

Lesson No. 153 – Here In These Last Days, Am I A Worn out Saint?

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We often hear and consider questions about the last days here in this time of modernity. I recently heard two pastors preach sermons focusing on the timing of the beginning of the last days. One concluded that “the last days began in 1948, when the Jews returned to the land” of the Children of Yisrael (COY). The other allowed ten or more members of his congregation to state their beliefs on when the last days began. One or more of those also referred to 1948. That pastor chose to not conclude on the timing.

This discussion, Lesson No. 153 – Here In These Last Days, Am I A Worn Out Saint, obviously asserts that we are existing in the last days at this time of modernity. As such, before we can answer the question about whether or not any of us are worn out saints in these last days, we should briefly review what the WORD of ELOHIM provides to the topic of the timing of the last days.

This phrase, “in the last days”, in fact is found only six times in the KJV. As a result, it really should not be too difficult to absolutely determine whether or not we today are living in the last days, and as well, when the last days most probably began. And because there are only the six instances, let’s read them all.

- Gen 49:1 And **Jacob called unto his sons**, and said, **Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.**

This is the first instance in ELOHIM’s WORD referring to “the last days”. As we all know, or should know, here Yacob (whose name was changed to Yisrael) is near death and called each of his twelve sons together to tell them their lot to occur “in the last days”. And let’s recognize that this phrase refers to more than just one day; it says “days”.

In reading through each of these, we previously learned that the prophecy for one of his sons provides a direct event that gives a clue as to A beginning of the last days.

- Gen 49:8 Judah, **thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.** Gen 49:9 Judah *is* a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

With Judah (Yehudah), we see a clear reference to Yehudah's authority amongst his brothers, and power over his enemies. Yacob then asks, as a lion, who shall rouse him up? The answer comes immediately.

- Gen 49:10 **The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.**

Not until Shiloh comes will the scepter depart from Yehudah. And whomever this Shiloh is, "unto HIM shall be the gathering of the people". There are many Europeans within the Household of Faith that continue to believe that the US and Great Britain are modern day Ephraim and Manasseh, and that the Queen of England sits on the throne of David.

Well first of all, Yacob's words are clear about his son Yehudah. The scepter of the COY shall not leave the tribe of Yehudah until this Shiloh comes. Has HE come, and if so, did HE give up this scepter to the descendants of Yoseph, the father of Ephraim and Manasseh?

You see, Yoseph was not a part of the tribe of Yehudah, which evolved into Yehudah, Benyamin, and Levy, who together formed the Kingdom of Yehudah. It was primarily to these that YAHSHUA came to during HIS first coming.

Another prophecy about this Shiloh has been mistranslated and misunderstood by many, rather than simply taking ELOHIM's WORD at face value.

- Eze 21:26 **Thus saith YAHWEH ELOHIM; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown:** this *shall not be* the same: exalt *him that is* low, and abase *him that is* high.

Here YAHWEH says “remove the diadem and take off the crown”, which was currently worn by the kings of Yehudah. The nine tribes of the Kingdom of Yisrael had been captured and removed by Assyria at this time. And then we read about how often the diadem will be removed.

- Eze 21:27 **I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it:** and **it shall be no more,** **until he come whose right it is;** and **I will give it** *him.*

It will be removed three times, and be no more, “until he come whose right it is; and I will give it”. Remember, Yacob himself prophesied that it would not depart from Yehudah until Shiloh comes”. Here, the prophet Ezekiel says that it would be overturned three times from Yehudah and would be no more, until HE comes whose right it is. HE, obviously is Shiloh. This was ELOHIM's plan all along. The scriptures will tell us whose right it is.

Somehow, someone has deceived many in the Household of Faith that these three overturns resulted in a transfer of the scepter from Yehudah to the Kingdom of Yisrael. Is this what the scriptures say? Of course not. So, right away we see how a certain segment within the Household of Faith has been worn down by deception. These are mostly European gentiles, but also some descendants of the pan-African slave trade, primarily those from the Caribbean island of Jamaica.

