

Greetings, today our manna is from 2Chron 24; Zechariah 7; Rev. 11; John 10.

December 20 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

[Note: I have added emphasis with underlines, highlights, and [brackets] to Scripture for teaching purposes only.]

2Chron 24

2Chronicles 24 opens with Joash being 7 years old and beginning his reign in Jerusalem. His reign will last for 40 years.

Joash Repairs the Temple

2Ch 24:1 Yo'ash was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Yerushalayim. And the name of his mother was Tsibyah of Be'ersheba.

2Ch 24:2 And Yo'ash did what was right in the eyes of יהוה' all the days of Yehoyada the priest.

2Ch 24:3 And Yehoyada took for him two wives, and he brought forth sons and daughters.

2Ch 24:4 And after this it came to be that Yo'ash set his heart on restoring the House of יהוה'.

2Ch 24:5 And he gathered the priests and the Lēwites, and said to them, “Go out to the cities of Yehudah, and gather from all Yisra'el silver to repair the House of your Elohim from year to year, and see that you hurry the matter.” But the Lēwites did not hurry it.

2Ch 24:6 And the sovereign called Yehoyada the chief, and said to him, “Why have you not required the Lēwites to bring in from Yehudah and from Yerushalayim the levy of Mosheh the servant of יהוה' and of the assembly of Yisra'el, for the Tent of the Witness?”

2Ch 24:7 For the sons of Athalyahu, that wrong woman, had broken into the House of Elohim, and had also prepared all the set-apart vesse/s of the House of יהוה' to the Ba'als.

2Ch 24:8 So the sovereign commanded

✚ and they made a chest,

✚ and set it outside at the gate of the House of יהוה',

✚ **2Ch 24:9** and made it known in Yehudah and in Yerushalayim to bring to יהוה' the levy that Mosheh the servant of Elohim had imposed on Yisra'el in the wilderness.

✚ **2Ch 24:10** And all the rulers and all the people rejoiced, and they brought in and put them into the chest to completion.

2Ch 24:11 And it came to be, at that time, when the chest was brought to the sovereign's official by the hand of the Lēwites, and when they saw that there was much

silver,

- ✚ that the sovereign's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it and returned it to its place.
- ✚ So they did day by day, and gathered a large amount of silver.

2Ch 24:12 And the sovereign and Yehoyada

- ✚ gave it to those who did the work of the service of the House of יהוה.
- ✚ And they hired stonemasons and carpenters to restore the House of יהוה,
- ✚ and also those who worked in iron and bronze to repair the House of יהוה.
- ✚ 2Ch 24:13 And the workmen laboured, and the work of restoration progressed in their hands, and **they established the House of Elohim to its proper form and strengthened it.**

2Ch 24:14 And when they had finished,

- ✚ they brought the rest of the silver before the sovereign and Yehoyada,
- ✚ and they made utensils from it for the House of יהוה,
- ✚ utensils for serving and offering, ladles and vessels of gold and silver.
- ✚ **And they offered ascending offerings in the House of יהוה continually all the days of Yehoyada.**

2Ch 24:15 And **Yehoyada was old and satisfied with days, and died, one hundred and thirty years old when he died.**

2Ch 24:16 And they buried him in the City of Dawid among the sovereigns, for he had done good in Yisra'el, both toward Elohim and His house.

2Ch 24:17 And after the death of Yehoyada the rulers of Yehudah came and bowed themselves to the sovereign. And the sovereign listened to them,

2Ch 24:18 and **they forsook the House of יהוה Elohim of their fathers, and served the Asherim and the idols. And wrath came upon Yehudah and Yerushalayim because of their trespass.**

2Ch 24:19 And He sent prophets to them, to bring them back to יהוה. And they witnessed against them, but they did not listen.

Joash's Treachery

2Ch 24:20 Then the Spirit of Elohim came upon **Zekaryah son of Yehoyada** the priest, who stood above the people, and said to them, "Thus said Elohim, 'Why are you transgressing the commands of יהוה,^a and do not prosper? **Because you have forsaken יהוה, He has forsaken you.'**" Footnote: ^a [Mic 3:8](#), [Joh 16:8](#).

