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YaHshua' Prophecy of Matthew 24

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The following is a commentary on Matthew 24, one of the most important Prophetic writings in the whole Bible when coupled with the Book of Revelations. YaHshua is a direct source and tells us what our Heavenly Father wants us to know --

(Mat 24:1) YaHshua left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings.

Comment: Notice the disciples were admiring the "buildings" not just the Temple but the whole complex. Several other buildings and walls and structures, many having nothing to do with the Temple itself. King Herod was admittedly a wicked king but he spent 40 years of his life building this monument to himself and to keep the Jewish leadership happy, and, perhaps, to buy favor with the God of Israel. He would not be the first to think to buy his salvation his way into favor.

(Mat 24:2) Do you see all these things? He asked. "I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on another; every-one will be thrown down."

Comment: Our Messiah said this and it happened, but not as many teach. It is really quite simple -- our Messiah is obviously speaking of the "buildings" the disciples were admiring. Some of the stones used in the construction of the surrounding buildings were approximately 42' x 11' x 20' and weighted several tons. The Romans tore the Temple down to the ground in 68AD – 70AD but the complete destruction of the buildings has not, to this day the Western wall still stands in part. We cannot say this prophecy is really finished -- everyone knows about the "Wailing Wall" and it is yet to be thrown down making a complete fulfillment of YaHshua's words, in fact, reading from Josephus we have a record that that portion of the Wall was left standing as a

monument of Roman power, so everyone could see how great the Wall was and what a might deed it had to have been to have torn it down – they left that portion to proclaim their greatness – it is not part of the Temple and never has been. Also, it was not until 138AD – 140AD that the whole of Jerusalem was flattened, but still portions of the wall of the Temple area (the Wailing Wall) were left standing, covered perhaps, but standing and today stands as a grim reminder of Israel’s punishment. Perhaps we are waiting the final fulfillment of this prophecy -- from the lips of our Savior -- I think so.

A small historical note: Titus Caesar order everything torn down (70 AD) and ground to dust except for the west wall and three massive towers to serve a garrison for soldiers left there to proclaim the victory of Caesar. This information can be found in, "Josephus War of the Jew". A second rebellion in 138 AD led to the complete leveling of all of Jerusalem being finished in 140 AD.

(Mat 24:3) *As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"*

Comment: Imagine, if you will, Yahshua and His disciples are sitting on the mount of Olives, the very mountain He will return to and they are looking across the valley of Kidron, a deep gorge, to a full view of the Temple, the walls, the towers, all gleaming bright white and gold in the sun light.

(Mat 24:4) *YaHshua answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you.*

(Mat 24:5) *For many will come in My Name, claiming, 'I am the Christ, ' and will deceive many.*

Comment: What a warning, wow! "*Many will come in My Name*" -- and do we see that today? Not really, not quite yet -- they did see it in their day, "many coming in His Name", false prophets, teaching in His Name, a Name given Him by His Father, our Father (John 17:12). History shows us His Name was abandoned soon after the last disciple died.

Today, however, the revealed birth name of our Savior is becoming evermore present. As knowledge increases and the errors of past scholars these last few hundred years, knowingly and unknowingly, is uncovered, the knowledge of His real Identity and that of the Father is growing. Even in times past you can find reverence to the Holy Name of God, the God of Israel mention in writings, but never in the Scriptures -- like a secret well kept.

The Biblical scholars and translators joined with the Jewish scholars in following a "custom of men" in regards to the Holy Identity of our Savior and Creator. They purposely used the method of substitution when it came to the use of the Holy Name of our Creator and Savior. The term "lord" being the favored word substituted for the Heavenly Name of the God of Israel, the God of the Holy Bible.

The prophetic sense of verse 5 is many will again begin use of His true Identity. He does not say they will call Him by another Name but by His Name and His Name is YaHshua, not Jesus. With this knowledge we must take care we are not deceived by someone because they use His true identity, for *"many will come acknowledging this true and deceive many"*. Once again, our standard, our guide for determining the truth is the Scriptures, our only protection against these false teachers.

In Acts 12:4 we see that there is salvation in only one name and eventually everyone will be given the chanced to accept or reject that Name. Believe me, the knowledge of His true Identity is a relevant truth for those called but it is not the deciding factor. A false teacher can have this knowledge and be using it to deceive those coming to this truth for the first time -- the verses warning of false teachers apply to those with this knowledge just as it does to those who reject this truth, perhaps even more so.