Well, the last three kings of Yehudah (Yehoiakim, Yehoiachin and Zedekiah) were all overturned by Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, in the 24th and 25th chapters of 2 Kings. At this time, the scepter was no more.

It lay dormant until the coming of Shiloh, whose right it was all along. Now let's return to Yacob's prophecy.

- Gen 49:11 **Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:** Gen 49:12 His eyes *shall be* red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

This is a very key scripture, both in terms of teaching us about Shiloh, as well as providing a key to the beginning of the last days. The Prophet Zechariah was led to prophecy and interpret these words for us.

- Zec 9:9 **Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion;** shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, **thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.**

So, we have the scepter, which belongs to Shiloh, whose right it was. The scepter means kingship. And now the scriptures quite clearly teach us that it is this Shiloh who will come to the daughters of Zion as their king, "riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass". And when Shiloh came, we can read of this fulfillment.

- Mat 21:1 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent YAHSHUA two disciples, Mat 21:2 Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway **ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me.** Mat 21:3 And if any *man* say ought unto you, ye shall say, the Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. Mat 21:4 **All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet,** saying, Mat 21:5 **Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.**

- Mat 21:6 And the disciples went, and did as YAHSHUA commanded them, Mat 21:7 And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set *him* thereon. Mat 21:8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed *them* in the way. Mat 21:9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. Mat 21:10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? Mat 21:11 And the multitude said, This is YAHSHUA the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

It was YAHSHUA, who would fulfill all of these prophecies. With these actions, based on Yacob's own prophecy about Yehudah's future of Shiloh, the last days appears to have officially began. I say appears to have, because I have not done the complete research on the prophecies of the other sons of Yacob, and I welcome any knowledge others can provide if they or you have so studied it in ELOHIM's WORD. However, we know YAHSHUA's triumphant entry on the ass is officially an "in the last days" occurrence.

We just read the Prophet Ezekiel say that the scepter will be no more until HE comes whose right it is. Well, whose right was it?

- Luk 1:30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with ELOHIM. Luk 1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name YAHSHUA. Luk 1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and **the Lord ELOHIM shall give unto him the throne of his father David:** Luk 1:33 And **he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever;** and **of his kingdom there shall be no end.**

YAHSHUA came to claim a throne that was HIS from the beginning of the plan of ELOHIM. It was the same throne that Saul, David, Solomon and all the other kings of Yehudah previously sat upon.

Notice who was the first king.

- 1Sa 8:6 But **the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us.** And Samuel prayed unto YAHWEH.
- 1Sa 8:7 And **YAHWEH said unto Samuel, Harken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.**

As we have studied the scriptures, we know that from the beginning the COY always wanted to be like the nations that surrounded them. They always played the harlot. They rejected their true king, YAHWEH. HE allowed them to temporarily sit on HIS throne through the tribe of Yehudah, until HE would come in the flesh as YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC to reclaim HIS throne.

And so, the saints of the MOST HIGH should clearly and immediately understand that it was YAHSHUA whose right it was and is. The angel Gabriel came to inform Mary who her child shall become. We should be totally clear and in agreement on what ELOHIM's WORD teaches us, rather than allowing ourselves to be worn down by the false claims of a few.

Notice the next two instances.

- Isa 2:2 And **it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of YAHWEH'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills;** and all nations shall flow unto it. Isa 2:3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of YAHWEH, to the house of the ELOHIM of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of YAHWEH from Jerusalem.

- Isa 2:4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
- Mic 4:1 But **in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of YAHWEH shall be established in the top of the mountains**, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. Mic 4:2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of YAHWEH, and to the house of the ELOHIM of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of YAHWEH from Jerusalem. Mic 4:3 And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: **nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more**. Mic 4:4 But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make *them* afraid: for the mouth of YAHWEH of hosts hath spoken *it*.

