

Greetings, today our manna is from Deut. 13 & 14; Psalm 99-101; Isaiah 41; Revelation 11.

June 9 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Deuteronomy 13

What is all this preparation leading to? The children of Israel are about to enter the promise land to ‘house’ the great nation promised to Abraham! **This nation is birthed and named** when Jacob wrestled with YHWH. At that time, Jacob was blessed by YHWH and was given the name **Israel from which the 12 patriarchs were birth**. YHWH watched over this nation for 100s of years and in Ex. 3:9, we read YHWH heard the cry of the children of Israel during their Egyptian slavery.

Exo 3:9 **“And now, see, the cry of the children of Yisra’ël has come to Me**, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Mitsrites oppress them.

YHWH, their Elohim, rescued Israel out of slavery in Egypt. This nation was greatly loved by YHWH. He proposed to His beloved at Mt. Sinai. He wanted the very best for them. He knew all the tricks and snares of the enemy. He saw the ‘big’ picture; the people did not. The plan was to guide them into blessings by their obedience, faith, and love in Him; and His Word. His Word would be the lamp unto their feet; and light unto their path.

Let’s take a moment and hit the highlights of the true birthing of the nation, Israel.

Gen 12:1 And יהוה said to Abram, “Go yourself out of your land, from your relatives and from your father’s house, **to a land which I show you.**

Gen 12:2 “And I shall make you a great nation, and bless you and make your name great, and you shall be a blessing!

Gen 12:3 “And I shall bless those who bless you, and curse him who curses you. And in you all the clans of the earth shall be blessed.”

This seed would be birth between the union of Abraham and his wife Sarah. This seed, Isaac, would pass through Abraham’s played covenant circumcision; before being conceived in Sarah. Ishmael birthed through Hagar, would also be blessed; but the covenant seed would continue through Isaac.

Gen 17:19 And Elohim said, “No, Sarah your wife is truly bearing a son to you, and you shall call his name Yitshaq. And I shall establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

Gen 17:20 “And as for **Yishma’ël**, I have heard you. See, I shall bless him, and shall make him

fruitful, and greatly increase him. He is to bring forth twelve princes, and I shall make him a great nation.

Gen 17:21 "But My covenant I establish with Yitshaq, whom Sarah is to bear to you at this appointed time next year."

From Isaac, would come Jacob and Esau. Jacob receives Isaac's blessing; and Esau becomes wroth. The blessing, however, would remain on Jacob.

Gen 27:30 And it came to be, as soon as Yitshaq had finished blessing Ya'aqob, and Ya'aqob had hardly left the presence of Yitshaq his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

Then we see the 'birthing' of Israel. Jacob's name would no longer be 'Jacob'; it would be Israel. And through Israel, the nation of El would be birthed; and be multiplied through the 12 patriarchs. It was through Jacob wrestling with El to bless him; that **the nation of Israel was born.** ^aYisra'el means "to strive with Ĕl; to overcome with Ĕl; to rule with Ĕl".

Gen 32:24 And Ya'aqob was left alone. And a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day.

Gen 32:25 And when He saw that He did not overcome him, He touched the socket of his hip. And the socket of Ya'aqob's hip was dislocated as He wrestled with him.

Gen 32:26 And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I am not letting You go until You have blessed me!"

Gen 32:27 So He asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Ya'aqob."

Gen 32:28 And He said, "Your name is no longer called Ya'aqob, but Yisra'el,^a because you have striven with Elohim and with men, and have overcome." Footnote: ^aYisra'el means "to strive with Ĕl; to overcome with Ĕl; to rule with Ĕl".

Deuteronomy 13 then addresses how the enemy can appear in the camp and even among family members to divide and tear down what YHWH has built up. While wandering in the wilderness the people had been pretty much isolated from the temptation to worship other gods, other than their ancestor's memories of pagan worship in Egypt.

Their ancestors had an epic failure with the sin of the golden calf; which made their journey 40 years of wandering. YHWH is setting up this 'new generation', for success in Deuteronomy. He is forewarning them to deal immediately with any prophet or dreamer; family, friend, or acquaintance; or city among them that encourages them to worship other gods.

