

The times in which we live. And Israel – 11.19.23

Again - like I said this AM - there are more notes than time this evening..

I mentioned this AM:

Daniel, like some other folks, have spoken or written to me the past several years and said basically the same thing: “What you’ve been speaking and teaching and preaching about for the past years is happening”. That is comforting to know that what the Lord has shown me is in line with what the word of God says MUST occur prior to the return of our Messiah. At the same time I admit to that the PROPHETIC PACE of events on earth is a bit of a surprise even to me, EXCEPT I COUCH THAT by saying I do believe MUCH HAS YET TO COME, so in reality I believe that what we are seeing in these days, right now, is a LEAD-UP to the final events of this Age. Jesus will not be “coming any day” right now. But He is coming soon...

BOTTOM LINE re knowing the will of God and understanding SOME of the WHENS of the PROPHETIC SCRIPTURES is INTENDED BY GOD to be understood by those who would choose to press in to the fullness of the WORD of GOD and the fullness of the PURPOSES of God.

AND I CAN SAY THIS WITH CERTAINTY: There are events and situations and conditions that ALL have to be in place prior to the **appearance (“REVELATION”)** of Jesus – Who, BTW, has the Hebrew name **Y’SHUA** which literally MEANS “SALVATION”. Talk about obvious....

THIS EVENING OUR FOCUS IS THE TITLE OF THIS MESSAGE (because I believe this is the Lord’s focus)

FIRST – there’s no way on earth I could cover completely the topic of THE TIMES IN WHICH WE LIVE. AND ISRAEL” in one EVENING, let alone AN HOUR or so. But I do plan to get into some basics – some of which you might already be familiar.

SECOND - Here’s some verses to overcome any misconceptions that because we are LIVING in NEW TESTAMENT times, that might mean the OLD TESTAMENT is less important or not intended for us. That error has opened up many doors to poor doctrine that I believe has hamstrung the Church in its understanding.

A GAME CHANGING PORTION OF SCRIPTURE FOR ME:

1 Peter 1:10-16

10 Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you,

11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

(AND NOW THE CALL TO THE CHURCH, GIVEN THE TRUTH OT+NT ONENESS PETER JUST REVEALED)

1 Peter 1:13-16

13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;

15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,

16 because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”

AND ONE MORE LENGTHY ADMONITION RE THESE TIMES AND OUR CALL TO HOLINESS – remember – the HOLY Spirit is called HOLY Spirit because HE IS HOLY – and in fact the outpouring promised to the people of God IN THESE DAYS will require holiness for our success.

2 Peter 3:9-18

9 *The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*

10 *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.*

11 *Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,***

12 *looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?*

13 *Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*

14 *Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;*

15 *and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,*

16 *as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.*

17 *You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;*

18 *but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

PETER TOLD US LOTS OF CRITICAL INTEL in that chapter, which is literally HIS CLOSING RECORDED STATEMENT to the church, prior to his martyrdom. What does that tell you about how Peter prioritized those instructions????

THE TITLE OF THIS MESSAGE IS:

The times in which we live. And Israel

In reality, it might even be more accurately titled:

Israel. And the times in which we live.

THE ISRAEL PRIORITY is God's declared priority.

Zechariah 2:1-9

1 *Then I raised my eyes and looked, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand.*

2 *So I said, "Where are you going?"*

And he said to me, "To measure Jerusalem, to see what is its width and what is its length."

3 *And there was the angel who talked with me, going out; and another angel was coming out to meet him,*

4 *who said to him, "Run, speak to this young man, saying: 'Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls, because of the multitude of men and livestock in it. (HHY – Hasn't Happened Yet, so stay tuned)*

5 *For I,' says the LORD, 'will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.'" (HHY)*

(Future Joy of Zion and Many Nations)

6 *"Up, up! Flee from the land of the north," says the LORD; "for I have spread you abroad like the four winds of heaven," says the LORD.*

7 *"Up, Zion! Escape, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon."*

8 *For thus says the LORD of hosts: "He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.*

BETTER PUNCTUATION:

8 For thus says the LORD of hosts - He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you - for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.