As we can clearly read, both of these Prophets, Isaiah and Micah, are prophesying of the same events when the Kingdom of Heaven shall be established beginning with the 1,000-year rule of YAHSHUA and HIS saints. In previous lessons, we read of the covenant of peace YAHWEH will make with the COY during this time, and how that this is why Satan will be imprisoned during this time. Here, we read how that there shall be no war during this time.

And before we get to whether or not any of us are worn down saints, the Prophet Yoel and the Apostle Peter have another instance of the last days to share with us.

- Joe 2:28 And **it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:** Joe 2:29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. Joe 2:30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. Joe 2:31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of YAHWEH come. Joe 2:32 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of YAHWEH shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as YAHWEH hath said, and in the remnant whom YAHWEH shall call.

As we shall read, the Apostle Peter shall claim fulfillment of this prophecy, in part. But keep in mind that when we read the Apostle's version, the prophet says "it shall come to pass afterward". However, the part that was not fulfilled was actually spoken of earlier in this same chapter.

- Joe 2:1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for **the day of YAHWEH cometh**, for *it is* nigh at hand;

Yoel here begins to describe a day, the Day of YAHWEH, which is what verses 30 through 32 are describing.

- Joe 2:2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, *even* to the years of many generations. Joe 2:3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land *is* as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. Joe 2:4 The appearance of them *is* as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

- Joe 2:5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array. Joe 2:6 Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness. Joe 2:7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march everyone on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks: Joe 2:8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk everyone in his path: and *when* they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded. Joe 2:9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief. Joe 2:10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining: Joe 2:11 And YAHWEH shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp *is* very great: for *he is* strong that executeth his word: for the day of YAHWEH *is* great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

We know from our other studies that the reference to the darkened sun and moon is referring to the time of great tribulation, also the “time of Yacob’s trouble”.

Now let’s read the Apostle Peter’s version of this prophecy.

- Act 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all *ye* that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: Act 2:15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day. Act 2:16 But **this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;**

We know that these words were spoken at the first New Covenant Feast of Weeks. This happened at least 1,900 years prior to 1948, which is also significant. Peter is teaching us that the events that occurred at this first New Covenant Feast of Weeks, fulfilled the Prophet Yoel’s prophecy, in part.

Notice the Apostle's words.

- Act 2:17 And **it shall come to pass in the last days**, saith ELOHIM, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: Act 2:18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

This is the part of Yoel's prophecy that was fulfilled. And notice how that the Apostle informed us that this part was fulfilled in the last days. And again, this is at least 1,900 years before the events of 1948. And, through study of the prophets, we know that whoever went to the land of Yisrael in 1948, by ELOHIM's WORD, could not possibly be confused with the return of the COY.

But why does the Apostle's wording of the timing of this fulfillment differ from the Prophet's? The Prophet wrote "it shall come to pass afterward", "rather than in the last days". After what?

- Joe 2:12 Therefore also now, saith YAHWEH, turn ye *even* to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: Joe 2:13 And **rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto YAHWEH your ELOHIM: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.** Joe 2:14 **Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto YAHWEH your ELOHIM?**

It is in verse 28 where we read the phrase "it shall come to pass afterward". So, here are the events that shall come before the fulfillment of the prophecies described by the Prophet and the Apostle. There is duality in these verses because they describe two time periods.

This first represents the first advent of YAHSHUA, before whom Yochanon the Baptist came preaching repentance unto the COY.

- Joe 2:15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Joe 2:16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: **let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.**

This was what the COY were given an opportunity to do in the days leading up to YAHSHUA's coming. This is how they were supposed to keep the Day of Atonement. This was the first time the BRIDEGROOM came forth out of HIS chamber, and the bride, the COY, out of her closet.

- Joe 2:18 Then will YAHWEH be jealous for his land, and pity his people. Joe 2:19 Yea, YAHWEH will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen: Joe 2:20 But **I will remove far off from you the northern army**, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.

