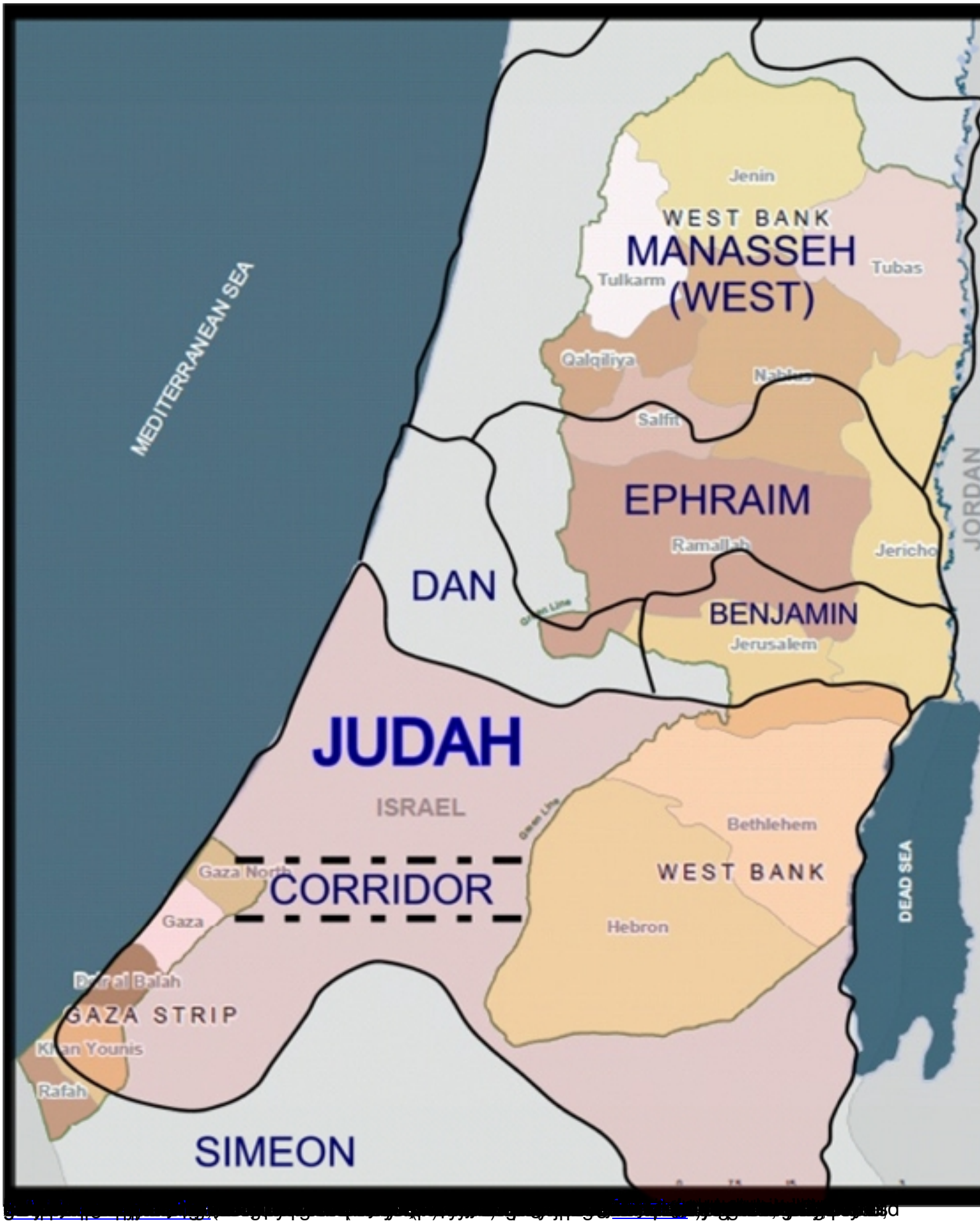
I decided to do something tonight that I have been thinking of and speaking about for some time now. Many of you may be aware of how I tend to focus on news articles that relate specifically to prophecy concerning the division of the land of Israel in the last days. I make no apologies for that. Although there are many things going on in the world that relate to many aspects of end time prophecy, I believe that what is happening in the Middle East at this present time is one of the clearest indicators of where we are on God's prophetic calendar. The whole panorama of Bible prophecy centres on the nation of Israel and the Jewish people, and in particular on the Holy One of Israel, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself (Revelation 19:10). There are possibly many news events that are of prophetic significance that I miss commenting on. This site is not intended to cover absolutely everything that is going on in the world. There are things that happen every day which are of prophetic significance, such as wars and rumours of wars, pestilence, immorality, and such like. These are signs that we are indeed living in the last days, but they do not necessarily give us a clear picture of where we are in Bible prophecy. There have always been wars, pestilences and immorality to a certain extent. But the regathering of the Jewish people to the land of Israel is something unique that God promised would take place in hundreds of passages throughout the Scriptures. This is special because it is evidence of the direct intervention of God in the affairs of man. It is tangible proof that not only is God's Word historically reliable, but that God keeps His promises. What the Lord says in the Bible concerning future events can be trusted implicitly. And consequently what the Word of God says about other matters concerning salvation and the forgiveness of sins can also be trusted. Christians have the best book in the world.

