NIGHT

12

On the way back home, Theodore prays.

THEODORE

LORD, thank you for your discipline. I deserve it. Whatever happens to me now, LORD, Your will be done.

I will starve to death before getting that microchip and tattoo and, hopefully, that will happen before the cops catch up with me.

I know I won't be able to stand up under torture. I don't want to give up my friends, and I'm afraid of my own weakness. Jesus, come quickly!

SONG - "God Wins Again"

13 INT. STEFAN TEMPLE'S OFFICE - DAY

13

Stefan Temple and Reuben Dan are looking at a video bank.

VIDEO: A world map, lighted up with thousands of tiny dots.

VIDEO: A satellite orbiting the earth.

VIDEO: A close-up of a man's hand, with a slight reddening to indicate where the chip has been implanted, and the "Vivivi" tattoo over the area (ostensibly to prevent theft by ham-handed crooks wielding scalpels on the rich and powerful).

STEFAN TEMPLE

(Pointing
to a map.)

There, right there! You see it? The computer indicates only 25% of the population has the chip implanted. What is the reason for that?

REUBEN DAN

That's where the "Chris" terrorists blew up the rail car carrying the implant supplies. The entire area has been under-served. We can't really expect them to receive their implants for at least another month.

STEFAN TEMPLE

(Exploding.)

No! I will not allow that "Chris" scum to dictate my schedule. When I say everyone must have a microchip, I mean everyone! So, without an implant, no one can buy or sell.

Let it be a lesson to the entire region. When they get hungry enough, perhaps they'll inform on these terrorist cells.

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STEFAN TEMPLE (cont'd)

And, while you're at it, I want these nests of suicide bombers in the Middle East rooted out.

If they think their tactics will delay me like they did all previous governments, they'll find I respond in a quite different manner.

Obliterate entire cities in retaliation.

REUBEN DAN

(Bowling.)

Yes, Excellency, as you command.

He starts to leave.

STEFAN TEMPLE

Wait! One more thing.

REUBEN DAN

(Raising
his head.)

Yes, Excellency?

STEFAN TEMPLE

(Rubbing his hands
enthusiastically
and smiling.)

Before our coronation ceremony at the Temple next week?

REUBEN DAN

Yes, Excellency?

STEFAN TEMPLE

The Primate. That's the perfect title for him. Well, he'll learn not to monkey with me. He is a loose cannon in our grand strategy.

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STEFAN TEMPLE (cont'd)

He oversteps his church authority with plans of his own. Have him assassinated immediately. And make sure the blame falls on those "Chris" terrorists.

You will lead my church from now on, on my authority.

REUBEN DAN

Yes, Excellency, as you command.

Dan bows and exits, smiling. Things could not have gone any better.

14 INT. ANTHONY'S DORM ROOM - DAY

14

ANTHONY

Blog: anthony2605. Date: T.D. 03.05.03. Temple now says that T.D. stands for Temple Date, not Truce Date. What a rat! Things are going from bad to worse, if that's possible. This implant and the tattoo of his number are required if you want to buy or sell anything, but it's what the Bible calls "the Mark of the Beast," the sign of the Antichrist.

What do you think "VIVIVI" means?! It's more than "You Live! To You!" They're Roman numerals - VI means 6 - for the Number of the Beast - 666!

It's the symbol of worship for this Roman dictator Stefan Temple, and how he will control all of us. Without it, we may starve to death.

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ANTHONY (cont'd)

But do it and you are swearing allegiance to this evil man. That's not the worst. You doom yourself to eternal hell because this man is the Antichrist. Satan controls him.

Believe me, please! I know it sounds too weird to believe, but find a Bible somewhere and read it now! I can't stay long in one place. I'll post again when I can.

SONG - "PBS Special On The Apocalypse"

15 EXT. JERSUSALEM STREET - DAY

15

Two street prophets, who wear burlap-like, ankle-length coverings, have been preaching in Jerusalem for 3 ½ years against the brutal dictator and the imminent return of Christ.

In the background is the rebuilt Third Temple. In the far background is the city of Jerusalem. FIRST BYSTANDER and SECOND BYSTANDER are watching ELIJAH and ENOCH preaching to a crowd.

FIRST BYSTANDER

Who are they? They've been here for years, preaching against Stefan Temple and his soldiers do nothing.

SECOND BYSTANDER

They don't say who they are. Some say they are Old Testament prophets come back to life, so who knows? I do know they destroy anyone who lays a hand on them, so keep your distance!

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FIRST BYSTANDER

What do you mean, destroy? Those old men?

SECOND BYSTANDER

Fire comes shooting right out of their mouths. Like I said, stay away! Listen!

ENOCH

The great and terrible Day of the LORD is upon us. Do you wonder what happened to all the people who vanished before your very eyes? It was the great Rapture of God's saints, who were snatched away to be with the Christ until His glorious return.

ELIJAH

Jesus Himself said that those days would be like the days of Noah and of Lot, when people would be unconcerned about anything but their own pleasure.

People were eating, drinking, buying and selling. Then their end came by flood and by fire from heaven. But not without warning. God gave them many warnings, but they did not heed them.

ENOCH

In the same way, we warn you today, citizens of Jerusalem, Jews from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, that before those judgments, God took away Noah and Lot, His chosen ones, to safety.

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ENOCH (cont'd)

Now the Sovereign LORD has taken away from danger all that believed in His Son, Jesus Christ, as the Messiah in preparation for the great tribulation prophesied to fall on the earth.

For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our LORD Jesus Christ.

ELIJAH

As it was prophesied, this evil prince has come to blind you to the truth. Turn now to God and believe in His Son, that you might have everlasting life.

VIDEO SCREEN, NOT LIVE: Soldiers converge on the two prophets from several directions, rifles at the ready. The prophets turn toward the screens.

Flames erupt from the foreground to the background, engulfing all the soldiers in fire. All that remains of the soldiers is ash. The world watches them on satellite TV, much to the embarrassment of the regime.

ENOCH

In order that you will know that these warning are from God, we have ordered that the heavens be shut up from bringing any rain upon the land, until God Himself lifts this curse. You have it seen it happen.

Now believe in Him who sent His Son, Jesus Christ.

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ELIJAH

So that you might know the Living God who has created heaven and earth, another curse will come upon the land.

Because you have allowed evil men to prosper and to shed blood, the water that you drink will turn to blood, until God Himself lifts this curse.

ENOCK

So, too, will a plague of creatures from the Pit come upon you, fearsome creatures with the appearance of locusts that will sting with the venom of a hundred scorpions and you will despair to death, but death will not come to you.

For five months, you will be tortured, but only for those who follow this evil dictator, this Antichrist and his False Prophet, who you now trust with your lives and your souls.

Turn away from them and back to God before it is too late.

16 INT. STEFAN TEMPLE'S OFFICE - DAY

16

Stefan Temple is standing before a video screen, infuriated by the two prophets. Suddenly, he sees them stop speaking and they hold their hands up to Heaven. Temple reaches for a button and signals his security.

STEFAN TEMPLE

(In a rage.)

Those two preachers, go after them and kill them NOW!

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SECURITY VOICE #1 (V.O.)
But, sir, they've shot fire at
everyone ..

STEFAN TEMPLE
(Yelling.)
Do it NOW! Do you understand? Three
and a half years I've put up with
this! Go after them! They won't put
up a fight now. Disobey this order,
and you forfeit your life. Am I
clear?

SECURITY VOICE #1 (V.O.)
Yes, sir.

VIDEO SCREEN: A squad of soldiers approaches the two prophets. When there is no apparent resistance, the soldiers fire and the two prophets drop down dead on the spot.

