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“Are We In The Birth Pains” -2

We learned the countdown began when Israel became a nation on May 14, 1948

Birth Pains prepare His children for the birthing or reclaiming of the Remnant of Israel

Which involves 3 seasons - Jacob’s Trouble, Season of Fury & the Millennial Reign

Birth Pains prepare the world for the Anti-Messiah’s arrival & defilement of the 4th temple

Introduction - Today we learn

The Father’s 2 main purposes for using the Birth Pains to prepare men for Jacob’s Trouble

_____ 1/3 of His sheep (Zech 13:8-9) to provide His remaining sheep with JT answers

Ezek 14:21-23 “For here is what Adonai Elohim says: “Even if I inflict my four dreadful judgments on Yerushalayim – sword, famine, wild animals and plagues – to eliminate both its humans and its animals; 22 there will still be left a remnant in it to be brought out, including both sons and daughters. When they come out to you, and you see their way of life and how they act, then you will be consoled over the calamity I have brought upon Yerushalayim, over everything I have done to it. 23 Yes, they will console you when you see their way of life and how they act; and you will understand that it was not without good reason that I did what I did in [Yerushalayim],” says Adonai Elohim.” CJB

_____ His remaining 2/3 Sheep for the Anti-Messiah and possible captivity or martyrdom

Rev 13:7-10 “it was allowed to make war on God’s holy people and to defeat them; and it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. 8 Everyone living on earth will worship it except those whose names are written in the Book of Life belonging to the Lamb slaughtered before the world was founded. 9 Those who have ears, let them hear! 10 “If anyone is meant for captivity, into captivity he goes! If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he is to be killed!” This is when God’s holy people must persevere and trust!” CJB

Lesson

Yeshua gave the disciples the signs of the Birth Pains in Matt 24 to help us realize

Jacob’s Trouble will be a terrible time because of a _____ of 3 main events

Matt 24:21 “For there will be trouble then worse than there has ever been from the beginning of the world until now, and there will be nothing like it again!” CJB

Events 1 & 2 - The Anti-Messiah’s arrival and official ending of the Gentiles reign

Luke 21:23-24 “What a terrible time it will be for pregnant women and nursing mothers! For there will be great distress in the Land and judgment on the people. 24 Some will fall by the edge of the sword, others will be carried into all the countries of the Goyim, and Yerushalayim will be trampled down by the Goyim until the age of the Goyim has run its course.” CJB

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Event 3 - The arrival of the "4 horsemen of the Apocalypse" (first 4 seals seals)

Rev 5:1-2 "Next I saw in the right hand of the One sitting on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals; 2 and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" CJB

Yeshua gave them the Birth Pains signs to encourage us to trust Him during this convergence

Rev 1:19 "So write down what you see, both what is now, and what will happen afterwards." CJB

As Satan is permitted to _____ his fury on mankind during Jacob's Trouble

Rev 12:12 "Therefore, rejoice, heaven and you who live there! But woe to you, land and sea, for the Adversary has come down to you, and he is very angry, because he knows that his time is short!" CJB

Why is Satan so angry (besides it being his time)? - He's officially barred from heaven!

Rev 12:10 "Then I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, "Now have come God's victory, power and kingship, and the authority of his Messiah; because the Accuser of our brothers, who accuses them day and night before God, has been thrown out!" CJB

As our 1st fruit /resurrection _____ is at the end (not beginning) of Jacob's Trouble

1 Thess 5:9-11 "For God has not intended that we should experience his fury, but that we should gain deliverance through our Lord Yeshua the Messiah, 10 who died on our behalf so that whether we are alive or dead, we may live along with him. 11 Therefore, encourage each other, and build each other up — just as you are doing." CJB

But we are not here at the sounding of the 7 shofars or pouring out of the 7 bowls

Rev 16:1-2 "I heard a loud voice from the sanctuary say to the seven angels, "Go, and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of God's fury!" 2 So the first one went and poured his bowl onto the earth, and disgusting and painful sores appeared on all the people who had the mark of the beast and worshipped its image." CJB

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Birth Pains Sign 1 - Judeo-Christian Deception

Matt 24:23-24 & (Matt 24:4-5) "At that time, if someone says to you, 'Look! Here's the Messiah!' or, 'There he is!' don't believe him. 24 For there will appear false Messiahs and false prophets performing great miracles – amazing things! – so as to fool even the chosen, if possible" CJB

What should we realize about these "false" folks? - Some prophecies come true with a _____

Deut 13:2-4 "2(1) "If a prophet or someone who gets messages while dreaming arises among you and he gives you a sign or wonder, 3(2) and the sign or wonder comes about as he predicted when he said, 'Let's follow other gods, which you have not known; and let us serve them,' 4(3) you are not to listen to what that prophet or dreamer says. For Adonai your God is testing you, in order to find out whether you really do love Adonai your God with all your heart and being." CJB

But God will use this testing of _____ to qualify men for ministry during Jacob's Trouble

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What should we realize about their false message? - It involves a forced acceptance

Rev 13:16-17 “Also it forces everyone – great and small, rich and poor, free and slave – to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead 17 preventing anyone from buying or selling unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name.” CJB

What does the beast do to get this? - Present himself as Israel’s peacemaker & protector

Those already fire processed know he is THAT conqueror - Jacob’s Trouble’s 1st Seal

Rev 6:1-2 “Next I watched as the Lamb broke the first of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living beings say in a thundering voice, “Go!” 2 I looked, and there in front of me was a white horse; its rider had a bow and was given a crown; and he rode off as a conqueror to conquer.” CJB

Yeshua isn’t the conqueror here; as the other horsemen bring judgment not relief

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Signs 2 through 4 - Fights, Earthquakes, and Famines

Matt 24:7-8 “For peoples will fight each other, nations will fight each other, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various parts of the world; 8 all this is but the beginning of the ‘birth-pains.’” CJB

What’s different about these fights in the Birth Pains? - They’re the result of _____ wars

Nations [basileia] - Refers to kingdoms, but also to administrations (e.g. political groups)

Peoples [ethnos] - Refers to races, tribes or ethnic groups

What’s different about the origin and manifestation of these fights, as per the Greek [egeiro]?