The **PRIORITY OF ISRAEL** IS BECAUSE OF THE PROMISE TO ABRAHAM AND THE BLESSING upon him and his descendants, and THAT BLESSING INCLUDES both a blessing and a curse we see pronounced to the nations of the world:

GEN 12:3

1 Now the LORD had said to Abram:

“Get out of your country,
From your family
And from your father’s house,
To a land that I will show you.

2 I will make you a great nation;

I will bless you

And make your name great;

And you shall be a blessing.

3 I will **bless** those who **bless** you,

And I will **curse** him who **curse**s you;

And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

ALTHOUGH I’ve known this a while and taught on this in the past, to be 100% SURE, I dialogued back and forth with a friend in Israel this past week. He’s been speaking and writing Hebrew for about 40 years. He confirmed the accuracy of what I am telling you re these verses.

I’ll read what I emailed him:

“Hi Avner:

Please correct me if I any of this wrong, exaggerated, misinterpreted, misunderstood.

Sadly **Gen 12:3** gets anglicized into **bless and bless** followed by **curse and curse**.

My bible confirms **baruch** and **baruch**, and then reveals **qalal** and **arar**.

Arar means curse (I believe as in ararat - curse reversed - the divine reset and start over by way of judgment).

Meanwhile **qalal** appears to radically elevate the bar way, way higher than simply not cursing Israel, but instead presents a curse to those **failing to esteem Abraham's seed** (even in their majority ongoing veiled blindness, and worse) at the same level and stature that God (Him: they're the **apple of his eye** – per Zechariah) declares. **Even taking Israel lightly invokes at very least a degree of curse**. I've been speaking and teaching this for years.

Strong's: h7043. קָלַל qâlal; a primitive root; to be (causatively, make) light, literally (swift, small, sharp, etc.) or figuratively (easy, trifling, vile, etc.): — abate, make bright, bring into contempt, (ac-)curse, despise, (be) ease(-y, -ier), (be a, make, make somewhat, move, seem a, set) light(-en, -er, -ly, -ly afflict, -ly esteem, thing), x slight(-ly), be swift(-er), (be, be more, make, re-)vile, whet.

Without getting deeper into the obvious conundrum that Israel desperately needs salvation involving a crying out to their one and only Savior, the church meanwhile in many ways remains oblivious to both the divine demand to not be considering Israel any less precious and special than God does.

I have some pastors (and churchgoers) who need to hear this, and before I write it out and send it out I'd appreciate your hebrew-braininess re the word qalal, confirming Strong's, etc.

Love you and praying.

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THAT is critical truth and more critical NOW than ever, because “esteeming” Israel and **standing with Israel** will cost the church as the demonic onslaught and darkness increases on earth prior to the return of Jesus.

ALSO UNDERSTAND that Satan hates the PEOPLE OF GOD, so the troubles of Israel will become the troubles upon the REAL CHURCH OF GOD, as we go forward into the times ahead.

SOME RELEVANT SCRIPTURES

Ezekiel 36:1-10

1 *“And you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, ‘O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD!*

2 *Thus says the Lord GOD: “Because the enemy has said of you, ‘Aha! The ancient heights have become our possession,’” (see Psalm 83)*

3 *therefore prophesy, and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Because they made you desolate and swallowed you up on every side, so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations, and you are taken up by the lips of talkers and slandered by the people”—*

4 *therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, the valleys, the desolate wastes, and the cities that have been forsaken, which became plunder and mockery to the rest of the nations all around—*

5 *therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “Surely I have spoken in My burning jealousy against the rest of the nations and against all Edom, who gave My land to themselves as a possession, with wholehearted joy and spiteful minds, in order to plunder its open country.”*

6 *“Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, and the valleys, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I have spoken in **My jealousy and My fury**, because you have borne the shame of the nations.”*

7 *Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “I have **raised My hand in an oath that surely** the nations that are around you shall bear their own shame.*

8 *But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel, for they are about to come.*

9 *For indeed I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown.*

10 *I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt.*

ONE BIG THING TO CONSIDER:

The Western Church has been inclined to read the Word of God through a Western lens of interpretation. THE BOOK and THE STORY is a Middle Eastern-centric, although it clearly involves the whole world.

