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## Exodus 5

Here in exodus 5:3 And they said, "The Elohim of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go three days' journey into the wilderness and slaughter to ???? our Elohim, lest He fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword."

Pestilence is the main theme of the third curse of the Sabbatical cycle and the fourth curse in the fourth Sabbatical cycle is the sword.

So when I look at the year of the Exodus which was in 1379 BC I see it falls at the very beginning of the Second Sabbatical cycle at Passover, so Moses and Aaron were speaking to Pharaoh before 1379 BC and they knew what was coming in the future Sabbatical cycles.

Sometimes situations get worse before they get better. How do we react before Yehovah when we pray? Do we ever feel that we are not only not receiving an answer but also that things seem to be getting worse? Pharaoh's response to Moses was that the Israelites were getting too much "free time" and that it was allowing them the opportunity to get distracted from their work. When the Israelites received Pharaoh's harsh response to Moses' request that they be allowed to hold a celebration to worship Yehovah, it was certainly a test for Moses. For all of the details that Yehovah had told him, Yehovah did not reveal this as being part of the plan. Part of being a good leader is the ability to "turn the other cheek." Yehovah allowed Moses to be subject to the anger and bewilderment of the Israelites. But it was all with a purpose in mind.

When you read something like this ask yourself why was all of this put here?

You have two men Moses and Aaron who are confronting the mighty Egyptian super power. What you have here is prophetic message to you today.

You have the two witnesses coming before the End time Beast and telling him to let the Israelites who at this time will be in hard labour camps all over the world, to let them go home to

Israel. These will be those who have survived the war, the pestilences, the famines, the rapes and executions. These will be the 10% or the remnant of the USA, UK Canada, Australia, New Zealand and other nations of North Western Europe. 10% of what they are today. The USA is 300 million and only 30 million will be left at this time. Think about this; 270 million are about to die over the next 20 years.

We are given an example of what will be the negotiations in this the Second Exodus. The second exodus which we are reading about in this book of Exodus 5 is spoken of in Jer 23:7 "Therefore, see, the days are coming," declares ?????, "when they shall say no more, 'As ????? lives who brought up the children of Yisra'el out of the land of Mitsrayim,' Jer 23:8 but, 'As ????? lives who brought up and led the seed of the house of Yisra'el out of the land of the north and from all the lands where I had driven them.' And they shall dwell on their own soil."

Notice you will be brought back from the lands of the North. Germany is North of Israel.

We are also told of this second Exodus in Eze 39:27 when I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of the lands of their enemies. And I shall be set apart in them before the eyes of many gentiles. Eze 39:28 'And they shall know that I am ????? their Elohim, who sent them into exile among the gentiles, and then gathered them back to their own land, and left none of them behind.

When Israel crossed the Red Sea Moses sang a song of deliverance Exodus 15 and we are also told that Moses wrote a second song which we will sing at this second Exodus. We are told this in Rev 15:2 And I saw like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those overcoming the beast and his image and his mark and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of Elohim.

Rev 15:3 And they sing the song of Mosheh the servant of Elohim, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvellous are Your works, ????? El Shaddai! Righteous and true are Your ways, O Sovereign of the set-apart ones!

Here are the words so you can begin to practice it.

Deu 32:1 "Give ear, O heavens, and let me speak; And hear, O earth, The words of my mouth.

Deu 32:2 "Let my instruction fall as rain, My speech drop down as dew, As fine rain on the tender plants, And as showers on the grass.

Deu 32:3 "For I proclaim the Name of ?????, Ascribe greatness to our Elohim.

Deu 32:4 "The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are right-ruling, An ?! of truth and without unrighteousness, Righteous and straight is He.

Deu 32:5 "A twisted and crooked generation has corrupted itself, Their blemish, they are not His children.

Deu 32:6 "Do you do this to ?????, O foolish and unwise people? Is He not your Father, who bought you, Who created you and established you?

Deu 32:7 "Remember the days of old, Consider the years of many generations. Ask your father and let him show you, Your elders, and let them say to you:

Deu 32:8 "When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance When He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples According to the number of the children of Yisra'el.

Deu 32:9 "For the portion of Israel is His people, Yaqob. His allotted inheritance.

Deu 32:10 "He found him in a wilderness, And in a wasted, howling desert. He encompassed him, He made him understand, He watched over him as the apple of His eye.

Deu 32:11 "As an eagle stirs up its nest, Flutters over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, Bearing them on its wings.

Deu 32:12 "Israel alone led him, And there was no strange mighty one with him.

Deu 32:13 "He made him ride in the heights of the earth, And he ate the fruit of the fields, And He made him to draw honey from the rock, And oil from the flinty rock,

Deu 32:14 "Curds from the cattle, And milk of the flock, With fat of lambs, And rams of the breed of Bashan, And goats, with the choicest wheat; And you drank wine, the blood of the grapes.

Deu 32:15 "But Yeshurun grew fat and kicked; You grew fat, you grew thick, You are covered with fat; So he forsook Eloah who made him, And scorned the Rock of his deliverance.