In Temple's office, he dances and spins, laughing maniacally all the time. The phone rings.

SECURITY VOICE #1 (V.O.)
Sir, it's done. What do you want us
to do with the bodies?

STEFAN TEMPLE
(Barking.)
Leave them there to rot in the hot
sun. It'll be a lesson to anyone
who dares to oppose me.

Put television cameras on the
bodies so the world will know the
consequences of resisting Stefan
Temple.

17 INT. STEFAN TEMPLE'S OFFICE - DAY

17

VIDEO SCREEN: time-lapse photography on Temple's office screen: Fast forward footage of the two prophets lying dead for 3 ½ days. A days-long party is going on in Temple's office in Rome, where people are coming and going with drinks in their hands and with wrapped presents that they give to one another to celebrate the murder of these two men. In the midst of the partying, a rumble is heard from Jerusalem.

A loud VOICE comes from heaven, saying, "Come up here!" The two bodies instantly come to life. The event has been carried on live TV, so the world sees the miracle.

STEFAN TEMPLE

(Yelling.)

Shut off those cameras! Tell them
to stop broadcasting NOW!

An Assistant rushes to the phone, but it's too late.

VIDEO SCREEN: The two prophets begin ascending off the sidewalk into the air, up and up until they disappear into the clouds.

T.V. ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

A massive earthquake has just hit
Jerusalem, collapsing a tenth of
the city and killing 7,000.

Survivors who witnessed all these
events are terrified, and many
claim that it was Elijah and Enoch
they had seen, to the consternation
of Temple's officials who had been
celebrating the death of the two
prophets.

STEFAN TEMPLE

(Yelling, to
no one in
particular.)

I want that announcer's head!

18 EXT. WILDERNESS BUSHES - NIGHT

18

BARRY, a 50 year-old man and BRYAN, his 20 year-old son, head for the wilderness of Canada to escape the tyrant's troops. Both are filthy and bedraggled. They collapse behind a bush in the wilderness. Barry is concerned for his son's health

BRYAN

(Exhausted.)

Dad, I can't go on. Can we rest?

BARRY

Bryan, we can't stay here for too long, we have to keep moving. There are soldiers everywhere, looking for rebels, and they'll shoot us on sight if they catch us.

BRYAN

I know, Dad. I just need a short break. How long do we have to keep running?

BARRY

I don't know, son. We just have to get north, to Canada, if we can, and away from Temple's troops.

BRYAN

(Wistfully.)

I wish Mom were here. I miss her.

BARRY

I miss her too, Bryan. But I wouldn't wish this on her. She's a lot better off than we are.

BRYAN

I don't understand that, Dad, I still don't. None of this makes sense. It's just too weird. Where is she? I mean, really, where is my Mom?

SONG - "Blues On The Run"

19 EXT. PLATFORM OF THIRD TEMPLE - DAY

19

At the rebuilt Third Temple, Reuben Dan is standing before the worldwide TV cameras and is smiling at the large purple cushion he holds, on which rests a golden crown encased in diamonds, rubies and pearls. It is exactly as it appeared in his dreams. He waits at the podium as the assembled crowd yells in frenzied cheers.

REUBEN DAN

They'd better. I paid them enough!

He motions to an assistant to flash the "Applause" sign again, which is conveniently out of sight of the TV cameras. The crowd roars louder.

Then, from behind the curtain strides Stefan Temple, and the crowd gets even louder. He approaches the podium where Dan is waiting. He wastes no time in false modesty, takes the crown and places it on his own head. It is not exactly as Dan dreamed it, but no matter.

STEFAN TEMPLE

I am the savior of the world. I have brought peace to a war-torn planet, but not from any human ability. It is from divine power that I bring you peace.

I am the one waiting from ancient times to be your salvation. I have existed since eternity, and I now reveal myself so that you may worship and honor me.

I am your messiah! I am your god!

There is a gasp from many in the crowd. Dan quickly signals the "Applause" sign to be lit again. The crowd applause is not as loud as before. There is restlessness in the audience, and he sees that he has to step in.

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REUBEN DAN

You have already seen Stefan Temple's feeding of fish and bread to millions in the world - these miracles are greater than the Nazarene's feeding of only a few thousand.

Dan points to the skies in the open courtyard.

REUBEN DAN (cont'd)

Now that you will believe in the divine nature of our messiah, Stefan Temple, look into the heavens above and behold the awful power of his coming.

He calls upon the very heavens themselves to witness so that you will know that he is the one true god.

Dan dramatically throws both arms upward.

VIDEO SCREEN: balls of fire descend from the clouds, striking all over Jerusalem and the surrounding area. Black smoke arises from the distance as buildings catch fire from the barrage. The audience cowers in fear at the demonstration.

Temple smiles at the terror and panic he has created.

REUBEN DAN (cont'd)

Religion has been the most divisive aspect of human civilization since the beginning.

We now proclaim that this one new world religion will combine aspects of many others, with the worship of Stefan Temple as its center.

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REUBEN DAN (cont'd)

Human greatness will be celebrated;
for it is through this that mankind
will be saved. Religious unity will
bring tolerance where religious
differences brought strife and war.
This Temple has now been renamed
Stefan's Temple.

The old Jewish worship will now
cease and the animal sacrifices
will halt - all superstitious
nonsense of ancient sects and
cults.

All hail Stefan Temple, our messiah
and our god on Earth!

Dan pulls a cord and a curtain lifts to reveal a statue of
Stefan Temple.

CROWD VOICES (V.O.)

Blasphemy! The abomination that
causes desolation! We have made a
covenant with hell and the devil
himself!

Dan quickly signals for the TV broadcast to end. Troops
move in to arrest dissenters in the crowd.

SONG - "Counterfeit Religions"

20 INT. STEFAN TEMPLE'S OFFICE - DAY

20

In Temple's office, he is furious with Dan.

STEFAN TEMPLE

(Screaming.)

How could you allow those troublemakers in my glorious coronation ceremony? How did they get in?

REUBEN DAN

(Dismayed at
the turn
of events.)

Your majesty, I apologize. They have already been taken into custody. These Jews are a stiff-necked people and are hard to discipline.

STEFAN TEMPLE

(Sneering at
the excuse.)

Well, we will make sure we know who is on our side from now on. What can you report on my statues and images?

REUBEN DAN

(Bowing.)

Majesty, they are completed as you ordered. They will be set up in every city center. Through simple animatronics, the statues and the images have the ability to speak to those who approach and demand their worship.

But what will shock them is that the statues will call their name, triggered by the information in their microchip implants.

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REUBEN DAN (cont'd)

Video cameras and pressure-sensitive kneeling benches are installed. Any who do not worship the statues or images will have a report relayed to satellites; they will be picked up and put to death.

STEFAN TEMPLE

(Screaming, with
veins bulging
in his neck.)

Death is not enough for those Jews!
Do you understand me?

REUBEN DAN

Yes, Majesty, I have anticipated
your desires with prolonged
tortures for those Jews who refer
to you in the most denigrating
terms.

STEFAN TEMPLE

(Enraged.)

Antichrist? The insult they picked
up from those "Chris" derelicts?

REUBEN DAN

(Humbly.)

Sorry, Majesty. I did not want to
bring that up.

STEFAN TEMPLE

(With a snarl.)

What do you have in store for them?
These "Chosen People"?

REUBEN DAN

They will cry out for death,
Majesty, but it will linger for
days. Exquisite tortures that I
found in books of the Spanish
Inquisition from the Middle Ages.

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STEFAN TEMPLE

(Calming down.)

Ah, wonderful, my priest. I knew I could count on you to look forward to supervising the day's executions.

