

## 1 **Great Tribulation** **70 AD**

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- Deuteronomy-Moses / Daniel 70 Weeks / Matthew & Luke
- Matt 23:36 Assuredly I tell you all of this will come upon this generation.

### 3 **Class Warfare, Religious Extremism, And Clashing Political Visions**

- Matt 24:4 And **הוֹשֵׁעַ** answering, said to them, "Take heed that no one leads you astray.5" For many shall come in My Name (Elohim), saying, 'I am the Messiah,' and they shall lead many astray.6" And you shall begin to hear of fightings and reports of fightings (Jerusalem). See that you are not troubled, for these have to take place, but the end is not yet.
- Luke 21:8 And He said, "See that you are not led astray, for many shall come in My Name, saying, 'I am,'(Elohim) and, 'The time is near.' Then do not go after them.9 But when you hear of fightings and unrests, (Jerusalem) do not be alarmed, for these have to take place first, but the end is not immediately.10 Then He said to them, "Nation shall rise against nation (Rome-Judea), and reign against reign.
- Rebellion Against Rome....Class Warfare: (Rich vs Poor)
  - Elite: Priests, Sanhedrin, wealthy families...Collaborators with Rome
  - Rebels: (Poor) Gangs...displaced peasants, taxed to death...Burnt the public archives...Tax documents

### 4 **How To Achieve The Kingdom Of Elohim**

- Moderates: Priests-Rich, negotiate with Rome, Save City & Temple
- Zealots: No Master except Elohim (Sin)-Moderates-Heretics...Assassinations of moderate leaders...Ananus-High Priest...Traitors to the Covenant!
- Regional Rivalries (Jerusalem vs Galilee)...False Messiah's in Elohim's Name
  - John of Gischala led a hardened group of refugees from Galilee who had already seen their homes destroyed by the Romans. They were "total war" advocates.
  - Simon bar Giora led a populist movement of "free men" and former slaves
  - These groups didn't trust each other's leaders. Each leader viewed himself as the "Messianic" figure who would be the one to eventually defeat Rome, and they weren't willing to share that glory

### 5 **Jerusalem...Demon, Foul Spirit, Unclean Birds**

- Josephus Book 5:1...3 way Battle for the Temple Mount. Jerusalem-3Walls-Sections (Eleazar-Simon-John) False Messiahs
- Eleazar (The Top): Held the Inner Court of the Temple. He was "above" the others but had fewer men.
- John of Gischala (The Middle): Held the Outer Courts. He had to fight upward against Eleazar and downward against Simon.
- Simon bar Giora (The Bottom): Held the entire Upper and Lower City. He attacked John from the streets below.

- Abomination Of Desolation Begins-RUN: Josephus ""The darts that were thrown by the [engines] came with that force, that they... reached as far as the altar, and the temple itself... and you might see the dead bodies of strangers and natives both together... and the blood of all sorts of dead carcasses stood in lakes in the holy courts themselves." 5:4
- 4. (John) And this he did always in such parts of the city as he could come at, till he set on fire those houses that were full of corn, and of all other provisions. (4) The same thing was done by Simon, when, upon the others retreat, he attacked the city also. As if they had on purpose done it to serve the Romans; by destroying what the city had laid up against the siege: and by thus cutting off the nerves of their own power. Accordingly it so came to pass, that all the places that were about the temple were burnt down; and were become an intermediate desert space, ready for fighting on both sides of it: and that almost all that corn was burnt, which would have been sufficient for a siege of many years. So they were taken by the means of the famine:

## 6 Messiah Warned "THIS GENERATION"

- Matt 24:21For then there shall be great distress, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.22" And if those days were not shortened, no flesh would be saved, but for the sake of the chosen ones those days shall be shortened.23" If anyone then says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or 'There!' do not believe.24" For false messiahs and false prophets shall arise, and they shall show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen ones.25" See, I have forewarned you.
- J5:11. While the holy house was on fire, every thing was plundered that came to hand; and ten thousand of those that were caught were slain. Nor was there a commiseration of any age, or any reverence of gravity; but children, and old men, and profane persons, and priests, were all slain in the same manner. So that this war went round all sorts of men, and brought them to destruction; and as well those that made supplication for their lives, as those that defended themselves by fighting. The flame was also carried a long way, and made an echo, together with the groans of those that were slain..... Now there was then a great number of false prophets, suborned by the tyrants, to impose on the people: who denounced this to them, (Peace-Peace) that they should wait for deliverance from God; and this was in order to keep them from deserting; and that they might be buoyed up above fear and care by such hopes. Now a man that is in adversity does easily comply with such promises. For when such a seducer makes him believe that he shall be delivered from those miseries which oppress him, then it is that the patient is full of hopes of such his deliverance. 3. Thus were the miserable people persuaded by these deceivers, and such as belied God

## 7 Warning At The Cross

- Lk 23:27And a great number of the people were following Him, and women who also were mourning and lamenting Him.28But **עִשְׂרֵנִים**, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Yerushalayim, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.29" For look, days are coming in which they shall say, 'Blessed are the barren, and wombs that never bore, and the breasts which never nursed!'30Then they shall begin 'to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" '31Because if they do this to the green tree, what is going to be done to the dry tree?"