Deu 32:16 "They moved Him to jealousy with foreign matters, With abominations they provoked Him.

Deu 32:17 "They slaughtered to demons – not Eloah – Mighty ones they did not know, New ones who came lately, Which your fathers did not fear.

Deu 32:18 "You neglected the Rock who brought you forth, And forgot the God who fathered you.

Deu 32:19 "And Israel saw, and despised, Because of the provocation of His sons and His daughters.

Deu 32:20 "And He said, 'Let Me hide My face from them, Let Me see what their end is, For they are a perverse generation, Children in whom there is no trusting.

Deu 32:21 "They made Me jealous by what is not God, They provoked Me with their worthless matters. But I make them jealous by those who are no people, I provoke them with a foolish nation.

Deu 32:22 "For a fire was kindled in My wrath And burns to the bottom of She'ol, And consumes the earth and its increase, And sets on fire the foundations of mountains.

Deu 32:23 "I gather evils upon them, I use up My arrows upon them –

Deu 32:24 "Wasted by scarcity of food, And consumed by heat and bitter destruction, And the teeth of beasts I send upon them, With the poison of serpents of the dust.

Deu 32:25 "The sword bereaves from the outside, And fear from within, Both young man and maiden, Nursing child with the man of grey hairs.

Deu 32:26 "I said, 'I should blow them away, I should make the remembrance of them To cease from among men,

Deu 32:27 'If I did not fear the enemy's taunt, Lest their adversaries misunderstand, Lest they say, "Our hand is high, And Israel has not done all this." '

Deu 32:28 "For they are a nation lost to counsel, And there is no understanding in them.

Deu 32:29 "If they were wise, They would understand this, They would consider their latter end!

Deu 32:30 “How would one chase a thousand, And two put ten thousand to flight, Unless their Rock had sold them, And ???? had given them up?

Deu 32:31 “For their rock is not like our Rock – Even our enemies are judges.

Deu 32:32 “Their vine is of the vine of Sedom And of the fields of Amorah; Their grapes are grapes of gall, Their clusters are bitter.

Deu 32:33 “Their wine is the poison of serpents, And the fierce venom of cobras.

Deu 32:34 ‘Is it not stored up with Me, Sealed up among My treasures?

Deu 32:35 ‘Vengeance is Mine, and repayment, At the time their foot slips; For near is the day of their calamity, And the matters prepared are hastening to them.’

Deu 32:36 “For ???? rightly rules His people And has compassion on His servants, When He sees that their power is gone, And there is no one remaining, Shut up or at large. Deu 32:37

“And He shall say, ‘Where are their mighty ones, The rock in whom they sought refuge?

Deu 32:38 ‘Who ate the fat of their slaughterings, And drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them arise and help you, Let it be a hiding-place for you!

Deu 32:39 ‘See now that I, I am He, And there is no Elohim besides Me. I put to death and I make alive. I have wounded, and I heal. And from My hand no one delivers! Deu 32:40 ‘For I

lift My hand to the heavens, And shall say: As I live forever,

Deu 32:41 ‘If I have sharpened My flashing sword, And My hand takes hold on judgment, I shall return vengeance to My enemies, And repay those who hate Me.

Deu 32:42 ‘I make My arrows drunk with blood, And My sword devours flesh, With the blood of the slain and the captives, From the long-haired enemy chiefs.’

Deu 32:43 “O nations, acclaim His people! For He avenges the blood of His servants, And returns vengeance to His adversaries, And shall pardon His land, His people.”

Deu 32:44 Then Mosheh came, with Yehoshua son of Nun, and spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people.

Deu 32:45 And when Mosheh ended speaking all these words to all Yisra’?I,

Deu 32:46 he said to them, “Set your heart on all the words with which I warn you today, so that you command your children to guard to do all the Words of this Torah.

Deu 32:47 “For it is not a worthless Word for you, because it is your life, and by this Word you prolong your days on the soil which you pass over the Yarden to possess.”

Deu 32:48 And ???? spoke to Mosheh that same day, saying,

Deu 32:49 “Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Mo’ab, which is opposite Yeriho, and look at the land of Kenaan, which I give to the children of Yisra’?I as a possession,

Deu 32:50 and die on the mountain which you ascend, and be gathered to your people, as Aharon your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people,

Deu 32:51 because you trespassed against Me in the midst of the children of Yisra’?I at the waters of Meribah Qadsh, in the Wilderness of Tsin, because you did not set Me apart in the midst of the children of Yisra’?I.

Deu 32:52 “For you are to look at the land before you, but not enter there, into the land which I am giving to the children of Yisra’el.”

I am now going to share with you a previous News Letter which is also in The Prophecies of Abraham. You can read at [https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon\\_2015/?page\\_id=257](https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/?page_id=257) but I have selected the section I wanted to share with you about the Two Witnesses and how they do their work at the end time. Cutting into the middle of the article.

Getting back to the point of this News Letter, we are to learn why they are returned to the land of Israel. Many right now will say they already know. But do they? Once again I am about to show you something you kind of already know but had not connected the dots to, but have assumed a teaching from one or other groups without checking it out.