To find a priest so infatuated with murder, one would surely have to go back over 500 years, when Cardinal Torquemada first displayed his instruments of torture to unrepentant Protestants and Jews.

REUBEN DAN

Such drastic means have been used in the past to purify the church, and they will be used in the future. The end justifies the means. Men are like sheep.

They will follow the wrong path when led by a weak shepherd, as the old religions did. Now, when the wise and powerful shepherd comes, they will understand their previous mistakes and follow him.

STEFAN TEMPLE

(Smiling.)

Well done, wicked and faithful servant.

Temple muses on his joke. Misquoting God and Jesus was always one of Satan's favorite traditions.

SONG - "The Road To Hell"

21 INT. CLINIC - DAY

21

Paul is inside the clinic, speaking one-on-one to Rita; she is so close to accepting Christ that he must take the time to answer her questions.

RITA

Paul, you seem to understand what is happening, but you don't seem to be scared like the rest of us. Aren't you afraid of Stefan Temple and his troops? They could kill you for preaching about Jesus to us. Why do you keep doing it?

PAUL

(Soothingly,
to avoid
frightening her.)

Rita, we are living in scary times, no doubt. But I have a faith in something bigger than myself and certainly bigger than Stefan Temple.

I've explained to everyone the transaction that must take place. You must believe it and say it. "I'm a sinner. The penalty for sin is eternal death. Christ took my sins upon Himself, was crucified and died for me, but was resurrected in three days to eternal life. Trust in Christ alone is my only path to eternal life."

That may be the Readers Digest version, but it's close enough for now.

RITA

I understand that, Paul, and I'm almost at that point. Almost. Can you answer some other questions for me that are confusing?

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PAUL

Sure. What are they?

RITA

This ID program, the chip and the tattoo. Were they really prophesied? Exactly that way?

How does that mean you worship Temple like a god - which he is NOT - please! - just by getting those things? Things are happening so fast, my head is spinning.

PAUL

(Taking a breath.)

The Sign of the Beast was prophesied by John the Revelator; but no, not exactly this way. For a thousand-plus years, it was assumed the "mark" would be of three Arabic number sixes, but the commerce or worship aspects were unclear.

Enter the modern age - computers, databases, debit cards, satellites and microchip implants. Technology provides a system that the Antichrist, the Beast, the last dictator, Stefan Temple can use to control money and, therefore, people.

The three sixes, with a space between each, were Roman numerals, VI for six, used by the Roman Empire from 500 B.C., not our current Hindu-Arabic numerals, which were not introduced until 771 A.D. John write Revelation in 95 A.D.

Paul writes the letters and numbers on a blackboard.

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PAUL (cont'd)

And it is only in Italian that "Vivivi" actually means something - it does mean, "You live! To you!" It's from the Latin "vivificus" for "life-restoring," so you see those numbers and words do correspond.

It's the visible symbol that signifies you accept Temple was resurrected from the dead and therefore worship him as a deity; but it was a forgery, a phony, a sham of Jesus' very real resurrection.

In the Bible, seven was the perfect number, the number of completion and a holy number. The number six was the imperfect number, the number of incompleteness and an unholy number.

Simple choice: don't get his "mark," which means you don't worship him; therefore, you can't buy or sell anything, and your predicted lifespan is considerably shortened. Or, get his "mark," which indicates you worship him as he wants; you may live a few more years, but are doomed to eternal - eternal - torment.

RITA

(Shaking her head
with the weight
of it all.)

So, it's eat now and spend eternity in hell, or die from starvation or execution soon, but spend eternity with God. Is that it?

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PAUL

(Nodding.)

That's it, Rita. Tough choice?

RITA

(Defiantly sticking
out her chin and
shaking her head.)

Not tough at all. I'm a sinner. The
penalty for sin is eternal death.
Christ took my sins upon Himself,
was crucified and died for me, but
was resurrected in three days to
eternal life. Trust in Christ alone
is my only path to eternal life.

PAUL

(Jubilant.)

You've made the transaction, Rita.
If you believe it ..

RITA

I absolutely believe it.

PAUL

Then angels in heaven are singing,
waiting for you to arrive.

RITA

I understand that, and I can't
wait. My grasp on everything I own,
all I have, used to be a white-
knuckle death grip. Not any more.
Another question.

PAUL

(Relieved at
Rita's decision.)

Sure.

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RITA

Who are these 144,000 Jewish guys who are now Christians you were talking about?

PAUL

(Nodding.)

Those are Christ's witnesses, called by God to put in plain words to Jews and Gentiles that Jesus returns soon. Since none of them have the Mark of the Beast, they can't buy or sell, so have to be supported by an underground railroad of believers.

It is written that none of the 144,000 will be killed between now and the Second Coming; God will protect them.

It is foretold that more millions will come to Christ as a result of their preaching than at any time in history.

The nation of Israel, as one who has awakened from a comatose state, will begin to rejoice at their sudden realization that the evil surrounding them is the fulfillment of prophecy.

However, the believers who protect them will become easy prey for Temple's troops to find and massacre them, using rewards paid to informants.

RITA

Not good.

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PAUL

Well, I'm not so sure. Those underground protectors will be discovered and executed, many beheaded, no doubt.

But I predict that they will all go joyfully to their deaths with singing and shouting and praises to God, for these are the Tribulation saints that will have great glory waiting for them in heaven.

They will return to Earth in immortal, incorruptible bodies to reign with Christ in New Jerusalem on the New Earth for a thousand years, and then in the Kingdom of God for all eternity.

22 EXT./INT. ETHAN'S JERUSALEM APARTMENT - NIGHT

22

ARIEL is paranoid enough as it is, and now he's shepherding DANIEL, one of the 144,000 from one underground meeting place to the next. Daniel, wearing an ankle-length cloak that covers his head to conceal his identity, is calm and quiet but Ariel is almost apoplectic as he pounds on the door of a safe house, ETHAN'S apartment. Finally, the door opens.

ARIEL

Ethan, why did it take you so long to open the door? Do you know what risks we take being outside? Temple's spies are everywhere. They will turn in their own mother for a Euro.

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ETHAN

(Apologetic.)

Please forgive me, Ariel, I was in the basement tunnel. We are digging to link up the ten escape tunnels from different parts of Jerusalem. We must be able to travel without using the streets.

ARIEL

(Satisfied, he motions his hand.)

I understand. I'm just on edge after they caught Abraham and his cell. They found the copy machine and all the pamphlets.

They didn't even take him to prison. They executed him on the spot and used the address file on his computer to locate the others. Why did he have an unprotected address file?

Oh, I'm sorry, this is Daniel. He's one of the 144,000 witnesses, and we need to hide him here for the night.

Ethan does a sharp intake of air and drops to his knees, grabbing Daniel's hand.

ETHAN

One of God's chosen messengers!
Anything I can do for you, I will.
Even if it means my life. Anything!

Daniel is used to this, so he just pulls Ethan up off his knees to a standing position and grabs his shoulders, looking him deep in the eyes.

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DANIEL

Don't get on your knees to me; I am just a servant of God, like you are and like Ariel is.

ETHAN

(Still transfixed,
though.)

But God Himself chose you.

DANIEL

And God chose you also, Ethan, and Ariel, to protect me, feed me and transport me.

Daniel had not taken the covering from his head, which he now does. Visible on his forehead are raised Hebrew letters spelling out the name of God and of Jesus Christ the Messiah.

DANIEL (cont'd)

For, as you can see, I am sealed by God. I do not have the Mark of the Beast, so cannot buy or sell. The King of Kings has sealed my brothers and me to tell the world of His imminent return to claim His Kingdom.

Ethan touches the name of God on Daniel's forehead.

ETHAN

What can we do for you?