If this was to occur, they were to deal with the offense immediately after proper investigation; kill the guilty parties; and put any plunder under ban. This was how to 'guard His charge' in their day. Israel was a young impressionable nation being raised to

receive their inheritance and conquer a ‘mixed race of Nephilim’; nations that had chosen to worship little ‘g’ gods; ‘mighty ones.’

Apostasy of prophets or dreamer of dreams:

Deu 13:1 “When there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he shall give you a sign or a wonder,

Deu 13:2 and the sign or the wonder shall come true, of which he has spoken to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other mighty ones – which you have not known – and serve them,’

Deu 13:3 do not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for **יהוה** your Elohim is trying you to know whether you love **יהוה** your Elohim with all your heart and with all your being.

Deu 13:4 “Walk after **יהוה** your Elohim and fear Him, and guard His commands and obey His voice, and serve Him and cling to Him.

Deu 13:5 “And that prophet or that dreamer of dreams is put to death, because he has spoken apostasy against **יהוה** your Elohim – who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim and ransomed you from the house of bondage – to make you stray from the way in which **יהוה** your Elohim commanded you to walk. Thus you shall purge the evil from your midst.

Apostasy of family and friends:

Deu 13:6 “When your brother, the son of your mother, or your son or your daughter, or the wife of your bosom, or your friend who is as your own being, entices you secretly, saying, ‘Let us go and serve other mighty ones’ – which you have not known, neither you nor your fathers,

Deu 13:7 of the mighty ones of the people which are all around you, near to you or far off from you, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth –

Deu 13:8 do not agree with him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pardon him, nor spare him or conceal him,

Deu 13:9 but you shall certainly kill him. Your hand is first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people,

Deu 13:10 and you shall stone him with stones until he dies, because he sought to entice you away from **יהוה** your Elohim, who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, from the house of bondage.

Deu 13:11 “And let all Yisra’el hear and fear, and not again do any such evil matter as this in your midst.

Apostasy among inhabitants in cities:

Deu 13:12 “When you hear someone in one of your cities, which **יהוה** your Elohim gives you to dwell in, saying,

Deu 13:13 Some men, sons of Beliya'al, have gone out of your midst and led the inhabitants of their city astray, saying, "Let us go and serve other mighty ones" – mighty ones whom you have not known –

Deu 13:14 then you shall inquire, search out, and ask diligently. And see if the matter is true and established that this abomination was done in your midst,

Deu 13:15 you shall certainly strike the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, putting it under the ban, and all that is in it and its livestock, with the edge of the sword.

Deu 13:16 "And gather all its plunder into the middle of the street, and completely burn with fire the city and all its plunder, before **יהוה** your Elohim. And it shall be a heap forever, never to be built again.

Deu 13:17 "And none of that which is put under the ban is to cling to your hand, so that **יהוה** turns from the fierceness of His displeasure and shall show you compassion, love you and increase you, as He swore to your fathers,

Deu 13:18 when you obey the voice of **יהוה** your Elohim, to guard all His commands which I command you today, to do what is right in the eyes of **יהוה** your Elohim.

This same theme of preparation continues in Deuteronomy 14

Deuteronomy 14

YHWH affirms with them, who they are and to whom they belong:

Deu 14:1 "You are the children of **יהוה** your Elohim. Do not cut yourselves nor shave the front of your head for the dead,

Deu 14:2 for you are a set-apart people to **יהוה** your Elohim, and **יהוה** has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a treasured possession above all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

The dietary laws are reviewed as in Leviticus 11. Why? Because, the information needed to be clearly passed forward to the next generation. This was part of guarding His charge; properly administering and applying His Word.

After reviewing the dietary laws, YHWH shares how they were to bring their tithes to the proper location where YHWH chose; and gave them alternative instructions if they were too far from that location. They were also to remember the Levites, since they had no inheritance in the land as well as the sojourner, fatherless, and widows within their gates.

YHWH was to be part of every aspect of their lives. They were to have a healthy fear and reverence of Him; so that **יהוה** their Elohim would bless them in all the work of their hands.