Please prove me wrong or prove me right, but prove what I say one way or the other by scriptures. Then when the famine of the word happens you will know for sure. Not because I said so, but because you were able to prove it in the scriptures of your own bible.

The question is why do the people of Israel come back to the land in 2030? Once again I ask you to go to [https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon\\_2015/?page\\_id=250](https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/?page_id=250) and click on file #1 and take it to the printer and make a colour copy of it for yourself for future reference.

In reviewing this chart you can see how I have matched up the Jubilee year with the Eighth Day of the Feast of Tabernacles. Then by counting backwards I arrive at the Feast of Trumpets taking place in the year of 2024.

As discussed in the preceding two News Letters, the Feast of Trumpets is the beginning of the Judgment on the world. The Days of Awe. This is 2024. Again looking at the chart you can see also that the captivity also started in 2024. Those years marked before this date would be those taken in battle before the war is finished.

We now count out the 7 years of this curse and come to 2030. Shabbat Shuva or the year of Shuva. This is the year captivity is to be over, but it is also 3 years before the Day of Atonement when Satan is to be locked away. This is what the Day of Atonement teaches us each year as we keep it. It is such a solemn day that on this day we fast. We do not eat or drink anything from sundown the night before until sundown the day of. It is on the 10th day of the seventh month.

But for 3 ½ years before Satan is locked away, he is ruling this world from the Temple in Jerusalem.

Yahshua told us three times in the following verses that the ruler of this world is judged and is to be cast out. This is what the Day of Atonement pictures.

Joh 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. Joh 14:30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.

Joh 16:11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

And we are again told who the ruler of this world is in

1Jo 5:19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

Re 12:9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

When you look at the chart and follow the Sabbatical cycle of years you can also see that 2030 is also a Sabbatical year. It also just so happens to fall 3 years before the Year of Atonement is to occur. It strikes me as very interesting how all of this just happens to work out, without any great manipulation on my part to make things fit. They just do.

Once again let's review. The Day of Atonement takes place in 2033 in the fall on the day that the sins of the world are placed on the ruler of the world. Satan. Just like the ceremony that the High Priest performs on this day, when he places his hands on the goat and lays the sins of the world and Israel on the one responsible for causing the world to go astray. Satan the Azazel goat.

3 ½ years before the Day of Atonement is Passover in the year 2030.

I want to make sure you understand this so let's lay it out for you in detail.

Passover 2030 to Passover 2031 is one year.

Passover 2031 to Passover 2032 is two years.

Passover 2032 to Passover 2033 is three years.

Six months later is the Day of Atonement for a total of three and ½ years.

Chronologically we have said that the Israelites would be brought back to the land in the year of 2030. The year of Shuva. This is at the end of our deep repentance that we have gone through the preceding 7 years. On the Feast of Trumpets the year before (2029) it is announced that all Israelites are to be brought back to the land of Israel.

As we said in last week's News Letter when this happens those who do bring us back become our slaves. Isaiah 14:2 Then people will take them and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them for servants and maids in the land of the Lord; they will take them captive whose captives they were, and rule over their oppressors.

But why? Why do they do this? What is going on here?

Keep in mind I am talking about the 12 tribes of Israel, not just the Jews as some assume.

Why does the ruler of this world, Satan, want all the Israelites back in the land of Canaan?

Why do the Arabs help in this cause? What is Satan up to?

Most Messianics will think they are going home. Most will be very joyful. But those of you who are reading this will know and will have the obligation to warn the others. Warn them of what?

Once again the Messianic teachings teach that the Great Babylon is the USA. The Arabs call the USA the Great Satan. When the USA and England are destroyed as scriptures say Israel is to be destroyed and go into captivity, many of the Messianics will believe and teach that the country which does this, will be the empire of the Messiah.

They will be completely deceived by Satan at this time. As it says that in the last days even the elect may be deceived. Mat 24: Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. 24 For false Christ's and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you beforehand.

We have shown you in previous News letters that this empire that will defeat the USA and England is the United European nations, which will be led by the military might of Germany, and the spiritual teachings of Rome.

I have also told you on a number of occasions that the weakness of Europe is its energy supply. Just a few years ago Russia shut off the supply of gas to the Ukraine and in so doing also shut off the supply to Europe. The North Sea oil is dwindling. Once the USA is removed from the scene then the oil reserves of the Middle East come up for grabs.

This winter we studied the how the Beast power of Europe comes together with the Arab nations to form the eighth and final head of the Beast power for a very short time, different than all the rest. You should go back and reread this long study.

Also in the news recently are articles about how Israel and Europe are getting cozy to each other. Here we have an opportunity for Europe to come to the state of Israel's rescue when the Arabs rise up to attack her. Keep this in mind as you watch the news.

