



Parasha Ki Tavo

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Torah: Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-22

Ketuvim Shlichim: Matthew 24:37-44

Shabbat shalom Mishpacha! Our *parasha* this week is *Ki Tavo*, meaning “when you come in,” referring to coming into the Land of Promise. Its first verses are about bringing the first fruits of the earth after Israel entered the land, but it would be quite a while because it would take years before they would subdue the land and defeat its inhabitants. A second central theme was reciting the blessings on Mount Gerizim and the curses on Mount Ebal. History has shown us that as He promised, ADONAI eventually brought these curses on Israel for their idolatry. They came in the form of the destruction of the Temple and the city of Jerusalem and Israel’s subsequent captivity in Babylon. Today, 2500 years later, we are approaching His time of final blessing of His Jewish people. Isaiah wrote: 9 *“For this is like the waters of Noah to Me: for as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more cover the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, nor will I rebuke you. 10 Though the mountains depart and the hills be shaken, My love will not depart from you, nor will My covenant of peace be shaken, says Adonai who has compassion on you.* (Isaiah 54:9-10 TLV). The curses have passed, and the blessings are soon to come.

Today's message is “It’s Later Than You Think, Part 5, our final session on this subject. Before going further, I must correct something I said at the end of last week’s message. My math was off regarding Rabbi Zalman’s prediction of the time of Messiah’s coming. He stated that the Sixth Millennium began in 1739 and that Messiah would come at the beginning of the Seventh Millennium, which would be in 2739. Subtracting 2024 from 2739, the correct figure is 715 years in the future, not 215. I also said that according to Dispensationalism, the coming of Messiah would be 1000 years in the future. That was not what I intended. According to Dispensationalism, Daniel 9:27 did not progress with the other verses in the 1st century but is said to happen far in the future, now almost 2000 years later. Dispensationalism teaches that this verse speaks of the Antichrist and means that the fulfillment of Daniel 9:27 cannot take place until the Antichrist arises, allows the Temple to be rebuilt, stops the daily Temple offering and brings on the Great Tribulation. Dispensationalism’s prediction means that Messiah’s coming is still many years in the future, but not necessarily 1000 years.

All of Earth’s history is an unfolding story, a drama whose climax is now being reached. After ADONAI created the heavens and the earth, we were introduced to the protagonist, *HaSatan*. We saw his nature as the tempter, an evil being who opposed G-d. How he got to earth was revealed by ADONAI to John. Revelation 12 describes a great red Dragon who led one-third of ADONAI’s angels in rebellion against G-d, but Michael and his angels defeated them and cast the Dragon and his angels to the earth. In these same verses, we also see that ADONAI’s plan to send His Son Yeshua was known to *HaSatan* even before he was thrown down from heaven and that his intention has always been, as Revelation puts it, “so that he

might devour the child.” Yeshua was there when this happened. He told His disciples, 18 ..., “*I was watching satan fall like lightning from heaven.*” (Luke 10:18b TLV).

We read about this evil being called *Drakonta* and *Ophis*, Dragon and Serpent, in Revelation 20 last week. His rebellion against ADONAI in heaven, where he was once a leading angel, was because he sought power. After he fell from heaven, he obtained it. Yeshua called him “the ruler (Greek *archon*; John 14:30) of this world, a position he held until Yeshua’s death on the cross sent him to prison in the Abyss. Rabbi Jonathan Cahn’s recent book, *The Dragon’s Prophecy*, emphasizes who our real enemy is and who is causing all the problems on the earth, especially in Israel. Revelation 12:10 says he is “the accuser of the brethren,” Israel. He is especially against Israel because the male child in Revelation 12, Yeshua, came from them and is the anointed King of the Earth. I’m sure that he knows he will be defeated, but now, in the last days, he is all the more determined to try and bring about the end of Israel.

Here is the story. ADONAI (John 1- Yeshua) created the heavens and the earth. One of His leading angels, who later became known as *HaSatan*, the Adversary, rebelled against G-d and was cast out of heaven. Exiled to the Earth, he tempted the woman *Chavah*, and she disobeyed G-d by eating the forbidden fruit. She tempted her husband, *Adam*, and he also disobeyed G-d, causing both of them to lose their redeemed eternal nature and be expelled from Eden. The sin of our ancestors has become a part of the nature of all their descendants. Sin increased in the world, but Noah found favor in ADONAI’s eyes, and he and his family were saved in the ark from ADONAI’s judgment by the flood.