Deu 14:3 “Do not eat whatever is abominable.

Deu 14:4 “These are the living creatures which you do eat: ox, sheep, and goat,

Deu 14:5 deer, and gazelle, and roebuck, and wild goat, and mountain goat, and antelope, and mountain sheep.

Deu 14:6 “And every beast that has a split hoof divided in two, chewing the cud, among the beasts, you do eat.

Deu 14:7 “But of those chewing the cud or those having a split hoof completely divided, you do not eat, such as these: the camel, and the hare, and the rabbit, for they chew the cud but do not have a split hoof, they are unclean for you.

Deu 14:8 “And the pig is unclean for you, because it has a split hoof, but does not chew the cud. You do not eat their flesh or touch their dead carcasses.

Deu 14:9 “These you do eat of all that are in the waters: all that have fins and scales you do eat.

Deu 14:10 “And whatever does not have fins and scales you do not eat, it is unclean for you.

Deu 14:11 “Any clean bird you do eat,

Deu 14:12 but these you do not eat: the eagle, and the vulture, and the black vulture,

Deu 14:13 and the red kite, and the falcon, and the buzzard after their kinds,

Deu 14:14 and every raven after its kind,

Deu 14:15 and the ostrich, and the nighthawk, and the seagull, and the hawk after their kinds,

Deu 14:16 the little owl, and the great owl, and the white owl,

Deu 14:17 and the pelican, and the carrion vulture, and the fisher owl,

Deu 14:18 and the stork, and the heron after its kind, and the hoopoe and the bat.

Deu 14:19 “And every creeping *insect* that flies is unclean for you, they are not eaten.

Deu 14:20 “Any clean bird you do eat.

Deu 14:21 “Do not eat whatever dies of itself. Give it to the stranger who is within your gates, to eat it, or sell it to a foreigner. For you are a set-apart people to **יהוה** your Elohim. Do not cook a young goat in its mother’s milk.

Tithes

Deu 14:22 “You shall tithe without fail all the yield of your grain that the field brings forth year by year.

Deu 14:23 “And you shall eat before **יהוה** your Elohim, in the place where He chooses to make His Name dwell, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, and of the firstlings of your herds and your sheep, so that you learn to fear **יהוה** your Elohim always.

Deu 14:24 “But when the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to bring the tithe, or when the place where יהוה your Elohim chooses to put His Name is too far from you, when יהוה your Elohim is blessing you,

Deu 14:25 then you shall give it in silver, and shall take the silver in your hand and go to the place which יהוה your Elohim chooses.

Deu 14:26 “And you shall use the silver for whatever your being desires: for cattle or sheep, for wine or strong drink, for whatever your being desires. And you shall eat there before יהוה your Elohim, and you shall rejoice, you and your household.

Deu 14:27 “And do not forsake the Lēwite who is within your gates, for he has no part nor inheritance with you.

Deu 14:28 “At the end of every third year you bring out all the tithe of your increase of that year and store it up within your gates.

Deu 14:29 “And the Lēwite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the sojourner and the fatherless and the widow who are within your gates, shall come and eat and be satisfied, so that יהוה your Elohim does bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

Psalm 99 Rejoice as you read these three beautiful psalms glorifying YHWH and expounding faith and wisdom!

Psa 99:1 יהוה shall reign; Peoples tremble! He is enthroned on the kerubim; The earth shakes!

Psa 99:2 יהוה is great in Tsiyon, And He is high above all the peoples.

Psa 99:3 They praise Your Name, great and awesome. It is set-apart.

Psa 99:4 And the strength of the Sovereign Shall love right-ruling; You Yourself shall establish straightness; You shall execute right-ruling And righteousness in Ya'aqob.

Psa 99:5 Exalt יהוה our Elohim, And bow yourselves at His footstool, He is set-apart.

Psa 99:6 Mosheh and Aharon were among His priests, And Shemu'el was among those calling upon His Name. They called upon יהוה, and He answered them.

Psa 99:7 He spoke to them in the **column of cloud**; They **guarded His witnesses And the law He gave them.**

Psa 99:8 You answered them, O יהוה our Elohim. You were a forgiving Ėl to them, Though You took vengeance on their deeds.