DANIEL

You must leave. Everyone who believes must depart Israel for the mountains to the east. You and the entire believing remnant will be protected until the Messiah has returned. You must go and take nothing with you more than you can carry.

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ETHAN

For how long?

DANIEL

Three and a half years. It is a place prepared by God for you; so do not worry about food or shelter.

23 INT. JERUSALEM STUDENTS' APARTMENT - DAY

23

In the living room, three college students are listening to Michael and Irvin, who have just heard one of the 144,000 witnesses speak to a crowd at a gathering.

MICHAEL

What that American said was true. His vanishing was no fluke. Those weak "alien abduction" explanations they gave on the news about why they disappeared were all lies.

So, we went to hear this guy we had heard about. It took us a day to find out the secret location where he was speaking. He was magnetic! You should have heard him.

When he spoke - I can't describe the sound - it was like rushing water and of thunder and of ancient harps playing. He sang a song that was like an angel praising God, but I couldn't remember the words a second after he sang them.

Deep inside, I understood that he was speaking the truth - God's truth.

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IRVIN

They do not lie or accept lies and they do not give in to earthly temptation.

He said he was from the ancient tribe of Benjamin, but I don't know how anyone today could know which tribe they are from. But here he was, this first son of a devout Jew who is pure in every sense of the word. He said ALL the others of the 144,000 sent by God are as virtuous as he is.

ISAAC

(Shaking his head,
unbelieving, but
wanting to believe.)

But who are these guys, the 144,000? Are they really sent by God? How are we to know it's just not another trick by Stefan Temple?

MICHAEL

No, these witnesses are on the run from Temple. He has rewards out for their capture. It's because they're telling God's truth, not Temple's so-called "truth," or that of his lying prophet, Reuben Dan.

Speaking of tricks by Temple, how about his "death and resurrection"? All a fake! A counterfeit of Jesus' resurrection. The old apostle John said in Revelation 13:3, "One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed."

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IRVIN

Temple is the Antichrist, who is personally controlled and indwelt by Satan, but Satan cannot create life or bring someone dead back to life, he destroys life.

MICHAEL

Here's something that's hard to hide about these witnesses: each of them has on their forehead a raised text that spells out the name of the living God and of His Son, our Messiah, Jesus Christ.

He said that the twelve tribes of Israel each have 12,000 young men in these prophets.

All, that is, except the tribes of Dan and Ephraim, and we see the end result of their ancestral evil in this False Prophet, Reuben Dan.

IRVIN

(Enthusiastically.)

Here was his message: believe in the Christ, God's Son, who comes again soon.

And if we believe, we must leave Jerusalem immediately for the mountains to a place prepared for us by God, who will protect us until the Second Coming of His Son.

But you must first believe. Otherwise, you share in the world's destruction.

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RONALD

(The only one
wearing a *yarmulke*,
is distracted.)

Why is God treating us this way?
Have the Jews not had enough pain
and suffering? I thought we were
His chosen people.

This leader we trusted has now
proclaimed himself a god on the
holy Temple, blaspheming the name
of Yahweh and profaning the Temple
so that it cannot be entered again.

And no more animal sacrifices for
our sins. Now our enemies surround
us once more, and we face certain
annihilation. Why? Why? Has God
forsaken us?

MICHAEL

(Patiently, for most
Jews in Israel had
the same questions.)

Those animal sacrifices were to
cease when the Christ came. The
Third Temple is a red herring.
Prophecy said the only reason it
would be rebuilt was to unveil the
Antichrist. How many times, Ronald,
have the Jews disobeyed God? How
many? A hundred? A thousand? Ten
thousand? Perhaps ten thousand
times ten thousand is closer to the
number.

The Jews were called to be a race
apart from our pagan neighbors, to
be a nation of priests to receive
the Word of God in our hearts, to
write it and preserve it and preach
it to all nations.

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MICHAEL (cont'd)

But we didn't preach it to all nations; we kept it to ourselves. We backslid so many times, and then God would punish Israel with foreign invaders, we would repent and go back to Him, and He would restore our fortunes, then it was only a matter of time before the lusts of our eyes and our hearts overcame us again.

IRVIN

(Breaking in.)

It was Satan's old plan to destroy the Jews from the beginning, because he knew about the coming Messiah. Israel was to be the nation from which the Messiah would come into the world, the Messiah our forefathers rejected. But God knew in advance that the Christ would not be welcomed, as He knows all things.

So, for over two thousand years, we have rejected the Christ who came, just as the prophets foretold, to Bethlehem, born of a virgin, who healed the sick, the blind, the lepers, raised the dead, created food and had power over nature only reserved for the Creator.

MICHAEL

(Listens, nodding.)

He entered Jerusalem to offer Himself as their King on the very day - on Nisan 10 of the Jewish calendar -- that Jews were selecting their perfect Passover lamb.

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MICHAEL (cont'd)

He was handed over by priests, who were afraid of losing their positions, to the Romans for execution, was crucified and died at the very moment - on Nisan 14 -- that spotless Passover lambs across Israel were being slaughtered, at three P.M., the EXACT time -- and that was no accident -- planned by God from eternity.

And, on Nisan 17, Christ was resurrected and arose from the tomb; Nisan 17 - the day of wave sheaf offering, the yearly offering waved before God from the first grains of the harvest. The risen Christ is the first fruits, waved before God, of the harvest of souls, our promised resurrection. He was the first person who died and was resurrected to spirit.

IRVIN

God foreshadows events in one generation to point to a future, even greater event.

Nisan 17 was the exact day when Noah's ark rested on Mount Ararat, when Israel crossed the Red Sea, when Israel ate the first fruits of the Promised Land, when Haman (a foreshadowing of the Antichrist) was defeated and, the great promise, the day of the resurrection of Jesus, the Messiah, who celebrated the festival of first fruits by offering Himself as the first fruits to all future generations.

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MICHAEL

This sinless, spotless, sacrificial Lamb of God was sent to the cross to die to atone for our sins, the justice that God requires as punishment; but instead of consigning all of us to fire, as we deserve, God Himself came to Earth in human form and took our punishment for us.

In the book of Ezekiel, God says, "When I make atonement for all you have done" - "I make atonement, I, I, I." God promised that He would be the One to atone for our sins.

IRVIN

But, in a triumph over death, Jesus arose from the dead in three days and was seen by hundreds until He ascended to sit at the right hand of God the Father. Now, we await His triumphal return, the Second Coming of Christ the King.

RONALD

(Slowly takes off
his yarmulke and
looks at it.)

I guess all these human traditions were for nothing. We were blind and deaf to God's real truth. Are we all going to die, Michael?

MICHAEL

No, Ronald, we're not all going to die. God promises that He will supernaturally protect those of us who believe in the Christ and who flee to the wilderness.

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MICHAEL (cont'd)

Those Jews who remain here in unbelief, like my parents, and God knows I tried; well, I don't want to think about it.

This period of suffering was predicted for us. This is what the book of Revelation calls the Tribulation, a seven-year period when the world's final dictator would rule with terror and murder, especially in the second half of that, the three and a half year period called the Great Tribulation.

IRVIN

But, it is to be a time of testing for the Jews - and for the unbelieving Gentiles left behind in the world - when we are to be refined as pure gold, for us to return to God, and to accept that the Christ, the Messiah, God's only Son was and is Jesus of Nazareth, the humble carpenter, sent to suffer for all the world's sins.

This Tribulation is to make us return once more to our ancient faith in God's plan, and reject all human plans.

MICHAEL

We trusted God for food in the desert, and He sent us manna from the sky and water from the rocks. Now trust in God completely, and in His Son, return to the wilderness and He will deliver us from the hands of our enemies.