From Noah’s descendants, ADONAI chose Abram to become a great nation to be a blessing to the world’s people. (Genesis 12:1-2). After being enslaved in Egypt during their third generation, Abraham’s family was delivered from slavery through Moses, a member of the seventh generation. At Mount Sinai, ADONAI continued His promise to Abraham when He said, 5 “*Now then, if you listen closely to My voice, and keep My covenant, then you will be My own treasure from among all people, for all the earth is Mine. 6 So as for you, you will be to Me a kingdom of kohanim and a holy nation.’ These are the words which you are to speak to Bnei-Yisrael.*” (Exodus 19:5-6 TLV). ADONAI’s first covenant provided atonement, life in the world to come, through the system of the Tabernacle, priests, and sacrifices. But Israel continually rebelled and turned away from ADONAI, and as He had promised, He brought judgment, sending them into Babylonian captivity about eight hundred years later.

Shortly before they went into captivity, ADONAI prophesied through Jeremiah, 30 “*Behold, days are coming*” —it is a declaration of Adonai— “*when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah*” (Jeremiah 31:30 TLV). ADONAI had had enough of Israel’s continued breaking of His covenant. He would make a New Covenant because as He said 31 “*For they broke My covenant, though I was a husband to them.*” (Jeremiah 31:31b TLV). A few years later, the Angel Gabriel visited Daniel, who was captive in Babylon. He prophesied the time that the New Covenant would be cut through ADONAI’s coming Messiah (Daniel 9:24-27), and it would be in the 1st century while the 2nd Temple was standing. In the timeline of Daniel Bruce, in his book, *Daniel Unsealed*, Bruce shows that ADONAI’s Son Yeshua died for our sins in the year 30 CE as expressed in this verse: 27 *Then he will make a firm covenant with many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put an end to sacrifice and offering.* (Daniel 9:27a TLV). In the verse, he is Yeshua, and the firm covenant is the New Covenant. Yeshua ended sacrifice and offering by dying in the middle of the week (on Nisan 14) as the complete and perfect sacrifice for our sins. Yeshua’s death

marked the beginning of the “Last Days,” as evidenced by the pouring out of His Spirit on *Shimon Kefa* and the believers gathered for the *Shavuot* following His death. 4 They were all filled with the *Ruach ha-Kodesh* and began to speak in other tongues as the *Ruach* enabled them to speak out. (Acts 2:4 TLV). *Kefa* said: 16 But this is what was spoken about through the prophet *Joel*: 17 ‘And it shall be in the last days,’ says God, ‘that I will pour out My *Ruach* on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 18 Even on My slaves, male and female, I will pour out My *Ruach* in those days, and they shall prophesy. (Acts 2:17-18 TLV). From this, we know that the *Acharit Hayamim*, the end of days, or the Last Days, began in the 1st century.

Nisan 14 in the year 30 brought a momentous event, the cutting of the New Covenant that ADONAI had said He would make with the House of Israel and the House of Judah some six hundred years earlier. ADONAI had specified it would be with both the House of Israel and the House of Judah. Israel, the northern kingdom, and Judah, the southern kingdom, had to be rejoined, and when *Yeshua* died in 30 CE, the northern tribes had rejoined with Judah. Read our September 30, 2023 message to see how it happened. The covenant was cut with the blood of ADONAI’s Son *Yeshua*, a man of the Tribe of Judah, a descendant of King David, the only man qualified to be *Goel Yisra’el*, Kinsman Redeemer of Israel. The redemptive aspect of the New Covenant, the blood of *Yeshua*, replaced the redemptive aspect of the Covenant made at Sinai, the blood of animals, because, as ADONAI said, “*For they broke My covenant, though I was a husband to them.*”

But there was another important event that happened on *Nisan* 14 that year. Through His death on the cross, *Yeshua* triumphed over *HaSatan*, and stripped him of his designation as the Prince of the Earth, and an angel cast him into the Abyss. This important fact was unknown until some seventy or more years later when ADONAI caused John to write the Revelation. Revelation 20, verses 1-3, tells us that *HaSatan*, the Dragon, was locked in the Abyss for *chilia ete’*, thousand years in Greek, a symbolic period.