Psa 99:9 Exalt יהוה our Elohim, And bow down towards His set-apart mountain; For יהוה our Elohim is set-apart.

Psalm 100

Psa 100:1 **Raise a shout for יהוה, All the earth!**

Psa 100:2 Serve יהוה with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.

Psa 100:3 Know that יהוה, He is Elohim; He has made us, and we are His – His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Psa 100:4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Give thanks

to Him; bless His Name.

Psa 100:5 For יהוה is good; His loving-commitment is everlasting, And His truth, to all generations.

Psalm 101

Psa 101:1 I sing of loving-commitment and right-ruling; To You, O יהוה, I sing praises.

Psa 101:2 I act wisely in a perfect way. When do You come to me? I walk in the midst of my house with a perfect heart.

Psa 101:3 I set no matter of Beliya'al before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It does not cleave to me.

Psa 101:4 A perverse heart turns away from me; I do not know evil.

Psa 101:5 Him who secretly slanders his neighbor I cut off; I do not tolerate one Who has a haughty look and a proud heart.

Psa 101:6 My eyes are on the trustworthy of the land, To dwell with me; He who walks in a perfect way, He serves me.

Psa 101:7 He who practices deceit Does not dwell in my house; He who speaks lies Does not stand in my presence.

Psa 101:8 Each morning I uproot all the wrong of the land, To cut off all the workers of wickedness From the city of יהוה.

Isaiah 41 Isaiah 41 contains my favorite scripture verse.

Isa 41:10 Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not look around, for I am your Elohim. I shall fortify you, I shall also help you, I shall also uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness.'

YHWH is proclaiming before all the heaven, earth, and peoples; who He is! He is the one that made Israel His people; He has been their protector; even in exile in Assyria and Babylon, He had not forgotten His beloved.

He speaks to the nations as well, who believe in the things of this beast system world and the esteem of men over YHWH and His people. He even encourages the nations to come to Him for right ruling.

It is obvious to the whole world that YHWH is the great, I Am; though many may refuse to admit or submit to Him. The nations are caught up in what they can make by the work of their own hands; and relish in the praise of mankind by complementing one another in their efforts. YHWH proclaims:

Fear Not, for I Am with You

Isa 41:1 “Be silent before Me, you coastlands, and let peoples renew their power! Let them come near, then let them speak. Let us come together for right-ruling.

Isa 41:2 “Who raised up the righteous one from the east, called him to His foot, gave the nations before him, and made sovereigns submit to him? He gave them as the dust to his sword, as driven stubble to his bow.

Isa 41:3 “He pursued them, passed over in safety, by a path that he had not gone with his feet.

Isa 41:4 “Who has performed and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? **‘I, יהוה, am the first, and with the last I am He.’**”

Isa 41:5 Coastlands see it and fear, the ends of the earth are afraid – they draw near and come.

Isa 41:6 Everyone helps his neighbour, and says to his brother, “Be strong!”

Isa 41:7 And the craftsman strengthens the goldsmith. He who smooths with the hammer inspires him who strikes the anvil, saying of the joining, “It is good.” And he strengthens it with nails, so it does not totter.

YHWH has chosen us. He has chosen Israel [born from above] and he will gather her from the ends of the earth; He will once again unify the nation of Israel into one body; one new man. We recall from yesterday, that that is the ‘secret of Elohim.’ He will bring the two branches together, Judah & Israel, and the wild branches from the nations that have been grafted in; to form the one new man.

Isa 41:8 “But you, **Yisra’ël, are My servant, Ya’aqob, whom I have chosen**, the descendants of Abraham who loved Me,

Isa 41:9 whom I have strengthened from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest parts, and said to You, ‘You are My servant, I have chosen you and have not rejected you.

Isa 41:10 Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not look around, for I am your Elohim. I shall fortify you, I shall also help you, I shall also uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness.’

Isa 41:11 “See, all those who raged against you are ashamed and blush, they are as non-existent. And the men who strive with you perish.

Isa 41:12 “You seek them but do not find them, those who struggle with you. Those who fight you are as non-existent, as naught.