The northern army was Babylon, which was removed from the COY.

- Joe 2:21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for YAHWEH will do great things. Joe 2:22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. Joe 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in YAHWEH your ELOHIM: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first *month*.

- Joe 2:24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. Joe 2:25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. Joe 2:26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of YAHWEH your ELOHIM, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. Joe 2:27 And **ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am YAHWEH your ELOHIM**, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

Hopefully, we are seeing the duality of these words. YAHWEH did come and dwelt in the midst of the COY. This is why the Prophet spoke of the fulfillment of the events of the Feast of Weeks as coming “afterwards”. However, the Apostle claimed that this fulfillment was “in the last days”. He then spoke of the unfulfilled part of the prophecy to come later, and yet also in the last days.

- Act 2:19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: Act 2:20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: Act 2:21 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

We are reading of events that fulfilled a part of the Prophet Yoel’s prophecy that occurred approximately 2,000 years ago. This was during the time of YAHSHUA’s first advent. You recall that the disciples ask YAHSHUA would HE at that time restore the Kingdom unto Yisrael (Acts 1:6-8). They had read the Prophet Yoel’s prophecies. They did not at that time recognize that there would be two advents of YAHWEH of ELOHIM, both to occur thousands of years apart, and yet both, “in the last days”.

ELOHIM's WORD teaches the Household of Faith through the words of both the prophets and the apostles of the second and final advent of YAHSHUA coming out of HIS chamber once again as the BRIDEGROOM, and HIS new bride, the resurrected saints, coming out of their closet "in that day" of the last days.

The Apostle Peter was given the "keys of the Kingdom". Let's allow him to expound on the other prophesied events to occur "in the last days", along with an important key to the last days.

- 2Pe 3:1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in *both* which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: 2Pe 3:2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of YAHWEH and Saviour: 2Pe 3:3 Knowing this first, that **there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,**

What we must understand is that this has been going on throughout the last 2,000 years. Remember, though Babylon was no longer in power, it was during this period that we read of another powerful adversary. We'll come right back to Peter.

- Dan 7:7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold **a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.**

This was the new power on the block during this time, the fourth beast. The Household of Faith should be totally knowledgeable that this fourth beast has been in force throughout these past 2,000 years, and will be in force until YAHWEH's second advent to the earth. These 2,000 years have occurred during "the last days".

- 2Pe 3:4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation. 2Pe 3:5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of ELOHIM the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

Throughout these last days there have always been scoffers walking after their own lusts, questioning ELOHIM's WORD. These have always been ignorant of what ELOHIM's WORD has taught about the creation of this earth and its surroundings. This has been primarily because of the impact and influence of the fourth beast during the last days.

- 2Pe 3:6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: 2Pe 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

The spiritual bride of YAHSHUA exists in a sort of metaphoric closet until it is allowed to come out of it. All about it during these last days is a world that is being reserved unto fire against the day of judgement, beginning with the Day of YAHWEH. As such, ELOHIM gave the Apostle Peter a very important key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

- 2Pe 3:8 But, **beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.** 2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

The Household of Faith was and is supposed to grasp this great key. Notice how the Apostle made this point. He said "beloved". Who are these "beloved"? This refers only "to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of ELOHIM and our Saviour YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC" (2Peter 1:1).

He next tells these beloved to “be not ignorant of this one thing”. There is a special emphasis he is placing on what he is about to teach them. I.e., do not allow yourselves to become so worn out that you do not discern the importance of what he is about to teach them and us, if we “have obtained like precious faith with” the apostles.

Being led by the Spirit of Truth, he teaches us that one day to YAHWEH is as 1,000 years. To ELOHIM, 1,000 years is as one day. As such, the period spoken of by the prophets and the disciples “the last days” represents a time period of 2,000 years or more, which to YAHSUA is 2 or more days. And, as we have previously studied, the last day of the period is a period called “in that day”, which will be the final 1,000 years of the period “the last days”. The Apostle then turns his teaching to this last day.