Later, the prophet Zekaryah, with the same name, will share similar words to the people:

Zec 7:11 "But they refused to listen, and they shrugged their shoulders, and stopped their ears

from hearing.

Zec 7:12 “And they made their hearts like flint against hearing the Torah, and the words, which יהוה of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great wrath came from יהוה of hosts.

Zec 7:13 “And it came to be: as He called and they did not hear, so let them call, but I shall not hear,” said יהוה of hosts.

Zec 7:14 “And I scattered them with a storm wind among all the nations which they had not known. And the land was laid waste behind them, no one passing through or returning, for they made the pleasant land a waste.”

2Ch 24:21 And they conspired against him, and at the command of the sovereign they stoned him with stones in the courtyard of the House of יהוה.

2Ch 24:22 Thus Yo’ash the sovereign did not remember the loving-commitment which Yehoyada his father had done to him, and killed his son. And as he died, he said, “יהוה does see, and repay!”

Mat 23:34 “Because of this, see, I send you prophets, and wise men, and scholars of Scripture.^f Some of them you shall kill and impale, and some of them you shall flog in your congregations and persecute from city to city, Footnote: ^fSee Mat 13:52.

Mat 23:35 so that on you should come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Hebel to the blood of Zeqaryah, son of Berekyah, whom you murdered between the Dwelling Place and the slaughter-place.

Mat 23:36 “Truly, I say to you, all this shall come upon this generation.^g Footnote: ^gOr ‘race’.

Mat 23:37 “Yerushalayim, Yerushalayim, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to her! How often I wished to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, but you would not!

Joash Assassinated

It is a very serious matter to turn one’s back against YHWH. It is also a very serious matter to touch YHWH’s anointed.

2Ch 24:23 **And it came to be, at the turn of the year,**

- ✚ that the army of Aram [Syria] came up against him.
- ✚ And they came into Yehudah and Yerushalayim, and destroyed all the rulers of the people from among the people,
- ✚ and sent all their spoil to the sovereign of Darmeseq.
- ✚ **2Ch 24:24** For the army of **Aram came with few men**, but יהוה gave a very great army into their hand, because they had forsaken יהוה Elohim of their fathers. So they executed judgment against Yo’ash.
- ✚ **2Ch 24:25** And when they had withdrawn from him – for they left him very sick – his own servants conspired against him because of the blood of the sons of Yehoyada the priest, and killed him on his bed, and he died. And they buried him in the City of Dawid, **but they did not bury him in the burial-sites of the sovereigns.**

2Ch 24:26 **And these are the ones who conspired against him:** Zabad the son of Shim’ath the Ammonitess, and Yehozabad the son of Shimrith the Mo’abitess.

2Ch 24:27 As to his sons, and the many words about him, and the rebuilding of the House of Elohim, see, they are written in the commentary of the book of the sovereigns. And Amatsyahu his son reigned in his place.

Zechariah 7

Before we continue in Zechariah, we need to be aware that there are several Zechariah's in Scripture which can easily be confused with one another. For this reason, I am inserting the commentary by Adam Clarke as a reference for clarity:

Adam Clarke – Zechariah - Introduction to the Book of the Prophet Zechariah

Zechariah, the eleventh of the twelve minor prophets, was son of Berechiah, and grandson of Iddo. He returned from Babylon with Zerubbabel: and began to prophesy in the second year of the reign of Darius, son of Hystaspes, in the year of the world 3484; before Christ, 516; before the vulgar era, 520; in the eighth month of the holy year; and two months after Haggai had begun to prophesy.

These two prophets, with united zeal, encouraged at the same time the people to go on with the work of the temple, which had been discontinued for some years.

The time and place of the birth of Zechariah are unknown. Some will have him to have been born at Babylon, during the captivity; others think he was born at Jerusalem, before the tribes of Judah and Benjamin were carried away. Some maintain that he was a priest; but others affirm that he was no priest. Many say he was the immediate son of Iddo; others believe, with much more reason, that he was son of Berechiah, and grandson of Iddo.

