MY PEOPLE MEET MESSIAH

Part II Suffering

Five: **Day of the LORD**

. Therefore, the LORD will rise, and shudder in order to make His strange creation and work—His strange labor—because a destruction and settled end have I heard from the Lord of Armies upon the whole earth. Behold, the day of the LORD is coming—cruel with fury and burning anger to appoint the earth for desolation that this day may annihilate its sinners from her. A day belongs to the LORD of Armies against everyone who is proud and lofty and against everyone who is lifted up so he is abased. God is He Who Judges—He makes this one low, but that one He makes high. Surely, a cup is in the hand of the LORD, and its wine has foamed up—a full mixture. Indeed, He is going to make it pour from this. Surely all the wicked of the earth will drain—even drink down its dregs. Near and very swift is the great day of the LORD—the sound of the day of the LORD shall be a bitter roaring from the mighty. A day of wrath is that day—a day of distress and thick clouds; of desolation, of trumpet, and battle crv. 10

10 Isa.28:21-22 Isa13:9 Isa2:12 Psa75:7-8 Zep1:14-16

Proclaim this among the nations: Make battle holy. Make the mighty men rouse up. Let all the men of battle draw near. Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning-hooks into spears.

The LORD of Armies said: The day has come burning as a furnace, and all the proud and

all that work wickedness shall become stubble.

The day that is coming shall set them ablaze—
which shall not leave them root nor branch. 11

11 Joe3:9-11 Mal4:1

Six: Covenant With Death

Then, out of the sea of the world's nations a beast having ten horns comes up which shall be different from all kingdoms before it upon the earth—it devours the whole earth, tramples it down, and breaks it in pieces. The ten horns of this kingdom are ten kings. They rise up; and another comes up after them—a little one, different than the former. He is the Son of Destruction—the Man of Lawlessness revealed. He made firm a covenant to the many of Israel for one week—seven years. 12

12 Rev13:1 Dan7:23-25 Dan7:8 2The2.3 Dan9.27

Wherefore, God said: Hear the word of the LORD, you men of scorning who rule this people that are in Jerusalem, because you have said: We have cut a covenant with Death. With Sheol, we have made a vision so the overflowing scourge will not come on us; for we have established falsehood our refuge, and with deception we have concealed ourselves.

So then, thrones in heaven were placed—indeed, the Ancient of Days took His judgment-seat—His raiment was as white snow, and the hair of His head as pure wool. A stream which was fire was flowing, and going out from before Him. And in the right hand of Him sitting on the throne was a book having been sealed with seven seals.

An angel proclaims: Who is worthy to open the book, and loose its seals?

Then, having stood because He had been slain, a Lamb came, and takes it out of the right hand of Him who was sitting on the throne.

So, they sing a new song: Worthy are You to take the book, and to open its seals for You were slain. You did purchase for God by Your blood out of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation. 13 Isa28:14-15 Dan7:9-10 Rev5:1-9

Another angel having the seal of the living God with a great voice cried: Do not harm the earth until we seal our servants of God on the foreheads—a hundred forty-four thousand, twelve thousand out of every tribe of Israel.

The Lord: And I will give a thousand two hundred and sixty days to my two witnesses—they are the two lampstands of olive oil having stood before the Lord of the whole earth. Having thrown sackcloth around themselves, they have power to shut the heaven that rain not drop.

They have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every plague. 14

14 Rev7:2-8 Rev11:3-7 Zec4:14

Seven: Opened Seals of Tribulation



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Now,
when the Lamb
opened the
seals, one at a
time there went

out conquering; then taking peace from the earth; and famine and authority of Death over the fourth part of the earth—Hades following it. A great earthquake occurred. The sun became black as sackcloth, and the whole moon became as blood. Even the stars of the heaven fell toward the earth—the heaven became separate as a scroll rolled up. Every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

Every slave and freeman, the rich, and the strong, even, the kings of the earth hide themselves in the caves and in the cliff-rocks of the mountains. They say to the mountains and to the cliff-rocks: Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him Who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb. For the great day of Their wrath is come, and who is able to stand? 15

15 Rev6:1-8 Rev6.12-17

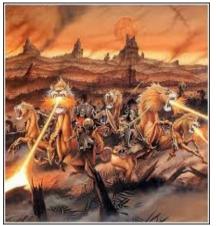
And seven angels that had seven trumpets sounded in order: hail and fire mingled in blood were cast upon the earth; the third of the earth was burnt completely; the third of the sea became blood. The third of the sun, moon, and stars were smitten that the day not shine for the third part of it—and night likewise. Then, a star fallen from heaven to the earth was given the key of the pit of the Abyss, and he opened—a smoke went up as of a great furnace, and out of the smoke locusts went out to the earth. Like the form of horses is the form of them—like horses made ready for war. Like horsemen, thus they run. Their faces are as men's faces. They have hair as hair of women and their teeth as of lions. The sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots—of many horses running into war. Like a noise of chariots on the tops of the mountains, they leap. They have tails like scorpions, and in

their tails is their power to harm men. They have over them as king, the Angel of the Abyss—his name in Hebrew is Abaddon—Destruction.