A HUGE MISCONCEPTION that, at it very best, ONLY distracts the people from understanding and recognizing the plans of God THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE (i.e. – HOW and THROUGH WHICH nations God has always worked to correct and discipline and when necessary JUDGE His people). But worse yet is how this “theological error” also shifts focus and accountability on other places and nations. THIS IS HUGE RE THE CONCLUSION OF THE AGE.

EXAMPLE:**Daniel 9:26**

26 *“And after the sixty-two weeks*

Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;

And the people of the prince who is to come

Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.

The end of it shall be with a flood,

And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

Most of the Western Church look to this end-of-age prophecy and try to “break the code” of who the antichrist and his hordes will be by looking at which nation destroyed the Jerusalem sanctuary in 70AD. The QUICK-CONCLUSION – The ROMANS led by Titus. TRUE/NOT TRUE.

Reading Flavius Josephus and Publius Tacitus – two accurate historians who wrote about those times – by 70AD the Roman Army was spread so thin across their empire that they employed vast amount of PROVINCIALS/AUXILIARIES – people from local nations with local hatreds – to come in and war, kill, destroy. The Romans hired and sent in Syrian and other Arab nations – who began hating and warring against Israel THOUSANDS of YEARS prior to 70AD.

THAT MEANS the “people of the prince who is to come in the final days for the final battles. Will be Arab and other mixed-breed people from the nations surrounding Israel, to war against Israel and the Jews, and to war around the world against all of the people of God.

NOW BACK TO PROPHECIES RE THE FINAL BATTLES...

Zechariah 12:1-3

1 The burden of the word of the LORD against Israel. Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him:

2 "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem.

3 And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it. (Psalm 2 - the raging nations, and God's response)

Zechariah 14:1-2

1 Behold, the day of the LORD is coming,
And your spoil will be divided in your midst.

2 For **I will gather** all the nations to battle against Jerusalem;

If you like – read all of EZEKIEL 36-39, all of which coordinates with massive portions of the book of Revelation and all other prophetic scripture throughout the entire word of God.

A HUGE QUESTION FOR ANY STUDENT OF SCRIPTURE:

"if the Jewish nation is the CHOSEN people of God, why would God be leading evil nations AGAINST His covenant people?"

SPECTACULAR QUESTION. And there is a clear answer in scripture, which is not an easy answer to speak. But it is truth. And consider this truth in light of which of the nations and people-groups Tacitus and Josephus documented as the destroyers of the 70AD temple, and now look BACK into HISTORY and then look FORWARD into PROPHECY.

(of course there are other "evil empires" throughout history – Egypt, the Third Reich of Germany during WW2, but for the very most part, considering Israel, consider what we now understand).

2 Samuel 7:12-17

12 "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

14 I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men.

15 But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

16 And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.""

17 According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

TOUGHER STILL, but with a **redemptive promise** at the end

(THIS "THE LORD'S REPLY") is basically because Habakkuk was complaining to God, sort of asking the same question we just asked – WHAT HAPPENED/IS HAPPENING TO YOUR PEOPLE AND WHY????

Habakkuk 1:5-9

(The LORD's Reply)

5 "Look among the nations and watch—
Be utterly astounded!

For I will work a work in your days
Which you would not believe, though it were told you.

6 For indeed I am raising up the Chaldeans,
A bitter and hasty nation

Which marches through the breadth of the earth,
To possess dwelling places that are not theirs.

7 They are terrible and dreadful;
Their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves.

8 Their horses also are swifter than leopards,

And more fierce than evening wolves.
 Their chargers charge ahead;
 Their cavalry comes from afar;
 They fly as the eagle that hastens to eat.
 9 "They all come for violence;
 Their faces are set like the east wind.
 They gather captives like sand.

AND MORE ZECHARIAH

Zechariah 1:13-17

13 And the LORD answered the angel who talked to me, with **good and comforting words**.
 14 So the angel who spoke with me said to me, "Proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts:
 "I am zealous for Jerusalem
 And for Zion with great zeal.
 15 I am exceedingly angry with the nations at ease;
**For I was a little angry,
 And they helped—but with evil intent."**
 16 'Therefore thus says the LORD:
 "I am returning to Jerusalem with mercy;
 My house shall be built in it," says the LORD of hosts,
 "And a surveyor's line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem."
 17 "Again proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts:
 "My cities shall again spread out through prosperity;
 The LORD will again comfort Zion,
 And will again choose Jerusalem.'""

