

Notes: September 18, 2020

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Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: Sign Sign Everywhere A Sign - Signs of Messiah – Rosh Hashanah 2020

You have heard the sound of the shofar on this evening as Yom T'ruah, Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown. Over the years I have conveyed that this would be the time when Messiah returns. Scripture conveys that a Shofar will sound just prior to His return. An audible sign for everyone to hear. We see this referenced in 1 Thessalonians:

**1Th 4:16** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a rousing cry, with a call from one of the ruling angels, and with God's shofar; those who died united with the Messiah will be the first to rise;

**1Th 4:17** then we who are left still alive will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and thus we will always be with the Lord.

We see it referenced in 1 Corinthians 15:

**1Co 15:51** Look, I will tell you a secret—not all of us will die! But we will all be changed!

**1Co 15:52** It will take but a moment, the blink of an eye, at the final shofar. For the shofar will sound, and the dead will be raised to live forever, and we too will be changed.

We see it referenced in Matthew 24:

**Mat 24:29** "But immediately following the trouble of those times, the sun will grow dark, the moon will stop shining, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in heaven will be shaken.

**Mat 24:30** "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, all the tribes of the Land will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with tremendous power and glory.

**Mat 24:31** He will send out his angels with a great shofar; and they will gather together his chosen people from the

four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

An audible sign of His coming that will be unmistakable. Yet, there are signs prior to Yeshua's return that we need to be aware of, lest we be deceived or easily shaken like the Thessalonians:

**2Th 2:1** But in connection with the coming of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah and our gathering together to meet him, we ask you, brothers,

**2Th 2:2** not to be easily shaken in your thinking or anxious because of a spirit or a spoken message or a letter supposedly from us claiming that the Day of the Lord has already come.

**2Th 2:3** Don't let anyone deceive you in any way. For the Day will not come until after the Apostasy has come and the man who separates himself from Torah has been revealed, the one destined for doom.

**2Th 2:4** He will oppose himself to everything that people call a god or make an object of worship; he will put himself above them all, so that he will sit in the Temple of God and proclaim that he himself is God.

Yeshua conveys "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky"

This is the last sign you will see before Yeshua's return.

Yeshua sets the stage for what this sign is to look like. He conveys:

"the sun will grow dark, the moon will stop shining, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in heaven will be shaken."

What is this but total darkness. Imagine you are at a theater about to watch a movie or play. The house lights go down completely and you are sitting in total darkness. Then, with no warning a single spot light turns on and it illuminates the entire theater. This is what the sign of the son of man is. Yeshua, Himself provides us with just such a clue...

**Joh 8:12** Yeshua spoke to them again: "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light which gives life."

Consider the message of the Prophet Yesha'yahu (Isaiah):

**Isa 60:1** "Arise, shine [*Yerushalayim*], for your light has come, the glory of Adonai has risen over you.

**Isa 60:2** For although darkness covers the earth and thick darkness the peoples; on you Adonai will rise; over you will be seen his glory.

**Isa 60:3** Nations will go toward your light and kings toward your shining splendor.

When His light illuminates everything, then we see the second part of 1 Thessalonians 4 come into play. "The dead in Messiah will rise first then we who remain..." This will happen at the time when the final sign of Messiah will appear.

With this being the final sign prior to His return, there are other signs we should pay attention to, so that we are not easily misled as those in Thessalonica were.

Revelation conveys two witnesses are to appear prior to Yeshua's return...

**Rev 11:1** I was given a measuring rod like a stick and told, "Get up, and measure the Temple of God and the altar, and count how many people are worshipping there!

**Rev 11:2** But the court outside the Temple, leave that out; don't measure it; because it has been given to the Goyim, and they will trample over the holy city for forty-two months.

**Rev 11:3** "Also I will give power to my two witnesses; and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, dressed in sackcloth."

**Rev 11:4** These are the two olive trees and the two menorahs standing before the Lord of the earth.

We know who one of the witnesses is already. It is none other than Eliyahu. The one we open the door for on Passover and invite into our homes. But, didn't he already come through Yochanan the Immerser?

**Mat 11:12** From the time of Yochanan the Immerser until now, the Kingdom of Heaven has been suffering violence; yes, violent ones are trying to snatch it away.

**Mat 11:13** For all the prophets and the Torah prophesied until Yochanan.

**Mat 11:14** Indeed, if you are willing to accept it, he is Eliyahu, whose coming was predicted.

**Mat 11:15** If you have ears, then hear!

Yeshua's own words.

However...these are also Yeshua's own words. When asked after the transfiguration about Eliyahu who appeared along with Moshe, His talmidim asked...

**Mat 17:10** The talmidim asked him, "Then why do the Torah-teachers say that Eliyahu must come first?"

What is the basis for their question?

The Torah-teachers convey that Eliyahu must come first based on Malachi...

**Mal 3:23** Look, I will send to you Eliyahu the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible Day of Adonai.

**Mal 3:24** He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to their fathers; otherwise I will come and strike the land with complete destruction." [*Look, I will send to you Eliyahu the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible Day of Adonai.*]

The Torah-teachers are correct in their teaching and Yeshua actually affirms their teaching by conveying to them in His answer...