Yeshua’s last week of life on earth began with His triumphal entry into Jerusalem on *Nisan* 10. For the next four days, He was examined by the people of Jerusalem as the “lamb of G-d,” being prepared for sacrifice, according to ADONAI’s requirements for the Passover lamb in Exodus 12 (verses 3-6). After teaching in the Temple on *Nisan* 13, the day before His death, *Yeshua* showed His disciples its beautiful stones and prophesied its destruction. And forty years later, in the year 70, it was destroyed.

Later that day, He sat down with His disciples on the Mount of Olives and told them things that would happen soon and in the far future. He told them about the *acharit hayamim*, the end of days, the end of the age. 3 ..., “Tell us, when will these things happen? What will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?” (Matthew 24:3b TLV). (Mark 12:4b; Luke 21:7b). He told them they would be persecuted, killed, and hated by all the nations because of His name. *Yeshua* spoke specifically of His immediate disciples, who, all except John (and Judas), would die as martyrs, but also of Jewish believers throughout time. The *Besorah*, the Good News of the Kingdom, would be proclaimed worldwide, and then the end would come. (Matthew 24:9-14; Mark 13:9-13; Luke 21:12-19). He told His disciples that these things would happen to them and implied that they would also happen to some of His disciples through the ages. The events *Yeshua* described take place throughout the years from that year, 30 CE, until the end of the *Olam hazeh*, this age. During this period, the Gospel will be proclaimed throughout the whole world. Also, persecutions, false prophets,

and lawlessness would occur during this time. The *Olam hazeh* will end when Yeshua returns and it is His return which moves us into the next era, the *Olam haba*, the world (age) to come.

Yeshua told what would happen in Jerusalem in the coming years. He said, “When the “abomination of desolation,” the pagan Roman army, is seen in the Temple, His followers must immediately flee to the mountains.” During that time, there would be great tribulation in Jerusalem. He said Jerusalem would never again see such tribulation, and that a group of His disciples would survive the event. (Matthew 24:15-22; Mark 12:14-20; Luke 21:20-24). They were told that “the abomination” is not a person but an “it,” and it was, the Roman army. (Mark 12:14). Yeshua warned His disciples about this coming time and said that those in Judea should “get away from there when they saw these things happening.” That was “the Great Tribulation,” and it happened in Jerusalem in the year 70 CE. Something worse than that would have to happen to Jerusalem today for it to be a greater time of tribulation, but that won’t happen because Yeshua said: “there will be nothing like it again!” (Matthew 24:21b). Speaking about the Great Tribulation, He said, *24 “They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led away captive into all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”* (Luke 21:24 TLV). More than a million Jews died, and almost three-quarters of a million were taken by the Romans into all the nations of the world as slaves. Some of those taken to slavery would have been followers of Yeshua, some of the tens of thousands of Jewish believers *Sha’ul* heard about in Acts 21:20. The Jewish people were scattered in 70 CE and are now being regathered. Yeshua said that Jerusalem would be under the control of Gentile nations until the set time for their control to end. It ended on June 7, 1967, when the Israeli army recaptured and controlled Jerusalem for the first time since the Romans conquered them in 63 BCE.

The disciples were told not to believe it if someone said that the Messiah is here, because false messiahs will appear and lead some astray. (Matthew 24:23-24; Mark 13:21-22). There have been many who claimed they were the Jewish Messiah. After Yeshua’s resurrection and even before the Temple was destroyed, a Jew named Theudas led a rebellion and claimed to be the Messiah. (Josephus in *Jewish Antiquities* 20.97-98). The most famous false Messiah was *Bar Kochba*, the leader of the 2nd Jewish rebellion against Rome about one hundred years after Yeshua. There are reports of 25 or more false messiahs through the centuries. A recent one was Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, the Lubavitch rabbi of New York City, who died in 1994. Some of his followers still believe that he will rise from the dead.

Then, we find this advice from Yeshua. He said, “Don’t believe it if you are told I have come, because you will see Me when I come. Just as lightning is seen all across the sky, it will be like that when I come.” (Matthew 24:25-27). We are not to believe anyone who tells us that Yeshua has come. It will not be a secret and everyone will know it at the same time. We will all see Him in the heavens when He comes. His appearance will be as bright and clear as a bolt of lightning. The next verse is somewhat of a mystery, *28 “For wherever the carcass is, there the vultures will gather.”* (Matthew 24:28 TLV). This could be a picture of Yeshua’s coming in the air for us. Just as vultures circle about in the sky above a dead body, when Yeshua comes down, the sky will be filled with the dead and the living rising to meet Him in the air, the righteous streaming upward toward Him.

