

# Christ Rules All Nations – Part 2

The coming of Jesus Christ to Olivet will be challenged by a major invasion of Israel. It will also signal the beginning of a period of exceptional world-wide seismic activity - a necessary measure to overcome mankind's resistance to Christ's authority - see **Jeremiah 25:30-33**. The mount of Olives is situated at the northern end of that major line of fissures in the earth's crust, called the Great Rift Valley. After Jesus had ascended, the angels announced, *"This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven. Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the Mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem" - Acts 1:11-12*. Christ's coming will fulfil the words of **Zechariah 14:4**, which says that His feet will stand on the **Mount of Olives**, which *"shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley ... you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus [in this way] the LORD my God will come, and all the saints\* with You."* \*See **Romans 1:7**.

Jesus will not arrive alone, he will be surrounded by his Government-in-waiting who are these "saints" - the apostles and ordinary believers who have been judged faithful and have been given immortal bodies - **1 Corinthians 15:51**. The appearing of Jesus in such a manner will arrest the attention of all Israel - Like his first coming, *"when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, 'Who is this?'" - Matthew 21:10*. Before long, *"They will look on Me whom they have pierced; they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn" - Zechariah 12:10*. This will also be in fulfilment of what Jesus told them in **Matthew 23:39**, *"You will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord'"* - when they recognize him as their true Messiah. At his first coming, Jesus in the face of opposition, *"entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple" - Matthew 21:12*. And after his second coming, Jesus will not wait long before beginning to *"gather out of His kingdom all things that offend" - Matthew 13:41*. In the terminology of his time **Micah** prophesied, *"I will cut off sorceries from your hand, and you shall have no soothsayers. 13 Your carved images I will also cut off, and your sacred pillars from your midst; you shall no more worship the work of your hands" - 5:12*. In other words, Jesus will cleanse the Promised Land of all foreign shrines and places of non-Israelite worship and pilgrimage. This will be sure to arouse the anger of millions of Christians and Muslims alike. It appears that the first reaction will be *"when the Assyrian comes into our land, and when he treads in our palaces" - Micah 5:5*.

Who is Micah's "Assyrian"? In mid-2014 a combination of Islamist bands called the "Islamic State" tore through large areas of Syria and Iraq. It now controls a large area running through both countries. The ancient name for this territory was Assyria. The current leader, Abu Bakr has had remarkable success in attracting fighters both locally and further afield to establish his Caliphate. This prophecy shows that this "Islamic State" may not be overthrown before the second advent. In that case, news of Christ's destruction of Muslim shrines promises to fire with religious zeal far more recruits for "the Assyrian" to mount an Islamic invasion of Israel - *"They say, '... let the name of Israel be remembered no more.' 5 They conspire with one accord... - 6 the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites ... 8 Assyria also has joined them..." - Psalm 83*.

Muslims consider Jesus to be a Messenger of God who will return at the End of Days to save Islam by defeating *al-Misih ad-Dajjal*, the "false messiah" or Antichrist. But we can expect that after Jesus forbids the repair of Muslim shrines, they will decide that he is the expected False Messiah instead. Volunteers from the more than 300 million Muslims which surround Israel from Kazakstan to Morocco will gladly join the invasion of Israel with Assyria's modern counterpart.