He has been confounded with one Zechariah, the son of Barachiah, who lived in the time of Isaiah; and with Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist; which opinion is plainly incongruous. Lastly, he has been thought to be Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom our Savior mentions, and says he was killed between the temple and the altar; though no such thing is anywhere said of our prophet. A tomb is shown to this day at the foot of the Mount of Olives, which, it is pretended, belongs to the prophet Zechariah. Dorotheus maintains that he was buried in a place called Bethariah, one hundred and fifty furlongs from Jerusalem.

Zechariah is the longest and the most obscure of all the twelve minor prophets. His style is interrupted, and without connection. His prophecies concerning the Messiah are more particular and express than those of the other prophets. Some modern critics, as Mede and Hammond, have been of opinion that the ninth, tenth, and eleventh chapters of this prophet were written by Jeremiah; because in Matthew, [Mat 27:9](#), [Mat 27:10](#), under the name of Jeremiah, we find quoted Zechariah; ([Zec 11:12](#)); and as the aforesaid chapters make but one continued discourse, they concluded from thence that all three belonged to Jeremiah. But it is much more natural to suppose that, by some unlucky mistake, the name of Jeremiah has slipped into the text of St. Matthew instead of that of Zechariah.

The prophet Zechariah exactly foretold the siege of Babylon by Darius, son of Hystaspes. This prince laid siege to that rebellious city at the beginning of the fifth year of his reign, and reduced it at the end of twenty months. The prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah had foretold this calamity, and had admonished the Jews, that inhabited there to make their escape when they perceived the time draw nigh. Isaiah says to them, "Go ye forth to Babylon, flee from the Chaldeans; with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth; say ye, The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob." And Jeremiah says, "Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he-goats before the flocks." And elsewhere, "Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul; be not cut off in her iniquity: for this is the time of the Lord's vengeance, He will render unto her a recompense." Lastly, Zechariah, a little before the time of her fall, writes thus to the Jews that were still in this city: "Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north, saith the Lord; for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of heaven, saith the Lord. Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon. For thus saith the Lord of hosts, after the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which

spoiled you, for he that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of his eye. For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants; and ye shall know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me." It is probable that the Jews took advantage of these admonitions, and returned from Babylon into their country; or, at least, withdrew into a place of more security till the city was taken. We do not hear, either from the history or the prophecies, that they suffered any thing by this siege, or that Darius, son of Hystaspes, bore them any grudge for the revolt of Babylon; which seems to indicate that they had no part in it.

The Mohammedans do not distinguish between the prophet Zechariah, and Zachariah the father of John the Baptist. Some of them make him to be descended from David; and others, from Levi. By an anachronism that is still more insupportable, these confound Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, with Mary or Miriam, the sister of Moses, which they derive even from the Koran itself...

In Zechariah 7 a word is given to Zechariah instead of a vision.

A Call for Justice and Mercy

Zec 7:1 And in the fourth year of Sovereign Dareyawesh it came to be that **the word of יהוה came to Zekaryah**, on the fourth of the ninth new moon, Kislëw.

Zec 7:2 Now Bëyth Ēl had sent Shar'etser, with Reqem-Melek and his men, to pray before יהוה,

Zec 7:3 speaking to the priests who belonged to the House of יהוה of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, **"Should I weep in the fifth new moon and fast as I have done for so many years?"**

F. B. Meyer notes: Zechariah 7:1-14 THE PENALTY OF INJUSTICE AND CRUELTY During their captivity the Jews observed four feasts. That of the 10th month recalled the first enclosure of Jerusalem by the enemies' lines; of the 4th the capture of the city; of the 5th the destruction by fire of the Temple; of the 7th the murder of Gedaliah. The national life was depressed by this constant memory of disaster. It seemed incongruous to act thus, when the Holy City was rising from the dust. Surely the lamentations which were befitting in Babylon, were out of place now. A deputation was therefore sent to inquire the views of the leaders. Zechariah gave four separate answers to the request. In Zec 7:4-7 he suggests that as these fasts had been set up by themselves, they were at liberty to discontinue them, and the main question was whether they were pondering the teachings and warnings of the older prophets. In Zec 7:8-14 he implored them not to yield to the obtuseness and disobedience of their fathers, in order that no second catastrophe should cast them back to the disasters they had suffered.