- 2Pe 3:10 But **the day of YAHWEH** will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

This is the Day of YAHWEH, when the inhabitants of the earth shall be unsuspecting. The question you and I are dealing with in this lesson is, will we too be unsuspecting. If we are indeed saints of YAHSUA, have we let our guards down? Now, remembering what time period we are living in, let’s allow the Prophet Daniel to teach us something else about that fourth and dreadful and terrible beast.

- Dan 7:23 Thus he said, **The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.**

Knowing that this is the beast that has been given its power during “the last days” sort of helps a saint to put some things in perspective.

It was through this beast power that ELOHIM accomplishes vital prophecies against the COY. The human power behind the pan-African slave trade, and the beneficiary of it, was this fourth beast. Let's remember these words spoken by YAHSUA during the parable of the wedding feast. We'll come right back to Daniel.

- Mat 22:7 But when the king heard *thereof*, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

These were the armies of the fourth beast that YAHWEH sent to destroy Yerushalaim in 70AD and 135AD. This sent all of the remnant of the COY either to their deaths or to escape into the Land of Ham, known as Africa. History also teaches that it was the descendants of this fourth beast that would later execute ELOHIM's promise to send the remnants of the COY in slave ships back to the metaphoric Egypt. And so here we are, hidden from the world, and even from ourselves. And here in what can arguably be the time just before the Day of YAHWEH, many of us have been drawn and called out of this world we must exist in under the following circumstances.

- Dan 7:24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

More than likely, this prophesy about the three kings has been fulfilled. It is unimportant the exact knowledge of how, obviously. Many assert their knowledge on this. I have proven several entirely wrong. When ELOHIM desires, it will be fool proof knowledge. What is important is that we discern the king that subdued them. For it is this king that has accomplished the following.

- Dan 7:25 And **he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.**

Here are the four great commissions given or allowed to this king, and we need to understand them all. First, this king speaks words against the MOST HIGH. Second, he shall wear out the saints of the MOST HIGH. Third, he shall think to change times and laws. And fourth, the saints shall be given into his hand for a certain period of time.

Now, there is duality in these scriptures. Let us not forget that the COY were the first saints. And because of their sinful nature, they have been worn down by this king, that sits at the head of the fourth beast. And notice the following scripture that we must also recognize the duality.

- Dan 7:26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy *it* unto the end. Dan 7:27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

When the COY are returned to their land “in that day”, they will also return to a physical form of sainthood, which we know will be forced upon them by the returned YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC. For now, during these last days, they have been worn down, and think that this false king has changed laws, and have been given into his hand. He is in complete control of the vast majority of them because they have and continue to reject YAHWEH as their king. Interesting enough, some of them now have European brethren that are teaching them to accept the Queen of England as their monarchy, rather than YAHSHUA.

Now, this gets us to you and I.

You see, these COY I am referring to are among those who appear to have been drawn, called and chosen. I.e., they are of the spiritual saints of YAHSHUA. We know the definition of a spiritual saint. However, let's read it again.

- Rev 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of ELOHIM, and the faith of YAHSHUA.

As read, it doesn't get any simpler than this. The New Covenant saints are those who keep the commandments of ELOHIM, and the faith of YAHSHUA. These are the two great commissions for these saints. They must keep ELOHIM's commandments and the faith of YAHSHUA. The false king has sought to change laws, ELOHIM's commandments. The false king has worn down the saints, definitely the physical saints who have been given into his hand. But, what about the spiritual saints. The scripture did not qualify that these are not too applicable. Daniel 7:26 and 27 also applies directly to the resurrected saints who will inherit the Kingdom with YAHSHUA as newborn members of family of ELOHIM.

These spiritual saints must endure during these last days, knowing who this king is that speaks against the MOST HIGH. How does he accomplish this? HE speaks and leads the world to believe that the new commandments he thinks to impose represent the MOST HIGH.

