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# SYNOPSIS OF THE LAST HOUR

## Looking at the Long, Winding Road of Prophecy

In his book *The Last Hour*, native Israeli believer Amir Tsarfati weaves his testimony with the prophetic Word of God to help others find that same gift of eternal life.

This study guide supplements the book and will help you search the Scriptures for the truths presented in each chapter of *The Last Hour*. You will . . .

- Read the Scriptures to mine each truth so needed by the world today.
- Gain an overview of Israel, the nations, the Rapture, the man of lawlessness and the Days of Ezekiel.
- Learn practical application by gaining a knowledge of the truth and wisdom the prophetic Scriptures offer to man.
- Develop a deeper knowledge of your God and Savior by interacting with the Scripture as well as see the hope the believer has in the midst of chaos.

The book and study guide have been written to “wake up the Church, to warn nonbelievers and to speak of the blessed hope that believers have” (*The Last Hour*, page 28). Get ready for your journey!

# 1

## LOOKING BACK BEFORE LOOKING FORWARD

I once heard a man say that it is important to let people know where you sit before you tell them where you stand. To that end, I believe it is necessary for you to know who I am prior to reading what I believe. God has led me on a unique journey that has made me the man I am and contributed to how I view His Word.

*The Last Hour*, pages 18–19

**I**n the introduction to his book, Amir tells us where he lives—in the Galilee area of Israel. He can view the Valley of Megiddo from his front porch. He lives where battles have taken place and where armies will assemble for the last battle over Jerusalem. He is from the tribe of Judah. He was in the Israeli Defense Force and served in Jericho at the time it was to be turned over to the rule of the Palestinians. The Valley of Megiddo and Jericho are prominent places in the Bible, and the tribe of Judah has great significance concerning the Messiah.

## The Tribe of Judah

Read Genesis 29:21–35.

What do you learn about Judah from this passage?

About Judah's mother?

About Judah's birth order?

About Judah's father?

About the meaning of his name?

Genesis 38 tells the story that connects Judah's tribe to the genealogy of Jesus. He was the father of the twins, Perez and Zerah, by his daughter-in-law Tamar. Perez and his father are found in Jesus' genealogy in Matthew 1:2–3.

Judah made an unwise, sinful choice at that point in his life, but God gave him grace and a prophecy at the end of his father Jacob's life.

Read Genesis 49:8–10. What prophecies are given to the tribe of Judah?

Verse 8



Verse 9

Verse 10

Jacob was told that the kingship in Israel was to come from the tribe of Judah *until* Shiloh comes—a reference to “the One whose right it is,” the meaning of Shiloh.

Now to you, O profane, wicked prince of Israel, whose day has come, whose iniquity shall end, thus says the Lord GOD: “Remove the turban, and take off the crown; nothing shall remain the same. Exalt the humble, and humble the exalted. Overthrown, overthrown, I will make it overthrown! It shall be no longer, *until He comes whose right it is*, and I will give it to Him.”

Ezekiel 21:25–27, emphasis added

There have been those in the past who were overthrown by God, false rulers. The Holy Spirit is leading Israel and us to the feet of the Messiah, whose right it is—He is the Lion from the tribe of Judah!

For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim. Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days.

Hosea 3:4–5

Is this the state of Israel today?

What is the promise stated that is yet to be fulfilled?

Today, Israel and the world are in need of the One whose right it is to rule from the throne of David—Jesus Christ, the Messiah of Israel. They are without a king or prince or priesthood because they have rejected the One whose right it is, but Hosea tells us that in the future, Israel will return and seek Him and recognize Him as their rightful King, the Lion from the tribe of Judah! We all need to seek Him and recognize Him as our rightful King today!

Read Genesis 43:8–9. What did Judah promise his father he would be for his brother Benjamin?

Whose future action did that prefigure? How?

King David was from the tribe of Judah, as were all the kings of Judah until the Babylonian captivity. Israel had no kings from the time of the Babylonian captivity until Jesus, the King of kings, came in the fullness of time as the Messiah of Israel, the Son of David, from the tribe of Judah (see Luke 3:30–31), perfectly fulfilling all prophecy concerning the Messiah.

- Jesus is ruler of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth (Revelation 1:5).
- Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ from the tribe of Judah, the Root of \_\_\_\_\_, who has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals (Revelation 5:5).
- Jesus is coming as the reigning \_\_\_\_\_ of kings and Lord of \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 19:16).
- He is the Root and descendant of \_\_\_\_\_, the Bright and Morning Star (Revelation 22:16)!