Zec 7:4 Then the word of יהוה of hosts came to me, saying,

Zec 7:5 "Speak to all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying,

✚ 'When you fasted and lamented in the fifth and seventh months all these seventy years, did you truly fast for Me – for Me?

✚ **Zec 7:6** And when you ate and when you drank, was it not for those eating and for those drinking?

✚ **Zec 7:7** Are these not the words which יהוה proclaimed through the former prophets when Yerushalayim and the cities around it were inhabited and in safety, and the South and the low country were inhabited?' "

Zec 7:8 And the word of יהוה came to Zekaryah, saying,

Zec 7:9 “Thus said יהוה of hosts,

- ✚ ‘Execute true right-ruling, show loving-commitment and compassion everyone to his brother.
- ✚ Zec 7:10 “Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the stranger or the poor. And do not plot evil in your hearts against one another.’
- ✚ Zec 7:11 “But they refused to listen, and they shrugged their shoulders, and stopped their ears from hearing.
- ✚ Zec 7:12 “And **they made their hearts like flint against hearing the Torah, and the words, which יהוה of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets.**
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- ✚ And the land was laid waste behind them, no one passing through or returning, for they made the pleasant land a waste.”

Revelation 11

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In the end of days, the earthly Jerusalem will once again be under siege. There is nothing new under the sun. What has been prophesied will unfold; and these prophesies usually unfold 2-3 times. They have many applications at different points in biblical history.

John is instructed to measure the dwelling place of Elohim from above, the slaughter place, and those worshipping in it. Measuring is a term that can denote the dimensions of something; and/or it is a term that can denote judgment. Here the word measure may include both. The outer courts will be trampled by the nations for 42 months.

We have all heard of what is called the earthly ‘3rd temple’ plans. This temple is being promoted by those that ‘say they are Jews and are not’; also, some secular Jews may be supporting the building of this temple; as well as deceived believers caught in the web of Christian Zionism. The messiah they are trying to usher in however; will be the anti-messiah.

The Two Witnesses

Rev 11:1 And a reed like a measuring rod was given to me, and the messenger stood,

saying, "Rise and measure the Dwelling Place of Elohim, and the slaughter-place, and those worshipping in it.

Rev 11:2 "But cast out the court which is outside the Dwelling Place, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations, and they shall trample the set-apart city under foot for forty-two months.

John is given a measuring rod and is instructed to measure the:

- Dwelling place
- The slaughter place and
- Those worshipping in it.
- **Rev 11:2** "But cast out the court which is outside the Dwelling Place, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations, and they shall trample the set-apart city under foot for forty-two months.

For 42 months, or 1,260 days, the nations will trample underfoot the outer court in the set-apart city; Jerusalem. During that time, YHWH will also call forth His two witnesses and they shall prophesy during that same time period.

As a woman in the process of labor, the birth pangs will increasingly progress into the time of tribulation. As I understand it, there will be a 7 year 'peace/security' agreement made based on [Dan. 9:27]. From the onset of this 'peace/security' treaty, will begin the first 42 months of the tribulation; and simultaneously, the two witnesses shall prophesy.

Dan 9:27 "And he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week. And in the middle of the week he shall put an end to slaughtering and meal offering. And on the wing of abominations he shall lay waste, even until the complete end and that which is decreed is poured out on the one who lays waste."^a Footnote: ^a Mat 24:15.

East for talks on Washington's peace plan

Envoys Jared Kushner and Jason Greenblatt to visit Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates, starting from next week

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Illustrative. (Left to Right) British Hook, US special representative for Iran, Trump adviser Jared Kushner, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, US Mideast peace envoy Jason Greenblatt and Israel's US envoy Ron Dermer, in a meeting at the Prime Minister's Office, in Jerusalem, on May 30, 2019. (Ziv Sokotov/US Embassy Jerusalem)

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Rev 11:3 “And I shall give unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clad in sackcloth.”

