

God's Supernatural Protection Israel in the End Times



“The Shepherd and the Sheepcote”

Bozrah - Petra - Selah Yeshua's Supernatural Sheepecote

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To understand End time events described in the WORD, a study of Bozrah gives a wonderful picture of GOD's supernatural protection concerning His People Israel. During the past part of the Tribulation Jews will be forced to flee from 'the face of the serpent' as the anti-christ rules 3 ½ years on the earth.

Israel Has to Flee During the Tribulation

“Therefore, rejoice, you heavens, and you that dwell in them, WOE to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has but a short time. And when the dragon saw that he was cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman (**Israel**) which brought forth the man *child* (**Yeshua**). And to the woman were given 2 wings of a great eagle, that she might fly “into the wilderness” into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the woman (**Israel**), and went to make war with the remnant of her seed (**the Jews**) which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ (**tribulation believers**).” *Revelation 12:12-17*

“Therefore when you see the “abomination of desolation,” spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the Holy Place (**the Temple Mount**) (whoever reads let him understand), then those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.” *Matthew 24:15-16*

Where is the place the believing remnant of Israel must flee to from the serpent? Where will Jesus come to fight the battle as Israel's Messiah?

“I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob, I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold. They shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men. The breaker (Messiah Yeshua) is come up before them; they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their king (**Jesus**) shall pass before them, and the LORD on the head of them.” *Micah 2:12-13*

The Shepherd and The Sheepecote

When dusk falls in ancient Israel, shepherds lead their sheep to a safe place to spend the night, where wolves or other predators can not prey on the sleeping sheep. Usually the shepherd builds a stone enclosure with a small opening and calls the sheep one by one into the sheep cote for the night.

When all the sheep are safely inside the sheepecote, he will lie down in the opening so that nothing can come in the only door to harm the sheep. The shepherd always protects the sheep!



Yeshua is the Good Shepherd - John Chapter 10

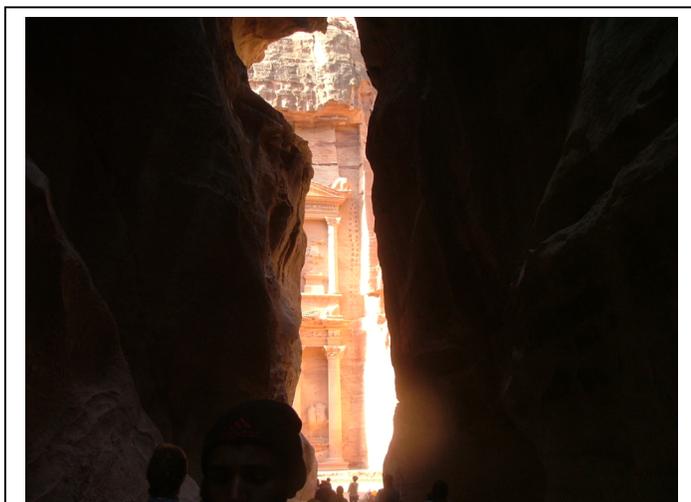


“Verily, verily, I say to you, He that enters not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that enters in the door is the shepherd of the sheep. The porter opens to Him ; and the sheep hear His voice: He calls His own sheep by name, and leads them out. And when He puts for the His own sheep, He goes before them, and the sheep follow Him: for they know His voice. A stranger they will not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.”

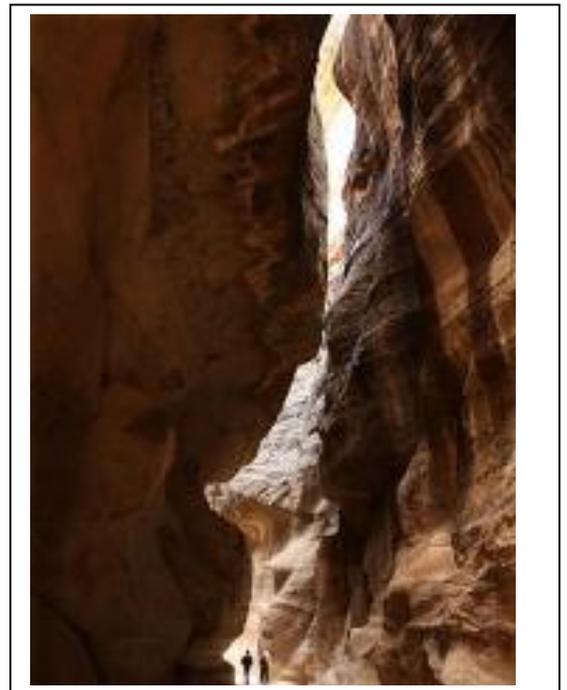
“ This parable Jesus spoke unto them: but they did not understand the things He spoke.” Then Jesus said to them, “ I AM the door: if any man enter in by Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief comes not but to steal and to kill and to destroy, but I have come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I AM the good shepherd; the good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But he that is a hireling, and not the shepherd, whose won the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees: and the wolf catches them, and scatters the sheep. The hireling flees because he is a hireling, and cares not for the sheep. I AM the good shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine. As the Father knows Me, even so know I the Father: and I lay My life down for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also must I bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd. Therefore does the Father love Me, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again. No man takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of My Father.”

