

# The Great Rescue

## PART 1: Trapped in Jerusalem

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***The Great Rescue* is a series of stories that lead up to and include the Second Coming of Christ.**

The Antichrist's Global United Forces (GUN) had been coming hard against Israel now for close to three years. The tiny nation of Israel, joined by freedom fighters from the United States and other nations, held its ground well for the first couple of years. The United Forces had over 200,000 troops occupying all of northern Israel and half of the city of Jerusalem. Warships filled the Mediterranean Sea and had cut off all supplies to the city.

In the three years of fighting almost two-thirds of Israel's forces had been killed. The nation's back was literally to the wall. Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) were gearing up for one last fight against Antichrist's evil army. They realized that surrender would not be an option. Antichrist wanted their total annihilation.

Seven years earlier the U.S. had been devastated by the Rapture. Suddenly and without notice, hundreds of thousands of citizens, leaders and military personnel, including the President and the Vice President vanished from the earth. The resulting mass confusion was followed by chaos, rioting, and looting. News reports claimed that people were abducted by aliens from another planet who were in collusion with Russia. Wall Street plummeted. Commerce came to a complete halt. Politicians and military leaders were scrambling to restore order. Marshall law was declared.

Within three weeks of the Rapture, Russian and Iranian warships were staged in the Mediterranean Sea to blockade everything entering or leaving Israel. Iran and factions of other Muslim nations were moving troops and artillery along the northern border of Israel. An all-out attack against Israel was under way. The Israelis pleaded with the U.S. and Europe to come to their aid. America responded with a negative. After losing hundreds of thousands to the Rapture they were in no condition to come to anyone's aid and were still trying to figure out what just happened.

Russian and Iranian forces took advantage of the confusion by invading Israel from all sides. Miraculously, Israel was able to defeat the invading armies in just four months of fighting without help from the U.S. The overwhelming Russian and Muslim forces were humiliated in battle after battle.

It was in the midst of this intense fighting that many Jews prayed to God for help. After the victory, many in Israel began preaching that it was the Lord Jesus Christ, the true Messiah, who delivered them. Some were so overjoyed by their miraculous deliverance that they accepted the message of these Jewish preachers.

Most of Israel, including the nation's leaders, believed that it was God who delivered them, but they were not ready to accept that Jesus was the Christ, the promised Messiah. This, however, did not stop the enthusiasm of the thousands of Messianic Jewish evangelists preaching the gospel of the Kingdom. Jesus Christ is the Promised Messiah and His return to establish His Kingdom is eminent. Russia and Iran were in such a strong disagreement about the strategy against Israel that they began to fight each other. Other Muslim nations and factions within the nations saw the opportunity to gain power and territory and launched attacks against each other. Israel just had to sit back and watch.

With the chaos and confusion caused by the Rapture and the all-out war in the Middle East the whole world seemed to be on the brink of conflict.

It was at this time that a powerful and resourceful leader came forward with a "can't fail" peace plan. His plan would put the nations at peace with each other and especially with the tiny yet strong state of Israel. He came to prominence and notoriety when he helped orchestrate a peace treaty between Russia and Israel. This got the attention of the nations around the globe who were preparing for what they thought was an inevitable world war. He had a mysterious appeal and authority that made people want to listen. World leaders were mesmerized by his message. He had answers to every question. Everyone seemed eager to hear his plan of world peace.

The heart of the plan was a worldwide peace treaty which was accepted by every nation including the U.S. and Israel. The socialist leaders of the U.S. agreed to be the focal point of the new world order. The U.S. became the primary home of this new world leader. He was selected as head of the United Nations which was renamed Global United Nations (GUN). The U.S. President and Congress voted to give up most of American sovereignty and military to the Global United Nations.

The goal and the promise of the global treaty was total world peace and the U.S. would lead the way. The treaty included the destruction of arsenals. Only North Korea and China refused and threatened to launch nuclear weapons against the U.S. However, the threat of nuclear destruction delivered by Antichrist himself caused both North Korea and China to back down and reluctantly join GUN. All nations were basically ordered to dismantle nuclear weapons. Armed forces of each country became a part of the forces of GUN. Even local police forces around the world came under the command of GUN. Orders were given to confiscate all privately-owned guns. Refusal to surrender weapons meant prison or death. Resistance was minimal.

