

**GOD'S LOVING KINDNESS
TO THE WOMAN IN THE WILDERNESS
Part 6 The Second Coming of Jesus Christ**

Today we are once again looking into times that are ahead of us, in our series, **'The Second Coming of Jesus Christ'**.

It is a time referred to in scripture as 'THE DAY OF THE LORD' and 'THE END OF THE AGE' ... and times which we surmise, are in the not-too-distant future from our present-day position.

In all these events that take place in 'The Day of The Lord' you can be forgiven for seeing only destruction and judgement as outlined in The Book of Revelation ...

But there are many positive things that God still does in these times of seeming chaos.

Today we are going to look at some of these blessings that God gives to 'The Woman in The Wilderness'.

Last week we spoke about 'this woman' who is found in 'Revelation chapter 12' and concluded that THIS WOMAN IS – 'THE ISRAEL OF GOD' (Galatians 6:16 & Romans 9:6), THE TRUE JEW, CIRCUMCISED OF THE HEART (Romans 2:28-29), THE ELECT ACCORDING TO GRACE (Romans 11:5).

We also saw that God's plan for 'this Woman' – THE ISRAEL OF GOD – in these **times of desolation for Jerusalem**, is to **FLEE INTO THE WILDERNESS FOR 3½ YEARS** –

Revelation 12:6 Berean Literal Bible **SLIDE**

*And **the woman fled into the wilderness**, where she has a place having been prepared there by God, so that they should nourish her there one thousand two hundred sixty days.*

THIS IS ALSO CONFIRMED BY JESUS ...

Matthew 24:15-16 NIV

*So **when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,'** spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—¹⁶**then let those who are in Judea flee** to the mountains.*

NB: THE INSTRUCTION OF GOD FOR ISRAEL AT THIS TIME IS TO **FLEE ... NOT FIGHT!**

It's no good trying to fight your enemy and asking God to help you fight, **WHEN GOD HAS ALREADY TOLD YOU TO FLEE ...**
IF HE SAYS, 'GET OUT NOW ...' THEN GET OUT!

This is what God says to Israel at this time because this destruction is a part of His plan. **HE SAYS, 'FLEE INTO THE WILDERNESS.'**

WHAT IS THIS WILDERNESS INTO WHICH THE WOMAN FLEES?

As we know, Israel sojourned in 'The Wilderness' for 40 years before they entered the Promised Land.

So 'The Wilderness' represents **a place of sojourning until God's promise comes to pass ...**

The wilderness is not so much '*the place*' but '*the time of waiting*'.

SO, THIS TIME OF ISRAEL'S WILDERNESS IS 1260 DAYS OR 3½ YEARS DURING THE ANTICHRIST'S DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM.

(See the 30-day month by reading the combined verses of Gen 7:11, 24 & Gen 8:3-4)

We are also told that in **this time and place** of Israel's sojourning, God will bring about His chosen purpose for Israel and **they shall be gloriously saved.** (Romans 11:26)

ISRAEL WILL FINALLY COME INTO WHO THEY WERE CHOSEN TO BE AND EMBRACE JESUS CHRIST AS THEIR MESSIAH.

Jeremiah 30:7-8 NIV

How awful that day will be! No other will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob [Israel], but he will be saved out of it⁸ in that day,
declares the LORD Almighty ...

DON'T YOU LOVE THE CONTRAST OF LIGHT & DARK HERE?

Can you see the juxtaposition?

While Jerusalem is being desolated and the world is under judgement ... God is ministering grace to the true Israel while they are separated into the wilderness.

We also see this in the following Scriptures ...

Malachi 4:1-2 BSB **SLIDE**

For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace, when all the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble; the day is coming when I will set them ablaze,” says the LORD of Hosts. “Not a root or branch will be left to them. ²But for you who fear My name [Israel], the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings, and you will go out and leap like calves from the stall.

Jeremiah 31:2 BSB **SLIDE**

This is what the LORD says: “The people who survived the sword found favour [chen - Grace] in the wilderness when Israel went to find rest [to settle].”

Look at where God’s Grace was found?

IN THE WILDERNESS ...

NB: This is not the Babylonian captivity: Israel didn’t go into The Wilderness but into Captivity and they did not willingly go to ‘Find Rest’ They were driven into slavery.

SO THERE ARE **3 GREAT PROVISIONS** THAT GOD GIVES TO ISRAEL IN THIS TIME OF WAITING IN THE WILDERNESS

1. **SLIDE GOD PREPARES A PLACE FOR TRUE ISRAEL**

Revelation 12:6 BLB **SLIDE**

And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place having been prepared there by God, so that they should nourish her there one thousand two hundred sixty days.