What we see throughout scripture is holy-God usually having to be dealing with covenant-breaking unholy people. We AS THE CHURCH – are accountable to learn from the errors and troubles of Israel, so that we don't fall into the same goofiness of thinking "BECAUSE WE'RE THE PEOPLE OF GOD, we can get away with anything, because 'THERE'S GRACE". There was GRACE in both testaments. David found grace in the Lord. So did many others.

Genesis 6:5-8

5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
 6 And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.
 7 So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."
8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

RE: THE OLD TESTAMENT AND US:

LOOK WHAT CONVERTED-RABBI PAUL TELLS a primarily Gentile Church in Turkey – and Paul includes these Gentile believers fully into the family of God, because he calls the Jewish Patriarchs "OUR FATHERS":

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

1 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea,
 2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,
 3 all ate the same spiritual food,
 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.
 5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.
 6 **Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.**
 7 And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play."
 8 Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell;

9 nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents;

10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

AS I IMPLIED EARLIER RE BOTH TESTAMENTS:

THE WHOLE SCROLL IS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY OF GOD. What Paul wrote in Corinthians confirms that, again – The OT was written FOR US so that we might be successful, and also so that our hearts do not fail us in the days ahead.

We want to be **these people**:

Daniel 11:32

*32 Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people **who know their God** shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.*

That intimacy of "knowing" extends way beyond BELIEVING in God. It's the place we want to press into. And it's available to us. "Whosoever will...."

The WHOLE SCROLL

Jesus IS THE WORD.

Jesus IS ECHAD

The Word of God is ECHAD

Egregious comes when the Holy Spirit comes.

It's a CUP, not a BUFFET plate.

Healing prophecy, revelation, anointing, conviction.

Inseparable ECHAD.

REGARDING THE ISSUE OF GOD NECESSARILY DISCIPLINING ISRAEL, and the bad-signal that Israel's "Testimony-Of-Correction" has had and continues to have upon all the nations of the world, and WHEN it will finally all make sense – it will make sense and be understood NOT UNTIL THE LORD RETURNS – but it will be understood THEN. And meanwhile WE ARE BEING TOLD THIS IN SCRIPTURE – and we are accountable to understand this important truth in THESE DAYS so that WHEN WE PRAY we can pray, like PAUL SAID with our understanding and also IN THE SPIRIT, in alignment with the **word of the Lord, which will not alter or change**:

WHAT WILL OCCUR AND WHEN WILL PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSES OF GOD....

A. AND HIS RIGHTEOUS CORRECTION OF ISRAEL (As God both draws them and drives them into His purposes and presence?) (Jer 16:16)

B. AND HIS RIGHTEOUS DESTRUCTION OF THE ENEMIES OF GOD AND ENEMIES OF ISRAEL???

WE LOOKED AT THIS VERSE THIS AM in relation to WORSHIP.

NOW LET'S READ IT in relation to Righteous Judgment ***Revelation 15:4***

4 Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

For You alone are holy.

For all nations shall come and worship before You,

For Your judgments have been manifested."

(the physical reality of the judgment:

Ezekiel 39:11-16

11 "It will come to pass in that day that I will give Gog a burial place there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea; and it will obstruct travelers, because there they will bury Gog and all his multitude. Therefore they will call it the Valley of Hamon ("THE MULTITUDE of") Gog.

12 For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them, in order to cleanse the land.

13 Indeed all the people of the land will be burying, and they will gain renown for it on the day that I am glorified," says the Lord GOD.

14 "They will set apart men regularly employed, with the help of a search party, to pass through the land and bury those bodies remaining on the ground, in order to cleanse it. At the end of seven months they will make a search.

15 The search party will pass through the land; and when anyone sees a man's bone, he shall set up a marker by it, till the buriers have buried it in the Valley of Hamon Gog. 16 The name of the city will also be Hamonah. Thus they shall cleanse the land."

Ezekiel 39:22-29

22 So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day forward.

23 The Gentiles shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; because they were unfaithful to Me, therefore I hid My face from them. I gave them into the hand of their enemies, and they all fell by the sword.

24 According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions I have dealt with them, and hidden My face from them."