**Mat 17:11** He answered, "On the one hand, Eliyahu is coming and will restore all things;

**Mat 17:12** on the other hand, I tell you that Eliyahu has come already, and people did not recognize him but did whatever they pleased to him. In the same way, the Son of Man too is about to suffer at their hands."

In other words Eliyahu will come in the flesh to usher in Yeshua's return. If you will recall, Eliyahu never died. Remember this verse...

**Heb 9:27** Just as human beings have to die once, but after this comes judgment,

Eliyahu did not die, therefore he still remains alive somewhere. Scripture records this for us.

**2Ki 2:11** Suddenly, as they were walking on and talking, there appeared a fiery chariot with horses of fire; and as it separated the two of them from each other, Eliyahu went up into heaven in a whirlwind.

So, we read of the two witnesses in Revelation...

**Rev 11:1** I was given a measuring rod like a stick and told, "Get up, and measure the Temple of God and the altar, and count how many people are worshipping there!"

**Rev 11:2** But the court outside the Temple, leave that out; don't measure it; because it has been given to the Goyim, and they will trample over the holy city for forty-two months.

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They will be in the Temple prophesying for 1,260 days, that is 42 months which is also 3.5 years...brings us to the next sign...

What about the recent Abraham Accord establishing normalized relations between Israel and Arab nations Bahrain and United Arab Emirates? How does this treaty, this covenant along with that of Egypt, signed in 1979 and Jordan, signed in 1994 factor into the return of Messiah?

Is this also a sign we should be paying attention to?

At first when the Trump administration revealed their peace plan for the Middle East, I was encouraged but also apprehensive. I was reminded of Daniel 9:27...

**Dan 9:27** He will make a strong covenant with leaders for one week [*of years*]. For half of the week he will put a stop to the sacrifice and the grain offering. On the wing of detestable things the desolator will come and continue until the already decreed destruction is poured out on the desolator."

Are we (America) going to enter into a peace treaty with Israel and the Arab Nations. Would this make President Trump the Anti-Christ? For whatever you may think of him, for some already consider him to be that, there is a distinction that needs to be made.

The Hebrew word where "strong" is used in relation to the covenant is gabar:

גָּבַר

gâbar

*gaw-bar'*

A primitive root; to *be strong*; by implication to *prevail, act insolently*: - exceed, confirm, be great, be mighty, prevail, put to more [strength], strengthen, be stronger, be valiant.

And conveys that which will be strong and might. It will exceed, that is it will be greater than any previous covenant.

I believe what we are seeing here today with the two most recent covenants (UAE and Bahrain) along with the two previous covenants (Egypt and Jordan) is a foundation being established. Just as treaties established under the now disbanded League of Nations are still recognized under the now current United Nations, so to the covenant that will be established between Israel and the Arab world through the Anti-Messiah. These are covenants that will not need to be renegotiated again, but, in that they are already established will become part of this covenant of Daniel 9:27.

So, the United States is not entering into any covenant or treaty with the Arab nations and Israel, but is merely brokering these agreements. Our President signed as a witness not as a participant of these covenants to normalize relations and thus establish peace between these nations. This was also the case in 1978 and 1994.

More of these covenants will be entered into in the coming days. Don't be surprised when you hear the news. President Trump alluded to as many as five other Middle Eastern nations doing so.

What you are seeing is a sign that will lead to the ultimate of covenants. It will be at this time that the one who makes this covenant will be revealed, that is be made known.

We see in Daniel's prophecy that desolation will come through the one who will stop the sacrifices in the Temple. This is something Yeshua had also alluded to:

**Mat 24:15** "So when you see the abomination that causes desolation spoken about through the prophet Dani'el standing in the Holy Place" (let the reader understand the allusion),

This is not a statement where Yeshua is instructing His talmidim to look back in time to Antichos Apiphanies, but rather to look forward. When bringing Sha'ul's warning to the Thessalonians in chapter 2 that the one who separates himself from Torah and Yeshua's establishment of a connection to Daniel 9:27 there is another sign that can be established, that being a standing Temple. Torah permits sacrifices in only one place.

**Deu 12:5** Rather, you are to come to the place where Adonai your God will put his name. He will choose it from all your tribes; and you will seek out that place, which is where he will live, and go there.

**Deu 12:6** You will bring there your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tenths [*that you set aside for Adonai*], the offerings that you give, the offerings you have vowed, your voluntary offerings, and the firstborn of your cattle and sheep.

**Deu 12:7** There you will eat in the presence of Adonai your God; and you will rejoice over everything you set out to do, you and your households, in which Adonai your God has blessed you.

And thus with the establishment of the Temple built by Solomo where Adonai would reside...

**2Ch 7:1** When Shlomo had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of Adonai filled the house,

**2Ch 7:2** so that the cohanim could not enter the house of Adonai; because the glory of Adonai filled Adonai's house.

**2Ch 7:3** All the people of Isra'el saw when the fire came down, and the glory of Adonai was on the house; they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the flooring; prostrating themselves, they gave thanks to Adonai, "for he is good, for his grace continues forever."