When you read in the book of Revelation those things concerning the Beast and the False Prophet you can see that it is truly a battle of names (Rev 13:17, 13:6-8; 14:1, 14:11; 7:3; 9:4). It is a battle and names and you need this knowledge if you are to endure the coming "times of trouble". Some will reject His Name for another, a name of the Beast, or the number of his name (Rev 13:16-18). The mark, or "seal" of our Father's Name in those terrible days will be of great importance to those living it (Rev 7:3, 9:4). You need the "seal" of His Name while rejecting the "mark" of the beast and his name.

We have yet to see "many" preaching this truth, or preaching in His Name, but it is becoming more and more prevalent everyday as many begin to see the name "Jesus" is a bogus name and does not belong to our Savior, a name dreamed up, a name that is really hard to pin to any past language in a clear connection -- contrary to what some try to suppose, the name JESUS, is not backward transposable, to Greek, period!

Sooner or later those of us that make a habit of studying the Scriptures will have put enough pressure on the false teachers and those living in this error to finally abandon this "other Christ" and attempt to reconcile the false name "Jesus" with the true Name of Our Savior. In this day we many more teachers using the birth name of our Savior along side of the false name attempting to blend the two. We are seeing this, just as the first century Church did saw it, but in "reverse", this pattern of deceit. Another thing

you should watch for, in association with this knew knowledge, is a warning found in Revelation 3:9 -- along with not denying His Name there are those that claim to be Jews and are not, they obviously will have knowledge of our Savior's true Identity, and we see some attempting to restore the Old covenant, and in doing this they are claiming, in effect, that they are Jews -- be forewarned. They are few in number but growing. Then there are those Christians that teach the British and the Americans are Israelites (Jews), some know this teaching as "British Israelism". They ignore the warnings concerning Names and taking on titles that do not belong to them. This, of course, all fits into the "end age" pattern of what our Messiah tells us and of the revelation of the book of Revelation. These things, about identity, will come into play at an intensified rate, after the 6th seal of Revelation 6 is opened and the "great quake" occurs.

(Mat 24:6) You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.

Comment: This is very interesting -- a warning for all ages -- notice, the disciples were asking about the "end age" (verse 3). Yahshua give a caution -- "not to be troubled", or too concerned about world events concerning "wars and rumors of wars". Certainly these things should rate our attention but we are not to become overly concerned.

(Mat 24:7) Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

Comment: We can read about these things today and in every generation from the time of the Roman Empires rule down to our very own day. "Earthquakes in various places", what kind of warning or caution is that? You see, Yahshua knew full well that we, the believers, those called to Him, would, or should understand the basic events to unfold prior to His return. This caution is there will be earthquakes and not to assume that every earthquake that comes along has anything to do with the Great Earth announcing His return. The other earthquakes we will discuss later are not to be confused with the many earthquakes happening in "various" places, as we approach the Great Quake of the 6th seal. The "great quake" will be a worldwide event, not quakes in diverse place but in one place, the whole of earth, shaken, perhaps even tipped, rolling from side to side like a drunk trying to find his footing.

(Mat 24:8) All these are the beginning of birth pains.

Comment: The things our Savior mentions -- actually covers 2000 plus years, as we see, unlike his disciples sitting at his feet on the Mount of Olives the, the "end age" is not yet -- these things are but the "beginning of birth pains". The early Disciples would never

have dreamed a continuation of 2000 or more years. They thought they were living in those "end days" and down through the ages and generations after generation has believed this very same thing -- we have the teachers of today teaching this very thing, - - "we are the end time generation, they say. These false teachers even deceive themselves (2 Titus 3:13) by their "end time" doctrines. One thing is sure, we, you and I, are living in OUR end days. How is this? you are not immortal and you will die sometime within the generation you live, so, the "end time" is the end of your life.

But this is not the teachings of the false teachers, no they, like those before them, think to know the mind of God and without reservation use the words of our Savior to prove we live in the "End Times", even though our Savior says plainly, "All these (you know, the things He just mentioned) are the beginning of birth pains" -- not the beginning of the pregnancy, but of the "birth". Very few babies are born at the first sign of birth pain -- ask any mother about the process of birthing -- and you may get a better understanding of what our Savior was saying. Remember, the news of the earth has always been bad -- world news, from the beginning has always been filled with elements of war, and world disturbances of all sorts, just like today. Look as WWII, if you want to see a time that would have fit the "end time" scenario as the preachers of end time prophecy teach, but, no we continue on, awaiting the "great quake", the shaking of the heavens.

(Mat 24:9) Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me.