25 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Now I will bring back the captives of Jacob, and have mercy on the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for My holy name—

26 after they have borne their shame, and all their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, when they dwelt safely in their own land and no one made them afraid.

27 When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and I am hallowed in them in the sight of many nations,

28 then they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also brought them back to their land, and left none of them captive any longer.

29 And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,' says the Lord GOD."

A GOOD READ – DANIEL 9 !!!!!

Daniel was in Babylon, the 70-year captivity was about completed and he was praying, pressing in to God, interceding for his own people, Israel. His prophecies had been proven correct many times. He KNEW the people were suffering because of their sins (**JUST BECAUSE ANYONE MIGHT BE SUFFERING DOES NOT ALWAYS MEAN THEY ARE IN SIN!**), but he wasn't REJOICING IN HIS PROPHETIC ACCURACY. His heart was broken for the people of God. And whatever truths we might know or proclaim, we are NEVER EVER to be rejoicing in the suffering of the people of God, so when we're told to PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM, several things come up (especially now that you've heard a message like this).

Israel and in fact THE WORLD, but particularly the people of God, are stuck in sin right now.

BUT GOD will be faithful to a (whosoever-will) remnant of His people. And we are to pray in obedience, always with a heart of compassion.

HOW DANIEL PRAYED: Daniel's CHAPTER 9 prayer was SO ACCURATE that Daniel writes and tells us that an angel was SO EXCITED to come and speak to Daniel that the angel broke in and interrupted Daniel's prayer to reveal TO DANIEL and TO US WHO WOULD READ AND STUDY – the entire "70-WEEK MYSTERY" that would take us to the time of the return of Messiah at the end of the Age!!!!

THE DIVINE INTERRUPTION:

Daniel 9:20-23

20 Now while I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God,

21 yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.

22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.

23 At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, **for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:**

AND THEN JESUS TELLS US THIS when He is asked about the end of the age, and His return:

Matthew 24:3-15

3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be?"

And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

4 And Jesus answered and said to them: **"Take heed that no one deceives you.**

5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.

10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

13 **But he who endures to the end shall be saved.**

14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

(The Great Tribulation)

(Mark 13:14–23; Luke 17:23, 24, 37; 21:20–24)

15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' **spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand).**

(AND THEN JESUS TELLS THE DISCIPLES THIS – a TIMING MARKER):**Matthew 24:29-31**

29 "Immediately (**EUTHEOS = IMMEDIATELY**) after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

I could go on for hours, but I won't.

Lord willing this message will encourage you to press in to the Lord, to His word and to His will (which is one and the same IN GENERAL – although His particular and specific will for your life and walk with Him will be revealed to you in the place of personal intimacy and prayer.

KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS.

GET AND STAY IN THE PLACE OF INTIMACY WITH GOD, Who wants to be intimate with you.

Get over any offenses, wounds or unforgiveness and move forward with God.

MAKE GOD'S PRIORITIES YOUR PRIORITIES.

ONE MASSIVE PRIORITY IS THE JEWISH PEOPLE AND THE JEWISH LAND.

He will come back TO JERUSALEM. He will rule and reign during the Millennium, IN JERUSALEM.

THAT is one reason why Satan is raging against Israel right now.

Meanwhile – **THE JEWISH PEOPLE NEED TO GET SAVED.**

I am teaching the book of Daniel right now and one morning I awoke to the Lord saying that to me WORD FOR WORD.

ISRAEL NEEDS TO GET SAVED. Their Messiah is Jesus. He's the only Messiah. And no one is automatically saved by their bloodline. AND STILL GOD IS FAITHFUL TO HIS PEOPLE ISRAEL.

The nations listed in scripture as the ones leading the charge against Israel in the final days of this Age are pretty much all in place, and they have one thing in common. That COMMON COMPONENT is not race or color or culture or continent. "ARAB" means "MIXED". Ethiopians, Middle Easterners, Turks and the "Stans" countries – Uzbekistan, Pakistan, etc. The Common Component is Islam, Islam considers the fundamental doctrines of Judaism **and** Christianity as blasphemy worthy of death and destruction (this explains the unique "terrible-ness" of the fourth creature in Daniel 8 – who was

different from all others – because that creature was/is/will be NOT a COUNTRY or PEOPLE GROUP, but something different. Like a religion that would sweep across and encompass much of the earth.