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MICHAEL (cont'd)

It is now time for Israel to say what we should have said two millennia ago: "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD."

The others repeat it after Michael.

RONALD

(Still plagued
with pessimism.)

How can you be so sure? We haven't heard from God in two thousand years! And in those centuries, people have used "Christ-killer" as an excuse to persecute and murder Jews. Now it continues with this evil oppressor.

MICHAEL

(Handing Ronald
a Bible.)

Read it, Ronald! The persecution of the Jews was prophesied, even as the persecution of the Christians was prophesied. Since Abraham, God's promise was fulfilled: "Those who bless you will be blessed and those who curse you will be cursed."

Every nation that afflicted Jews was destroyed: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome. Napoleon was nice to the Jews at first, then reversed course, and so Waterloo came.

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IRVIN

The great British Empire reneged on its promise of a homeland for Jews in the Balfour Declaration of 1917, preventing them from immigrating to British-controlled Palestine in the 1930s, and trapping them in Nazi Germany.

As a result, the sun finally did set on the British Empire, and we know what happened to the Nazis. The lesson is: do evil to a Jew at your own peril. And which country was Israel's sole ally and became stronger and stronger because they were indeed blessed by God?

RONALD

(At least he
knew that answer.)

The U.S. - at least until three and a half years ago, when every Christian vanished.

MICHAEL

(Correcting him.)

Raptured.

RONALD

(Still uncertain.)

Right, raptured.

MICHAEL

(Persisting.)

The New Testament is the completion of God's perfect plan. But it's a free will choice. It's up to YOU to come to God in faith. Read the book of Daniel, then Isaiah, then Revelation. And don't stop there. The New Testament is full of prophecies of the Second Coming.

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IRVIN

Didn't you think something was up when all the Christians disappeared in one instant? Didn't you think that maybe, MAYBE, our fathers were wrong in their hardheaded denials of the Christ?

Jesus said, "Salvation is from the Jews," and it was through carefully selected Jews that His message was delivered to the world - Paul, Peter, John and the other Apostles - not by the privileged priesthood.

MICHAEL

Instead, we decided to believe the cover-up stories of those early priests, the Pharisees, who didn't want their easy life disturbed. The same priests who bribed, with large sums of money, the Roman soldiers who were eyewitnesses to the earthquake and the angel sitting on the rock in front of Jesus' empty tomb.

IRVIN

Why would they bribe witnesses unless they were afraid of the truth?

Both Michael and Irvin really want Ronald to understand it, and their concern for him shows in their body language. Ronald sheepishly accepts the Bible. He starts flipping pages to read.

MICHAEL

God made a covenant with Abraham, and to his sons Isaac and Jacob. It was FOREVER! Not just when the Jews were obedient. Forever!

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MICHAEL (cont'd)

That means that He is coming to rescue us from this tyrant. But we must go to God in faith in His Son.

I asked that American, Taylor, why he persisted in teaching Jews about Jesus, and he said, "Because friends don't let friends go to hell."

Ronald has been speed-reading the end of the book of Revelation, and it appears a light bulb has gone on over his head. Michael sees it, and decides to intervene.

MICHAEL (cont'd)

Ronald, you're not supposed to read the last twenty pages first. Otherwise, you don't get the whole picture. It's like reading a mystery novel from the back to the front.

RONALD

(Not chastened
at all.)

But I wanted to know the ending.
What are you doing?

Michael is busy packing a knapsack. The others look at him and realize they'd better get packing as well. Ronald continues reading with one hand and packing with the other hand.

SONG - "Three Bloody Nails"

24 INT. WORLD GEOLOGIC INSTITUTE - DAY

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ERIC, a TV Correspondent with a handheld microphone, is interviewing DR. MCINTOSH in front of a map of the world.

ERIC

Dr. McIntosh is a paleomagnetist with the World Geologic Institute, and I'm here at his office, trying to make sense of the latest catastrophes. Doctor, do you have some explanation for all this?

DR. MCINTOSH

Eric, we're experiencing an event that hasn't happened in 750,000 years. It's the reversal of polarity of the Earth's magnetic field.

ERIC

Do you mean, Doctor, that compasses that are supposed to point to north now point to south?

DR. MCINTOSH

Not quite, Eric. In fact, there are now some eight magnetic poles around the Earth. There is activity in the Earth's molten core that causes magnetic poles to reverse every 250,000 years.

We were overdue. Magnetic north is migrating to the south, and it's causing breakaway magnetic pockets to appear all over the globe as it drifts on its way south.

ERIC

But, Doctor, it has caused worldwide havoc on transportation and communications.

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ERIC (cont'd)

Global Positioning Satellites have had their circuits fried from increased solar radiation.

On the eve of conflict in the Middle East, armies may not be able to use their sophisticated technology for pinpoint accuracy. Some experts are predicting this will cause all sides to use nuclear force with no concern as to where their missiles land.

DR. MCINTOSH

I have heard that, Eric, and I would hope they would restrain themselves and find a peaceful solution. After all, mankind is basically good, and I'm sure we can reason together.

ERIC

Let's hope you're right, Doctor. But there's more, isn't there? More bad news?

DR. MCINTOSH

There is, Eric, and we must be prepared for it. This anomaly is weakening the Earth's magnetic field, leaving us vulnerable to solar radiation from the recent rapid increase in solar flares, the worst in centuries.

This will definitely cause an upsurge in skin cancer, if people don't take precautions.

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ERIC

Doctor, with everything else going on in the world, how can it get any worse? Do you lend any credence to those superstitious religious stories that we're now experiencing the wrath of God and that this is only the beginning?

DR. MCINTOSH

Oh, Eric, not at all. You said the right word, "superstitious." This is just Mother Nature acting up, as she does now and again, not God. We have a god right here on Earth that we can see and touch. I'll put my faith in him before I'd believe anything my science can't prove.

My data has proved to me that the only reason to use God's name is in a curse, or in an exclamation like "Oh, my God!" which I do all the time, and you haven't seen me struck dead, now have you? Heh, heh, heh!

Dr. McIntosh is quite pleased with himself. The men shake hands, and the Mark of the Beast tattoo is visible on their right hands.

SONG - "Watch Out"

25 EXT. AIR ABOVE THE EARTH - DAY

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VIDEO SCREENS: A startling, worldwide event occurs that is seen by every person on the earth. For the first time in thousands of years, angels appear. They are flying in midair and speaking in a language understood by every nation.

FIRST ANGEL

(In a loud voice.)

Fear God and give Him glory,
because the hour of His judgment
has come. Worship Him who made the
heavens, the earth, the sea and the
springs of water.

SECOND ANGEL

(Booming.)

Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the
Great, which made all the nations
drink the maddening wine of her
adulteries.

THIRD ANGEL

(In a dreadful
and ominous voice.)

If anyone worships the beast and
his image and receives his mark on
the forehead or on the hand, he,
too, will drink of the wine of
God's fury, which has been poured
full strength into the cup of His
wrath.

He will be tormented with burning
sulfur in the presence of the holy
angels and of the Lamb. And the
smoke of their torment rises
forever and ever.

There is no rest day or night for
those who worship the beast and his
image, or for anyone who receives
the mark of his name.

26 EXT. WILDERNESS CAVE - DAY

26

Michael and Irvin, the Jewish college students, are now protected in a cave in the mountains, and are part of a worldwide short wave radio network.

MICHAEL

This is Michael Demsky with Radio Jerusalem, reporting to the world by short wave. As you listeners know by now, your regular TV, radio and newspapers have been consolidated into a propaganda machine by the Antichrist, Stefan Temple. Do not believe anything they say.

