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### Zephaniah 2

#### A Call to Repentance

2 Gather<sup>a</sup> yourselves together, yes, gather together,

O ¹undesirable nation,

<sup>2</sup> Before the decree is issued,

Or the day passes like chaff,

Before the Lord's fierce anger comes upon you,

Before the day of the LORD's anger comes upon you!

3 Seek the LORD, call you meek of the earth,

Who have upheld His justice.

Seek righteousness, seek humility.

It may be that you will be hidden. In the day of the Lord's anger.

Come, my people, Venter your chambers,

And shut your doors behind you;

Hide yourself, as it were, wfor a
little moment,

Until the indignation is past.

I do believe this is the Bride going to Heaven!
Hiding away for 7 yrs.

1. That you will be!!!

Blessed Hope!

**■ 1471.** goy

#### Strong's Concordance

goy: nation, people

Part of Speech: noun masculine; proper name, of a people

Transliteration: QOV

Phonetic Spelling: (go'-ee)
Definition: nation, people

#### Strong's Exhaustive Concordance

Gentile, heathen, nation, people

Rarely (shortened) goy {go'-ee}; apparently from the same root as gevah (in the sense of massing); a foreign nation; hence, a Gentile; also (figuratively) a troop of animals, or a flight of locusts — Gentile, heathen, nation, people.

Shameless Genfile heathen "True Believers"

! Notice!!! Before the Day of the Lord.

28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

### The Day of the Lord 1 Thess.

1 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 bthe 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, das 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. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but blet us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, "but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 hwho died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

When Hamas attacked Israel on October 7th, we were led to look at Gaza in prophecy. Amazingly the RAPTURE typology shows up! Now we are getting excited with the events that are taking place with the Bible literally coming alive right before our eyes.

### Zephaniah 2

#### **Judgment on Nations**

4 For Gaza shall be forsaken,

And Ashkelon desolate;

They shall drive out Ashdod at noonday, And Ekron shall be uprooted.

5 Woe to the inhabitants of the seacoast,

The nation of the Cherethites!

The word of the LORD is against you

O Canaan, land of the Philistines:

"I will destroy you;

So there shall be no inhabitant.

Palestinians are

Philistines

PROPHECY!

Are we seeing the

destruction of GAZA



The evacuation of Gaza city is only the beginning!

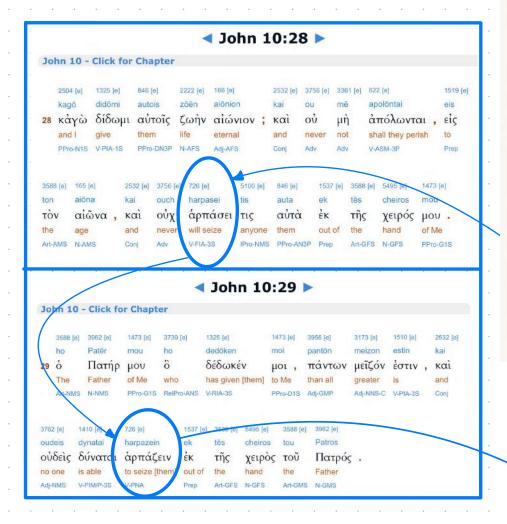




the red line must be cleared as the IDF prepares for a ground maneuver and wish not to fight among civilians.

Here we see WINTER means STORM. Now the Hebrew meaning of Storm is Red Sea, Whirlwind. Is that a coincidence? Look at the FIRST MENTION of WINTER or cheimon (Greek) is when Jesus was rebuking the Pharisees and Saduccees for not knowing the SIGNS OF THE TIMES, meaning the First coming of the Messiah Jesus. We can apply that same rebuke here. The SIGNS are happening all over the world as Jesus told the Disciples in the Olivet Discourse in Matthew, Mark and Luke.

This is the only time in the Gospels that Jesus and the word WINTER appear together. Is there a possible significance to this being here and in the context of "My sheep hear My voice and follow Me!" And that the word for RAPTURE appears twice in this passage!