Rev 11:4 These are the **two olive trees** [Eze 4:3](#) and the two lampstands that are standing before the Elohim of the earth.

Rev 11:5 And if anyone wishes to harm them, fire comes out from their mouth and consumes their enemies. And if anyone wishes to harm them, he has to be killed in that way.

Rev 11:6 These possess authority to shut the heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy. And they possess authority over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they wish.

The two witnesses equate to the two olive trees and the two lampstands that are standing before the Elohim of the earth based on Rev. 11:3-4. Therefore, it appears that the two witnesses are a combination of the two olive trees and the two lampstands which may be a combination of witnesses working together. This is my understanding; however, there are several points of view on this topic.

If for instance, the two witness are Moses and Elijah, they could be working hand in hand with the two lampstands. The assemblies in Revelation 1-3, are referred to as lampstands. There are only two lampstands that have no words spoken against them. They are Smyrna and Philadelphia. Those represent His people that have truly set themselves apart to Him.

These two witnesses are given supernatural powers bestowed by YHWH [possibly Joel 2:28-30]; much like Moses and Aaron were given YHWH's divine power before Pharaoh. For 42 months the unbelieving nations are enraged and tormented by their proclamations. They hate and despise these two witnesses.

At the end of 42 months; they are killed by the beast, probably the anti-messiah; and raised back to life after 3 ½ days by YHWH.

Rev 11:7 And when they have ended their witness, the beast coming up out of the pit of the deep shall fight against them, and overcome them, and kill them,

Rev 11:8 and their dead bodies *lie* in the street of **the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Mitsrayim, where also our Master was impaled,**

Rev 11:9 and some of the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations see their dead bodies for three and a half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be placed into tombs,

Rev 11:10 and **those dwelling on the earth** rejoice over them and exult. And they shall send gifts to each other, because **these two prophets** tortured those dwelling on the earth.

Rev 11:11 And after the three and a half days a spirit of life from Elohim entered into them, and they stood upon their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.

All the heathen nations rejoice over their deaths and don't even permit their bodies to be buried. YHWH even uses this for good! Why? Because in 3 ½ days, the bodies of the two witnesses are raised again to life! HalleluYah! Great fear comes upon the unbelieving nations.

After the witnesses complete prophesying 42 months + 3 ½ days – the second woe is past. There is one more woe. I see the 3rd woe possibly beginning in Revelation 12 when Satan is cast down to earth. I correlate Satan being cast down to earth, as being the start of the latter 3 ½ years described as the Great Tribulation. If I am correct, this would mean that the witnesses make their proclamations the FIRST half of the 7 years and are called up at the midway point of the 7-year tribulation.

Rev 11:12 And they heard a loud voice from the heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up into the heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

Rev 11:13 And in that hour there came to **be a great earthquake**, and a tenth of the city fell. And in the earthquake seven thousand men were killed, and the rest became afraid and gave esteem to the Elohim of the heaven.

Rev 11:14 **The second woe is past, and see, the third woe is coming speedily.**

In Revelation 11:12-13 a voice from the heaven calls the two prophets to 'Come up here.' In Rev. 11:10 the witnesses are referred to as two prophets instead of two witnesses. And then it is recorded that they went up into the heaven in a cloud and their enemies saw them. The question is what heaven; 1st, 2nd, or 3rd? They are carried upward in a cloud within visual sight. The 1st heaven is in our atmosphere where the birds and clouds exists. Which heaven they ended up in remains to be known. In Rev. 12, we will see the woman depicted in the 2nd heaven – clothed in the sun with the moon at her feet and a crown of 12 stars.

Note there is a great earthquake in Rev. 11:13 and in Rev. 12:16 when the earth opens its mouth to help the woman. Are these denoting the same earthquake?