Bosrah, the Sheepcote is in Petra!

Jesus is clearly teaching about the sheepcote and how the shepherd places himself in the only door opening to protect the sheep from the enemy. In Hebrew **Bozrah** means “the sheep of the fold” and describes the place the Jews will flee to in the days to come according the God’s Word. Today in wilderness of southern Jordan is a tock fortress surrounded by harsh rugged mountains called **Petra**, the Roman name for “The Rock.” The ancient Nabateans conquered the Edomites and created a treasure city with incredible temples and altars into the red rock to worship their pagan gods and goddesses. The only entrance into this great city hidden in the clefts of the rock is through a very narrow passage called the Siq, which is several long winding through a narrow passage with walls over 500 ft high....Petra is the perfect picture of a sheepcote!



Entering the Red Rock City Petra by The Siq



Bible Clues About Prophetic Significance of Bozrah!

1. Gen. 36:33 (Esau's Family Record) "These kings reigned in the land of Edom before there reigned any king of Israel. And Belah, son of Beor, reigned in Edom: the name of his city was Dinabah. And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of **Bozrah** reigned in his stead.

- Bozrah belonged to Esau's descendants
- Esau is Edom
- Bozrah is present day Jordan

2. 1 Chron. 1:44 same as Genesis account

3. Isaiah 34:5-6 "For My sword shall be bathed in Heaven Behold, it shall come down upon Idumea (Edom), and upon the people of my curse, to judgment. The sword of the LORD is filled with blood.

It is made fat with fatness and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD has a sacrifice **in Bozrah** and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea. And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and the their dust shall be made fat with fatness. For it is **The Day of the Lord's Vengeance**, and the year of recompense for the controversy of Zion."

- God will judge Edom
- He has a sacrifice in Bozrah of His enemies
- This is the Day of the LORD

4. Isaiah 63 "Who is this that comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? This that is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength?" "I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save." (The Messiah Jesus) "Wherefore are you red in your apparel, and your garments like one that treads in the wine fat? "I (Jesus) have tread the winepress alone; and of the people there is none with Me; For I will tread them in My fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon My garments: I will stain all My raiment. For the Day of Vengeance is in My heart, and the Year of My Redeemed has come. And I looked and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: Therefore My Own Arm (Yeshua in person on earth!) brought Salvation to Me; My fury, it upheld Me. And I will tread down the people in My anger, And make them drunk in My fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth."

- This is Revelation 19:13 King Jesus: His enemies' blood is splattered on His clothes
- He is coming from Edom, from Bozrah
- Yeshua is fighting on behalf of the Jews!

5. Jer. 48:20-25 "Moab is confounded, for it is broken down: howl and cry; tell it in Arnon, that Moab is spoiled. And judgment is come upon the plain country, upon Holon, upon Jahazah, upon Mephaath, upon Dibon, upon Nebo, upon Beth Diblathaim, upon Kiriahiam, upon Beth Gamul, and upon Beth Meon, and upon Kerioth, and upon **Bozrah** and open all the cities of Moab, far or near. The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, says the LORD. "

6. Jer. 49-12-13 (God's Judgment against Edom) "For thus says the LORD, Behold, they whose altogether unpunished? You shall not go unpunished, but you shall surely drink of it (the wine of the cup of God's wrath) "For I have sworn by Myself, says the LORD, that **Bozrah** shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes. "



7. Jer. 49:21-22 “the earth is moved at the noise their fall, at the cry the noise thereof was heard at the Red Sea. Behold, He shall come up as the eagle, and spread His wings over **Bozrah** and at that Day shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.”