Somehow the Beast power comes to the Middle East and sets up headquarters in Jerusalem. But in Isaiah 19: 2 "I will set Egyptians against Egyptians; Everyone will fight against his brother, And everyone against his neighbor, City against city, kingdom against kingdom. 3 The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst; I will destroy their counsel, And they will consult the idols and the charmers, The mediums and the sorcerers. 4 And the Egyptians I will give Into the hand of a cruel master, And a fierce king will rule over them," Says the Lord, the Lord of hosts. 5 The waters will fail from the sea, And the river will be washed and dried up. 6 The rivers will turn foul; The brooks of defense will be emptied and dried up; The reeds and rushes will wither. 7 The papyrus reeds by the River, by the mouth of the River, And everything sown by the River, Will wither, be driven away, and be no more. 8 The fishermen also will mourn; All those will lament who cast hooks into the River, And they will languish who spread nets on the waters. 9 Moreover those who work in fine flax And those who weave fine fabric will be ashamed; 10 And its foundations will be broken. All who make wages will be troubled of soul.

This is an Egyptian civil war and the cruel master will be the Germans.

Once the Germans are there, then by Uniting with the Arabs, Europe gets its needed oil supply.

Do not forget what we are told in Psalm 83:1 A Song. A Psalm of Asaph. Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, And do not be still, O God! 2 For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; And those who hate You have lifted up their head. 3 They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, And consulted together against Your sheltered ones. 4 They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more." 5 For they have consulted together with one consent; They form a confederacy against You: 6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab and the Hagrites; 7 Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; 8 Assyria also has joined with them; They have helped the children of Lot.

Assyria as we have shown you are the German people. These other nations mentioned here are the many different Arab nations. They have formed a league to wipe out the name of Israel, and even those who are sheltered. Who are the sheltered ones. We will get to that in a moment. Again I ask you why do they do this? Keep asking why and look for a real modern day geopolitical answer.

Before Satan can allow them to be wiped out he has to have something happen for him. Satan needs the Temple rebuilt so he can be thought of as god.

2Th 2:1 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.

3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin (lawlessness) is revealed, the son of perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. 5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? 6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

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And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

In order for Satan to sit in the Temple of God and proclaim to be god, he needs to have the temple built. Can the Chinese build the Temple? What about the Russians or Africans? They can all help, but it is the Israelites who must build it. Once the corner stone is laid then the Altar can be established and then the sacrifice begun. And the rest of the temple can be built later. All that is needed is the altar.



Special note, in the above passage it says 6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. I hope to come back to this very interesting subject next week.

But Israel is commanded to go up to Jerusalem three times a year.

Ex 23:14 Three times you shall keep a feast to Me in the year:

Ex 23:17 Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord God.

Ex 34:23 Three times in the year all your men shall appear before the Lord, the Lord God of Israel.

Ex 34:24 For I will cast out the nations before you and enlarge your borders; neither will any man covet your land when you go up to appear before the Lord your God three times in the year.

We are to be there for Passover and for Pentecost and for the Feast of Tabernacles.

Here is the other reason why the Israelites are brought back to Israel.

Keep all these things in mind as we are still talking about Shuva. During the preceding 3 ½ years there will be two witnesses as we are told in Rev 11: Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood,\* saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. 2 But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.

3 And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth." 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. 5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. 6 These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire. 7 When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. 8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. 9 Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. 10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth. 11 Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. 13 In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.

These Two witnesses are killed 3 ½ years, 1260 days is 3 ½ years, after they start their ministry which begins in the fall at the Feast of Trumpets. 3 ½ years later they are killed during Passover. Remember this is the year of shuva, when all Israel is to come to Jerusalem. What is going on?

For 3 and ½ years these two witnesses will wreak havoc on the world with their judgment of drought and turning water to blood and to strike the earth with plagues as often as they want. Many will die. They will be hated by all mankind. But the Israelites will know who they are. Or they should. These two witnesses will be asking that Israel be allowed to go up to Jerusalem to keep the Feasts of Yahweh!

After three and ½ years the world will allow all the Israelites to go free. And is encouraged to do whatever is needed to bring all the Israelites back to the land for Passover in the year 2030. The Year of Shuva. The year of return. The whole world will be sick and tired of all the things these two witnesses will do, that these two witnesses have caused so many bad things to happen.

Just like the first Exodus when Moses told Pharaoh to let my people go, so will the two witnesses tell the world to let the Israelites go back to the Land of Israel so they can keep the Passover. With each denial things get much worse for the people of the world, until finally they have had enough and quickly gather them all and send or bring them back to the land.

And we are brought back under chains and when we arrive, those who brought us will become our slaves. It will be a time of confusion and joy as we think we have made it. But wait there is much, much more that we have missed. More that we have forgotten.

We read in Ps 44:22 Yet for Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

And this is what Paul quotes in Rom 8:36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

What does this mean and why am I putting this in here?

We read again in Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

And this too is quoted in Acts 8:32 The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

We are counted as sheep in the sheep fold of Yahshua. See

Mt 26:31 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' Lu 12:32 Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Joh 10:16

And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

Ac 20:28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Ac 20:29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

1Pe 5:2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;

1Pe 5:3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;

Have you figured it out yet? We will be commanded to return to Jerusalem for the Passover season. All of the world will help us get there as shown to you in last week's News Letter and Isaiah 14:2. Even the Arabs will help us to be there. An altar will be set up and the Temple worship will be ready to start. They will do this as just explained because of the two witnesses curse on the world.