Comment: You can actually go back in history and see where the first followers of YaHshua (remember, the name "Jesus" did not come into being until 1600 years later) were persecuted for staying loyal to YaHshua as Savior. Later a false church rose up, a state approved church (church of the government?), and this Church began its on brand of "Christian" persecution, and not only Christians of the Word, but the Jews too. In Satan's hunt to annihilate the Jews many a true Christian (follower of YaHshua) has been caught up in the same satanic snare, and the reverse is true also, when the Christian follower of the Messiah, YaHshua, is persecuted so is the Jew. I think, however, the Messiah is saying something even bigger, encompassing an even greater area of the earth than that of the Roman Empire -- this can be seen in His statement, "...hated by **all nations**, because of Me". Certainly we can see, historically, the trials the believers of the Word have endured but "all nations"? Remember, YaHshua's disciples are asking about the "end of the age".

(Mat 24:10) At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other,

Comment: Something is going to happen that will cause many to fall away. It has happened in the past when the people YaHshua have been distressed. Many a professing Christian has stumbled under the stain of physical assault. Here we see, what I believe to be the "great falling away" (2 Th 2:3). The sense of this statement is troubling, indeed, to think of brothers and sister in the faith actually hating each other and betraying one another. What must be the condition of the world to cause such a "betraying". Doesn't this suggest a kind of outing by your friend? What is it that would begin a search for those that bare His Name and cause many to turn away and to disclose those of the faith, to identify them and for what purpose? I shudder to think.

(Mat 24:11) *and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.*

Comment: this, of course has been going on from the beginning, but it really fits here. As those turn away from the true faith in YaHshua and begin exposing the true followers to the authorities, they will need a replacement belief to replace what they have abandoned – they will be ripe for exploitation by the many false prophets.

(Mat 24:12) *Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold,*

(Mat 24:13) *but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.*

Comment: As the days of Noah, so goes the saying, so we will see it in the end age. How else can you explain the many traitors of the faith? I am also of the opinion that this "love" is the "love" professing Christians have or are supposed to have. Notice, it is the increase in wickedness that the "love" grows cold. As the climate of the world becomes ever more wicked and violent the pressure on the follower of the Messiah will increase. As the world continues to become more wicked it would only be natural for their love to be cold. Our concern and love for our Savior and our Heavenly father must be unwavering and our love to "mankind" must be maintained if for no other reason than men are made in the image of the Creator Himself, and He so loved the world He sacrificed Himself for it. He wants everyone to be saved even knowing this will not be the case and we, in our love should be respecters of His feelings as His Children. You can hate the evil and the wickedness but pray for those caught up in the wickedness of the world to change, to repent and that is what the Book of Revelation and the coming Wrath of the Lamb and the Father is mostly about – giving the people of the earth the chance to repent. The whole mystery of God is bringing the repentant soul into the Kingdom by and through YaHshua.

(Mat 24:14) *And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*

Comment: There is a parallel found in Mark's writings to really make this statement stand out in a meaning few have recognized. Looking at Mark 13:10 we find, "must be published in all the world". Putting the two together, as many fail to do, and you have a statement that the Gospel must be "preached" and "published" in all the world. This preaching of the message of salvation has been preached in all the world, no denying that, but published? Even Paul suggested to the Colossians the gospel had been preached to every creature under heaven (Colossians 1:23). And yes I know this word for "published" in Mark could also be interchange for the word "preached" and isn't it interesting that the subject of "preaching and publishing" of the word are the same? The publishing of the Word in all the world has only recently occurred. China was the last hold out and today, in our time the Gospel message, the very Word of God is being literally published in China. Just a few years ago if you had suggested such a thing would happen so quickly you would have been laughed at. I personally believe the political attitude in China, allowing a certain westernizing for economic gain, came about largely to tear down this last wall against the Holy Bible and its being published in all nations. My friends, you have witnessed a prophetic happening not even noticed by the world – the Word Published in China! There is yet another concern with this "preaching" of the Gospel to the whole world and this can be found in Revelation 14:6. This might be considered the absolute final Gospel message – no one will be able to say, "Well, I never heard that", and this will be the final and complete fulfillment of YaHshua's prophetic statement.

(Mat 24:15) So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel--let the reader understand--

(Mat 24:16) then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

Comment: The warning here I believe concerns a much greater event than the destruction of Jerusalem by the Roman armies, although one can see a type of fulfillment, but notice, the warning is not merely for those living in Jerusalem but to all of Judah and that basically covers the whole of modern Israel today. Most of the history we get concerning the events and timing of the destruction of the Temple in and around 68AD comes to us from the writings of Josephus (The Wars of the Jews) and the book of Maccabees, found in The American Bible.