If you saw the three angels in the sky yesterday, believe them! It was one last chance for mankind to turn from evil and to God. Mankind was first entrusted to preach the Gospel news and now, for the first time, angels have delivered the message. But the angels have been ignored.

IRVIN

The dictator's media dismiss the event as a holographic projection from the rebel Christian underground, and rewards are offered for tips to their whereabouts.

People, startled at first, accepted the explanation and went about their business as if nothing had happened. God has proclaimed one last offer of grace before the coming holocaust, and it has been rejected - again.

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MICHAEL

If Stefan Temple thinks that God is dead, that God is impotent or that God is just not interested any more in what happens on Earth, then he is sadly mistaken and ill-advised. His indwelling parasite, Satan, has been deliberately feeding Temple some bad intelligence.

IRVIN

Whatever the angel equivalent is of thrusting up both fists in anticipation of victory - it is going on right now in heaven. There is hell to pay, and there are plenty of people who have overdue accounts to settle.

MICHAEL

To my brothers and sisters still inside Israel, get out! Get out of Israel now! Stefan Temple is turning his attention to Satan's agenda - the total destruction of Israel. His armies are on the move throughout the Middle East.

IRVIN

A huge earthquake measuring 9.8, the largest in history, has killed millions, and leveled cities but that has not stopped the armies from their destruction and killing en route of any who stand in their way, either deliberately or accidentally.

In the midst of all this murder, the sun turned pitch black and the moon turned blood red.

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MICHAEL

These are the signs from God, listeners, those signifying the end. There is no doubt this is the time prophesied by Daniel and the Apostle John.

There have been double crosses and triple crosses between military allies and enemies alike. They are all on a murderous feeding frenzy to destroy all who oppose them.

IRVIN

A firestorm of nuclear weaponry streamed through the skies, but many went astray due to magnetic pole shifting. To compensate, multiple thermonuclear devices were launched to spread the widest possible devastation.

A third of the Earth's surface has been burnt, a third of all trees, grains and grasses are incinerated. Michael?

MICHAEL

A third of all ships and life in the sea has been destroyed by nuclear attacks on submarines and entire surface fleets. The resultant radiation fallout, combined with a gigantic meteorite that fell into the ocean and spewed lethal hot sulfur into the water, turned the oceans into a poison stew.

All ship traffic has halted, causing massive worldwide deaths from starvation when food shipments were suspended.

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MICHAEL (cont'd)

Another massive meteorite entered the Earth's atmosphere, shattering into thousands of toxic fragments, and showered its sulfurous payload onto so many lakes, rivers and streams that a third of all the world's fresh water was poisoned.

The nuclear debris covered a third of the light from the sun and moon. Temperature has decreased accordingly.

IRVIN

(Interrupting.)

Michael, would you tell the listeners, please, how we know those details to be accurate?

MICHAEL

Certainly, because that is what God said would happen. Every detail has come to pass exactly as His prophets foretold it two thousand years ago. Look to the contaminated skies, smell the foul air and see the poisoned waters.

We have correspondents checking in with us around the world, and their reports confirm every detail.

We want you listeners to remember the ancient stories of the Hebrew people held in bondage by Pharaoh in Egypt and the plagues that Moses told them would happen if they did not obey God.

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MICHAEL (cont'd)

Those plagues came exactly as Moses said. Now we see even worse plagues coming on the world, and yet mankind will not listen.

For five months, uncountable swarms of demonic locusts have tormented those in the world who had received the Mark of the Beast, giving them scorpion-like stings, but the insects stayed away from new Christian believers.

There was no mystery: God planned it, and so it came to pass. The pain lingered for five months, and was so severe that men sought death instead, but were denied it. Irvin?

IRVIN

This news comes from eyewitness accounts of people who barely escaped with their lives. A supernatural, terrifying plague has swept the entire world when four demon angels kept chained at the Euphrates River since time eternal were released.

The witnesses said that these black angels were actually visible! They had gathered an invasion force of 200 million demon horsemen spewing fire, smoke and sulfur that has decimated a third of mankind.

27 INT. CLINIC - DAY

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In the clinic, Paul has been feverishly reading Scriptures, and tells the patients that it's about much more than just their addictions now.

BETH

Paul, I guess I believe that there is a God, but it's just too much to swallow to believe in Satan, this evil creature that creeps into my mind and makes me do things. That's just a myth, a fairy tale, isn't it? I just can't get myself to believe in devils and demons and all that.

PAUL

Beth, Satan is real. He commands invisible authorities and powers of evil - demons, fallen angels who joined him in rebellion against God. He tempts you today, just as he tempted Adam and Eve and as he tempted Jesus in the wilderness. Witnesses saw Jesus speak to demons and cast them out from people.

If you don't believe Satan exists, you can't fight his lies. He is the father of lies, deception and murder. He doesn't advertise his presence; he conceals it.

He doesn't make you do things, his demon minions whisper and suggest them. When you have an impure daydream, where do you think it originates?

It's your free will that makes a choice, and the choice is between God's will and Satan's. There is no middle ground. Choose now!

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BETH

I'm so scared, Paul. I've never been in a church, read the Bible or had a schoolteacher even mention God or Jesus or Satan. It's like learning a foreign language from scratch.

PAUL

I know. It's very frightening, but it was foretold thousands of years ago. Every detail was predicted, with unerring accuracy down to the smallest detail, that people would have to be unnerved and unsettled out of their complacency before they would turn to God.

What is it you're holding on to that is keeping you from turning to Jesus?

BETH

(Wailing.)

I don't know! I don't know! Why can't I get over this doubt and uncertainty?

On the side, Anthony is dictating to his PDA.

ANTHONY

Blog: anthony2605, T.D. 06.02.26.
Paul can't seem to get through to these people in the clinic. I've asked him to get out of here before the secret police close in on us. He won't leave.

The whole world is exploding, and he's trying to save one more soul!

SONG - "And It Was So"

28 EXT. WILDERNESS CAVE - DAY

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MAX DEEVER, another underground radio announcer comes on the receiver in front of Michael and Irvin. The cave in which they are sitting is well lit and full of antennas and electronic gear. They're listening to a network they're a part of, and Max is on the air.

MAX (V.O.)

This is Max Deever, in hiding east of Jerusalem, reporting to the world once more by short wave. Our correspondents are scattered all over the Holy Land, ready to report to you live when all of these last prophesied events come to pass.

With all of the plagues that have hit the earth in the past three-plus years, it seems to be coming to an inexorable conclusion. I cannot conceive what is in people's mind when the universal response to all these worldwide afflictions thus far has been only to curse God, not to beg His forgiveness.

Terrified inhabitants seek solace and comfort in their false religions, demon worship, thefts, murders and sexual immorality. The speed and severity of the plagues now increases, and on a worldwide and unrestrained scale.

The nuclear explosions have split a massive hole in the ozone layer, and together with the magnetic pole anomaly, have caused solar flare radiation to bombard the Earth's surface. The sun's rays scorched people with the Mark of the Beast with fire, burning their body and causing skin cancer and painful sores.

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MAX (V.O.) (cont'd)

The intense heat sears them and they curse the name of God, who has control over these plagues, but they refuse to repent and glorify Him. Those who have come to Christ during this time have been spared.

The Chinese will not be led like a bull with a ring in its nose. They have launched a massive army to counter Temple's majestic ambitions. As they approached the Euphrates River, it has completely dried up, allowing the Chinese armor and infantry to swiftly move toward Temple's troops. Do not believe, however, that they have Israel's interests at heart.

How can people not turn from the evil they worship? You still have time, if you're listening to me now, and if you don't have the Mark of the Beast. If you have, I'm sorry, but there is no hope. None.