I didn't always know the information I am about to show you. We've all heard the news reports about the West Bank and Israel and the Middle East conflict. Unless you are Jewish or Christian, the Middle East conflict might seem like any other religious or territorial conflict. It is not. I remember reading an article a couple of years ago on the Middle East conflict, and how the region the international community calls the 'West Bank' - the land the Palestinians want for a state, was the same as Judea and Samaria in the Bible. It was like someone had turned a light on in my head. I remembered the Scriptures, how that the Bible spoke of a time when Israel's enemies would be in siege against Judah and Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:2). Could we now be witnessing the beginning of that? We hear reports all the time how the Palestinian Arabs are claiming east Jerusalem as the capital for their future state. Half of Jerusalem? Then I started thinking. Doesn't the Bible say something about that too, that half of the city of Jerusalem would go into captivity during the tribulation period, and that the other half would remain secure? (Zechariah 14:2). Could the half mentioned in this verse be the eastern half, which the Palestinians want for their capital? And as this half also contains the Temple Mount, could it be that this area of the city also falls into Arab hands, as described in Revelation 11:2? I was amazed. Suddenly it all made sense. Why no solution to the conflict has been found despite negotiations going on over the past 61 years. And why the Palestinians want the West Bank and Jerusalem in particular.

Other things are starting to make sense also. In 2005 we had the Gaza disengagement , which it was hoped would bring peace to Israel's southern border. Peace never came. In fact Israel's security situation on its southern border is worse now than ever it was. Why? The international

community is talking about establishing a Palestinian state with contiguous territory. That means the Gaza Strip, now run by the Hamas terrorist organization, will be physically joined up to the West Bank in the east of the country. Why are they demanding that? The answer to these questions is simple, yet very profound. The Bible specifically states that during the tribulation period, Israel's enemies will be in siege against Judah and Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:2). I took a map of Israel in Old Testament times, which showed the areas occupied by each of the twelve tribes. I then traced a black outline around each area in an art package, and superimposed it on a modern map of Israel and the West Bank. What is surprising is that the Gaza Strip, Sderot, Ashkelon, Ashdod, areas that were hit and are still being hit by Hamas rockets, all lie within Judah's territory according to the Scriptures (Joshua 15). The whole southern half of the West Bank, from Jerusalem down, is all Judah's territory. It contains cities such as Hebron and Bethlehem. And it is straight through Judah's territory that the international community intends to carve a land corridor, allowing Palestinian terrorists in the Gaza Strip to reach the West Bank and east Jerusalem.


MEDITERRANEAN SEA
Jenin
WEST BANK
MANASSEH
(WEST)
Tulkarm
Tubas
Qalqiliya
Nablus
Salfit
EPHRAIM
Ramallah
Jericho
JORDAN
DAN
BENJAMIN
Jerusalem
JUDAH
ISRAEL
Bethlehem
WEST BANK
DEAD SEA
Gaza North
CORRIDOR
Gaza
Hebron
Deir al Balah
GAZA STRIP
Khan Younis
Rafah
SIMEON

Matthew 25:13
Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.