Possible connections between Revelation 11 & 12:

1. Prophecy of the witnesses and the woman in the wilderness both cover 42 months each; or 1,260 days, or time, times, and half-times.
2. The great earthquake in Rev. 11 and 1/10 of the city falls and 7,000 men die. [We make note of the 7,000 as we know Elijah was once told by YHWH that there were 7,000 that had not bowed their knees to Baal. – We need to keep this number connection in mind.]
3. In Rev. 12, the earth opens to consume the water spewed from the dragon's mouth after the woman; this obviously also describes a mighty earthquake. Thereby, possibly connecting the two witnesses to the same timeline of the woman in Rev. 12.
4. Possibly, the woman in Rev. 12 seen in the 2nd heaven, has some connection to the two witnesses called up to heaven as the scene moves from the two witnesses in Revelation 11 to a complete picture of the woman clothed with the sun and the moon at her feet and a crown of 12 stars about to birth the 'one new man' with Yahusha as the head in Revelation 12.

The sounding of the 7th trumpet is recorded in the latter half of Revelation 11. The 7th trumpet announces the prophetic coming reign of YHWH and His Son, Yahusha HaMashiach.

At this point, heaven is rejoicing having Satan kicked out of heaven but woe to us on the earth.

Rev 11:15 And the seventh messenger sounded, and there came to be loud voices in the heaven, saying, "The reign of this world has become *the reign of our Master, and of His Messiah, and He shall reign forever and ever!*"^a Footnote: ^aSee [Rev 12:10](#), [Psa 2:8](#), [Psa 22:28](#), [Dan 2:44](#), [Dan 7:13-14](#), [Oba 1:15-21](#), [Hag 2:22](#), [Zec 14:9](#).

Rev 11:16 And the twenty-four elders sitting before Elohim on their thrones fell on their faces and worshipped Elohim,

Rev 11:17 saying, "We give You thanks, O יהוה Ėl Shaddai, the One who is and who was and who is coming, because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

Then YHWH's wrath comes as He judges the nations, in the Great White Throne Judgment; and give rewards to His faithful ones at the Bema Seat Judgment. I see this taking place at the end of the 1000- year reign of Yahusha HaMashiach.

Rev 11:18 "And the **nations were enraged**, [Psa 2:1](#) and Your wrath has come, and the time of the **dead to be judged**, and to give the reward to Your servants the prophets and to

the set-apart ones, and to those who fear Your Name, small and great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.”

Rev 11:19 And the Dwelling Place of Elohim was opened in the heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His Dwelling Place. And there came to be lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and an earthquake, and great hail.

The wording of Rev. 11:19, mirror the lightnings, voices, and thunders at Mt. Sinai, when He first proposed to His bride. Now, He is about to receive His bride and make all things new.

As we proceed, I will update and adjust our ‘tentative’ timeline of events to expect. I believe we are still in the period of the birth pangs and the following is my understanding.

- We may see WW3 before or as the tribulation begins; (This may be the war of Gog and Magog; but actually, I see two possible Gog and Magog wars. The first being WW3 among the nations and the second being the last stand of Satan gathering the nations against the Lamb.)
- The onset of tribulation begins with the 7-year peace/security covenant that will be broken after 3 ½ years. [Daniel 9:27]
- The 2 witnesses prophesy for 42 months; are killed by the beast out of the deep pit; and arise in 3 ½ days – they witness during the first half of the tribulation to mid-tribulation.
- The latter 3 ½ years may begin the great tribulation, the 3rd woe, when Satan is kicked out of heaven to earth.
- Now let’s hit a few highlights:
 - We clearly see Lucifer is cast out of heaven to earth in Rev. 12; not sure if the star that falls out of heaven in Rev. 9:1 is Satan or another separate entity, Abaddon.
 - The woman gives birth to the male child around mid-tribulation.
 - I see this male child that the woman births as the one-new man or male child with Yahusha as the head.
 - The dragon, Satan that is cast down, is wroth with the woman and spews water after her.
 - The earth parts and consumes the water protecting the woman [earthquake]
 - 1/10 of the City of Jerusalem is destroyed and 7,000 die; the 6th trump ends, and this is the 2nd woe that has passed.
 - The woman is given two wings like an eagle and flies to her place in the wilderness for 3 ½ years possibly during the great tribulation. Wilderness is often associated with witnessing.
 - The dragon goes to fight the remnant of her seed; and in my opinion may very well be the 144,000. For the 144,000 guard the commands of YHWH; they possess the witness of Messiah; and they come out of the ‘great distress’ – Rev. 7:14.