Those days, men will seek death, but shall by no means find it. 16

16 Rev8:6-7 Rev9:1-3 Joe2:4 -5 Rev9:6-11

And the four angels having been bound to the great Euphrates River were loosed—the number in the armies, two hundred million. The LORD imparted His voice before His army for He is strong who executes His word. The earth did quake before its face. The heavens did tremble. A great and strong people just like it have not come along from antiquity, and after it shall no more come to pass—thus are these horses and those sitting on them having fiery breastplates and heads as of lions. The authority of the



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horses is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails do harm having heads like serpents. Out of their mouths, proceed fire,

smoke, and brimstone. Fire devours before; and behind, it leaves scorched in flames. As the Garden of Eden is the land before them; and behind, a wilderness of waste. Indeed, deliverance from it shall not happen. ¹⁷

17 Rev9:14-20 Joe2:2-3 Joe2:6-11

At its presence, the peoples writhe in travail. All faces glow hot for they run like mighty

men—like men of battle, they ascend a wall.

They run on the wall. They leap upon the city.

They climb up into the houses through the windows as the thief. All hands drop, and every man's heart melts. They keep being terrified—writhing and pangs grab them like one giving birth. They look one to another astounded—faces of flame are their faces. Indeed, from these three plagues—by the fire, and the smoke, and the brimstone was the third of men killed. Yet, the rest of man who were not killed by these plagues neither repented from the works of their hands that they might worship the demons; nor did they repent from their murders, their sorceries, or sexual immorality.

And the seventh angel sounded with great provides in the heaven saying: The kingdom of the world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Messiah, and He shall reign for ever and ever.

The nations were made wroth. Yet, Your wrath came, and the time to destroy them that destroy the earth. We give thanks to You, O' Lord God, the Almighty, Who is and Who always was for You will take Your great power, and shall reign. 18

18 Isa13.7-8 Rev9:17-21

Rev 11:15-18

Eight: Jacob's Trouble

Covenant with Death

Then, another little horn—different from the former—subdued three kings of the ten on earth. The King of the South wages war with him, and the King of the North will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen, and with many ships. He entered the Beautiful Land—many were overthrown, but Edom, Moab and chief of Ammon were delivered out of his hand. Yet, between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain, he came to his end.

Of him: You are cast forth from your grave as a corpse is trampled because you brought your land to ruin; you have slain your people.

Surely, you were brought down to Sheol—to the extreme parts of the Pit. Those seeing you gaze at you. They try to make themselves understand saying: Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who made the kingdoms quake, who set the world like a wilderness? ¹⁹

19 Dan7:8&24 Dan11:40-45 Isa14:19-20 Isa14:15-17

The beast, which had the death-stroke of



the sword, was then resurrected—he comes up out of the abyss, and to life. He will make war with My two witnesses after they prophesy for a thousand two hundred sixty days, and kill them.

The LORD said: Woe to this worthless shepherd who deserts the flock—a sword came against his arm and against his right eye. So, his arm is completely withered, and his right eye utterly expressionless. He speaks words against the Most High; he wears down the saints of the Most High; he thinks to make the times and the

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law change. Yet, he exalts himself so that he sits in the temple of God—pointing himself out that he is God. He makes the sacrifice and offering in the Temple to stop after half of the week—a thousand two hundred sixty days. On this wing of abominations is the one who makes desolate even to a complete destruction—decreed and poured out on the desolator. ²⁰

20 Rev11:7 Rev13:14 Zec11:17 Dan7:25 2The2:4 Dan9:27

Your covenant with death is made annulled, so your vision with Sheol will not stand. In the overflowing scourge that passes over, you shall become trampled. As often as it passes over, it shall take you. Morning by morning shall it pass through by day and by night—the bed is too short to stretch oneself out, and the quilt too tied up to gather oneself together.

Now, all you ask: if a man ever gives birth?

Then, why have I seen each mighty man with his hands on his loins as a woman in travail, and all faces turned pale? Woe, this day is great for nothing is like it. It is, now, the time of Jacob's trouble. Yet, out of it, he shall be saved—he who believes will not act imprudently.