Let me say right here, no one, that is no one, has this nailed down. Our Savior gives us a source, Daniel, and some of what Daniel says is plain and easy to understand as a prophetic piece of history, but some of the remarks by Daniel concerning the "abomination of (or causes) desolation" is not so easily understood. We know from the Messiah's warning it is a specific event He is thinking of. Don't forget the Savior's

follow-up remark, "let the reader understand". We know from Daniel there is an example of an abomination taking place concerning Antiochus Epiphanies but this took place around 168 BC so our Savior obviously knew this event "spoken of by Daniel the prophet" had already occurred, a fulfilling of historical prophetic words written centuries before it happened. So, what is He, our Savior, referring to? It can't be the same event, and so we are left with the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Temple in 68-70 AD under the Roman command of Titus. Is this what Daniel spoke of, is this the event our Savior was speaking of? Consider, Daniel 9:27; 11:31; 12:11

Some of this you will have to decide for yourself. To me it seems to make sense our Savior, Yahshua, is speaking of a time further in the future, more into our time and I get of the feeling for this from something Daniel was told: (read all of Daniel 12:12-13)

(Dan 12:6-7) One of them said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long will it be before these astonishing things are fulfilled?" The man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, lifted his right hand and his left hand toward heaven, and I heard him swear by him who lives forever, saying, "It will be for a time, times and half a time. When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed."

(Dan 12:8) I heard, but I did not understand. So I asked, "My lord, what will the outcome of all this be?"

(Dan 12:9-10) He replied, "Go your way, Daniel, because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end. Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand."

(Dan 12:11-13) From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days. As for you, go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance.

It is from these verses many end-time teachers think the Temple is to be rebuilt and the reason for this is the mention of the 1290 days -- there is no way you can fit that time into a period coming off the destruction of the Temple under Titus within the rapture teaching. I admit the 1290 days, even figured at a day for a year principle does not measure up as a marking of the "end time" so these days are projected into a future timing after the rebuilding of the Temple. Notice verses 9-10, Daniel is told the 'words are sealed up until the end time'. So, what if we are not in the "end time", as being taught

today? Then the words are still "sealed up", right? Now take a critical look at verse 11-10, and we see many, not all, or millions, but "many" are made spotless at this time, but see what is said next, "the wicked will continue to be wicked"? Does this sound like going into the Kingdom? It sounds more to me like a continuation of time. Look, we know our Savior put an end to the daily Sacrifice, by His personal sacrifice. The complete stopping of the daily sacrificing came in 69-70 AD and has not resumed since.

Our Savior's statement in Matthew 24:15, the subject of this lengthy comment, mentions the "holy place" but no mention of the Temple, which is curious. If we are to understand the Temple He saw, in a future destruction, being rebuilt, why wouldn't He mention the Temple, a rebuilt Temple? He had just told His disciples the Temple would be destroyed? The "holy place" is Mount Moriah itself. So, I am not convinced the Temple is to be rebuilt. What of the 1290 days, the 1335 Days? There are certainly a lot of opinions and a lot of differing views taught as fact, but, at this point I'm not sure. I admit I am not wise enough to sort all of this out but one thing is certain, when the event of the Great Quake hits this earth we will all begin to see things and understand things we can only guess at right now, perhaps that will be when the understanding of the closed portion of the Book of Daniel will be opened.

The "abomination that causes desolation" is seen standing in the "holy place", as YaHshua says, it is then the Jews, or anyone in Jerusalem, are warned to escape to the hills. Run for the hills, get out of there, leave, flee. YaHshua's warning and command is urgent and is a perpetual warning -- He doesn't know the time, the angels don't know, we don't know the time, Satan doesn't know the time, only our Father in Heaven (Mat 24:36) and we have not yet seen the "abomination that causes desolation", that has yet to happen.

What is this "abomination that causes desolation standing in the Holy place"? I am not sure, but, if I were to guess I would say it is the "False Prophet", the one that stands in the place of the True God, the one speaking mighty things against the Creator and our Savior YaHshua, perhaps in the assumption they are speaking for the God of Heaven but instead speak for the "god of this world" (II Corinthians 4:4). The same individual that will be able to perform miracles, calling fire from the sky (Rev 13:13), causing the betrayal of the true followers of YaHshua, causing small and great to worship the Beast system, and the Beast himself. *That would be my guess.* When you see this Destroyer standing in the Holy Place those in Judah should head for the hills because something is about to happen on a grand scale. Keep in mind, for this to happen the Temple does not have to be rebuilt. The Holy Place is still there, the spot of the Holy of Holies is still there – the building is gone that's all. A great religious leader of world renown could take the steps leading to the Holy Mountain where the Temple once stood and make his

way to the Holy of Holies and this abomination will cause much destruction. Just think about it – I'm only guessing, of course. There is, of course, the possibility, as in BC 168, an idol will be set up.

