The final deliverance of Israel and the commencement of the great tribulation

Let us examine the deliverance of Israel which I believe will also signal the commencement of the Great Tribulation that Yeshua mentioned in Matthew 24. All Scriptures quoted below are taken from the New King James Version.

¹³ Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male *Child*. ¹⁴ But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might *fly into the wilderness to her place*, where she is nourished for *a time and times and half a time*, from the presence of the serpent.

Revelation 12:13-14

In Revelation 12:13-14, the "woman" represents Israel and the "male child" refers to Yeshua. The Dragon identified as Satan, persecutes Israel who gave birth to Yeshua. In the End Times, Israel will be delivered and will flee to the wilderness prepared by Abba Father for "a time and times and half a time". This period prophetically spans three and half year period where "a time" is one year, "and times" two years and "half a time" half a year. This verse mirrors the earlier statement in Revelation 12:6 where Israel is kept safe in the wilderness for "one thousand two hundred and sixty days" which also correspond to three and a half years.

Is this period also mentioned in Old Testament as a foretelling of events recorded for our benefit in the New Testament? The answer is yes. This period of three and a half years aligns precisely with the second half of the seven-years prophecy of Daniel 9:27. Why

do I place this in the second half rather than the first? This is because Daniel 9:27 prophecies about the last seven years of the 70 week prophecy that Abba Father, through His mighty angel Gabriel, revealed to Daniel regarding what will occur before Yeshua returns to "finish the transgression, and the end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness" (Daniel 9:24). The deliverance of the Israel fits into the second half of this period, as after the one thousand two hundred and sixty days, the woman (Israel) will no longer need to be cared for since "the kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" (Revelation 11:15).

Let us examine from Scriptures when does the events mentioned in Revelation 12:6 and 14 take place in God's End Timeline.

²⁷Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week;

But in the *middle of the week*

He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,

Even until the consummation, which is determined,

Is poured out on the desolate."

Daniel 9:27

The Anti-Christ, the Beast of Revelation 13, will emerge in the middle of the seven years, which is the second half of the seven-year period, and he will "bring an end to sacrifice and offering." Metaphorically, he will swiftly persecute, through abominable actions and

even death, the saints who follow Yeshua. However, the "woman"-Israel will be kept safe during this period of one thousand two hundred and sixty days, until Yeshua returns to receive her into His everlasting Kingdom. The Anti-Christ, along with his false prophet, who bring desolation (destructive persecution) to the saints will be judged with eternal death in the lake of fire, burning with brimstone (Revelation 19:20).

With the "woman"-Israel protected during this final three and a half years of Daniel's prophecy, the Dragon will go after the offspring of the woman, who are the Gentile believers. This is crucial for the Church to understand that it will face the wrath of the Dragon during the Great Tribulation, but not the wrath of God, which is intended for Satan and those who follow him. The wrath of God is the outpouring of the seven bowls by the seven angels in Revelation 15 and 1; however, this will be addressed in a separate teaching and will only be briefly mentioned in context.

The next question is: when and why the "woman"-Israel delivered and kept safe from the persecution by the dragon?

Apostle Paul explains the timing and reason for this in Romans 11:25-27:

²⁵I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until *the full number of the Gentiles has come in*, ²⁶ and in this way *all Israel* will be saved. As it is written:

"The deliverer will come from Zion;

he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.

²⁷ And this is my covenant with them

when I take away their sins."

Romans 11:25-27

The Apostle Paul does not want his followers to be ignorant regarding when the Yeshua the "Deliverer" will come from Zion and turn the children of Jacob from godlessness and "take away their sins", mentioned in Daniel 9:24. This timing as significant, as in Romans 12: 25 specifically points to the period before Yeshua's return for His Church, when "all Israel" will be saved once the "full number of Gentiles" who accepts Yeshua as their Messiah has been completed. This "time" is also referenced by Yeshua in Matthew 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."

Two separate events occur that are closely linked, if not simultaneous. First, when "the full number of the Gentile has come in", it indicates that the fate is sealed, and the door is closed for other Gentiles to be saved and to recognise Yeshua as their personal Saviour. Those who continue to reject Yeshua will find it impossible to receive salvation, as God will send a "strong delusion" that they should believe the lie, and thus may be condemned for not believing the truth but taking pleasure in unrighteousness (2 Thessalonians 2:11).

