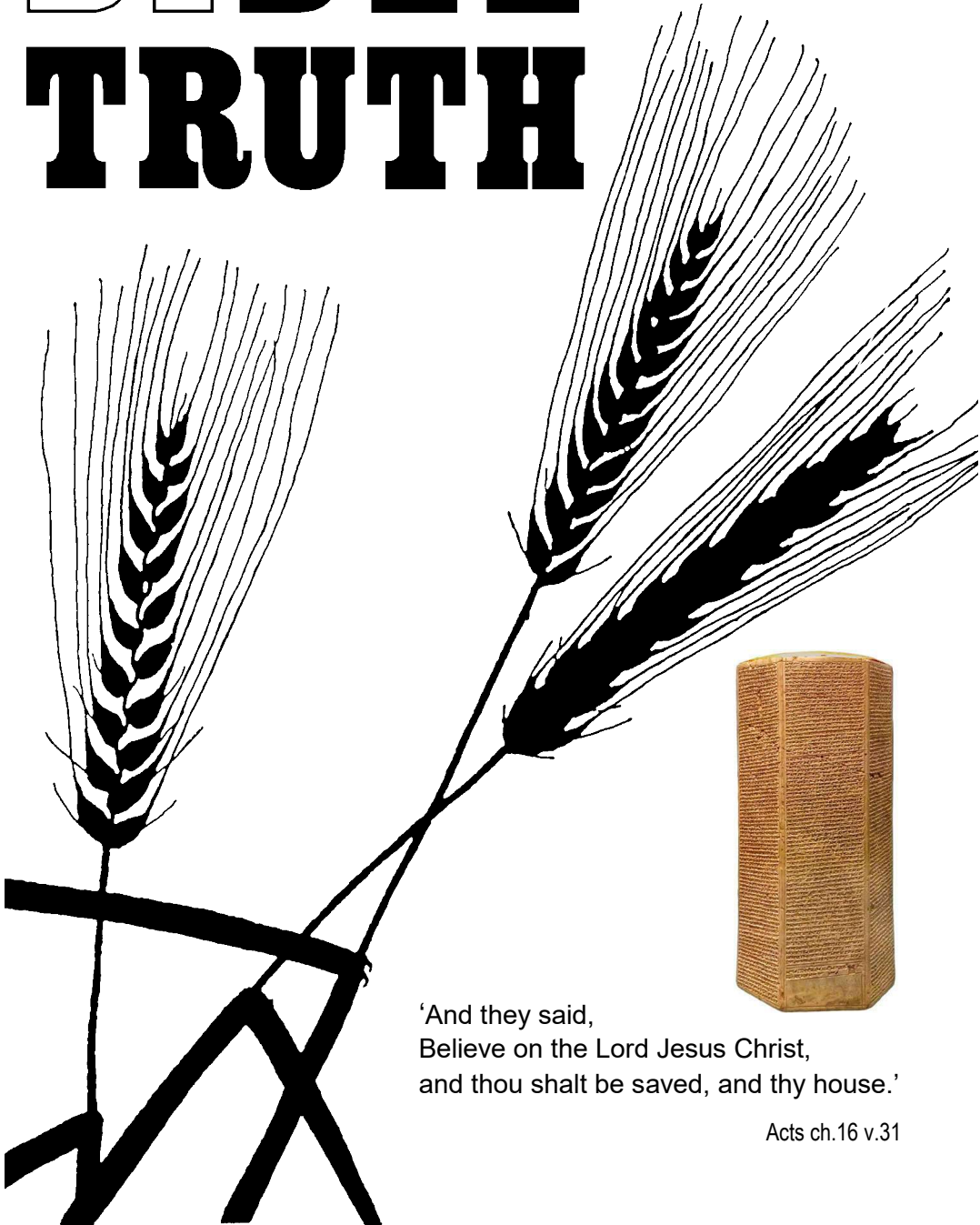


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'And they said,  
Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.'

Acts ch.16 v.31

# GLOSSARY

(Explanatory notes about Bible prophecy terms used in  
*The Great and Terrible Day of the Lord* by Rev. C.S. Mcv Kelvey)

## **Antichrist(s)**

Satan is anti-God and hence anti-Christ, for Christ is God. Moreover, all and any who serve Satan and his purposes are also antichrist. There are, therefore, many antichrists.

‘Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.’

I John ch. 2 v.18

Antichrist is defined as,

‘Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.’

1 John ch.2 v.22

Thus, all those who have Judaism as their religion, since the death, resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ, are antichrist, for they claim to have the Father, but deny the Son.

‘Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: ...’

I John ch.2 v. 23

Antichrist also includes those who deny the Father and the Son and hence includes all atheists.

There have been many who are antichrist, and some by virtue of their concerted persecution of anything which is God’s, during the AD era, deserve to be known as ‘an antichrist’. However, it is clearly stated that one particular individual should appear who would be (the) Antichrist, (‘ye have heard that antichrist shall come ...’) and this (see above) individual is identified as ‘the antichrist’. The antichrist can be shown to be the leader of Jewry in Palestine, who will claim to be the Messiah, and hence Christ and God. He will be a descendant of Judah, and David, and will achieve power just before the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who will destroy him at His Coming. The **antichrist** is **also** known as the **false prophet**, and the **Son of Perdition**, and that **Man of Sin**, for in his delusion he will be Satan-possessed.

## **Babylon**

This name is used often in the book of Revelation (see Revelation ch.14 v.8, ch.16 v.19, ch.17 v.5 and ch.18 vv 2 & 10). It refers to the succession of empires wielding political, economic, military and religious power in the Gentile world. It begins with the literal Babylonian Empire under King Nebuchadnezzar (see Daniel ch.2 especially verses 36-43), and continues into the later forms of the Roman Empire. It is also used to refer collectively to the final resurrected forms of these empires, all allied with Russia, and voluntarily obeying Gog and his beastly system of government.

## **Beast, the**

Often in Bible prophecy, beasts symbolise empires. For example, see Daniel ch.7 v.17. As such empires were often absolute dictatorships, the beast represents at one and the same time, both the empire and its ruler. Thus in Daniel ch.2 v.38, '... Thou art this head of gold'. The head of gold was both the whole Babylonian Empire and King Nebuchadnezzar, its ruler. This type of symbolism continues in the New Testament (see Revelation ch.13 vv 1-4), where the beast is distinct from the head, and continues with several different successive heads. The beast system of empires will continue until the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Immediately prior to that event there will be a final world empire. As a whole the empire is the beast, yet as with Nebuchadnezzar, its ruler, by virtue of his absolute power (he is the head), is also the beast. The last manifestation of the beast system is the Russian Empire (called Leviathan in Job ch.41).

This duality of system and individual is clearly shown in the wording of Revelation ch.13 vv 11-18. The Russian Empire and allied nations (the beast), will consist of Russia, Persia, Ethiopia, Libya (see Ezekiel ch.38 v.5) and all the nations of eastern and western continental Europe, including many at present free who will yet give their power and strength unto the beast (see Revelation ch.17 v.13). The ruler of this power bloc (the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal) is also the beast personified - Gog, the king of the north - will live up to his title the beast.

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