Max chokes, and then sobs on the air.

A hundred miles away in the cave, Michael picks up a microphone and flips the switch.

MICHAEL

Max, this is Michael Demsky reporting from our mountain cave east of the River Jordan. Are you all right?

MAX (V.O.)

Yes, Michael, thank you. I was just thinking of my parents, who took the Mark. I .. I ..

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MICHAEL

I know, Max, I know. So did mine. I left them in Jerusalem. And I'm sure that's a common story with the listeners out there.

MAX (V.O.)

(Coughs, then pulls himself together.)

That's right, Michael, it was a free will choice. But then, it was our free will that's always gotten mankind into trouble, hasn't it?

MICHAEL

Adam and Eve.

MAX (V.O.)

If only ..

MICHAEL

It's too late for "if onlys" now, isn't it, Max?

MAX (V.O.)

I suppose, Michael, but did you ever wonder?

MICHAEL

Wonder what, Max?

MAX (V.O.)

Wonder what would've happened if only Abraham had been first?

MICHAEL

(Smiling.)

Abraham? God's friend? Instead of Adam?

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CONTINUED:

MAX (V.O.)

(Even though unseen,
is smiling too.)

Right, Abraham, God's friend. He did everything God told him to do. No question. Well, there was that bit of negotiating by Abraham with God to save the people in Sodom and Gomorrah, but then we Jews had the negotiating gene hard-wired into us from the start, didn't we?

MICHAEL

(Openly laughing.)

I can't believe I'm laughing in the middle of all this horror. What do you hear, Max? What has been happening outside Jerusalem?

MAX (V.O.)

(Growing somber.)

It's horrible, Michael. I know you're safe where you are, but the rest of the world is a nightmare. Two weeks ago, suddenly and without warning, all of the seas of the world turned to blood. Every living thing in them died.

Then, closely following that, every fresh water spring and river turned to blood. The dead fish gave off a stench that every human gags from and cannot escape.

There is no clean drinking water in any part of the world; all has been contaminated. Death is everywhere.

Then, just as suddenly as the sun turned up its power, it was instantly turned off, but only in the kingdom of the Antichrist.

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MAX (V.O.) (cont'd)

His entire world was plunged into darkness.

Men gnawed their tongues in agony and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done. Michael?

MICHAEL

To our listeners hidden all around the world, we must all admire the courage of Max and the other reporters for staying in harm's way to bring you these reports.

There are at least a million Jews with me here, far to the east of Jerusalem, believing Jews who are ensconced in a supernaturally protected enclave in the mountains. But millions more remain behind in Israel in unbelief, thinking that Stefan Temple will not harm them.

All who escaped with me now believe that their Messiah was and is Jesus, whom their ancestors rejected when He entered Jerusalem for the last time. We are sustained each day by manna from heaven and by water from the rocks as we await the glorious Second Coming of our LORD.

Israel has come together as one to worship God and His Son all day and every day, as Ezekiel prophesied, dry bones coming together, bone to bone, tendons, flesh, skin and breath, as God breathes life back into His favored people.

SONG - "Dry Bones"

29 INT. EMPTY RAILWAY FREIGHT CAR - NIGHT

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ROLAND is a man on the run alone, catching midnight freight trains to find a way to safety, past the cratered and burned-out cities of nuclear holocaust.

ROLAND

(To himself.)

Maybe I can get away from those murderous troops up north. I hear they're letting empty boxcars past inspection. I don't understand what is happening all over the world. Nuclear weapons flung at random. Death and destruction are everywhere. Why is this happening?

Hey, what's this? The last guy on this car must have dropped it. It's one of those motel Bibles, and there are highlighted passages all through it.

Wait! This describes exactly what happened last week. How can that be? This was written thousands of years ago, wasn't it? How is that possible?

He begins to read.

SONG - "The Ancient Prophecy"

30 INT. CLINIC - DAY

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Paul moves quickly into the clinic, followed by Roger Booker and Anthony Tallman, each with a backpack and rifle, startling everyone.

PAUL

I just got a phone call to warn me that Temple's security troops are on the way to arrest me. I have to go. Rita, can you take care of Beth? She needs your help.

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RITA

(She's ready.)

Certainly, Paul, and God bless you
for what you've done for us.

BETH

Wait! What about ..?

A loud banging on the front door is enough to launch the
three out the back door. Soldiers break in the front door.

31 EXT. WOODS - DAY

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Anthony is dictating to his PDA.

ANTHONY

Blog: anthony2605, T.D. 06.05.26.
If anyone is still reading this,
I'm now on the run with Paul and
his friend Roger. If we live
through this, I'll be surprised.
But I know where I'll spend
eternity. That's all that matters.

In a reprise of portions of Act 1, Scene 1, they encounter
the soldiers bringing in the Prisoner.

32 EXT. WILDERNESS CAVE - DAY

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Max's broadcast is being listened to by several people
sitting around the short wave radio.

MAX (V.O.)

This is Max Deever with Radio
Jerusalem, and I'm hidden outside
Jerusalem, looking onto the vast
armies surrounding the Holy City.
The war to destroy Israel is
gathering momentum.

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MAX (V.O.) (cont'd)

The armies have moved to the plain of Megiddo, as if they had no idea this had been planned by God from eternity past.

I saw an astounding sight with my high power binoculars just two hours ago when I spotted Stefan Temple directing his generals. I saw Satan himself, the author of murder, lies and war, standing beside Temple, and his face was contorted with rage and hate.

Then, three evil spirits, looking like frogs, came out of the mouths of Satan, the Antichrist and the False Prophet and flew through the air on demonic wings. Their purpose, as Scripture tells us, is to deceive the kings of the world into a suicidal last stand against Israel and the coming Christ.

Our secret correspondents near the battle lines have reported that the formerly warring enemies have joined under the banner of the Antichrist. Mass slaughters of entire populations have become routine in this orgy of blood and violence.

The Middle East TV network and newspapers are cheerleaders in the promised massacre of all the Jews and the expected return of those lands to Arab hands.

SONG - "Some News To Tell"

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Michael moves to the microphone after listening to Max.

MICHAEL

Thank you, Max. This is Michael Demsky with Radio Jerusalem. My brothers and sisters, the glorious moment is fast approaching. All of the destruction you are witnessing is by the power of our Almighty God. Our short wave reporters around the globe have confirmed the devastation of the last twenty-four hours. There can be no doubt what is about to happen. Irvin?

IRVIN

At three A.M. this morning, Jerusalem time, a loud voice from heaven exclaimed, "It is done!"

Every person on Earth could hear it. Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a brutal earthquake.

No earthquake like it has ever occurred since man has been on earth. The massive worldwide earthquake completely and utterly flattened every city on Earth - every city, that is, except Jerusalem, which was split into three parts.

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MICHAEL

The global earthquake and the resultant enormous tidal waves swallowed every island nation.

The United Kingdom, Indonesia, Japan, Philippines, Madagascar, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, Polynesia and more vanished when 400-foot walls of water swept in at nearly the speed of sound to consume whatever remained after the seismic catastrophe.

IRVIN

All the great mountain ranges in the world - the Himalayas, Urals, Pyrenees, Rockies, Alps, Balkans, Caucasus, Apennines - were swallowed by massive cracks in the Earth's surface.

Mount Everest and every majestic peak vanished in anticipation of the majesty of the LORD.

MICHAEL

From the sky, huge hailstones of more than a hundred pounds each fell upon men, and they cursed God on account of the plague of hail. The hailstones leveled buildings not already destroyed by the earthquake.

The most severe tardy bell in all of history just rang, and no one paid any attention - again. It's now too late.