But the Sheep Satan is going to sacrifice are going to be us who are alive. The Remnant of Israel. We are the sheep for the slaughter as it says in Psalms 44. It is at this time that the two witnesses are killed.

These two witnesses will have been causing all kinds of trouble all over the earth by their commands for the rains to stop waters to turn to blood and for plagues to come.

It is for this reason that we are told to eat the Passover in haste with our staff in one hand and our sandals on our feet. Ex 12:11 And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.

Have you ever wondered why you are to eat the Passover in haste? The exodus happened long ago, so why can't we relax and enjoy the meal?

It is because we are preparing for this future exodus, this future escape. Each Holy Day is an annual rehearsal of those things that are to occur on that day both in the past and in the future. When we keep a Holy Day do we keep this in our mind during that day? Do we think about what is to happen in the future? It is a rehearsal of prophetic future events. Are you ready?

Now, I would like you to go back to the chart page and download the other chart.

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What I have done on this chart was an experiment to check some things and it shocked me as to what happens and at what time they occur.

In this chart I placed the seven Seals of Revelation along each of the years of the tribulation. I then also placed each of the seven trumpets plagues along each of the years of tribulation and I did the same for each one of the seven vials or seven bowls. Just to see what would happen.

In the first year of the tribulation the two witnesses are doing what? Go back to Rev. 11: 6 These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

Now we compare this to the each of those things on the chart.

The first seal is Rev 6:2 The white horse – And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

This is false religion and is what the beast will be doing spreading his agenda and propaganda.

The Two witnesses stand in his way. Also at this time is the first of the seven Trumpets Re 8:7 The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

When the two witnesses are shutting up the heavens this is a drought of biblical magnitudes. 1/3 of the trees will be burned up and all grass will be burned up.

Rev 16: 2 So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. 11 They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

This sounds similar to Exodus 9:8 So the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Take for yourselves handfuls of ashes from a furnace, and let Moses scatter it toward the heavens in the sight of Pharaoh. 9 And it will become fine dust in all the land of Egypt, and it will cause boils that break out in sores on man and beast throughout all the land of Egypt.” 10 Then they took ashes from the furnace and stood before Pharaoh, and Moses scattered them toward heaven. And they caused boils that break out in sores on man and beast. 11 And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boils were on the magicians and on all the Egyptians.

This first year of the tribulation and these plagues by the first seal and the first trumpet and the first bowl, do not prove such an alignment is correct. But as we go further things seem to match up more precisely.

Look at the 2nd year of the Tribulation. Rev 6:3 When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “Come and see.”4 Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

The word peace here which is taken from the earth is that of the truth of the scriptures. Part of

Strongs concordance says it means that of the Messiah's peace, the way that leads to peace (salvation). To gain a good understanding of what peace means you should read the article [https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon\\_2015/?page\\_id=80](https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/?page_id=80) Blessed is the Peace Maker.

This red horse is the one taking the truth of the scriptures away. The righteousness of the law, which brings peace to those who keep it. Read the article. This will be when they claim Peace, Peace and there is no peace. Peace is not the absence of war, it is a way of living.

Ezekiel 13:10 Because, indeed, because they have seduced My people, saying, 'Peace!' when there is no peace—and one builds a wall, and they plaster it with untampered mortar— 11 say to those who plaster it with untampered mortar, that it will fall. There will be flooding rain, and you, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall tear it down. 12 Surely, when the wall has fallen, will it not be said to you, 'Where is the mortar with which you plastered it?' " 13 Therefore thus says the Lord God: "I will cause a stormy wind to break forth in My fury; and there shall be a flooding rain in My anger, and great hailstones in fury to consume it. 14 So I will break down the wall you have plastered with untampered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be uncovered; it will fall, and you shall be consumed in the midst of it. Then you shall know that I am the Lord. 15 Thus will I accomplish My wrath on the wall and on those who have plastered it with untampered mortar; and I will say to you, 'The wall is no more, nor those who plastered it, 16 that is, the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her when there is no peace,' " says the Lord God.

Isa 48:22 "There is no peace," says the Lord, "for the wicked." Isa

57:21 "There is no peace," Says my God, "for the wicked."

Isa 59:8 The way of peace they have not known, And there is no justice in their ways; They have made themselves crooked paths; Whoever takes that way shall not know peace.

Jer 6:14 They have also healed the hurt of My people slightly, Saying, 'Peace, peace!' When there is no peace.

Jer 8:11 For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of My people slightly, Saying, 'Peace, peace!' When there is no peace.

Jer 14:19 Have You utterly rejected Judah? Has Your soul loathed Zion? Why have You stricken us so that there is no healing for us? We looked for peace, but there was no good; And for the time of healing, and there was trouble.

On the chart we can see that the second Trumpet plague is Rev 8:8 Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. 9 And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

Now read the second bowl in Rev 16:3 Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.

Now do you remember what the two witnesses were to do? And they have power over waters to turn them to blood.

When we look at the third seal we see the black horse Rev 6: 5 When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. 6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, ( a day's wages) and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

This goes in hand with the third Trumpet 10 Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. 11 The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.