This is the Messiah, from the tribe of Judah, who came to save us from our sins and who is coming again to fulfill all prophecy and to set up His Kingdom on earth. It is very special that many Jews have passed on to their children the name of their ancestral tribe. Amir has been blessed to know his ancestry.

Jesus is our blessed HOPE!

What are you thankful for today? Write out your prayer of thanksgiving to the King of kings.

## **Jericho**

Jericho is a modern city today that was turned over to the Palestine Liberation Organization so that local Arabs could govern themselves as a “state to be”—a part of the Oslo Accords signed in 1993.

A brief overview of Jericho:

- Joshua fought the battle of Jericho when the second-generation sons of Israel first entered the land of Canaan (see Joshua 6).
- It is located ten miles northwest of the Dead Sea and seventeen miles from Jerusalem.
- It is called the City of Palms (see Deuteronomy 34:3).
- In the New Testament, Jericho is mentioned in the parable of the good Samaritan (see Luke 10:30).
- It is still a thriving city today, but the first city in Israel ever to be placed under Arab control.

Read Joshua 6:25. Who was saved as a result of the Israelite victory over Jericho?

Is she of significance to the genealogy of the Messiah? Hint: See Matthew 1:5.

Read Joshua 6:24–26. What was the instruction of Joshua concerning the city of Jericho after it was burned and the consequence for not following the instruction?

Read 1 Kings 16:34. Who disregarded the instruction of Joshua (equated with the Word of God in this passage) not to rebuild the city of Jericho? What happened?

Jericho stands today and was a part of Amir's life. He notes in the book that Jericho is where he began to fall in love with the "idea of leading people into the beauty, wonder and truth that are found" in his country, Israel (*The Last Hour*, page 27).

### **The Valley of Megiddo**

Amir states, "It is hard to get the end times out of your mind when [the Valley of Megiddo] is staring you in the face each day with your morning cup of coffee" (*The Last Hour*, page 17).

The Valley of Megiddo is part of the Valley of Jezreel in northern Israel.

- Mount Megiddo today is a hill overlooking the large valley where the current kibbutz is located.
- It is where Deborah and Barak fought a battle (see Judges 4).
- It is the area where the deaths of Ahab and Jezebel occurred.
- It is where King Saul and King Josiah died.
- The Megiddo of King David's time already had fifteen layers of destroyed cities beneath it.
- Napoleon believed it to be the perfect location for a battle.
- It was an ancient trade route between the Jordan Valley and the coastal plain, also known as Esdraelon.
- It has been identified as the site of the gathering of the armies of the world before advancing on the final battle for Jerusalem; it is also known as Har-Magedon, Mount Megiddo (see Revelation 16:16), or Armageddon in English.

Read Judges 4. Who sold Israel into the hand of Jabin, king of Canaan (vv. 1-2)?

What did King Jabin have, and how long had he oppressed Israel (v. 3)?

Deborah told Barak to go to Mount Tabor with men from which two tribes (v. 6)?

The Lord had told Deborah He would draw the commander of the army and his chariots out, and the Lord would sell Sisera into the hands of a woman (vv. 7-9).

Describe how the victory came for Israel (vv. 11–16).

Describe how Sisera was defeated (vv. 17–23).

Revelation 16:12–16 describes the final gathering of the kings of the whole world at Mount Megiddo in the Jezreel Valley, where Sisera was drawn by the Lord centuries before. Revelation 19:19 says the armies and the kings of the earth will gather together to make war against Jesus Christ and His army. Once again the Lord Jesus will fight for His people and they will be victorious. This time the armies will gather there to march to Jerusalem to annihilate the nation of Israel. Instead, those very armies will become a feast for the birds (see Revelation 19:21) because they are no match for the One on the white horse from heaven!

Read the Song of Deborah and Barak in Judges 5. Verses 4–5 describe what happened in Israel in the days of Deborah and Barak. They foreshadow Jesus' coming from Seir and Edom in that final battle. Can you see any similarities?

Read Isaiah 63:1–6. Try to identify similarities between that description and the description in Revelation 19:11–21.

These are the end times that are prophesied and warned about throughout the Bible, in both Old and New Testaments. These events are studied in *The Last Hour*. This book and study guide have been written with a passion to “wake up the Church” in the last hour, to “warn nonbelievers and to speak of the blessed hope that believers have” (*The Last Hour*, page 28).