- God will judge His enemies at Bozrah
- The cup they drink is the cup of God’s wrath
- This is the Day of the LORD, also called the Day of Vengeance, known as That Day
- Curse is the Hebrew word for allah. Islam will be judged by GOD!
- Bosrah is near the Red Sea in Jordan: Petra is “The Valley of the Crescent Moon.”
- The Messiah will again supernaturally carry Israel on eagle’s wings like in Exodus!
- Rev. 12:13 - Israel will be given 2 wings like the wings of a great eagle that she may fly into the wilderness to be nourished from the face of the serpent.

8. Micah 2:12 “ I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of you (the Jews). I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of **Bozrah**, as the flock in the midst of their fold: the shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men.”

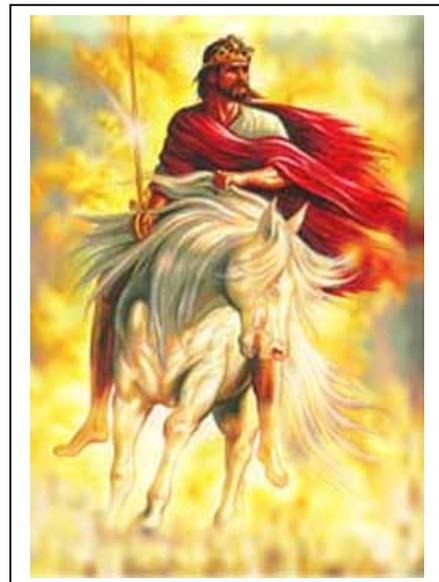
- Israel will be re-gathered in Bozrah
- God will put them in His sheepcote and Messiah will guard the door.
- This is not an event for the Church: this is for the Jews and Tribulation Believers!

9. Amos 1:12 “thus says the LORD, “ For 3 transgressions of **Edom** and for 4, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he did pursue his brother (the Jews) with the sword, and did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath forever (Esau hated Jacob forever!) But I will send a fire upon Teman which shall devour the palaces of **Bozrah**.”

Bozrah is modern day Jordan is Bosaira, close to Petra, the sheepcote. This is the ancient capital city of Esau and of Edom and Mt. Seir

God’s End Time Judgment Against Edom!

- *All of Obadiah*
- *Psalms 60: 1,8,9,*
- *Psalms 108:9-10; 137:7*
- *Isaiah 11:14; 63:1*
- *Jeremiah 25:21; 27:3;*
- *Jeremiah 40:1; 48:7-22; 49: 20-22;*
- *Lamentations 4:21-22*
- *Ezekiel 25:12-14; 35:29;*
- *Daniel 11:4*
- *Joel 3:19*
- *Amos 1:9,11; 2:1; 9:12*
- *Malachi 1:4*