- Matt 24:26-26 "So 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. 27 For as the lightning comes from the east and shines to the west, so also shall the coming of the Son of Adam be. 28 For wherever the dead body is, there the (g105) vultures (Eagles) shall be gathered together.
- 105 aetos - from the same as aer (109) an eagle (From its wind like flight) - Eagle
- (Confirm-Covenant) Debt 28:49 "נָהָרִים" shall bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flies, a nation whose language you shall not understand, 50 a fierce-looking nation, which shall show no regard for the elderly nor show favour to the young,

## 8 Rome-Eagle

- "They [the Romans] went into the lanes of the city with their swords drawn, they slew those whom they overtook without mercy, and set fire to the houses... and when they were come to the houses to plunder them, they found in them entire families of dead men... the whole city ran with blood, to such a degree that the fire of many of the houses was quenched with these men's blood." The Jewish War, Book 6, Chapter 8, Section 5.
- The Jewish War, Book 5, Chapter 1, Section 3... "...and the blood of all sorts of dead carcasses stood in lakes in the holy courts themselves."
- The Jewish War, Book 5, Chapter 12, Section 3... Dead bodies were eventually thrown over the city walls into the valleys below because the stench in the city became unbearable. Josephus claims that when the Roman General Titus rode around the valleys and saw the "thick putrefaction" and the "distilling" fluids from the thousands of rotting corpses, he groaned and spread his hands to heaven, calling God to witness that this was not his doing.
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- Book 6:9. 1,100,000 people perished during the siege (mostly from famine and pestilence, though many were killed by the sword). 97,000 people were taken captive to be sold into slavery or thrown to wild beasts in the arenas

## 9 Signs & Wonders

- Matt 24:24 "For false messiahs and false prophets shall arise, and they shall show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen ones. 25 See, I have forewarned you... 28 For wherever the dead body is, there the vultures shall be gathered together. 29 And immediately after the distress of those days the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give its light, and the stars shall fall from the heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.

- Lk 21:11 "And there shall be great earthquakes in various places, and scarcities of food and deadly diseases. And there shall be horrors, and great signs from heaven....  
20" And when you see Yerushalayim surrounded by (Roman) armies, then know that its laying waste is near.21" Then let those in Yehudah flee to the mountains, and let those who are in the midst of her go out, and let not those who are in the fields enter her.22" Because these are days of vengeance, to fill all that have been written. (Moses)23" And woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing children in those days! For there shall be great distress in the earth (Land-Israel) and wrath upon this people.24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Yerushalayim shall be trampled underfoot by the nations until the times of the nations are filled.25" And there shall be signs in the sun, and moon, and stars, and on the earth anxiety of nations, in bewilderment at the roaring of the sea, and agitation,26 men fainting from fear and the expectation of what is coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.27" And then they shall see the Son of Adam coming in a cloud with power and much esteem.28" And when these matters begin to take place (Jerusalem-Temple), look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

10  **Signs & Wonders**

- J 6:5:3.3. Thus were the miserable people persuaded by these deceivers, and such as belied God himself. While they did not attend, nor give credit to the signs that were so evident, and did so plainly foretel their future desolation. But like men infatuated, without either eyes to see, or minds to consider, did not regard the denunciations that God made to them. Thus there was a star, resembling a sword, which stood over the city: and a comet, that continued a whole year. (15) Thus also before the Jews rebellion, and before those commotions which preceded the war, when the people were come in great crouds to the feast of unleavened bread, on the eighth day of the month Xanthicus, [Nisan,] (16) and at the ninth hour of the night, so great a light shone round the altar, and the holy house, that it appeared to be bright day time. Which light lasted for half an hour. This light seemed to be a good sign to the unskilful: but was so interpreted by the sacred scribes, as to portend those events that followed immediately upon it. At the same festival also an heifer, as she was led by the High-priest to be sacrificed, brought forth a lamb, in the midst of the temple. Moreover the eastern gate of the inner [court of the] temple,<sup>9</sup> which was of brass, and vastly heavy, and had been with difficulty shut by twenty men, and rested upon a basis armed with iron, and had bolts fastened very deep into the firm floor; which was there made of one intire stone: was seen to be opened of its own accord, about the sixth hour of the night. Now those that kept watch in the temple came hereupon running to the captain of the temple, and told him of it: who then came up thither: and, not without great difficulty, was able to shut the gate again. This also appeared to the vulgar to be a very happy prodigy: as if God did thereby open them the gate of happiness. But the men of learning understood it, that the security of their holy house was dissolved of its own accord: and that the gate was opened for the advantage of their enemies. So these publickly declared that this signal foreshewed the desolation that was coming upon them. Besides these, a few days after that feast, on the one and twentieth day of the month Artemisius, [Jyar,] a certain prodigious and incredible phenomenon appeared: I suppose the account of it would seem to be a fable; were it not related by those that saw it; and were not the events that followed it of so considerable a nature as to deserve such signals. For, before sun setting, chariots and troops of soldiers in their armour were seen running about among the clouds, and surrounding of cities. Moreover, at that feast which we call Pentecost; as the priests were going by night into the inner [court of the] temple,<sup>10</sup> as their custom was, to perform their sacred ministrations, they said, that in the first place they felt a quaking, and heard a great noise: and after that they heard a sound, as of a multitude, saying, "Let us remove
- Yeshua son of Anna's:"A voice from the east; a voice from the west; a voice from the four winds; a voice against Jerusalem, and the holy house; a voice against the bridegrooms, and the brides; and a voice against this whole people."...Woe To Jerusalem

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