John 10

What voice are we listening to; His voice or the voice of strangers? Eve listened to the voice of a stranger; Judas Iscariot listened to the voice of a stranger; Ananias and Sapphira listened to the voice of a stranger ; as well as many others. Once a person 'entertains' in their minds a voice not of YHWH, look out! That individual is taking the first step toward the old cliché of **"The worse person you can fool is to fool yourself."** For this very reason, many will be told, 'depart from Me, I never knew you'.

I Am the Good Shepherd

Joh 10:1 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter through the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up by another way, that one is a thief and a robber.

Joh 10:2 "But he who enters through the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

Joh 10:3 "The doorkeeper opens for him, and the sheep hear his voice. And he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

Joh 10:4 "And when he has brought out his own sheep, he goes before them. And the sheep follow him, because they know his voice.

Joh 10:5 "And they shall by no means follow a stranger, but shall flee from him, because they do not know **the voice of strangers.**"

Joh 10:6 יהושע used this figure of speech, but they did not know what He had been saying to them.

Voices of strangers tell people there are many ways to YHWH. Voices of strangers tell you to go out and 'live life' for everything is now "under grace". Voices of strangers tell people to worship on 'Sunday' and keep pagan holidays of Christmas and Easter. Voices of strangers tell people to eat anything they want; and sadly, they disgustingly do so as 'programmed!'

Yahusha is the door! Not many doors! He is THE door! Hear what the Spirit is telling you! Time is short! The enemy is powerful! The enemy is playing many people as fools! **Turn to YHWH, resist the enemy and he will flee!** Don't begin 'reasoning within yourself' by doing things 'your way' or listening to a 'popular idol', a strange voice, in this world! YHWH's people pray, **'let Thy will be done'!**

Joh 10:7 יהושע therefore said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

Joh 10:8 "All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

Joh 10:9 "I am the door. Whoever enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and shall go out and find pasture.

Through His flesh, the door, the outer veil of the Temple was torn top to bottom. Only those **set-apart** can enter the Holy Place. No one can come to the Father except through His Son. We are the temple and His Ruach HaKodesh, Holy Spirit, lives in us! Do not profane His temple; the body in which you live. It doesn't only affect the one person; it affects and 'infects' the Body of believers.

Satan will proclaim 'there are many ways' to "God"; just like Oprah does. These 'strange voices' are following the doctrines of demons disguised as 'religion and love' but they are from Satan. Our devotional time is very anointed by YHWH for such a time as this. May eyes see and hear Truth!

Joh 10:10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to slaughter, and to destroy. I have come that they might possess life, and that they might possess it beyond measure.

Yahusha is the Good Shepherd and He is bringing His flocks together as the 'one new man'. Are you in His flock? Does He know you? Do you REALLY know Him? Are you reading His Word; investing time with Him to hear and know His voice? This is very important.

Joh 10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

Joh 10:12 "But the hireling, and not being a shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees. And the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them.

Joh 10:13 "Now the hireling flees because he is a hireling and is not concerned about the sheep.

Joh 10:14 "I am the good shepherd.^a And I know Mine, and Mine know Me, [Footnote: a Eze 34:1-31](#) (all) especially [Eze 34:11-12](#), [Heb 13:20](#), [1Pe 2:25](#), [1Pe 5:4](#).

Joh 10:15 even as the Father knows Me, and I know the Father. And I lay down My life for the sheep.

Joh 10:16 "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold – I have to bring them as well, and they shall hear My voice, and **there shall be one flock, one shepherd.**^b

[Footnote: b](#) See also [Joh 11:52](#), [Eph 2:13-19](#), [Isa 56:8](#), [Eze 34:23](#), [Eze 37:24](#).