Events Leading to Yeshua's Second Coming

He Comes as The Avenger of Blood

- At the end of the Tribulation, all gentile nations will gather in the Valley of Jezreel, in the Plain of Megiddo, to stage an invasion against Jerusalem and to destroy the Jews. (Zechariah 12)
- The false Messiah (who will be the Muslim Mahdi) will require total worship of Allah and obedience to Shariah Islam, (Revelation 13) The mad mullahs will control buying and selling through the mosques as well as all education, banking, and government. There will be a religious fatwa of death invoked against the Jews and all who will not convert to Islam including Tribulation saints.
- The false Messiah will demand worship on the Temple mount as god. (Rev. 13:11-15)
- The Jewish remnant will flee from Jerusalem to Jordan's wilderness (ancient Bozrah or Petra) as they see the abomination of desolation approaching. (Rev.12: 13-17)
- They will enter the sheepcote prepared for them. (Rev. 12:12-17; Micah 2:12-13)
- During the Tribulation, the nation of Israel will be forced to stand alone against her enemies. All nations will be gathered against Jerusalem. (Zech. 12) When there is no help and no hope, they will call upon the Name of Jesus Christ. There will be a great witness from the 2 mighty witnesses (Rev. 11) and the testimony of the 144,000 Jews who are faithful to, the Son of God (first part of Tribulation in Rev. 7, 14))
- They will say, "Blessed is He, Yeshua HaMashiach, who comes in the Name of the Lord." They will look on Him who they have pierced and mourn over Him as over as Israel's firstborn Son who was lost. They will recognize Jesus as their Messiah!
- As Roman 11 declares, all Israel will be saved in that time.
- They will refuse to make allegiance to Allah and Yehovah God will supernaturally protect them once again as He did when they fled before Pharaoh and His armies at the Red Sea. He will carry them on eagle's wings!
- All gentile nations and world armies will gather for battle against Jerusalem on the plains of Megiddo. (. Rev. 16:13-16)
- Jesus as the Avenger of Blood will appear in person in Edom (Petra /Bozrah) (Isaiah 63,) on the Day of Vengeance (Isaiah 61:2)
- Jesus will tread down His enemies; His garments will be stained with their blood just as the High Priest in the Temple stained his garment with the blood of the sacrificial animals. Isaiah 34:2-8 calls it "His great sacrifice " the blood of His enemies will be poured out to purify the earth.
- The Sword of the Lord will smite the gentile armies as He treads the winepress. The blood of God's enemies will fill up to the horses' bridles for a circumference of 200 miles. (Rev. 14:20)
- Jesus as Israel's Messiah will conquer His enemies until He stands in victory on the Mount of Olives which shall cleave in half (Zechariah 14)
- All surviving peoples will be separated by the Messiah according to how they treated His brethren the Jews, The pro-Israel "sheep" nations/peoples will be allowed into His Kingdom on the right, and the "goat nations" who refused the Word of God and who hate Israel and the Jews will be separated to the left to eternal punishment.
- The Throne of David will be re-established on the Holy Mountain as King Jesus takes His earthly throne in Jerusalem. All nations will come up to worship Him in Jerusalem, in the place that GOD put His Name. The Festivals of the Lord will be celebrated again and The Glory of the LORD will be seen as His People worship and adore their Messiah.
- The Messianic kingdom will last 1000 years (Rev. 20) King of Peace rules on earth

1. **Isaiah 16:1-4** -“Send you the lamb to the ruler of the land, from Selah to the wilderness, unto the mountains of the daughter of Israel. For it shall be that, as a wandering bird cast out of a nest, so the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of Arnon. Take counsel, execute judgment; make your shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; be wray not him that wanders. Let My outcasts dwell with you; Moab, be a covert to them are consumed out of the land. And in mercy, shall the throne be established: and He shall sit on it in truth in the Tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and

God will protect the outcast daughter of Zion in Moab!

2. **Isaiah 33:14-17** “The sinners in Zion are afraid, fearfulness has surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with the everlasting burnings? (God’s Wrath is poured out on wicked in Tribulation) He that walks righteously, and speaks uprightly; he that despises the gain of oppression, that shakes his hands from holding of bribes, who stops his ears from hearing of blood, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil. He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of the rocks (selah): bread shall be given him; his waters shall be pure.” **God will protect the Righteous Jews in Petra**

3. **Isaiah 42: 10-13** “Sing unto the LORD a new song, and His praise from the end of the earth, you that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof. Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar does inhabit: let the inhabitants of the Rock (Selah) sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains. Let them give glory to the LORD, and declare His praise in the islands. The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, He shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: He shall cry, yes, roar; He shall prevail against His enemies.” **Isaiah 42 is about Jesus’ Second Coming!**

4. **Psalms 108:9-10** “Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out My shoe; over Philistia will I triumph. Who will bring Me into the strong city? Who will lead Me into Edom?”

God will judge Moab, Edom, Philistia - The Day of the Lord

5. **Judg 1:36** “The coast of the Amorites was from going up to Akkrabbim, from the rock and upward”. **Petra is also the border of the Amorites, Israel’s ancient enemies!**

John the Baptist is Beheaded for Confronting Herod’s Sin - Esau Always Hates Jacob!

Israel’s king Herod Antipas (an Edomite) marries **the King of Petra (Aretas) daughter**. When Herod’s half-brother King Phillip arrives to visit with wife Herodias and their daughter Salome, Herod enters into public incest with his brother’s wife Herodias, who is also his niece. He casts off his lawful wife from Petra. and Herodias defiantly reigns as Israel’s Queen. All Israel is enraged: but only a mighty prophet of God dares to publicly rebuke this royal sin. John the Baptist is beheaded by Herodias for his righteous words. (Mark 6:17-29; Matt.14:3-11). Petra’s King Aretas joins King Phillip in war against King Herod. Herodias, like Jezebel, is famous for destroying God’s prophets.

