

INTRODUCTION: MATTHEW 24

[SLIDE 2] In August 2020, Rabbi Shalom Arush made a prediction

On September 18, Jews will be celebrating the last New Year without the Messiah. "I am going to tell you with certainty that Hashem (God, literally 'the name') will help us meet together after Rosh Hashanna," Rabbi Arush said in an interview last week. "And remember well what I am telling you, that this Rosh Hashana will be the last one without Moshiach (Messiah). And it could very well be that on this Rosh Hashanna the Messiah will be revealed."

[SLIDE 3] In July 2020, Rabbi Daniel Asor said this...

In the following year of Taf Shin Pey Bet (September 2021-September 2022), a year of the Yovel (Jubilee), on Yom Kippur 2021, the Messiah will reveal himself and then disappear" the Rabbi explained. Yom Kippur 2021 falls on the night of September 15 until nightfall on September 16.

[SLIDE 4] Rabbi Daniel Asor also warned of a globalist takeover

"If Hitler is the Third Reich, then the New World Order is the Fourth Reich. It is Amalek's last meeting with us before the Messiah's arrival. We are very close to redemption."

[SLIDE 5] Rabbi Garach Kanievsky wrote in "Discourse of Comfort"

"The Messiah lives with us today. Redemption is ready and ready " "Signs of redemption are slowly appearing," says Rabbi Chaim Kanievsky. "Redemption is ready and do not despair. When we win - we will be saved immediately"

[SLIDE 6] Here is the surprising announcement

- In a private ceremony at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem over Passover, Messiah was revealed
- Ultra-Orthodox Jews around the world are calling Shlomo Yehuda Beerli (also known as Yizياهو Ben David) the Messiah
- They have traced his lineage back to King David and there is talk of a public crowning... especially in light of the recent elections in Israel
- After 4 Elections, no party leader has enough support to form a new coalition government and Netanyahu was given the task once again
- This is significant because there is a Jewish prophecy that says Netanyahu is the last Prime Minister before Messiah comes

- Q: How are we to view these events in light of Biblical Prophecy

When Jesus was asked, what will the “sign” of your coming...

Matthew 24:4–8 (NKJV)

⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All *these are the beginning of sorrows.*

- Vs. 5 Jesus said many will come in My name, saying “I am Messiah,” and will deceive many.”
- **REMEMBER:** The Rabbi’s are not looking for a spiritual leader to be the Messiah
- They are looking for a man, a political leader who will allow them to rebuild the Temple and resume Temple sacrifices
- Daniel 9 tells us
- Jesus says... many will come saying I am Messiah
- This is what is important to know... this is a sign of Jesus’ coming

[SLIDE 7] Remember... there are 3 things that we look for

- Times, Seasons and Signs
- All 3 have to converge on one single point in order for a prophetic event to happen.

Genesis 1:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Then God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for **signs** and **seasons**, and for **days and years**;

“SIGNS” is translated reference point

- A sign tells you to pay attention because something is coming up
- BUT you don’t see a sign until you’re getting close
- You would never see a sign saying... Pico Avenue in 100 miles
- You might see a sign saying San Clemente in 100 miles, but you wouldn’t see a sign for Pico Avenue until you reached San Clemente

- So when you get into San Clemente, you start looking at the signs because you know you're getting close to the destination

Seasons is the word "moed"

- It means "appointed times" and it's speaking of the Feast Dates
- The Feast Dates are put in stone by God Himself... they are His Appointed Times and they correspond with specific events in History
- The Greek equivalent is "Kairos"

Days and Years in the Hebrew is "le yah-mim vey sah-nim"

- It is "a period of time, a section of time, a part of the year or a season"
- Each Season is marked by certain characteristics
- For instance Summer is warm, Winter is cold
- The Greek equivalent is "Kronos"

Paul wrote to the Thessalonians...

1 Thessalonians 5:1-4 (NKJV)

5 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³ For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

Paul mentions times and seasons... Kronos and the Kairos

- We just finished Resurrection Week where Jesus' death, burial and resurrection is the fulfillment of the Spring Feasts... the "Kronos"
- The Spring Feasts include Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Feast of First Fruits... all appointed times by God
- Jesus performed the signs of Messiah... He opened blind eyes, caused the lame to walk and raised the dead
- The season of Messiah was announced by John the Baptist... behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

We are in a "season of time" known as the Times of The Gentiles

Luke 21:24 (NKJV)

24 And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

- Jesus is speaking about a period of time when Jerusalem is under Gentile control... which began with Nebuchadnezzar in 600 B.C.
- Since 600 B.C., Jews were taken into captivity and Jerusalem divided

[SLIDE 8] Today Jerusalem is divided into 4 quarters...