IMPORTANT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND - many of the people living under Islam are sons of Abraham through Hagar and Ishmael, and God is dealing to bring them to the ONE true and only Messiah, not to any counterfeit “Jesus”. The Lord’s global shaking work (**HAG 2:6-7**) is intended to draw ALL NATIONS/PEOPLE GROUPS to the “Desire of the Nations” – to the one and only Savior – the JESUS as revealed in the Judeo-Christian texts, written hundreds and hundreds and often thousands of years prior to the Quran presentation of an Allah-worshipping Jesus. Pray for the Nations. People will come to salvation from every tribe and tongue and nation. Meanwhile the prophesied plans of God will **not be annulled**. (**Isa 14 particularly 22-27**).

It is complicated and still cloaked in mysteries yet to be revealed, but it is definitely clear enough for us to know HOW TO LIVE and HOW TO PRAY and also what to look for and see in these days.

READ HEBREWS 12 re Who is the Author and Finisher of YOUR Faith.

PAUL FROM PRISON WROTE THIS:

Philippians 1:3-6

3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, 5 for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

Some final scriptures (AS WE MIGHT HAVE TIME):

Romans 10:1-3

1 Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

3 For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

Psalms 122

*1 I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go into the house of the LORD.”*

*2 Our feet have been standing
Within your gates, O Jerusalem!*

*3 Jerusalem is built
As a city that is compact together,*

*4 Where the tribes go up,
The tribes of the LORD,*

*To the Testimony of Israel,
To give thanks to the name of the LORD.*

*5 For thrones are set there for judgment,
The thrones of the house of David.*

*6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.*

*7 Peace be within your walls,
Prosperity within your palaces.”*

*8 For the sake of my brethren and companions,
I will now say, “Peace be within you.”*

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God

I will seek your good.

JOEL 2 is quoted by Peter in Acts as he “explains” the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the prophetic-ignition of the final season of this Age, beginning 2,000 years ago,:

Joel 2

*15 Blow the trumpet in Zion,
Consecrate a fast,
Call a sacred assembly;
16 Gather the people,
Sanctify the congregation,
Assemble the elders,
Gather the children and nursing babes;
Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber,
And the bride from her dressing room.
17 Let the priests, who minister to the LORD,
Weep between the porch and the altar;
Let them say, “Spare Your people, O LORD,
And do not give Your heritage to reproach,
That the nations should rule over them.
Why should they say among the peoples,
‘Where is their God?’”
18 Then the LORD will be zealous for His land,
And pity His people.
19 The LORD will answer and say to His people,
“Behold, I will send you grain and new wine and oil,
And you will be satisfied by them;
I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations.
20 “But I will remove far from you the northern army,
And will drive him away into a barren and desolate land,
With his face toward the eastern sea
And his back toward the western sea;
His stench will come up,
And his foul odor will rise,
Because he has done monstrous things.”*

Joel 2:28-32

*God’s Spirit Poured Out
28 “And it shall come to pass afterward
That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your old men shall dream dreams,
Your young men shall see visions.
29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days.
30 “And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth:
Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.
31 The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood,
Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.
32 And it shall come to pass
That whoever calls on the name of the LORD
Shall be saved.
For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance,*

*As the LORD has said,
Among the remnant whom the LORD calls.*

The tool of God's indignation and correction and their eventual end:

Isaiah 14:24-26

*24 The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying,
"Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass,
And as I have purposed, so it shall stand:
25 That I will break the Assyrian in My land,
And on My mountains tread him underfoot.
Then his yoke shall be removed from them,
And his burden removed from their shoulders.
26 This is the purpose that is purposed against the whole earth,
And this is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations.*

Jeremiah 30:10-11 (Jacob's Trouble Is earlier in Jeremiah 30)

*10 'Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,' says the LORD,
'Nor be dismayed, O Israel;
For behold, I will save you from afar,
And your seed from the land of their captivity.
Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet,
And no one shall make him afraid.
11 For I am with you,' says the LORD, 'to save you;
Though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you,
Yet I will not make a complete end of you.
But I will correct you in justice,
And will not let you go altogether unpunished.'*