There are some that believe this object is the Dome of the Rock? From the following verses we see this "abomination" is going to mark the beginning of a "great distress", and it is this event that thrust the "abomination" as still future, a time preceding the return of our Savior. We need His intervention or none will be saved. A time, or an event preceding the Great Quake?

(Mat 24:17) Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house.

(Mat 24:18) Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak.

(Mat 24:19) How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers!

(Mat 24:20) Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath.

*(Mat 24:21) For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now-- **and never to be equaled again.***

Comment: Here we see this event to come leading to something happening never before seen, something worthy of a warning to the inhabitant of Judah to head for the mountains. My guess, again, is that a persecution is about to begin leading to the deaths of many of the Saviors people, Israelites as well as the Saints. Some have attempted to say this happened when the Roman Armies killed about 3 million in the Jerusalem purge of 68-70AD, but look at what the Germans did in WWII, 6 million Jews, and another 6 million, many of whom were Christians, 12 million total in their purge, and this is not counting the 50 million deaths of the war. Nothing on that scale has ever happened before and there can be no comparison with the smaller scale Roman purge of the Jews. Many bible teachers of 1939-45 were labeling Mussolini and Hitler as the two horns of the Beast government and the Pope as the False Prophet, and it all looked pretty good, but what came of it – Korean War, Cold War, Vietnam War – and not to forget, Mussolini and Hitler are now long dead. Can it happen again? After WW I who would have believed WW II could be worse – WW I had been labeled the war to end all wars – Hitler and Mussolini were on the move as early as 1936.

Considering modern history I don't buy the prophecy pitch the Romans are the fulfillment of this prophetic event. To my understanding, this verse, this prophetic statement of our Savior, is still future and is going to be brought about by the Great Quake of Revelation 6 – the 6th Seal in the progression of the 7 Seals of history outlined

in seven steps from our Messiah to now. For those that try to say, what about the destruction of the temple by the Romans, I say, read the verse again, “never to be equaled again”, has such a thing happened since? You know the answer to that, just ask any Jew. WW I and WW II have come and gone and Matthew 24:21 is still waiting the “Great Distress”.

(Mat 24:22) If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

Comment: Here is another clue these prophetic statements of our Savior, as found in this verse, relates to a time in yet future. For the sake of the Elect things are going to be shortened. There seems to be a real danger here of losing the Elect and the survival of everyone, as in the days of Noah, would result if a saving intervention were not to take place. I believe this may also mean the spiritual survival not just a physical one. If things are allowed to continue at that end age even the Elect may no longer be able to withstand the on slot of evil – Satan’s assault on mankind and the unrepentant hearts of men would lead to the lose of all, just as in the Days of Noah. Remember, we are told that a true believer will not be taken beyond what he, or she, can endure. I know you don’t want to hear these things but hear you must. If you do not close your eyes and stuff up your ears you will be better suited in preparing yourself for the evil times ahead. You do not need to be taken by surprise for we are not disciples of darkness (1Th 5:4-5). If you understand the necessity of the coming events, unpleasant as they may be, you will not be weakened in your faith in our Savior but strengthened. But, if you are not aware and are not watching and you are caught off guard you may falter. I would liken it to hitting your thumb with a hammer and the first words out of your mouth would not be, Praise God. If, however, you were told the next strike of the hammer you would be hitting your thumb and you should praise God you did not knock your thumb completely off then your response is more likely to be, “Praise you YaH”, or, HalleluYaH – thanks for the warning.

(Mat 24:23) At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or, ‘There he is!’ do not believe it.

*(Mat 24:24) For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform **great signs and miracles** to deceive even the elect--if that were possible.*

Comment: These words should ring in your ears just look at what has happened and continues to happen as “false Christ” come and go through history. Even today we see demon filled preachers putting on shows filled with “signs” and “miracles” (1 Th 2:9, 2 Peter 2:3) . This should give a believer pause, a warning of the first order. Signs,

miracles, and wonders, and stories made up are the first order the false teachers and prophets not of the true prophets or teachers of the Creator God. No wonder Satan and those of his spirit appear as "angels of light", this is all fitting for the god of this world, Satan (2 Cor 11:13-14). Certainly this was as true then, now and in between – but even more so as we are hurled into the evil days ahead. (I personally do not believe we are in the end age. Much of what our Savior tells us is present through every age, or generation) Keep in mind this is all to be in a time that is going to be shortened. With this understanding it is plain the events spoken of do not find their final fulfillment 2000 years in the past. There is no "gap theory" either, that is one of the many false doctrines taught by the Rapture people. The 7 Seals of Revelation 6 make that plain. Each of those Seals brings us closer to our Savior's return. Those seals are historical progressions with the final seal delivering the world into the "Wrath of the Lamb" (Rev 6:12-15).