When therefore you see this abomination of desolation standing where it ought not—in the holy place, then let them that are in Judea flee into the mountains. Let him that is on his housetop not go down to carry away things out of his house. Let him in the field not turn back to carry away his cloak; for then shall be great tribulation—such as has not come to pass from

the beginning of the world until this—now, nor shall ever come. ²¹

21 Isa28:18-20 Jer.30:6-7 Isa28:16 Matt24:15 Mar13:14

Thrown to Earth

At that time, will Michael stand up, the great prince who stands for the sons of your people. And, war occurred in the heaven—



Michael
and his
angels
waging
war with
the
Dragon.

The Dragon warred—his angels also, but they were not strong, neither was their place found in the heaven any longer. And the great Dragon was thrown out—the old Serpent who deceives the whole world, even called the Devil and Satan who accuses the brethren before God day and night. He and his angels were thrown to the earth. How you have fallen from heaven! How you—who are prostrate over the nations—have been hewn down to the earth! Woe to the earth and the sea because the Devil is gone down to you having great wrath, having known that he has little time. ²²

22 Dan12.1 Rev12.7-12 Isa14:12

And when the Dragon saw that he was thrown to the earth, he hunted the woman, Israel. He cast water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, but the earth came to the aid of the

woman. It opened its mouth and gulped down the river.

So, the Dragon was driven mad over her. He makes the earth and those who dwell in her to worship the first Beast, whose death-stroke was healed. Thus, the whole earth is astonished—every one whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of the life of the Lamb who had been slain. The Dragon requires that they give all a mark—to them: small and great, rich and poor, free and slave. He requires that no one be able to buy or sell except the one having the mark on their right hand or on their forehead. He also deceives those who dwell on the earth telling them to make an image to the Beast, and it was given to him to give breath to the image that he both speak, and cause as many as not worship the image of the beast be killed. 23

> 23 Rev12:13 Rev13:12 Rev13:5&8 Rev13:16-17 Rev13:14

Nevertheless, the world capital of the Beast, Babylon the great, which shall make all the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her immorality, shall become heaps—how she shall become a horror among the nations. For now, though, there was given to him authority to continue for forty-two months. ²⁴

24 Rev14:8 Rev12:15-16 Jer51:37-43 Rev13:5

As Fire Refining Silver

Behold, a day is come for I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem for battle, and the city is captured. Princes were hung by their hands. Elders were not respected. Young men worked at the grinding mill—youths stumbled under loads of wood; its houses plundered; even its women violated—ravished in Zion and the virgins in the cities of Judah. Half of the city went forth in captivity, and I made My hand turn against those trifling.

It shall happen in all the earth, two parts in it will be cut off—they will die, but the third will be left over in it: The crown has fallen from our head. Woe to us for we have sinned. Over this, our heart has become faint. Over the Mountain of Zion which is desolate, foxes prowl in it. You, O'LORD, abide forever—Your throne is from generation to generation. Why perpetually do you forget us? Why do You forsake us so long? Restore us to You, O'LORD, that we may be restored.

Declares the LORD: I shall make the third part go through the fire—I shall refine them as refining the silver, and I shall test them as testing the gold.

Then, He shall call on my name, and I, Myself, will answer him. I shall say: This is My people.

And he will say; The LORD is my God.

The LORD declares: Behold, I, Myself:
the One stretching out heaven, laying the
foundation of earth, and forming man's spirit in
his midst, it shall come about in that day that all
the nations of the earth shall be gathered
together against Jerusalem. I am appointing her
a cup of staggering to all the peoples
roundabout. Against Judah will they also come
in the siege against Jerusalem. And I will make

Jerusalem a stone of burden for all the peoples—each bearing it will surely be torn.

Zion says: The LORD has forsaken me, And my Lord has forgotten me.²⁵

25 Zec13:9 Zec12:1-3 Isa49:14-15

The LORD says: Can a woman forget her nursing child—son of her womb on whom she has compassion? Even these women do forget, but I will not forget you. Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands. Your walls are continually before Me.

Thus, in that day, you will be cramped by reason of inhabiting. In your ears, the sons of your bereavement will yet say: This place is cramped to me; draw near for me that I may dwell.

You shall say in your heart: Who has born these for me as I am bereaved of children, barren, an exile, and turned out? Now, who has made these great? Behold, I myself, was left to myself. Where were they?

The Lord God says: Behold, I will lift up My hand to the nations; and with their faces to the earth, they will bow themselves down to you. They will make the dust of your feet licked off, and you shall know that I am LORD. ²⁶

26 lsa49:16 lsa49:20-23

Next: Part III Pursuing
Nine: <u>Awake Awake</u>