Second, at this point, "the full number of the Gentiles has come in", - "all Israel will be saved". What does "all Israel" mean? Does it refer to all descendants of Jacob?

Scripture clarifies that salvation is for those who recognise Yeshua as their personal

saviour. There is only one way back to Abba Father, and that is through His Son Yeshua, who shed His blood to pay for our sins. "All Israel" refers only to the Messianic sons of Jacob who recognise Yeshua as their Messiah. When and how will this take place?

The current war between Israel and the axis of evil led by Iran is not by accident but orchestrated by the hand of God. I believe this war will end soon conclude with the destruction of Iran's military might and possibly a change in regime. The peace agreement, the covenant mentioned in Daniel 9:27, that Anti-Christ will sign with many, will introduce a false sense of peace and security in the Middle East. With Israel's technological advancements and the abundant supply of inexpensive energy, business relationships between the sons of Ismael and the sons of Isaac will prosper like never before. The support of the Abrahamic Accord by other Arab nations will set the stage for the three monotheistic religions to worship together on the Temple Mount. This period of relative peace and prosperity will facilitate the construction of the Third Temple on Temple Mount and the resumption of animal sacrifices and worship.

Once the Third Temple is completed, the Shekinah glory of God will appear in the temple (Ezekiel 43:1-7). This pattern repeats of what happened in the past. When King Solomon consecrated the first temple, the Shekinah glory of God appeared, causing the priests to be unable to minister in the temple (1 King 8:10-11). This pattern recurred in the Second Temple when the embodiment of God Himself (Yeshua) entered the temple in Luke 19:46. What has happened in the past points to what will occur again when the Third Temple is built.

The purpose of constructing the Third Temple is not for religious performance understood by the current religious leaders in Israel, but as prophesised in Zechariah 12:10, it is because of the "Spirit of grace and supplication." Abba Father will manifest His glory as He did in the past two temples, so that the "all Israel" - those who have eyes to see and ears to hear will be saved. This is the final call, and many sons and daughters of Jacob will enter the Kingdom of God and be supernaturally protected by God during the final three and half years of the Great Tribulation that will certainly come upon the world.

¹⁰ "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his* only *son*, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

Zechariah 12:10

This group of Jews is the Messianic-Israel, the woman of Revelation 12:6 and 14, who will "flee into the wilderness where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days". This "woman"- Israel is the "all Israel" that will receive salvation" mentioned in Romans 11:26.

When Satan find that he has no hold on the woman in Revelation 12:6 (Messianic Israel), he goes after her "offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ".

This event will takes place when the anti-Christ enters the Temple of God in the middle of the seven-year prophecy in Daniel 9:27 prophecy and desecrate God's temple. This period of three and half year will bring abomination of desolation to the children of God. This period is the Great Tribulation, during which power is given to the Anti-Christ to overpower the saints. Many of these saints will face martyrdom and only those who are close to the Lord and who hear from the Holy Spirit during this time of extreme persecution will find safety and wait for the sounding of the last trumpet to receive the Lord in the air. These are those still alive and will be caught up to meet the Lord when He returns (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17).

Unfortunately, many church leaders today continue to only preach the Gospel of Salvation and Grace. Their pulpit messages encourage congregation members to live righteously, which is indeed the hallmark of a believing Christian, but not emphasize enough the importance of preparing to die rightly. Church leaders need to repent, as the Great Tribulation is coming swiftly and furiously upon the world. Persecution will serve as the refining fire that awakens and purifies the lukewarm church.

Revelation 12:11 clearly spelt out the action needed for the Overcomers during the final three and half years.

¹¹And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

As church leaders, we need to teach the body of Yeshua that there is no fear in facing the tribulation that is coming, for God is with us, and we are the victors and not the victims. Martyrdom carries great rewards and the martyrs will return with Yeshua, together with His Bride and the saints of old, to rule and reign during the millennium period from Zion. This is what Yeshua meant when He said to take up the Cross and follow Him. He was persecuted and martyred, and so those who profess to follow Him with also face the ultimate test of martyrdom. We should have no fear, as God did not give us "a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7).

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