These spiritual saints must endure during these last days, knowing that this king has worn out the physical saints, and yet has also worn out the spiritual saints, yet in a different manner. These spiritual saints must endure during these last days, with the knowledge of how this king has thought to change laws and times. And finally, these spiritual saints must endure during these last days, knowing that they have been given into his hand until YAHSHUA returns for their deliverance.

This is why this obscure prophecy we have studied, when understood, ties the entire plan of ELOHIM together.

- Lev 25:9 Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth *day* of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. Lev 25:10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

We know that this jubilee shall be dual. For the remnant of the COY that survive the rod, and the remnants of the nations that survive the Day of YAHWEH, this liberty and return to their families shall be a physical freedom from the Satan's influence. For the saints that shall endure their being worn down and the hand of this king, theirs shall be a spiritual freedom from these physical bodies into spiritual kingship and priesthood.

Now, if we each would admit it, our attention is generally on the first and third of this false king's commissions. But tonight, our focus is on the second and fourth of these three commissions, and how each of us may be impacted by it. We read the Apostle Peter's words about the last days, which were the final instance of this phrase. However, let's now read the Apostle Paul's teaching about these times, which we now know are under the control of this false king.

- 2Ti 3:1 This know also, that **in the last days perilous times shall come.**

First, the Apostle phrases his comments in a curious manner. He says perilous times "shall come" "in the last days". We know that he himself lived during the initial advent of the last days. And yet, he speaks of a future time, hinting that the future times shall see an increase in the behaviors he is about to describe.

- 2Ti 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

- 2Ti 3:3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 2Ti 3:4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of ELOHIM;

In fact, these practices were around during the Apostle's days. However, at that time, it is possible, and has been so documented, that the worst of these practices existed amongst the nations that were a part of the fourth beast, the Holy Roman Empire. However, it appears that the Apostle is letting us know that as the last days continued, these influences would branch out into the entire world. And in particular, these practices would overcome the original saints, the COY, to their own detriment.

- 2Ti 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 2Ti 3:6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 2Ti 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 2Ti 3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

Tradition has it that Yannes and Yambres were the two Egyptian magicians that opposed Moses and Aaron. The point for us is that anyone that opposes the truth are those of corrupt minds and are reprobate concerning the faith.

What is the truth? The best answer comes to us by YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC HIMSELF as HE was being tempted by Satan.

- Mat 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, **Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of ELOHIM.**
- Mat 4:7 YAHSHUA said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt YAHWEH thy ELOHIM.

- Mat 4:10 Then saith YAHSHUA unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy ELOHIM, and him only shalt thou serve.

Truth is every WORD that proceeded out of the mouth of ELOHIM. Remember, YAHSHUA too was ELOHIM, come in the flesh to save a wretched mankind from itself. Truth is to never tempt ELOHIM. Truth is bowing down only to ELOHIM, and serving only HIM/THEM.

When we allow ourselves to stray away from the protocols that ELOHIM has provided to us, we stray away from ELOHIM's truth. We must acknowledge that we have no truth within ourselves.

Here in these last days we are worn down by all that exists around us. We have been given into the hand of this false king. This is what we have been drawn, called, and chosen to endure and overcome. We have to endure the falsehoods of life that effects the entire world, just like those with reprobate minds. And yet, our calling is to keep the commandments of ELOHIM and the faith in YAHSHUA, at all costs.

How are we worn down by this false king? The laws and times present a major factor in the lives of YAHSHUA's saints, even though they know them and have chosen not to obey them. What about those all around us, our families, friends and others? All of these impact our daily lives. Those loved ones, friends, and associates that have not been drawn, called and chosen, do not know that they follow the teachings of this false king, as well as other false prophets such as the gods of Egypt and India, and as such, both directly and indirectly, each of us are worn down by this false king.