It is with a "Great Sign" our Savior will announce His coming and the whole world will shake. His "sign" will be so stupendous as to scare the life out of the bravest. The "signs" of the agents of Satan will be very convincing even if it were possible to deceive the "elect". The way it is worded it seems these false prophets will not be able to deceive the elect. I'm thinking this is the case as the elect are so grounded in the Word that anyone attempting to convince the religious community "great signs" and "miracles" the elect will be able to "discern" these things as not from our Creator. By His word, the written words of God, the elect will be able to see these things for what they are – deceiving signs -- deceiving miracles. All believers should be wary of anyone coming with "signs" and "miracles" as these things are actually and "end time" warning of deception, not of the Holy Spirit as these fakers of today and tomorrow try to make out. If you are in a Church that is centered on "sign" and "miracles" then you had better take a second look. Our Savior has warned us – our Savior has warned you. Read, II Thessalonians 2:9-10 closely and you will see the use of "signs" and "miracles" is not the sign of a true man, or woman, of God, far from it. Isn't it amazing how many ministries are built around these kinds of things when the plain words of our Messiah warns against these things. Read Matthew 12:39 and then think twice about searching for, seeking, signs. Protect yourself, take up the serious study and reading of our Savior's words.

(Mat 24:25) See, I have told you ahead of time.

Comment: This is a chilling statement. Our Messiah, YaHshua, has warned us well "ahead of time". We have been warned – given a heads up, so to speak – are we listening? I hope so but what I see in the Evangelical community is not good it is down right scary. The deceivers have infiltrated the Evangelical community and in their own

minds are deceiving and deceiving *even* themselves. If you are seeking signs and wonders you will get them, all you can take, you will see what you want to see. When the ultimate sign hits this world it will be something beyond man, it will be heavenly, and it will be globally, but will it be recognized for what it is -- the sign of His coming?

(Mat 24:26) So if anyone tells you, 'There he is, out in the desert,' do not go out; or, 'Here he is, in the inner rooms,' do not believe it.

Comment: If you, as a Believer, have to be told where the Messiah is then you have missed out. This also demonstrates your ignorance toward the Word of God. The true believer, in word and deed, called of the Father to the Son, will see the Great events to strike this world for what they are, not the "end" but only the beginning culminating into something glorious – the Return of our Savior and the end of all war, well, almost. HalleluYah.

(Mat 24:27) For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Comment: I love this verse, it is so simple yet so difficult for the world to understand. For one thing lightning does not travel from east to west (as the KJV has it – the NIV, quoted here has actually tried to make sense of it, but the wrong sense). Lightning is not only seen from the east, but the west, the north and south. In reality lightning comes from above to the ground and sometimes from the ground up to the clouds this, of course is what our Savior will do, coming with the clouds to the ground. Here, however, is a better understanding and meaning of this verse. What is it that travels from east to west and is as bright as lightning and is seen by everyone the world over? The sun, of course, just as we see it move across the earth from east to west. Is it the sun that is moving? No, of course not, it is the rotation of the earth -- the sun is stationary. When we see the Savior coming He will be as a bright sun approaching the earth and the earth, all of the earth, every eye, will see him just as they see the sun appearing to move from east to west so will be the coming of our Savior and the people of earth, small and great will shake with fear and dread.

(Mat 24:28) Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.

Comment: This is a hard one, no one seems to know exactly what this means and from this it may not be a point to worry about but I will take a crack at it anyway. I have heard of the possible interpretation, not supported by any of the original wording, but much more suitable to the Christian mind and that is this: Wherever the Body is there the chicks will gather. This makes sense in the fact our Savior is discussing His return.

Like I said, however, there is no support for this other than a Christian sense of being gathered to the Messiah. Another suggestion involves the dead bodies to result from our Savior's deliverance of Israel and the Elect. It either means something happy, or something very sad, or both.

(Mat 24:29) Immediately after the distress of those days 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'

(Mat 24:30) At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.

Comment: Now we can really get down to business. This is all about the 6th Seal of Revelation 6. Everything mentioned here is mirrored in the vision of revelation given to John. There cannot be any mistaking this. More proof that the return of our Savior is anything but secret or silent, as the Rapture teachers would have you believe. Notice, it is "*immediately after the distress of those days*", what days? The days of "abomination that **causes** desolation". We will see a great persecution taking place in Israel and then the intervention of our Savior by a mighty, "great quake", that will reset the world political systems.