The world peace treaty seemed to be working. People went back to work. Schools reopened. Some things seemed to be getting back to normal. Even the thousands of Jewish evangelists were allowed to travel around the world somewhat freely but under constant surveillance and with certain restrictions about who, how, and where they could preach. It didn't take long for the resistance to grow to the point that the World Leader ordered every

citizen to have a tiny microchip implanted in his hand or forehead. The microchip enabled police forces to quickly identify whether or not a person was cooperative or was part of the resistance. At this point, the resistance and the Jewish evangelists had to go completely underground.

For most of the general population of the world, that first year was a time of celebration. Intolerance would not be tolerated. Bigoted, intolerant, gun-toting Christians and other conservatives were gone. Celebrations were taking place in every city around the world. Peace and unity under a one-world benevolent government was finally a reality.

Meanwhile, Israel found itself in a serious national debate. There were two opposite reactions to the miraculous victory over Russia and the Muslim nations. Many in Israel believed that God had delivered them from their enemies. Because of the preaching of the Jewish evangelists they believed that it was Jesus, the true Messiah who had delivered them. Most believed that their military prowess was the reason for victory. This not only generated a heated spiritual debate but a political discussion over participation in the world peace treaty. The Jewish evangelists and other Messianic Jews saw the treaty as the sell-out of Israel's sovereignty. The political leadership saw it as an opportunity to be a leader in the world. Their pride blinded them to Antichrist's true agenda.

The Global United Forces under the command of GUN were busy tracking down pockets of resistance around the globe. The new world leader was busy giving speeches on all that he had done to bring about world peace. Meanwhile, the leaders and citizens of Israel were debating who Jesus was – man, prophet, priest, or Messiah.

Many nations were jealous of Israel's leadership role and anti-Semitism was building to an all-time high around the world. The Jews were being blamed for much of the resistance. The Jewish evangelists had spread out around the world and were converting thousands of Jews and Gentiles. These converts refused to cooperate with GUN by not receiving the implanted ID microchip. Many of these converts were captured and killed. Others went into hiding and survived by living off the land.

Things really came to a head in Israel when the world leader, on a visit to Jerusalem, stood in the temple and announced the Jewish evangelists to be criminals, wanted dead or alive. Anyone found hiding or aiding them would be imprisoned or killed. He then denounced the God of Israel and declared himself to be the only god they would ever need. He alone could protect them. He alone should be worshipped. Israel's rejection would bring about its own destruction. This abomination in the holy temple infuriated the leaders and the people of Israel. The evangelists had already gone underground, but now they were to be hunted and large rewards were promised to anyone who would turn them in. This made the Jews even more determined to protect these Messianic preachers and listen to their Kingdom message.

Little by little the armed forces of GUN, in the name of world peace and unity, began to chip away at Israel's territory. At first, they used political moves to accommodate world peace. When Israel resisted, they were met with force from GUN. These clashes were off and on for over three years until Israel said, "No more." They had given up much of their territory, including much of the Holy City. Over half of their military had been lost. Many in Israel,

including religious and political leaders, believed the message of the evangelists and began to pray for Jesus' return.

The Global United Forces under the command of Antichrist himself had surrounded Jerusalem. Antichrist left his capital city of Babylon defenseless when he decided to take every warrior he had to Jerusalem to once and for all destroy the city and Israel. A small army of Gentile freedom fighters from around the world took advantage of the opportunity and attacked Babylon. Babylon was taken and destroyed in a matter of days. The news of the fall of Babylon infuriated Antichrist and only strengthened his resolve to annihilate Israel. The fighting was fierce. The IDF was inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy but were greatly outnumbered. The GUN forces had Jerusalem surrounded and cut off from any outside support or any escape.

Thousands of Israelites, civilians and military, were literally trapped in the city, knowing that Antichrist's objective was to totally annihilate Israel - every man, woman and child. Most of the non-military citizens had fled Jerusalem weeks earlier to an area 100 miles south around Bozrah and Petra, Jordan. Brave Israel Defense Forces, trapped in Jerusalem, with their backs to the wall, were determined to stop these invaders, or die trying.