Referring to the trouble in the distant future, Yeshua said, *29 “But immediately after the trouble of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light and the stars will fall from heaven and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.”* (Matthew 24:29;

Mark 13:25-26). Those days are here now. They are our present days. I have interpreted this verse literally in the past, but I now believe that Yeshua was speaking symbolically. It's about something that will soon happen in heaven. It can mean that ADONAI, the Sun, and Yeshua, the Moon, will, at a coming time, withhold their spiritual presence from the people of the Earth. Also, the stars, the demonic forces now existing in the heavens (...against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12), will fall and their power shaken. Yeshua said, 26 *"People will lose heart from fear and anticipation of what is overtaking the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken."* (Luke 21:26 TLV). Imagine the fear. Without ADONAI's presence, all there will be is evil, *HaSatan's* presence. These are the days when ADONAI's Spirit is removed from the earth, future days immediately preceding His return to receive us in the air, as the next verse reveals.

30 *"Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the land will mourn, and they will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory. 31 He will send out His angels with a great shofar (1 Thessalonians 4:16), and they will gather together His chosen from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."* (Matthew 24:30-31 TLV). (Also, Mark 13:26-27; Luke 21:27-28). The sign of the Son of Man is His appearance in the heavens. He is the sign, and we may even see His crucifixion wounds. The Jews, not the people of the world, are the Tribes of the Land (*Eretz Yisra'el*) in Matthew 24:30. We have two witnesses of Yeshua appearing in the heavens from *Sha'ul*: 16 *"For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the blast of God's shofar, and the dead in Messiah shall rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left behind, will be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air—and so we shall always be with the Lord."* (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 TLV). 51 *"Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last shofar. For the shofar will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed."* (1 Corinthians 15:51-52 TLV). Every eye will see Him when He comes, including those who don't know Him.

When will all Israel be saved? We don't know, but it could happen even before the sign of the Son of Man is seen in the heavens. The last verse in this group is this: 31 *He will send out His angels with a great shofar, and they will gather together His chosen from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."* (Matthew 24:31 TLV). Some see this as ADONAI's physical regathering of Israel to the Land, which began several centuries ago and continues now. I believe it speaks of *Sha'ul's* words from 1 Thessalonians and 1 Corinthians, which we just read, the resurrection of the righteous dead and the rising of the living to meet Yeshua in the air. All who have trusted Yeshua are "His chosen," and will include "all Israel," whom I believe will have trusted Him before He comes in the air. Zechariah prophesied about Israel's repentance, which may be fulfilled by the "salvation of all Israel," even before Yeshua comes in the air: 10 *"Then I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication, when they will look toward Me whom they pierced. They will mourn for him as one mourns for an only son and grieve bitterly for him, as one grieves for a firstborn."* (Zechariah 12:10 TLV). But it is possible their salvation could come as late as Yeshua's appearance in the air and then rise to meet Him.

Yeshua then spoke about the fig tree. 29 *Then Yeshua told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. 30 As soon as they sprout their leaves, you see it and you know at once that summer is near. 31 So also, when you see these all these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near."* (Luke 21:29-31 TLV). (Also Matthew 24:32-33; Mark 13:28-

29). Is the Nation of Israel the fig tree? The next verse gives us a clue, 32 *“Amen, I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things happen.”* (Luke 21:32 TLV). (Also Matthew 24:34 and Mark 13:30). “This generation” seems essential in determining whether or not Israel is the fig tree. Isaiah speaks of Israel as a “fig tree,” and so does Micah. But, they and other prophets also speak of Israel as “the vine” and “the olive tree.” The Blue Letter Bible says that: “the vine” is a symbol of Israel's spiritual privileges, “the fig tree” is a symbol of Israel's national privileges and “the olive tree” is a symbol of Israel's religious privileges. If this evaluation is accurate, then we should be looking at Israel, “the nation,” which was recreated in the “Last Days.” Yeshua’s words: “When you see all these things happening, know that the kingdom of G-d is near,” refer to wars, rumors of wars, and the signs in the heavens. If Israel is the fig tree in the parable, the generation to which Yeshua referred is likely the first generation after Israel became a nation again. A person born in 1948 would be 76 years old today, but “generation” may be symbolism similar to *chiliah’ ete’*, thousand years, and not based on any traditional generational time. Because Israel miraculously became a nation in 1948 and the Gentile rule in Jerusalem ended in 1967, we have to know the end of this generation is near and the Kingdom of G-d is near. If Israel’s first generation will not pass away before Yeshua returns in the air, how long could it be? Not much longer!