(Mat 24:31) And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

Comment: Here we are launched into the sounding of the Trumpets and the gathering of the Elect from every corner of the earth. Imagine. But prior to this we have to deal with the 6th Seal, and the 7th Seal launching the world into the 7 Trumpet sounds and these Trumpets take us into the Resurrection. Read Revelation 10:7, when the 7th Trumpet is ABOUT to sound, "the Mystery of God is accomplished". From here and into Revelation 11 where you see the resurrection of the Two Witnesses and, I believe, the Elect of the earth, dead and living. Then in verse 15 we see the 7th Trumpet sound and it is highlighted by the declaration of all the kingdoms becoming the Kingdoms of God punctuated with another "earthquake and a Great Hail Storm". From here our Messiah, in His "end of age" lesson, gave His disciples a lesson in observation and this lesson is for those living toward and eventually into the "end age".

(Mat 24:32) Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.

(Mat 24:33) Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door.

Comment: When we see these things, like forecasting the weather, we should know we are near, and has anyone seen these things? No, they have not because they have not occurred yet. So, why are the many Evangelical teachers speaking things with such a positive attitude, could it be they really think they are to escape the days coming? An interesting side light to this warning of observation is that modern man leaves the reading of the skies, the heavens to others. Today most have their nose so close to the ground (myself included) they seldom look up to the heavens other than to admire its beauty in a romantic mood but seldom to tell what the weather is going to be like. If not for the TV weather man people would be lost in reading the signs of the seasons. We, as a people, have lost that talent and perhaps it is a sign of modern man's inability to read the "end age" weather signs, modern Christians inability to study and understand the scriptures for themselves. Here is an interesting point in the lesson of the "fig tree". Our Savior gives the example of a fig tree breaking from spring into summer. Revelation 6:13 also speaks of the fig tree but in this case it seems to be a reference to an untimely event. The fruit is shaken from the tree before time!

the fig tree is seen as a symbol for Israel and apply the remarks concerning the "fig tree" to Israel and its possession of the area of land they now sit on. But look, they do not control the Temple Mount, they do not control the land mass given them by God and they keep trying to make deals with their belligerent neighbors. Perhaps this is the "fig tree" of untimely fruit? At any rate our Savior speaks of determining the times by and action not unlike watching conditions of the earth in determining the time of season we live in. the Fig tree of the 6th seal is translated by some works as and over ripe condition while others, like the KJV see it as unripe fruit. So, there you have it, your choice, before the fruit is ready or after. One thing is sure, when the fruit is shaken to the ground is it there to rot, no mention of a harvest at that point in time.

(Mat 24:34) I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

(Mat 24:35) Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

(Mat 24:36) No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Comment: How often are these verses quoted and then almost immediately broken? I have heard it all. Okay, we can't know the day or the hour, but we can know the season, they say, and then begins the speculation on the day and the hour. After all, they say, He didn't say we couldn't know the year, only the day and the hour, right? I personally am not against weather watching, meaning world event watching, and looking for the

season of His coming, as the Messiah told use to learn the lesson of the “fig tree”, right? On one hand we see when summer approaches and on the other we see and untimely shaking. Listen, my friends, when the fruit falls and hits the ground and is bruised it will rot. So, I’m seeing that warning as being observant not so much in world political events but as events out of man’s control -- beyond man's control. We do not control the weather, not do we control earthquakes, the wind blows where it will and it is our Creator and only our Creator that can control the heaven and the earth as described in the 6th Seal. The natural events of the earth are controlled by its Creator so it is these events we are to see, to watch for and then we can tell when the fruit is about to fall.

(Mat 24:37) As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

(Mat 24:38) For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark;

(Mat 24:39) and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

Comment: “The Days of Noah” , how often have we heard those words? Verse 38 is a favorite, “they were eating and drinking, and marrying and giving in marriage”. This all sounds almost ideal but the days of Noah were anything but ideal. Violence filled the earth in those days and the wickedness of man reached to the heavens – sound familiar? Even in all of the current turmoil people are going about their business, especially here in the United States, as if nothing is happening. Fighting a war on terror, collapsing economy and what is the average citizen doing? Going to the movies, taking vacations, flying here and there, not a care, not a worry. Even the unemployed are living pretty good. Sure some of the newly unemployed have had to downsize from their 3-4000 square foot home but by and large life is really good when compared to the average citizen of Pakistan, or India, or Mexico, or South America, or just about anywhere else. Even in those impoverished nations they still are marrying and giving n marriage as if all things continue, the level of poverty or wealth does not stop this event.