The apostles and the prophets all walked to a different song than most of us do in these last days. For instance, the Apostle Yochanan wrote the following:

- 2Jn 1:1 The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth; 2Jn 1:2 For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us forever. 2Jn 1:3 Grace be with you, mercy, *and* peace, from ELOHIM the Father, and from the Lord YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

The elder here obviously is the Apostle, writing to this lady of the Household of Faith and her children.

- 2Jn 1:4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.

This is something each of us rejoices in, when our children also walk in the truth as given us by the apostles, the ultimate disciples of HAMASHIAC.

- 2Jn 1:5 And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. 2Jn 1:6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

This lady was already called the elect lady, and yet he encourages he walk in the love of the brethren and the commandments of ELOHIM. Perhaps this is because of the elements that sought to wear her and her children down. Whether we choose to outwardly acknowledge it or not, when our children, and even our spouses, other close relatives and friends, walk not after ELOHIM's commandments, it wears us down. I said wears us down. I did not say it overcomes us.

- 2Jn 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

- 2Jn 1:8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

The Apostle teaches this lady, and us, about the deception in this world, and that we must look to ourselves and not lose what we have been given so that our full reward is received.

- 2Jn 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of HAMASHIAC, hath not ELOHIM. He that abideth in the doctrine of HAMASHIAC, he hath both the Father and the Son.

This seems a simple enough analogy of the falsehoods in the world versus the doctrine of HAMASHIAC, HIS sayings. And then he issues a bombshell. To this lady, and to us.

- 2Jn 1:10 **If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him god speed:** 2Jn 1:11 For **he that biddeth him god speed is partaker of his evil deeds.**

I don't know about you, but to me, this is a wow moment. How many of us do this, or think we can do this, under the circumstance of our individual lives? Certainly not me. And yet this is what the Apostle advises.

I mentioned earlier how many Europeans and others have been taught that the Queen of England sits on the throne of David. We know that scripture, the writings of both the apostles and the prophets, teaches us that after the fall of the Kingdom of Yehudah, only YAHWEH, now YAHSUA HAMASHIAC will sit on this throne. As such this false teaching cannot be of "the doctrine of HAMASHIAC". Every member of the Household of Faith that believes in the holy scriptures must rid themselves of these false teachings. These false teachings are the product of the false king and ultimately, Satan.

The Apostle of HAMASHIAC is telling all of the Household of Faith to resist any false teaching and to not receive these false teachings into our homes, which are the body of HAMASHIAC.

Each of us have been worn down by life's factors that censor our thoughts, words and actions. This is a direct reflection of the influence of the false king, and most of us do not realize it. Some of my Hebrew Yisraelite friends teach that only the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles must be kept. Is this keeping the commandments of YAHWEH?

- Lev 23:33 And YAHWEH spake unto Moses, saying, Lev 23:34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* **the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto YAHWEH.** Lev 23:35 On the first day *shall be* an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein*. Lev 23:36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto YAHWEH: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto YAHWEH: *it is* a solemn assembly; *and* ye shall do no servile work *therein*.
- Lev 23:41 And **ye shall keep it a feast unto YAHWEH seven days in the year.** *It shall be* a statute forever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

This is the commandment for the Feast of Tabernacles. Is there anything here that allows the Household of Faith to accept a teaching that only a one-day observance is required? No. This is a false teaching that some of us accept for whatever reasons. Those that accept these forms of teachings are worn down, and may not know it. There exists a myriad of ways that the false teachings of the world have worn down the saints of ELOHIM. However, as the Apostle was teaching the lady, the saints of ELOHIM must never lose their focus to keep the commandments of ELOHIM and the faith of YAHSHUA.

Obviously, we know that many scriptures exist to further support how we become worn down in these last days. We have all been worn down. Our commission is to endure and overcome. The apostles taught us many ways to overcome.