SO HERE WHEN THE ANTICHRIST BEGINS TO DESTROY JERUSALEM, WE SEE **GOD HAS ALREADY PREPARED A SPECIAL PLACE** FOR ISRAEL IN THE WILDERNESS

SO, WHERE IS THIS PLACE THAT GOD HAS PRE-PREPARED?

IS IT A MYSTICAL PLACE?

Remember these people have to flee physically!

They have to go somewhere to survive!

Where do they go?

I BELIEVE THEY ARE WELCOMED INTO A COUNTRY THAT GOD HAS APPOINTED WHERE THEY WILL RECEIVE PROTECTION / PROVISION AND PEACE AND WHERE GOD WILL REVEAL JESUS TO HER – HER TRUE MESSIAH.

In fact, at this time when the antichrist is turning against Israel ... God will raise up several nations to support her, who will come to her rescue and **one will be chosen to accommodate her.**

**GOD DID IT BEFORE
WHEN HE RAISED UP CYRUS THE GREAT TO HELP ISRAEL**

SLIDE *In 539 B.C. God raised up 'Cyrus the Great' of Persia to conquer Babylon and to bring about Israel's release from captivity. Cyrus issued the decree of liberation to the Jews. Cyrus's edict for the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem marked a great epoch in the history of the Jewish people.
(See Ezra 1:1-4)*

WE FURTHER SEE THIS CONCEPT IN REVELATION 12:15-16

Revelation 12:15-16 BSB **SLIDE**
*Then from the mouth [speech] of the serpent spewed water like a river to overtake the woman and sweep her away in the torrent.
¹⁶**But the earth helped the woman** and opened its mouth to swallow up the river that had poured from the dragon's mouth [speech].*

NB: Mouth: (stomatos) The mouth, speech, eloquence in speech – point of sword

'THE EARTH HELPED ...'

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? ...

THE EARTH INDICATES - NATIONS IN THE EARTH

'HELPED' MEANS SOME NATIONS OF THE EARTH 'CAME TO THE RESCUE OF' (- eboëthēsen) THE WOMAN

I believe this is telling us that these Jewish people find asylum in another country.

SO WHICH COUNTRY WILL THIS BE?

THIS MAY SURPRISE YOU BUT *there is one country where there has never been any anti-Semitic sentiment in all its history –*
SLIDE THIS IS COUNTRY IS INDIA.

THE JEWS FOUND REFUGE IN INDIA after the destruction of the second Temple of Jerusalem (Titus 70AD)

They remained there, in Cochin Kerala and Bombay and Karachi (now in Pakistan) till after India gained independence in 1947 and the State of Israel was born in 1948, when most Jews emigrated to Israel.

INDIA OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED THE STATE OF ISRAEL IN 1950's
India formed bilateral ties with Israel in the early 1990's.
India became the biggest importer of arms from Israel.

*In July 2017, **Prime Minister Modi** visited Israel (Not Palestine), showing that India is gradually taking a stronger stand for Israel and strengthening the bilateral relationship between the countries.*

IT MIGHT ALSO SURPRISE YOU TO KNOW THAT

SLIDE **THE UKRAINE SUPPORTS ISRAEL**

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy the current leader of Ukraine is Jewish and his campaign was paid for by **a Jewish oligarch residing in Israel.**

Jews from all over the world conduct pilgrimage to the tombs of their religious leaders in Ukraine, and **the city of Dnipro has one of the largest Jewish cultural centres in the world.** They are expecting 40,000 Jews to Uman for **Rosh Hashhanah** (the Jewish New Year)

OF COURSE WE KNOW USA, GREAT BRITAN AND AUSTRALIA ARE TRADITIONAL ALLIES of Israel but other Pro-Israeli governments you may not know are ...
Myanmar, Denmark, Taiwan, Colombia, Morocco, Singapore and Armenia.

So I surmise that one of these countries – supported by many other pro-Israel countries – will open its borders to Israel and look after them.

THIS ALSO SHOWS US THAT THE ANTICHRIST IS NOT ALL POWERFUL ...

AND EVEN THOUGH HE WILL BE THE WORLD RULER OF THE ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT / THE ONE WORLD ECONOMY / THE

ONE WORLD RELIGION ... THE ANTICHRIST WILL NOT HAVE 100% SUPPORT OF ALL COUNTRIES.

There will be some who resist him just as there is an opposition party to the governments we have today!