Anti-Messiah types are inspired to start fights to get end peace - Jacob’s Trouble’s 2nd Seal

Rev 6:3-4 “When he broke the second seal, I heard the second living being say, “Go!” 4 Another horse went out, a red one; and its rider was given the power to take peace away from the earth and make people slaughter each other. He was given a great sword.” CJB

And these fights cause a response as one awakens from sleep (slowly and progressively)

E.g. George Floyd experience slowly grew and then exploded globally

What’s different about these Famines? - Wealth forces inequitable distribution of resources

That cushions the rich from their full effects - Jacob’s Trouble’s 3rd Seal

Rev 6:5-6 “When he broke the third seal, I heard the third living being say, “Go!” I looked, and there in front of me was a black horse, and its rider held in his hand a pair of scales. 6 Then I heard what sounded like a voice from among the four living beings say, “Two pounds of wheat for a day’s wages! Six pounds of barley for the same price! But don’t damage the oil or the wine!”

But forces those that are not rich, to be able to barely provide for himself & family

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What's different about these earthquakes? - They're joined by other recognizable phenomena

Such as plagues (i.e. pestilences) - Breaking of Jacob's Trouble 4th Seal

Rev 6:7-8 "When he broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living being say, "Go!" 8 I looked, and there in front of me was a pallid, sickly-looking horse. Its rider's name was Death, and Sh'ol followed behind him. They were given authority to kill one-quarter of the world by war, by famine, by plagues and with the wild animals of the earth." CJB

Unique sign regarding wild animals - Animals are killing humans in record numbers

Sign 5 - Religious persecution and martyrdom

Matt 24:9 "At that time you will be arrested and handed over to be punished and put to death, and all peoples will hate you because of me." CJB

What's unique about this religious persecution? - All nations will be involved in it to a degree

Unjust persecution results from a _____ of Yeshua & godly lifestyles, which is why

We see an acceleration of persecutions and murders unseen in ancient times

Just persecution results from a hatred of Christian _____ & ungodly lifestyles

Those dying in Jacob's Trouble will await justice as others have - Jacob's Trouble's 5th Seal

Rev 6:9-11 "When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been put to death for proclaiming the Word of God, that is, for bearing witness. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, "Sovereign Ruler, HaKadosh, the True One, how long will it be before you judge the people living on earth and avenge our blood?" 11 Each of them was given a white robe; and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow-servants should be reached, of their brothers who would be killed, just as they had been." CJB

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Sign 6 - Betrayal and hate

Matt 24:10 "At that time many will be trapped into betraying and hating each other" CJB

What's unique about this betrayal and hate for others?

It occurs among those once the _____ and most true to each other

Matt 10:21 "A brother will betray his brother to death, and a father his child; children will turn against their parents and have them put to death." CJB

This leads to a recognition of impending judgment for those betraying Yeshua - JT's 6th Seal

Rev 6:12-17 "Then I watched as he broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake, the sun turned black as sackcloth worn in mourning, and the full moon became blood-red. 13 The stars fell from heaven to earth just as a fig tree drops its figs when shaken by a strong wind. 14 The sky receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved from its place. 15 Then the earth's kings, the rulers, the generals, the rich and the mighty — indeed, everyone, slave and free — hid himself in caves and among the rocks in the mountains, 16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of the One sitting on the throne and from the fury of the Lamb! 17 For the Great Day of their fury has come, and who can stand?" CJB

Sign 7 - Silence from God

Matt 24:12 “and many people’s love will grow cold because of increased distance from Torah.” CJB

What’s unique about cold love? - Derives from an unrepentant mindset that rejects Truth

Which leads to a complete _____ of communication - Jacob’s Trouble’s 7th Seal

Rev 8:1-2 “When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for what seemed like half an hour. 2 Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and they were given seven shofars.” CJB

Paralleling the same silence prior to John’s repentance message & Yeshua’s 1st coming

Mal 3:23 “23(4:5) Look, I will send to you Eliyahu the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible Day of Adonai.” CJB

What do the Gentiles public lack of love & rage towards the Father and His children demand?

A _____ public demonstration of rage from God via the 7 shofars and 7 bowls

Rev 8:6-7 “Now the seven angels with the seven shofars prepared to sound them. 7 The first one sounded his shofar; and there came hail and fire mingled with blood, and it was thrown down upon the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.” CJB

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What time is it for us? - Time to examine ourselves for the rest of the month and

Repent of our sin, forgive others of their offenses & prepare for the arrival of Jacob’s Trouble

1 Thess 5:2-4 “because you yourselves well know that the Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When people are saying, “Everything is so peaceful and secure,” then destruction will suddenly come upon them, the way labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there is no way they will escape. 4 But you, brothers, are not in the dark, so that the Day should take you by surprise like a thief;” CJB

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