And when we look at the third bowl we see in Rev 16: 4 Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. 5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying: "You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things. 6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due." 7 And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."

Here again the waters are turned to blood. The fresh waters. This too is in line with the ministry of the Two witnesses.

Now we are entering the fourth year of the two witnesses. They are to do their work for 3 ½ years. This is in the fourth year or the first half of the fourth year.

Rev 6:7 When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." 8 So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth. Rev 8:12 Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night. 13 And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

Rev 16: 8 Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. 9 And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

It is going to get hotter. It is going to get hotter in spite of the fact that the Sun will not give a third of its light nor the moon. This three and ½ years of no rain will cause now major food shortages around the world. Fighting breaks out and from all this 25% of the earth's population is killed.

After all this of those who are left alive, the Israelites are brought to Jerusalem, where the false

Messiah is setting up his ruler ship. The two witnesses have caused much death and destruction. They too are brought to Jerusalem. The whole world is helping in this cause. Arabs searching the Middle East and ships of Tarsish bring them back from around the world.

The answer to the question why is Israel being brought back to the land is because they plan on killing all of Israel in one swoop, and the two witnesses. Just as they said in PSalm 83.

This is where we read in Rev 6: 9 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" 11 Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

Then in the fifth Trumpet we read that the bottomless pit is opened .Rev 9:1 Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. 3 Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. 5 And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. 6 In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them. 7 The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. 8 They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. 9 And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle. 10 They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months. 11 And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon. 12 One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

When this happens we read of how the darkness prevails in Rev 16: 10 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. 11 They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

When the fifth seal is about to begin, the two witnesses are killed and the rest of Israel is told to do something in Matt 24:15 Some will delay and they will be killed. Others will heed this warning and see those things coming and flee at Passover and will be ready.

Matthew 24:4 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. 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), 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. 18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. 19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. 23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. 24 For false Christ's and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you beforehand. 26 Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it. 27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 28 For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together. 29 "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.

Zechariah 14:1 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; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. 3 Then the Lord will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle. 4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south. 5 Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee As you fled from the earthquake In the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the Lord my God will come, And all the saints with You.\* 6 It shall come to pass in that day That there will be no light; The lights will diminish. 7 It shall be one day



Which is known to the Lord— Neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen That it will be light.

We are told to flee by this valley and go to where?

Isaiah 15: 5 “My heart will cry out for Moab; His fugitives shall flee to Zoar, Like a three-year-old heifer. For by the Ascent of Luhith They will go up with weeping; For in the way of Horonaim They will raise up a cry of destruction,

6 For the waters of Nimrim will be desolate, For the green grass has withered away; The grass fails, there is nothing green. 7 Therefore the abundance they have gained, And what they have laid up, They will carry away to the Brook of the Willows. 8 For the cry has gone all around the borders of Moab, Its wailing to Eglaim And its wailing to Beer Elim. 9 For the waters of Dimon will be full of blood; Because I will bring more upon Dimon, Lions upon him who escapes from Moab, And on the remnant of the land.”

Isaiah 16:3 “Take counsel, execute judgment; Make your shadow like the night in the middle of the day; Hide the outcasts, Do not betray him who escapes. 4 Let My outcasts dwell with you, O Moab; Be a shelter to them from the face of the spoiler. For the extortioner is at an end, Devastation ceases, The oppressors are consumed out of the land. 5 In mercy the throne will be established; And One will sit on it in truth, in the tabernacle of David, Judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness.”

Rev 12: 1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. 2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. 3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. 4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. 5 She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. 6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days. 7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, 8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. 9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.” 13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. 14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a

time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. 15 So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. 16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. 17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

We are commanded to flee through this valley to Moab and we will hide there for 3 ½ years.

The Jordanians are commanded to hide us the outcast as shadow in the night during the day. That is to make us invisible so we are not caught.

To quickly sum this up. The two witnesses cause the rains to stop. The rivers and seas and streams turn to blood. 25% of the population dies from these disasters. The world then brings the Israelites back to the land in 2030 before Passover. The two witnesses will have accomplished a mighty victory. Then they are killed and come back to life 3 ½ days later. The great martyrdom of the saints takes place at this time of Passover. Those who know, flee to Moab where they are hidden for 3 ½ years from Satan.

We are going to pause here before your brains cramp up. We are going to look at Michael and why he does as he does at this time, next week. Why are we to flee at this time? Then we will come back and finish this study, as we still have three and half more years to look at which Harold in other events.

So once again tell others and share this information.

May Yahweh bless our eyesight and our understanding of His plans and may we all be ready when they take place.

## **1 Kings 9-10**

I have been using Brit am as a commentator on 1 Kings as Yair has a wealth of knowledge you should make yourself aware of. So I will include his teachings on these two chapters so you can go there and also look at the maps he has. <http://www.britam.org/Kings/1Kings9.html>  
<http://www.britam.org/Kings/1Kings10.html>

I want to share with you something that is very important and it is just briefly mentioned in 1 Kings 9:27 And Hiram sent his servants with the fleet, seamen who knew the sea, to work with the servants of Shelomoh. 28 And they went to Ophir, and took four hundred and twenty talents of gold from there, and brought it to Sovereign Shelomoh.