- The Christian Quarter, the Armenian Quarter, the Jewish Quarter and the Muslim Quarter
- Jerusalem is trampled by Gentiles
- This will continue until the Rapture of the Church
- The Bride of Christ is taken up... then the False Messiah, the Anti-Christ will be revealed
- But until that moment, many False Messiah's will appear... not cult leaders, not false prophets... but political leaders promising to rebuild the Temple and Jesus says do not be deceived by them

Vs. 6 Jesus says there will be wars and rumors of wars

- ***[SLIDE 9]*** Russia is amassing a huge military presence in the Arctic
- They are actively developing hypersonic missiles that can go 5 times the speed of sound and all their missiles are aimed at the United States
- ***[SLIDE 10]*** Russia has a new unmanned stealth torpedo powered by a nuclear reactor called the Poseidon 2M39 torpedo
- This torpedo explodes off the coast of a country and causes a tsunami of radioactive waves that would render a coastline uninhabitable
- Sounds like Revelation 8 where 1/3 of all sea life and 1/3 of all ships are destroyed
- ***[SLIDE 11]*** China is preparing for War
- Revelation 9 talks about a 200 million men army that China will send into battle against the Antichrist and 1/3 of all mankind will be killed by them
- ***[SLIDE 12]*** Russia just invaded the Ukraine to take control of their oil, gas and uranium mines and the Rabbi's see this as a sign Messiah is about to be revealed
- The U.S. State Department officially recognized Israel's control over the West Bank as an "occupation"
- In other words, Israel is illegally occupying the land given by God

- **[SLIDE 13]** Now, the U.S. is back to providing aid to the Palestinians and pushing for a two-state solution... dividing the land of Israel

This is dangerous ground for the United States... Joel prophecies

Joel 3:2 (NKJV)

² I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.

- **[SLIDE 14]** Any nation that divides up the land of Israel will be destroyed at the final battle in the Valley of Jehoshaphat (Kidron Valley)

Vs. 7 Jesus said there will be famines, pestilences and earthquakes

- **[SLIDE 15]** It is estimated that the Covid 19 Pandemic could cause famines in over 35 countries and affect over 135 million people
- In addition to Covid-19 (being a global pandemic), there are a variety of mystery diseases appearing... brain disease and deadly fungus
- **[SLIDE 16]** We've seen Earthquakes due to volcanos and swarms of earthquakes in places that normally don't experience earthquakes
- Individually, not a big deal... but when you take them all together it becomes a sign that Jesus is returning soon

KEEP IN MIND: A sign tells you something is coming up

- In order to make sense of the signs you need to understand the times and the seasons
- The times refer to the season of time we're in
- The seasons refer to the appointed times established by God

So what season are we in?

- We are currently in the season of time between the Spring Feasts and the Fall Feasts... called the Summer Harvest
- After the Summer Harvest is the Tribulation Period
- The signs tell us the Summer Harvest is about to come to and end
- The biggest sign being the existence of the nation of Israel

But here's what I want you to see

- Notice the Rabbi's referred to the Fall Feasts as the time when Messiah would be revealed... isn't that interesting?
- One said it would be on Rosh Hashanah, the other on Yom Kippur
- I believe they both could be right
- Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year, but it's also known as the Feast of Trumpets and it begins with the blowing of the Shofar
- I believe that could be the time when the Rapture of the Church occurs
- Yom Kippur is the national day of repentance
- I believe that could be the time when the Second Coming of Christ occurs
- The nation of Israel will return to the LORD when they see Messiah coming in the clouds as prophesied in Zechariah 12 when they will look on Him whom they pierced and will mourn for Him for an only son

Notice... I didn't say the Covid Vaccine is the mark of the beast

- It's not... keep in mind we won't be here when the beast is in power
- It's not something we need to worry about... but the vaccine could be preparing the world to receive the mark of the beast

So we have the signs... telling us a change is coming

- We have the seasons... we're in the summer months but fall is near
- The Times of the Gentiles are nearly fulfilled
- We have the appointed times... the Feast Dates that are God's appointed times from September through November
- But we don't know the day or the hour... the moment Jesus will return to take up His bride like a thief in the night
- To know the moment you have to look up as darkness approaches
- The day ended when the first 3 stars appeared in the sky (trinity)
- The month began when you could see a sliver of light after a new moon
- It's getting dark... but we're not in darkness... we shouldn't be surprised
- Look up, Our redemption is drawing near!