In 30 AD., “Edomite” King (Herod) hands over the Perfect Sinless Lamb of God, the Righteous King of the Jews, to death. Esau hates Jacob still!

Petra later falls to the Roman rule, and then into disuse. A few Bedouins nomads live there, but the “red-rose rock city” was hidden from history until God wanted it revealed. God will use Petra as the sheepcote for nation of Israel. King Jesus will come to Edom to break out His sheep.



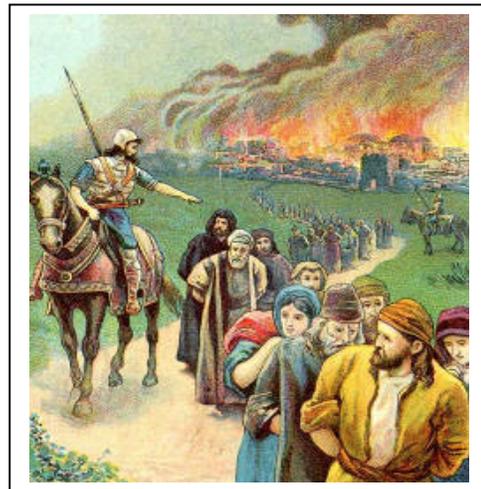
Geography of Ancient Petra

Petra (Greek) or **Selah** (Hebrew) means: “:lofty craggy rock, fortress is the cliffs, mountain stronghold.’ Located 120 miles south of Jerusalem (2 hours by car) and 60 miles (1 hr. by car) directly north of the Red Sea city of Eilat . This famous Red Rock city was hidden for 1000 years from modern eyes until re-discovered in 1812.

Petra will have an important role in the End times.

From Lebanon to the Gulf of Aqaba to the Sea of Galilee to the Jordan River to the Dead Sea, the Rift Valley splits the Holy Land into 2 geographic parts. Israel lies to the east and Jordan is on the West. The Wadi Musa (Valley of Moses) is the great ravine running east to west right into the Siq, the famous secret entrance to the rock city. A narrow winding gorge with 150 ft high walls snakes into the Hidden City of Petra right in front of its magnificent Treasury. This is the heart of the Land of Edom, Esau’s Kingdom = the Mountains of Seir: it is the ancient capital city of all Arabia. Selah is halfway between the Dead Sea (port city Eilat) and the Dead Sea (the southern tip). Only 3/4 mile long and covering 25 sq. miles, the Famous Red Rock City has amazing carved temples, a pantheon of stone idols, rock stairways to pagan altars, water cisterns, a theater, and homes carved high in the cliffs. A few miles away is Mt. Hor (4280 ft.) the burial place of Aaron, and nearby Mt. Sin where Josephus says Miriam is buried. Petra may also be the place where Moses struck the Rock (Petra) and water gushed forth. Deut. 34:1 tells us Moses was taken to the top of Mt. Nebo, (just to the north), to view the promised land. In New Testament times, Arabia Petra included the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt, Eilat on Gulf Aqaba, the Eastern Dead Sea, and most of modern Jordan

***Remember the Roman 10th Legion that destroyed the Temple in 70 AD and massacred the Jews came from Arabia Petra –the Edomites and the Ishmaelites. Daniel 9:26 prophesies the same people will become the Anti-Christ’ Army. All are muslim countries today!



History of Ancient Petra - The Nabatean Kingdom of Arabia Petra

The Horites first lived in caves in Selah, and were driven out by the descendants of Esau, the Edomites. Then descendants of Ishmael, the Nabateans migrated up from Arabia and made Petra their capital in 300BC. They worshipped stone gods Dushara and Al-Uzza, and carved magnificent temples, obelisks and niches to house their gods. They held a monopoly on the spice trade : Petra is the center of all the trade routes, Arabians are merchants!

“The caravans from all ages, from the interior of Arabia, and from the **Gulf of Persia**, from **Hadramaut on the ocean**, and even from **Sabea or Yemen**, appear to have been pointed to Petra as a common centre; and from Petra the tide seems again to have branched out in every direction: to **Egypt, Palestine, Syria, through Gaza, Tyre,, Jeruaslem, and Damascus**, and by other route, terminating in the **Mediterranean Sea.**”

The Arab Muslims are the Merchants of Revelation 17-18 Mystery Babylon!