Joh 10:17 "Because of this the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life, in order to receive it again.

Joh 10:18 "No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to receive it again. This command I have received from My Father."

Joh 10:19 Again there came a division among the Yehudim because of these words,

Joh 10:20 and many of them said, “He has a demon and is mad, why do you listen to Him?”

Joh 10:21 Others said, “These are not the words of one possessed by a demon. Is a demon able to open the eyes of the blind?”

There are many hierling shepherds! Many! Some are disguised very well as ‘angels of ‘light’; and for a season fool many. The hierling is just that! They do their ‘job’ for fame, power, glory, and the riches of this world. They are seducing Jezebel and Delilah spirits that have been ‘Christianized’ in the ‘churches’ many promoting Christian Zionism. The root word for ‘church’ comes from the same root as ‘circus’. The original gathering of Yah’s people, were referred to as assemblies or congregations. These are better terms.

When the wolf comes, and he will; the hireling will flee! Yahusha, the Good Shepherd, has laid down His life for the sheep! Only through Him has the enemy been defeated and only through Him can one be saved! We have been warned.

I and the Father Are One

Joh 10:22 At that time the Hanukkah^c came to be in Yerushalayim, and it was winter.

Footnote: ^cFeast of Dedication, during which candles are lit every evening to commemorate Maccabean victory over Greeks in 165 BCE.

Joh 10:23 And יהושע was walking in the Set-apart Place, in the porch of Shelomoh.

Joh 10:24 So the Yehudim surrounded Him and said to Him, “How long do You keep us in suspense? If You are the Messiah, say to us plainly.”

Joh 10:25 יהושע answered them, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s Name, they bear witness concerning Me.

Joh 10:26 “But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you.

Joh 10:27 “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”^d Footnote: ^dSee also Rev 14:4-5.

Joh 10:28 “And I give them everlasting life, and they shall by no means ever perish, and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.

Joh 10:29 “My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all. And no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand.

Joh 10:30 “I and My Father are one.”^e Footnote: ^eOne - Hebrew: Eḥad. See also Joh 17:11, Joh 17:21-23. Also Deu 6:4.

Joh 10:31 Again the Yehudim picked up stones to stone Him.

Joh 10:32 יהושע answered them, “Many good works I have shown you from My Father. Because of which of these works do you stone Me?”

Joh 10:33 The Yehudim answered Him, saying, “We do not stone You for a good work, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself Elohim.”

Joh 10:34 יהושע answered them, “Is it not written in your own Torah, ‘I said, “**You are elohim**” ’? [Psa 82:6](#).

Joh 10:35 “If He called them elohim, to whom the word of Elohim came – and it is impossible for the Scripture to be broken –

Joh 10:36 do you say of Him whom the Father set apart and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of Elohim’?

Joh 10:37 “If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;

Joh 10:38 but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.”

Joh 10:39 Therefore they were seeking again to seize Him, but He went forth out of their hand,

Joh 10:40 and went once more to the other side of the Yardēn to the place where Yoḥanan was immersing at first, and there He stayed.

Joh 10:41 And many came to Him and said, “Yoḥanan indeed did no sign,^f yet all that Yoḥanan said about this Man was true.” **Footnote:** ^fOr *miracle*.

Joh 10:42 And many believed in Him there.

Yahusha and the Father are One

Yahusha was walking in the Set-Apart place, in the porch of Solomon; during the time of the man-made holiday of the festival of lights, Hanukkah. This DOES NOT mean He was participating in this man-made festival. Ironically, Yahusha is the Light of the world; yet many participating in this ‘festival of lights’ were in the ‘dark’ and did not have His light.

The Yehudim question Him and when Yahusha states that He and His Father are one; they pick up stones to stone him. He teaches them from the Psalms, but they do not know His voice nor are they His sheep. They have listened to **the voice of strangers**; they are doing things their way; they are having their feasts; and are adding their rules to the Word of YHWH. They are following their god.

Again, Yahusha, divinely goes forth out of their hands and goes back to the other side of the Jordan.

The Voice of Strangers

~ *Shalom* ~ Libby

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