Isa 41:13 “For I, יהוה your Elohim, am strengthening your right hand, saying to you, ‘Do not fear, I shall help you.’

The Secret of Elohim:

Eph 3:3 that by revelation was made known to **me the secret**, as I wrote before briefly.

Eph 3:4 In reading this, then, you are able to understand my insight into the secret of Messiah,

Eph 3:5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His set-apart emissaries and prophets:

Eph 3:6 The nations to be co-heirs, united in the same body, and partakers together^a in the promise in Messiah through the Good News, Footnote: ^aSee Rom 11:17-24, Isa 14:1.

Eph 3:7 of which I became a servant according to the gift of the favour of Elohim given to me, according to the working of His power.

Eph 3:8 To me, the very least of all the set-apart ones, this favour was given, to bring the Good News of the unsearchable riches of Messiah among the nations,

Eph 3:9 and to make all see how this secret is administered, which for ages past has been hidden in Elohim who created all through **יהושע** Messiah,^b Footnote: ^bSee Joh 1:3.

Just like when Israel was at Kadesh Barnea and feared the giants in the promise land; YHWH reminds Israel, that He is their help; their Redeemer! He did not want them to fear or be intimidated by the nation people that raged against them. They were but clay before Him.

Isa 41:14 “Do not fear, you worm Ya’aqob, you men of Yisra’ël! I shall help you,” declares **יהוה** and your Redeemer, the Set-apart One of Yisra’ël.

Isa 41:15 “See, I shall make you into a new threshing sledge with sharp teeth, let you thresh mountains and beat them small, and make hills like chaff.”

Isa 41:16 “You winnow them, the wind lifts them up, and the whirlwind scatters them; but you, you rejoice in יהוה, and boast in the Set-apart One of Yisra’ël.”

Isa 41:17 “When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongues have failed for thirst, I, **יהוה**, do answer them; I, the Elohim of Yisra’ël, do not forsake them.

Nothing is too difficult for YHWH.

Isa 41:18 “I open rivers on bare hills, and fountains in the midst of valleys; I make a wilderness become a pool of water, and a dry land springs of water.

Isa 41:19 “I set in the wilderness cedar, acacia and myrtle and oil tree; I place in the desert cypress, pine and box tree together.

Isa 41:20 “So that they see and know, and consider and understand together, that the hand of **יהוה** has done this, and the Set-apart One of Yisra’ël has created it.

The Futility of Idols

Isa 41:21 “Present your case,” says **יהוה**. “Let your strong *ones* come near,” says the Sovereign of Ya’aqob.

Isa 41:22 “Let them draw near and declare to us what is going to take place; let them declare the former events, what they were, and we consider them, and know the latter end of them; or announce to us what is coming.

Isa 41:23 “Declare the *events* that are going to come hereafter, and we know that you are mighty ones; yes, do good or do evil, and let us be amazed and see it together.

Isa 41:24 “See, you are of naught, and your work a breath; he who chooses you is an abomination.

YHWH mocks their idols that the nations speak and call out to; when these idols cannot even speak words and declare things yet to come. Those that follow idols of wood and stone are an abomination to YHWH.

In 539 BCE, YHWH stirred up the Persian King Cyrus to defeat Babylon. He would later use Cyrus to return His people to the land to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem and rebuild the wall.

Isa 41:25 “**I have stirred up one from the north, and he comes**; from the rising of the sun he calls on My Name. And he comes against princes as though mortar, as the potter treads clay.

Isa 41:26 “Who has declared from the beginning, and we know? and former times, and we say, ‘He is righteous’? No, no one is declaring; no, no one is proclaiming; no, no one is hearing your words.

Isa 41:27 “He who is First said to Tsiyon, ‘See, see them!’ And to Yerushalayim I give one who brings good news.

Isa 41:28 “And I see that there is no man, and of these, there is no counsellor, who, when I ask of them, answers a word.

Isa 41:29 “See, all of them are useless, their works are naught, their molded images are wind and confusion.

Revelation 11

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.

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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) Brian 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 Sokolov/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 exist. 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 Ēl 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.

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