Thus establishing through His presence the place where He would reside. It will be in Jerusalem that a Temple will be rebuilt as to whether it will be in the right location within the boundaries of Jerusalem is a whole other issue. There will be, there must be a Temple in Jerusalem for the prophecy of Daniel 9:27 and Yeshua's reference in Matthew 9:15 to come to fruition.

So, in order for them to be stopped they must have resumed in the future. For that to happen there must be a Temple. This is yet another sign to pay attention to regarding Yeshua's return.

I have seen signs in front of churches "Jesus is Coming" and "Jesus is coming soon!!" Yet, the signs we are to pay attention to are either being ignored or are not understood. I can't say they are hidden because they are right there in front of you. They are revealed in His Word.

Going back to the two witnesses of Revelation 11:

I had referenced the timeframe by which they would be active in Jerusalem. (They will be in the Temple prophecying for 1,260 days, that is 42 months which is also 3.5 years)

**Rev 11:1** I was given a measuring rod like a stick and told, "Get up, and measure the Temple of God and the altar, and count how many people are worshipping there!

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How can we understand this time?

They will be there for 3.5 years. The math conveys this is to be half of seven years...Daniel's prophecy, the 70<sup>th</sup> week.

Can we determine if it is the first half or second half? I believe we can.

We read further in Revelation 11 that...

Rev 11:7 When they finish their witnessing, the beast coming up out of the Abyss will fight against them, overcome them and kill them;

Rev 11:8 and their dead bodies will lie in the main street of the great city whose name, to reflect its spiritual condition, is "S'dom" and "Egypt"—the city where their Lord was executed on a stake.

What is this but an act of aggression. Recall your history class when you were taught World War I was started by an act of aggression – the assassination of Arch Duke Ferdinand of Austria.

So to, this act of aggression by the Adversary, will be the catalyst whereby he breaks the “strong covenant” with Israel that will in fact lead to Yeshua's return.

This morning as I was compiling this message to the lyrics composed by Lee Emmerson of the Canadian Rock Group – Five Man Electrical Band who sang in 1971..

“Sign sign everywhere a sign”

Blockin' out the scenery  
Breakin' my mind  
Do this, don't do that  
Can't you read the sign?

Speaking of literal and thus physical signs, large bill boards seen by the road, on buildings, etc...Here I am talking about prophetic signs that are everywhere.

The last stanza of the song goes...

And the sign said  
"Everybody welcome  
Come in, kneel down and pray"  
But when they passed around the plate at the end of it all  
I didn't have a penny to pay  
So I got me a pen and a paper  
And I made up my own little sign  
I said, "Thank you, Lord, for thinkin' 'bout me  
I'm alive and doin' fine"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c9lh7lqZojc>

He thought about you when Yeshua revealed the signs of His return to us.

Remember this verse?

**Deu 29:28** "Things which are hidden belong to Adonai our God. But the things that have been revealed belong to us and our children forever, so that we can observe all the words of this Torah.

These things have been made known to us. They are not hidden. So, why is there so little understanding pertaining to the signs of Messiah's return and the vast amounts of misinformation being disseminated?

There are many signs that have been made known to us. Some for now, others that will occur in the future. The point being there is no reason why anyone should be deceived if they follow Yeshua. He has made it clear, while we have complicated it.

Here is Yeshua's warning...

**Mat 24:4** Yeshua replied: "Watch out! Don't let anyone fool you!

**Mat 24:5** For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah!' and they will lead many astray.

My understanding here is that many in the body will profess Yeshua (Jesus) as Messiah while also leading many astray. In other words...wolves in sheep's clothing. This is an inward warning.

Yeshua then follows with an outward warning as to the times...

**Mat 24:6** You will hear the noise of wars nearby and the news of wars far off; see to it that you don't become frightened. Such things must happen, but the end is yet to come.

**Mat 24:7** For peoples will fight each other, nations will fight each other, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various parts of the world;

**Mat 24:8** all this is but the beginning of the 'birth-pains.'

**Mat 24:9** At that time you will be arrested and handed over to be punished and put to death, and all peoples will hate you because of me.

**Mat 24:10** At that time many will be trapped into betraying and hating each other,

Drawing us back to another inward assessment of His Body...

**Mat 24:11** many false prophets will appear and fool many people;

**Mat 24:12** and many people's love will grow cold because of increased distance from Torah.

**Mat 24:13** But whoever holds out till the end will be delivered.

**Psa 68:1** [*For the leader. A psalm of David. A song:*] Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee from his presence.

**Psa 68:2** Drive them away as smoke is driven away; like wax melting in the presence of a fire, let the wicked perish in the presence of God.

**Psa 68:3** But let the righteous rejoice and be glad in God's presence; yes, let them exult and rejoice.

**Psa 68:4** Sing to God, sing praises to his name; extol him who rides on the clouds by his name, Yah; and be glad in his presence.

We will continue this celebration in the morning.