33 EXT. WILDERNESS CAVE - NIGHT

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(NOTE: Christ is not portrayed by an actor, and is never seen; a brilliant light suggests His presence.)

MICHAEL
(Gasps.)

Irvin, look!

IRVIN
Oh, my LORD!

MICHAEL
(Jubilantly.)
Yes! It IS our LORD! Everyone listening to me, if you are hiding inside, come outside now! Look into the sky to the east. It is the Sign of the Son of Man! It is Jesus Himself!

IRVIN
The armies of the evil Antichrist, all about to commence their final assault have paused in their action to look up into the heavens.

They don't understand what is happening. I can hear the bullhorns of their commanders, telling them not to look up, and to commence the attack, but the armies are frozen with fear.

MICHAEL
And they have reason to fear. Far in the distance, moving slowly, deliberately and inexorably closer is the most magnificent sight ever to be beheld by man.

Riding on a magnificent white horse is Jesus in all His splendor, the blazing, unveiled glory of the Son of Man.

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MICHAEL (cont'd)

Here in the mountains, we are surrounded by darkness, but to the east there is a light beyond anything ever witnessed before.

In sharp relief against the blackness of no sun, moon or stars, the luminescence of Christ lights up, not just the earth and the solar system, but all the farthest galaxies - the entire universe.

IRVIN

It is a glorious and resplendent light, brighter than a thousand suns, that lights up the heavens. The glorified presence of the Son of God appears for the entire world to see. Every eye on Earth beholds His awesome power and great glory.

His eyes are like blazing fire, and on His head are many crowns. He is the resurrected and eternal Word of God.

MICHAEL

The armies of heaven follow, the saints of His Church, wearing fine white linen and riding white horses. On His robe and on His thigh are written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. He brings the fury and wrath of God Almighty. Max, do you see Him?

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MAX (V.O.)

(Breathlessly.)

Oh, yes, all the world sees our LORD. I can also see the frightened looks on the faces of the Antichrist's armies.

They have no idea what is about to happen. They have their fingers in their ears to block out the sound. Michael, what is that sound? That loud, rhythmic steel-on-steel reverberation?

MICHAEL

Max, look in the skies above our LORD and behind the saints on horses. It is the angels of heaven, all in battle array, with enormous swords and shields. There are billions of them.

In the front are angels blowing thunderous and earsplitting trumpet blasts.

With each step toward us, the warrior angels smash their swords against their shields. It is a terrifying sound.

MAX (V.O.)

From where I'm standing, I can see that the armies have been forced by their commanders to attack.

We have reports of battles in every direction - Edom, the Valley of Jehoshaphat, the Valley of Megiddo and, finally, Jerusalem itself - where all the surviving armies of the world join to exterminate the people of Israel.

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MAX (V.O.) (cont'd)

The armies of the Antichrist face Jerusalem in deadly purpose to destroy the people of God. The earth is black with the uniformed armies of evil and red with the blood of their victims.

I can see the Mount of Olives from here. Our LORD and His armies are almost overhead now.

SONG - "Lion Of Judah"

An ear shattering "CRACK!" resounds throughout the Holy Land and the world.

MAX (V.O.)

Michael, brothers and sisters, our salvation has come! Our LORD Jesus has just dismounted and stepped foot on the Mount of Olives. And on His hands and feet, I see the scars of the crucifixion nails.

The mountain has split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.

Jesus stands in triumph on the Mount of Olives, with His 144,000 witnesses who stand with Him, and none had been lost.

MICHAEL

The blinding light, the deafening trumpets and the worldwide earthquakes announcing the return of Jesus, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS, has stunned the armies of the world surrounding Israel.

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MICHAEL (cont'd)

The armies have now turned from Israel to attack Christ, since they have been deceived from the beginning of this campaign by Satan.

IRVIN

As we have all been deceived by Satan in our lives, Michael. All of us.

MICHAEL

And had it not been for that one lone Christian missionary, Irvin, we also might have been on the receiving end of the wrath of God. Soon, we'll be able to thank him personally.

IRVIN

And our LORD Jesus for His sacrifice on the cross.

MICHAEL

Amen, my brother. Thank you, LORD.

MAX (V.O.)

Did you see that, Michael?

MICHAEL

Yes, Max, tell everyone what we just witnessed.

MAX (V.O.)

Brothers and sisters in Christ, our LORD Jesus turned from the Mount of Olives toward all the armies of evil, the hate-filled enemies facing Israel, and just exhaled an enormous breath from His mouth.

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MAX (V.O.) (cont'd)

Every one of them fell dead on the spot! Every single one! Not an angel moved forward to assist; they just stood and watched.

Millions lie on the battleground, as far as the eye can see, their bodies torn apart by the power of God.

Their blood is filling the valley, and is beginning to overflow the vehicles, the trees and the rocks. It must be five feet deep for several hundred miles. The carnage is total and absolute.

Wait! There are two humans left alive far down below me. I can see that it is the Antichrist and his False Prophet!

Both are seized alive by an angel, and their open-mouthed terror illustrates the knowledge of their impending eternal torment. They are screaming a sound that is unearthly and unholy.

SONG - "It's Full Time Now, Jesus"

MICHAEL

What a glorious day! I can see far down over the battlefield, a furious action is taking place. Max, are you closer to what is happening?

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MAX (V.O.)

Ahh, Michael, it is the moment we have been waiting for since the beginning of time. Flying at an incredible speed from heaven is an archangel who is jubilantly carrying a great chain.

The angel has seized Satan, who is forced to unwillingly fall prostrate before Jesus the King.

The fallen angel is defiant, even when confronted by the infinite power of the Christ. Satan's pride only makes him more enraged at his fate. The angel points to a mosaic in the sky of dead bodies and evil perpetrated over the ages that unfolds so quickly, it's impossible to discern the number.

Satan is instantly bound in the chains by the angel and disappears into a smoking hole.

MICHAEL

The enemy is finally defeated! We are free from his tyranny! But there is but one last purging that takes place, even as Satan disappears into the pit.

It is now the angels' time to dispense justice. God's avenging angels have dispersed throughout the world and are operating with surgical precision around the globe.

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MICHAEL (cont'd)

Those with the Mark of the Beast are annihilated. Lifeless bodies are devoured by wild beasts and carrion birds called to a feast whereby they will sanitize the Earth.

Millions, though, are spared - those who had refused the mark and who had accepted our Christ and asked God's forgiveness. My brothers and sisters, lift up your voices and sing. It is now time for us to enter God's Kingdom. Halleluiah!

SONG - "The Big Reboot"

34 INT. CURTAIN CLOSED - VIDEO SCREENS ONLY

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Words scroll down from Revelation 20, 21 & 22 and read by the NARRATOR.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Satan will be bound for a thousand years to keep him from deceiving the nations any more until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

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NARRATOR (V.O.) (cont'd)

When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations. They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city He loves.

But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. If anyone's name was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God."

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

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NARRATOR (V.O. cont'd)
He said to me: "It is done. I am
the Alpha and the Omega, the
Beginning and the End."

35 INT. (CURTAIN CLOSED)

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A brilliant white light shines forward on the audience. The actors file onto the stage, dressed in white, and singing the finale song. From the rear, a local adult choir sings as it marches up the aisles to the stage, dressed in white robes. From offstage left and right, a children's choir in white robes takes its place in front of the adult choir. The actors exit left and right, followed by the adult choir. The children are left alone on the stage singing. The audience is invited to sing along with the choir.

VIDEO SCREEN above scrolls words:

Jesus called a little child and had him stand among them. And He said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 18:2-4

FINALE SONG - "Amazing Grace" (lyrics on the screens)

END - ACT TWO