<http://www.rogerswebsite.com/articles/Israel-History.htm>

Anciently they were at their best when Solomon ruled a mighty Israelite empire (971-931 BC) that briefly stretched from Egypt to the Euphrates River. Rick Sherrod makes the following comments on this period of Israel's history:

Solomon's reign brought a version of the very things which will come in earnest under Christ's beneficent worldwide rule: peace (I Kings 4:24-25, Isaiah 2:4, Micah 4:4), happiness and prosperity (I Kings 4:20, 22-23, 10:14-23, 27, Amos 9:13, Micah 4:4), wisdom and the availability of spiritual knowledge and understanding (I Kings 4:29-34, 10:1, 4, 6-9, 2 Chronicles 1:12, the Book of Proverbs, most of which is of Solo uthorship, and Isaiah 11:9), world renown (I Kings 4:21, 10:1, 6, 23-24, Ps. 72:8-11, 19, Isaiah 2:3, Zechariah 9:10), and a massive program of building and construction (I Kings 6:1, 7:1-2, Isaiah 58:12, 61:4, Ezekiel 36:10, 33-36).

Students of the Solomonic period also describe it as an age of intellectual revival and learning (see Lawrence Boadt, Reading the Old Testament, p. 477; James Pritchard, Solomon and Sheba, p. 30; and Andre Lemaire's essay in Ancient Israel edited by Hershel Shanks, p. 106)—something which will also be a major feature of Christ's program to re-educate and elevate the newly subjugated populations of the world (Zechariah 8:23, 14:16-19, Revelation 2:27). 35. Indeed, the Solomon in age of glory is a biblical forerunner of even greater fulfillments of the physical, material, and national promise made to the descendants of Abraham (Israel in Prophecy: Where are the Lost Ten Tribes?, p.28).

Stephen Collins in his book "The Lost Ten Tribes of Israel...Found!" has produced evidence that shows that like the British Empire in our time The Empire of Solomon also had colonies in many places around the world such as Carthage and even in North America. He writes:

Earlier Israelite nations and empires also fulfilled many of the birthright promises to Abraham. The Phoenician/Israelite Empire under King Solomon controlled Gibraltar, many land trade routes, the Mediterranean Sea, the Atlantic Ocean and much of the Indian Ocean. Carthage also controlled Gibraltar, the Western Mediterranean, and the Atlantic sea routes to North America.

The Parthians and Scythians [both peoples predominantly Israelite] were land powers, not naval powers, but their strategic location controlled the world's overland trade routes between the continents of Europe, Africa and Asia, and Parthia controlled the strategic "Caspian Gates" which sat astride the invasion routes of ancient Asia (p. 390).

Evidence is coming forth to show the Israelite and Phoenician sailors may have visited distant places such as Australia (where hieroglyphics have been found – Egypt was allied to Israel in Solomon's day) and Hawaii (the Hebrew for priest, 'kohen', is almost identical to the Hawaiian word for priest – 'kuhuna').

In my research I have found in North America evidence and I have actual artefacts I have bought and collected over the years of Israelite and Phoenician remains in North America. You can go to this link to gather books and booklets to support this claim. <http://ancientamerican.com/>

I have from the Hopewell Indian mound a copy of the Ten Commandment stone. Which you can read about at <http://www.unmuseum.org/decalog.htm> and from the Burrows cave stone carvings as you can see at this link. <http://www.philipcoppens.com/burrowscave.html>

With much of the evidence collected about the Michigan Mound builders in the book *Mystic Symbols* which can still be purchased at <http://www.amazon.com/Mystic-Symbol-MichiganMound-Builders/dp/0970398549> you can see how they kept the calendar.

There is overwhelming evidence that these colonies sent out by David to collect the resources for the Temple and also by Solomon to bring the rich resources of the world back to him is overwhelming in North and South America. They took three years to make the complete trip after stopping at each of their trade ports.

Hebrew inscriptions are found throughout the USA. A port in Main had Hebrew writings. Many of the Indian mounds contain Hebrew writing. Maps of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers have been found showing the trade routes. Copper is excavated from the pure copper mine of Northern Michigan and collected in Ohio and then shipped down the Mississippi through the Gulf back to Israel. But this does not mean that all North American Indians are Israelites nor are they the lost ten tribes. But some are descended from the Ten Tribes.

Brazil is rich in Iron deposits. The word in Hebrew for Iron is BZL if my memory serves me correctly.

When Israel fell in the north in 723 BC, these valuable trade routes were protected by the Carthaginians. When the Carthaginians fell to the Romans the North American colonies in these far off lands were virtually cut off.

Legends in Ireland speak of King David coming there. This is why the Harp is the symbol of Ireland.

All of this is the result of the allegiance of Hiram and Solomon who sent out the seamen of the Phoenicians who knew the sea routes but did not have enough sailors to cover as vast a territory as they are credited with. But when you add in the many Israelites who could man the ship then you have a surplus of Phoenicians to travel the world.