- Rom 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith YAHWEH. Rom 12:20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Rom 12:21 **Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.**
- 1Jn 4:4 **Ye are of ELOHIM, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.** 1Jn 4:5 **They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.** 1Jn 4:6 **We are of ELOHIM: he that knoweth ELOHIM heareth us; he that is not of ELOHIM heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.**

These are ways to overcome. We learn how to stand in the midst of this world with love, knowing that HE in whom we have faith has overcome this world for us. Our charge is to stand and endure. We know that we must always discern the Spirit of Truth from the spirit of error that surrounds us and wears us down. Yes, we are worn down. And yet, we have what is needed to overcome it.

There is a lot that we must ponder, particularly knowing that one of the commandments we must also obey is to bear fruit for the Kingdom of ELOHIM. Bearing fruit also means rejecting fruit, the fruit of lies. This fruit comes to the Household of Faith in subtle ways as well. We have mentioned but a few to keep us on our toes.

One of the European-led congregations within the Household of Faith does not allow its members to show emotion during its worship services. Here is what David teaches us. The Prophet, King David, seems to always have some inspired words for us to ponder during perilous times.

- Psa 33:1 **Rejoice in YAHWEH, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.** Psa 33:2 **Praise YAHWEH with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.** Psa 33:3 **Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.**

Now, to be fair, every culture under the heavens rejoices in their own way. But we are called to a foundation of the apostles of YAHSHUA and the prophets of YAHWEH. We know that YAHWEH and YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC are one and the same. The people we have descended from know how to rejoice, sing and play skillfully. Where we have failed is in our following other cultures that have led us from the following.

- Psa 33:4 **For the word of YAHWEH is right; and all his works are done in truth.**

The descendants of the four beast powers and the false king have taught the world laws and times that were not given to us by YAHWEH. What we must return to is HIS WORD and the acknowledgement of HIS works. If our loud music is done with these truths as a background, we are following what the prophets have declared to us. They have declared to us the following.

- Psa 33:5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of YAHWEH. Psa 33:6 By the word of YAHWEH were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. Psa 33:7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

This is the YAHSHUA we should be acknowledging each and every second of the day.

I remember when my mother was troubled, and/or was just feeling so blessed, she would always sing the spiritual hymns of her ancestors. Even though she may have been blinded by the false king, in her heart, she knew who YAHSHUA was. And so too are many of our people.

- Psa 33:8 **Let all the earth fear YAHWEH: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.** Psa 33:9 For he spake, and it was *done*; he commanded, and it stood fast. Psa 33:10 YAHWEH bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect. Psa 33:11 **The counsel of YAHWEH standeth forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.**

As we endure being worn down and living under the control of the fourth beast, remembering these truths are how we endure these last days.

- Psa 33:12 **Blessed is the nation whose ELOHIM is YAHWEH; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.** Psa 33:13 YAHWEH looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. Psa 33:14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth. Psa 33:15 He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works. Psa 33:16 There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength. Psa 33:17 An horse *is* a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver *any* by his great strength.

The falsehoods of man seek to wear us down heavily to trust in everything but YAHWEH. We must remember the subtilty of Satan, to whom the fourth beast was patterned after. In the midst of these last days, here is what our mindsets must trust in.

- Psa 33:18 Behold, the eye of YAHWEH is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; Psa 33:19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Psa 33:20 Our soul waiteth for YAHWEH: he is our help and our shield. Psa 33:21 For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name. Psa 33:22 Let thy mercy, O YAHWEH, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

The entire worldly systems continue to wear us down. Our families, friends and other associates do not realize that they too sometimes wear us down. We must never forget who and what is our salvation, physically and spiritually; YAHWEH, YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC. HIS eye is upon us. The false spirits that are in the world, HE has created them to make us stronger. This lesson is a wake-up call to each of us to challenge each other to stay the course, together.

Our charge is to overcome and to bear fruit. We are the sons and daughters of ELOHIM. Overcome, overcome, overcome, until HE comes whose right is the throne of David.

Shalom!!