Look, I’m not saying we should give up living because there are Wars and Rumors of Wars but we should be paying more attention than we are. In the times of Noah he was found to be blameless before YHWH and some have suggested this could well mean that he was the last of the line of Adam not to having crossbred with other races (Gen 7:1, some see this verse as "prefect in his generation). I’m not so sure of this as he had three sons and this would make them pure, genetically, also. The fact of the scripture is found in the Genesis 6:9, Noah, a righteous man, a man walking with the Creator and

this fact is mentioned right after we see the men of God mingling with the daughters of other men, so you can see the natural connection. We see this in the world today the barrier of interracial marriage has been brought down. God originally confused the languages of men dividing the races by tongue and then by area. Men, however, enjoy doing just the opposite of what the Creator wants.

A day is coming when everyone will return to their own land, or place of origin -- "like sheep without a shepherd". (Isaiah 13:13-14, the timing of this verse is seen in the statement, "Wrath of YHWH", in the day of His burning anger and the day He shakes the earth – Rev 6:12-15) This, of course, is not politically correct but still does not change what our Creator had in mind for us. As the days of Noah, not only had they become wicked in everything they did but the line of the men of God was being lost, as we see in Genesis 6, by intermarriage leading them away from the true god. Anyone knowing the story of Solomon can see this very same thing as he took to himself wives of every race and in doing so he began to cave in to their demands for religious representation in Israel. In his later years Solomon had returned Israel to a pagan worship second only to the Canaanites before them. This time of Noah is more than marrying and giving in marriage, it is a time of losing the true worship, a true gospel being lost. This makes the remark of our Savior even more pointed concerning His return, "Will He find faith on earth?" (Luke 18:8). In Noah's day it was only Noah, only Noah while his three sons their families went along for the ride. So, as the days of Noah? Will He find faith when He returns? It may well be that the true follower of YaHshua may number in a few thousand (the 144,000 for sure), not the millions mentioned in today's census.

(Mat 24:40) Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left.

(Mat 24:41) Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

(Mat 24:42) Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

Comment: The Rapturist like to quote this verse giving no heed to the lesson of the "parable of the Weeds" (Matthew 13:24-30), "first collect the weeds and then tie them in bundles to be burned". Those taken first, in the parable, are not the followers but the weeds, and they are thrown into the fire. This is a witness against the false Rapture teaching as they teach -- just the opposite of this lesson from the Messiah.

(Mat 24:43) But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into.

(Mat 24:44) So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Comment: 1 Thessalonians 5:4-5 is the answer to this – we are not children of the darkness that this day should take us by surprise. I am afraid, however, that that may be just the case, as we have seen, few escaped in the days of Noah -- we must pray for our brothers and sisters to have courage, to be able to stand in the day of His Wrath that we might glorify His Name. Will He find faith, we should shout, yes! Look, here am I, Oh Lord, here am I.

(Mat 24:45) Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time?

Comment: I pray this is food for you at the proper time. I know this is a selfish endeavor on my part but I seem driven to it.

(Mat 24:46) It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns.

(Mat 24:47) I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

(Mat 24:48) But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,'

(Mat 24:49) and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards.

(Mat 24:50) The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of.

Comment: Of course I do not want to be that servant. These verses speak for themselves and anyone attempting to teach the Word, or to care for the people within the Body of the Christ should take them seriously. The day of reckoning is approaching, be gentle with those you are feeding, never compromising the Word of truth and most certainly never using the Word to punish those you are supposed to encourage by the Word. There is more than one way in the art of beating the children of God and to their shame many false teachers desiring to be adored as leaders use the Word itself as a club to keep the deceived in line. Constantly being threatened not to judge, and you will be judged as you judge. These are true sayings of Scripture being misused and abused. The understanding is not given in judging, not by your words but by the Word and words of our God and our Savior, YaHshua. When you use the Word of God as your instrument of judgment it is not you that judge but the Word -- do you see? It is not for us to "condemn" but we must judge by the written word. It is by the written word we

are able to defend ourselves against the deceivers, and we must make a judgment constantly concerning our belief and knowledge as opposed to the false teachers threaten us with the "judgment club" to beat the weak back into line. This is a perfect example of how the misuse of the word is used to silence the timid, and in some cases, to drive a brother or sister from the group.

(Mat 24:51) He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Comment: Sounds like hell to me – outside of the Kingdom, do doubt. It is appropriate our Savior would end with this warning to the servants of the household as He began with a warning about “deceivers”. He has a lot to say without giving away all the details. Why else the Book of Revelation?

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