

## PROMISE OF A BRIGHT TOMORROW - PART 9

(Part 9 of a 10 part series)

In Parts 1-4 we learned God promised to lead us out of our collective death spiral joyfully and peacefully, by providing us a peace plan to resolve the dispute in the Holy Land, which will initiate a process of salvation that spreads worldwide.

In Parts 5-8, we interpreted prophecies, beginning with "happy" prophecies to give us hope, before reading tragic prophecies about the Holy Land which have already been fulfilled. One such prophecy depicted Hamas' October 7 massacre, while others depicted Gaza's destruction, Houthis firing missiles at shipping, and ongoing tragedy in the Holy Land. Today, we'll examine two more tragic prophecies; one depicting violence in the West Bank leading to a global confrontation, and the other one taking place at the al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem ("al-Quds" for Muslims).

We'll begin with Matthew 24:15-21, which describes violence spreading into the West Bank. We'll first present the prophecy in its original form, and next, present the interpreted version...

Matthew 24:15-21, Jesus;

<sup>15</sup> "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—<sup>16</sup> then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. <sup>17</sup> Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house. <sup>18</sup> Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. <sup>19</sup> How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! <sup>20</sup> Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. <sup>21</sup> For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again."

### INTERPRETED VERSION...

Matthew 24:15-22, Jesus;

<sup>15</sup> "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—"

[ Verse 15, which links this prophecy to Daniel 11 & 12, was recently fulfilled, and serves as an indicator on the prophecy timeline for when the next part of the prophecy commences. However, since verse 15 occurs elsewhere, and here we're focusing on events in the Holy Land, we'll look at 15 in detail in a following post.]

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Matthew 24:15-22, Jesus, cont.:

<sup>16</sup> then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains."

[ Judea of Jesus' time was a Roman province. Today, it's the southern half of the West Bank. It includes the Old City of Jerusalem ("Al-Quds"), Hebron, and Bethlehem. "mountains" refers to the hilly area of the northern half of the West Bank. The vast majority of people living in the southern half (Jesus' Judea) are Palestinians, and predominantly Muslim or Christian. Both religions recognize Jesus as a valid prophet, whereas Jews do not. So, Jesus was directing his warning to those most in danger and willing to listen to him—Palestinians, not Israeli Jews.]

Matthew 24:15-22, Jesus, cont.:

<sup>17</sup> Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house."

[ Look at Gaza's buildings after Israeli bombing, with floors collapsed and victims crushed inside. That's why Jesus warned people to get out as fast as possible. ]

Matthew 24:15-22, Jesus, cont.:

<sup>18</sup> Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak."

[ When the Israeli tanks come, Palestinian farmers in olive orchards and fields will likely be treated as combatants and shot, so they should run for their lives. And if the tanks don't kill them, armed settlers will.]

Matthew 24:15-22, Jesus, cont.:

<sup>19</sup> How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers!"

[ You've probably already seen more than enough photos of dead Gazan mothers and children to know what Jesus was warning Palestinians about. ]

Matthew 24:15-22, Jesus, cont.:

<sup>20</sup> Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath."

[ When people flee, they take "flight". So here, "flight" doesn't refer to flying on an airplane. It means desperate people fleeing for their lives. And wouldn't you know it? It's almost November and winter is coming. Pray, people!]

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Matthew 24:15-22, Jesus, cont.:

<sup>21</sup> For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.”

Verse 21 (above) links this prophecy to Daniel 12:1 (below)...

Daniel 12:1, archangel Gabriel;

<sup>12:1</sup> There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then.”

Gabriel told Daniel it would be the all-time worst distress—and for “nations” plural, not just Israel. While there have been times of great distress in the past, prior to the 20<sup>th</sup> century they were localized or regional, not worldwide. Today, the entire world is faced with potential extermination through nuclear war, pandemics, and climate change—together perfectly fulfilling the prophecy. Next, we’ll visit Jerusalem (“al-Quds” for Muslims) to see what’s happening there...

## REVELATION 6, THE FIFTH SEAL

First, the original form...

Revelation 6:9-11;

9 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.

10 They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?”

11 Then 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, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been.”

And next, the Fifth Seal, unsealed...

Revelation 6:9-11,

9 When he opened the fifth seal,

I saw under the altar the souls of [Palestinians] who had been slain because of the word of God, and the testimony they had maintained.”

[The altar described is located in Jerusalem at the Al-Aqsa Mosque on the Temple Mount (the “Noble Sanctuary” or “Al-Haram al-Sharif” for Muslims). Martyrdom is esteemed in the Qur’an, the “word of God” for Muslims. To them, fighting to the death for a righteous cause is considered to be one of the holiest forms of testimony.]

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Revelation 6:9-11, cont.,

10 They called out in a loud voice,

“How long, [Allah swt,] holy and true,

until you judge the inhabitants of the earth [Israel and its allies]  
and avenge our blood?”

11 Then 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, their brothers and sisters,  
were killed just as they had been.”

White robes are worn by many Muslims when they're at a mosque. It symbolizes equality. The “full number” to balance the suffering of their fellow Israelites from the tribe of Judah and allied tribes—the people driven from their homes two thousand years ago and suffered for centuries, but were not welcomed home by their Ephraimite Israelite brethren—who had happily resided all those centuries on Judah's former homeland. It's so understandable, and so tragic!

You may ask what a prophecy about Palestinian Muslims is doing in the Bible's Book of Revelation. In a book with so many prophecies about Israelites, this one is just one more, only this one deals with the Israelites who abandoned Judaism and Christianity and accepted Islam as their religion. Including them in Revelation is God's way of letting us know the Almighty knows exactly who they are.

That's enough to digest in one reading. Part 10 should be out tomorrow. Please remember, studying these prophecies is in no way intended to glorify violence. The accuracy and precision is meant to help us believe God really exists. And then, knowing this, to listen to and act upon the guidance God provided to lead us out of our collective peril and initiate a process of salvation that spreads worldwide. So please, share this article with your friends!

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