Yeshua then said, 35 *“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.”* (Matthew 24:35 TLV). He was not speaking about heaven and earth immediately passing away but primarily referring to His words. We don’t fully understand the symbolism or reality concerning the new heaven and earth, but we know it will come about at the set time. Yeshua emphasized that His words will never pass away, words He told us about in Matthew 5:17-18.

36 *But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven nor the Son, except the Father alone.* 37 *“For just as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.* 38 *For in those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark.* 39 *And they did not understand until the flood came and swept them all away.* 39 *So shall it be at coming of the Son of Man.”* (Matthew 24:36-39 TLV). The day and the hour to which He was referring is His coming on the clouds of heaven to receive His faithful. When He was on the earth, He said He did not know the day or the hour, but now that He is at the Father’s right hand, I believe He knows. Yeshua’s point about “the days of Noah” is that the people of Noah’s day were scoffing at him and going on with their sinful lives. It is that way today. Many say: “Yes, I am going to follow Jesus, but not right now.” Others just choose their gods to follow and ignore the *Ruach HaKodesh* speaking to their hearts. *Sha’ul* wrote, 4 *He desires all men to be saved and come into the knowledge of the truth.* (1 Timothy 2:4 TLV). This includes all of those who follow other gods or no god. ADONAI loves every person He created and wants them to choose Him. But, He gave us free will and we must choose.

40 *Then two men will be in the field, one taken and one left.* 41 *Two women will be grinding at the mill, one taken and one left.* 42 *Therefore stay alert; for you do not know what day your Lord is coming.”* (Matthew 24:39b-42 TLV). The coming of the L-rd in these verses is His appearance in the heavens when the righteous dead and living will rise to meet Him in the air, as *Sha’ul* described in 1 Thessalonians 4 and 1 Corinthians 15. One man in the field is a believer and rises to meet Yeshua. The other man in the field does not know him and is left on earth. One of the women at the mill is a believer and rises to meet Yeshua. The other doesn’t know Him and is left behind. This is not the Rapture. Rapture is a theological term from Dispensational theology that refers to rising to meet Yeshua in the air. The

Dispensational Rapture is not just an event; it's a whole doctrine. To believe in the Rapture is to believe in the Antichrist and that the Great Tribulation is a future event for the whole earth. Yeshua's followers are definitely experiencing tribulation today wherever they are on the earth, but it's not the Great Tribulation. The Greek word *harpazo*, meaning catching or snatching away, underlies *Sha'ul's* words "caught up" in 1 Thessalonians 4:17. We will be caught up to meet Yeshua, but not as Dispensationalism describes.

When Yeshua appears in the sky, the people living "like those in the days of Noah" will find it too late. The writer of Hebrews said: 27 "And just as it is appointed for men to die once, and after this judgment, 28 so also Messiah, was offered once to bear the sins of many. He will appear a second time, apart from sin, to those eagerly awaiting Him for salvation." (Hebrews 9:27-28 TLV). Yeshua will appear in the air for us eagerly awaiting Him, but it will not be for forgiving sin. It will be too late if you have not trusted in Yeshua before He returns. Those who have not trusted will be like the people of Noah's day beating in fear on the door of the Ark. When Yeshua comes, we will have rested from our labors and receive our new resurrection bodies. Who is going up is already settled for those who died knowing Messiah. But it is not settled for the living. You and I know whom we have trusted. But, as each day passes, Yeshua's words become more and more urgent for those who don't know Him. The time of His coming is near, and we who are His followers must stay alert. We must stop playing and get serious about being His disciples.

7 *When the thousand years has ended, satan shall be released from his prison (It happened sometime before Israel became a nation in 1948), 8 and he shall come out to deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for the battle.* (Revelation 20:7 TLV). Even now, *HaSatan* is gathering Gog and Magog for the battle against Israel. Having been released from the Abyss for a relatively few years, he is doing a very good job of deceiving the nations. He is causing much trouble in Israel, the United States, and the world. But his end is approaching.