And when Israel was about to be attacked by the Assyrian armies many of Israel fled to these distant countries in North west Europe, which had for the previous two hundred year been trading with Israel and some of the Israelites no doubt vacationed in some of these distant lands.

## **Ps 109**

<http://www.ucg.org/bible-commentary/Psalms/Lamenting-prayer-for-help-against-enemies/default.aspx>

“Save With Your Right Hand”

In Psalm 109, often referred to as an imprecatory (cursing) psalm of lament, David calls on God to judge and punish his wicked enemies who have attacked him with lies and hateful accusations (verses 1-4). Their fabrications are baseless, “without a cause” (verse 3), and they have betrayed David, returning, he says, “evil for good, and hatred for my love” (verse 5).

In its opening and closing, David refers to his enemies in the plural. Yet in verses 6-19, the psalm refers to a singular individual. Some take these verses to be David's quoting of his enemies regarding himself, yet it more likely seems that David is the one speaking here referring to a primary antagonist, evidently one holding an office of responsibility (see verse 8).

In very strong language, David calls on God to settle accounts (verses 6-20). The Nelson Study Bible states: "Here the psalm takes a decidedly negative tone. The description of the wife of the enemy becoming an impoverished widow and the children becoming beggars [verses 9-12] seems particularly harsh. However, the psalmist directs these strong requests to the Lord; he does not actually take the sword into his own hand. He may feel compelled to vent his anger in words, but the psalmist understands that vengeance itself belongs to the Lord" (note on verses 6-8).

Still, we might wonder why David would pray for calamity on innocent family members. Of course, they may not have been innocent at all. We do not know the exact circumstances here. It may be that the children mentioned were older-and that David understood them and the wife to be fully supportive of the wicked man's attacks on him. They may even have been participants in slandering him. The enemy's parents may also have been involved (see verse 14).

Moreover we should consider, as the Zondervan NIV Study Bible says, that "the close identity of a man with his children and of children with their parents, resulting from the tightly bonded unity of the three- or four-generation households of that ancient society, is alien to the modern reader, whose sense of self is highly individualistic.... That deep, profoundly human bond accounts [along with passed down behavior and consequences] for the ancient legal principle of 'punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation' (see Ex 20:5...)" (note on Psalm 109:12). Furthermore, since it was considered that "a man lived on in his children...the focus of judgment [when mentioning the cutting off of descendants] remains on the false accuser (see 21:10; 37:28)" (note on 109:13).

It also seems that the curses David calls for are ones his accusers have pronounced against him-that he is merely praying for their curses against him to be turned back on themselves (compare verses 17-20). The psalm thus forms an "appeal for judicial redress-that the Lord will deal with them in accordance with their malicious intent against him, matching punishment with crime" (Zondervan, note on verses 6-15).

Indeed, we must also remember that David was Israel's king and judge as well as an inspired prophet of God. His song here, though no doubt personally heartfelt, was more importantly a declaration of God's judgment rather than a model for us on how to pray about enemies. This is what God's law decreed concerning false accusers: "If the witness is a false witness, who has testified falsely against his brother, then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother; so you shall put away the evil from among you. And those who remain shall hear and fear, and hereafter they shall not again commit such evil among you. Your eye shall not pity: life

shall be for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot” (Deuteronomy 19:18-21).

As for how we are to pray about our enemies, Jesus gave us this instruction: “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you” (Luke 6:27-28). Of course, this does not preclude asking God to deal with them with “tough love” if they persist in harm-as this would ultimately be for their own good.

Demonstrating Psalm 109’s prophetic aspect, the apostle Peter later cited the end of verse 8, “Let another take his office,” in regard to selecting a replacement for Judas Iscariot among the 12 apostles after his betrayal of Jesus Christ (Acts 1:20). This does not necessarily mean that all of Psalm 109 is applicable to Judas. For instance, we have no other evidence that he had a wife and children-though it is possible that he did. The important point is that the judgment decreed on a betrayer of God’s anointed king would, in an even greater sense, fit Judas. Judas betrayed Jesus, the King of Kings, returning evil for the love that Christ had shown him.

Psalm 109:14-15 should not be understood as a prayer for removing all possibility of repentance and forgiveness for David’s enemy and the enemy’s family. Rather, David is asking that God not forget what they did to him so as to ensure their punishment. Yet David himself would have accepted an enemy’s repentance-just as God accepted David’s own repentance. Some, it should be noted, see the verses here as indicating that Judas cannot be forgiven for his sin upon repentance in the second resurrection.

These verses indicate no such thing.

Finally, David describes the effect of the enemies’ attacks on him (verses 22-25)foreshadowing what Jesus Himself would experience. And he prays for God to powerfully intervene in a way that would make it clear to the enemies that God was doing so (verses 26-27). David closes with praise, confident in God’s coming intervention on his behalf (verse 31)just as God will intervene for all of His people suffering such assaults and persecution from others.

## **Luke 20**

I am going to leave Luke alone this week as we have already covered much and it is very self-explanatory.