So here, a few countries and world leaders will unite **and will help Israel.**

BUT GOD NOT ONLY PROVIDES A PLACE OF REFUGE FOR ISRAEL

2. SLIDE GOD PROVIDES THE MEANS TO EVACUATE

WE PICK THIS UP AGAIN IN MORE DETAIL IN ...

Revelation 12:14 BSB **SLIDE**

*But the woman was given **two wings of a great eagle to fly** from the presence of the serpent to her place in the wilderness, where she was nourished for a time, and times, and half a time (3½ years).*

WE ARE TOLD HERE SHE IS GIVEN 2 WINGS OF A GREAT EAGLE BY WHICH SHE CAN FLY TO HER PREPARED PLACE

- **THERE IS A SPIRITUAL INTERPRETATION**

WE CAN INTERPRET THIS METAPHORICALLY / SPIRITUALLY SAYING ...

Just as in Isaiah 40 the Eagle being carried by the Wind under its Wings, is a metaphor of The Power of The Holy Spirit ... so we can say here GOD GIVES GRACE & POWER TO THE TRUE JEWS TO FLEE ... WHICH IS TRUE ...

- **THERE IS A SYMBOLIC INTERPRETATION**

BUT WE CAN ALSO INTERPRET THIS **SYMBOLICALLY** LIKE '**BARRY SMITH**' USED TO WHICH IS MORE PRAGMATIC

This means '**The 2 Wings of a great Eagle stand for something.**

NB: THEY ARE 2 WINGS THAT PROVIDE TRANSPORT SUCH AS THE PLANES OF AN AIRFORCE

SLIDE DID YOU KNOW, **THE USA AIRFORCE** has on its insignia - an American Bald Eagle with its wings outstretched?

DID YOU KNOW MOST COUNTRIES THAT SUPPORT ISRAEL HAVE AN AIRFORCE WITH AN ISIGNIA CONTAINING OUTSTRETCHED EAGLE WINGS?

SLIDE AUSTRALIA'S RAAF / INDIA'S RIAF / SINGAPORE'S RSAF / THE UK MINISTRY OF DEFENSE / THE NETHERLAND'S RAAF

I can imagine, at that time that there will be a mass- evacuation plan.

Look at the Afghanistan Airlift 15 Aug – 30 Aug 2021

Large-scale evacuations of foreign citizens and some vulnerable Afghan citizens took place amid the withdrawal of US and NATO forces.

The antichrist will unite many nations against Israel. It's not hard to imagine Syria, Egypt, Palestine and Iran etc surrounding Israel –

Daniel 11:31

And forces shall be mustered by him [Antichrist] and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices and place there the abomination of desolation.

For an example of this, look at the Ukraine now with Russia surrounding them.

WHEN DOES THIS HAPPEN?

LET'S ASSUME IT HAPPENS AFTER THE FIRST 3½ YEARS AND BEFORE THE SECOND 3½ YEARS (1260 days) OF THE ANTICHRIST'S RULE.

This could account for the extra 30 days Daniel speaks about in *Daniel 12:11 where he talks about there being 1,290 days before the return of Christ, from when the Beast starts the abomination of desolation.*

THERE IS AN EXTRA 30 DAYS? WHAT IS THIS?

A 30 DAY MORATORIUM

Pragmatically this could mean that the **UN & NATO groups negotiate a diplomatic moratorium to give Israel time to get out.**

Anti-Semitic armies surround Jerusalem but a moratorium has been negotiated to allow Jews to be airlifted.

3. **SLIDE** GOD PROVIDES NOURISHMENT FOR ISRAEL

Revelation 12:14 BSB **SLIDE**

*But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle to fly from the presence of the serpent to her place in the wilderness, where **she was nourished** for a time, and times, and half a time (3½ years).*

**LOOK WHAT HAPPENS TO HER HERE?
SHE IS NOURISHED BY GOD**

Nourish = Succour ... tender affection ... on the milk of His word ...

Hosea 2:14-15 BSB **SLIDE**

*“Therefore, behold, **I will allure her and lead her to the wilderness, and speak to her tenderly.** ¹⁵ There I will give back her vineyards and make the Valley of Achor [disturbance] into a gateway of hope. There **she will respond** as she did in the days of her youth, as in the day she came up out of Egypt.”*

Hosea 2:19-20 BSB **SLIDE**

“So I will betroth you to Me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in loving devotion and compassion. ²⁰And I will betroth you in faithfulness, and you will know the LORD.”

Zechariah 12:10 NIV

*“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem **a spirit of grace and supplication.** They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.*