The world is now in "the times of the coming of the Messiah," the *acharit hayamim*, "the end of the end of days," which began with Yeshua's death on the cross. Now that we are at the end of this era, the Nation of Israel has come to worldwide attention. This era is nearing its conclusion with the expected return of Yeshua, the Son of David, our Jewish Messiah. Soon, we will rise to meet Him in the air. That is what we're waiting for, the brink that we are on.

After that happens, Yeshua will return in power and glory and defeat His enemies: 11 *Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The One riding on it is called Faithful and True, and He judges and makes war in righteousness.* (Revelation 19:11 TLV). 15 *From His mouth comes a sharp sword—so that with it He may strike down the nations...* (Revelation 19:15a TLV). This is more symbolism. Yeshua's voice is His sword. He will defeat His enemies by speaking, just as He created the Heavens and the Earth by speaking. (Genesis 1:1-31; Psalm 33:6 and 9; John 1:3). When Yeshua returns to defeat his enemies, we will be a part of His army. Before that time, we will have been raised to meet Him in the air and have had the Marriage Supper of the Lamb in heaven. And we will return to earth with Yeshua as a part of His army. 20 *Then the beast (According to Reverend Skolfield, the "beast" is the Leopard-Lion-Bear Beast of Revelation 13:2, representing the various Islamic empires ruling in the Middle East since Islam's inception in 639 CE) was captured, and along with him the false prophet (Mohammed) who had performed the signs before him by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast (Those who bowed to and gave*

allegiance to Allah), as well as those who had worshiped his image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 The rest (**The living who continue to hold to Allah**) were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the One riding on the horse. And all the birds gorged themselves with their flesh. (Revelation 19:20-21 TLV). This is also symbolism. After this, *HaSatan* is dealt with, and this time with finality: 10 And the devil (**HaSatan**) who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are too, and they shall be tortured day and night forever and ever. (Revelation 20:10 TLV). *HaSatan* has a final and complete end coming, and he knows it. He is doing everything he can to defeat Yeshua, but he will not succeed.

It's unnecessary for us to completely understand everything in Revelation to understand the signs of the times. But you can check out Reverend Skolfield's other ideas. Yeshua's words, "the trouble of those days," these days, are beginning to show us that we are very near His return. This could not happen without two recent things, Israel being a nation and being in control of Jerusalem. What happens after Yeshua returns to earth and defeats His enemies? He will rule and reign from Jerusalem, and "Torah will go forth from Zion and the word of Adonai from Jerusalem," as Isaiah has told us. (Isaiah 2:3b TLV). But this is not a 1000-year millennial reign. It is eternity.

Reverend Skolfield sees it this way, 6 *..and swore by the One who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, the sea and what is in it, that there would be no more delay.* 7 *But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel—when he is about to trumpet—the mystery of God is completed, just as He declared to His servants the prophets.* (Revelation 10:6-7 TLV). The word translated as "delay" in the TLV is *chronos*, meaning "time." Interpreting it strictly, it reads, "Time will be no more," implying a shift from temporal time to eternity. It happens in the next chapter, 15 *Then the seventh angel trumpeted, and there were loud voices in heaven saying, "The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Anointed One. And He shall reign forever and ever!"* (Revelation 11:15 TLV). Note that the events of Revelation are not in chronological order and move back and forth in time. Take this with a grain of salt. We don't know everything and must continue to understand that "we see through a glass darkly." (1 Corinthians 13:12a).

Our goal in this study has not been knowledge for the sake of knowledge but knowledge that will assist us in living godly lives, well-prepared for what the future will bring. *Shimon Kefa* put it this way, 3 *His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and virtue.* 4 *Through these things He has given us His precious and magnificent promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, since you have escaped the corruption that evil desires have brought into the world.* 5 *Now for this very reason, making every effort, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, patience; and to patience, godliness; 7 and to godliness, brotherly love; and to brotherly love, love.* (2 Peter 1:3-7 TLV). Yeshua told us about the two greatest commandments. They are: "You are to love ADONAI your G-d with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. And you are to love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:35-39; Mark 12:28-31; Luke 10:25-27). These two commandments contain everything that we, as followers of Yeshua, need to know to be successful in life and service to Him. *HaSatan*, the Dragon, is nearing his defeat. Yeshua, May Your kingdom come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. *Shabbat shalom!*

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