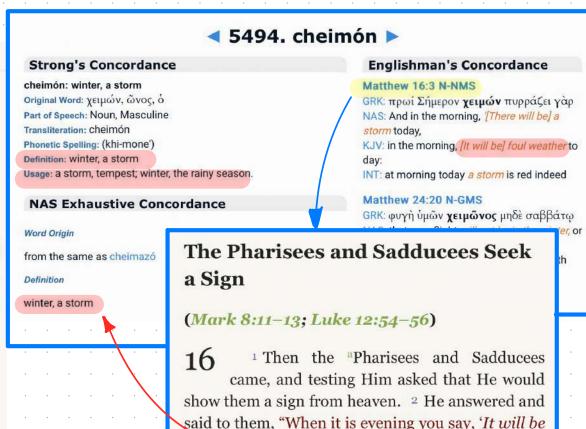
### The Shepherd Knows His Sheep

Jn 10:22-32 NKJV

<sup>22</sup> Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus walked in the temple, <sup>1</sup>in Solomon's porch. <sup>24</sup> Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in <sup>4</sup>doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. "The works that I do in My Father's name, they 'bear witness of Me. <sup>26</sup> But "you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, <sup>5</sup>as I said to you. <sup>27</sup> "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. <sup>28</sup> And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. <sup>29</sup> "My Father, "who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> "I and *My* Father are one."





Interesting fact is that Solomon's Porch is found on the east side of the Temple. During the WINTER the sun would warm up the Porch which is in the outer court of the Gentiles!

And He left them and departed.

fair weather, for the sky is red'; 3 and in the morn-

ing, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red

and threatening.' (Hypocrites! You know how to

discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern

the signs of the times. 4 bA wicked and adulterous

generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be

given to it except the sign of 2the prophet Jonah."

MARANATHA!



Winter brings us to John 4:35 which is in the account of the Samaritan Woman at the Well!

Now the first mention of the word WINTER Is in Genesis 8:22.

Gen 8:22 - 9:

<sup>22</sup> "While the earth <sup>q</sup>remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat,

Winter and summer, And <sup>r</sup>day and night Shall not cease."

9 So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: a"Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. 2 bAnd the fear of you and the dread of

### **◆ 2779.** choreph **▶**

#### Strong's Concordance

choreph: harvest time, autumn Original Word: ק־ָר Part of Speech: Noun Masculine

Transliteration: Choreph
Phonetic Spelling: (kho'-ref)

Definition: harvest time, autumn



#### **NAS Exhaustive Concordance**

Word Origin

from an unused word

Definition

harvest time, autumn

#### **Englishman's Concordance**

#### Genesis 8:22

HEB: וַלִּיִלָּה וְלָוֹם וַלֻיְּלָה

NAS: And summer *and winter,* And day KJV: and summer *and winter,* and day

INT: and heat and summer and winter and day and night

#### Job 29:

HEB: הַיִּיתִי בִּימֵי חָרְפֵּיִ בְּסִוֹד אֱלוֹהַ HEB: הַיִּיתִי

NAS: As I was in the prime of my days, KJV: As I was in the days of my youth, when

the secret

INT: become of my days *the prime* the friendship of God

This time is after the flood. Notice the order that the words are in. Winter before Summer, lends to the time in which we are looking at, that is the time of year. This will be important later in the study!

Jn 4:1-19 NKJV

### A Samaritan Woman Meets Her Messiah

- Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and abaptized more disciples than John 2 (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), 3 He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. 4 But He needed to go through Samaria.
- 5 So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that <sup>b</sup>Jacob <sup>c</sup>gave to his son Joseph. 6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from *His* journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.
- <sup>7</sup> A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." <sup>8</sup> For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.
- <sup>9</sup> Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For <sup>d</sup>Jews have no dealings with <sup>e</sup>Samaritans.
- <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the <sup>f</sup>gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He

#### would have given you gliving water."

- <sup>11</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"
- <sup>13</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, <sup>14</sup> but <sup>h</sup>whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him <sup>i</sup>will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."
- <sup>15</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."
- <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."
- 17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband."

Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."

19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, kI perceive that

The Samaritan woman is a Gentile, she represents the Bride here in this account. Jesus is alone with her, the Disciples (Jews going into Tribulation) are not there. Look at the TIME (sixth hour = NOON), interesting! Jesus then asks her to get her husband, WHY?, because there are 5 and one that is not her husband, (6000 years). Man has been given 6000 years and the time is up now, as you will see, the Samaritan woman is saved and now becomes pure (WHITE FOR HARVEST). Jesus is about to RAPTURE His Bride as seen in Revelation 14:15.

Verse 25 is the FAITH verse! The Samaritan woman Shows her faith in the Messiah.

Jn 4:19 38 NKJV

You are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in "Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."

- <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming "when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.

  <sup>22</sup> You worship "what you do not know; we know what we worship, for "salvation is of the Jews.

  <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will "worship the Father in "spirit" and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

  <sup>24</sup> "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."
- <sup>25</sup> The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah uis coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, 'He will tell us all things."
- <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, <sup>w</sup>"I who speak to you am *He.*"

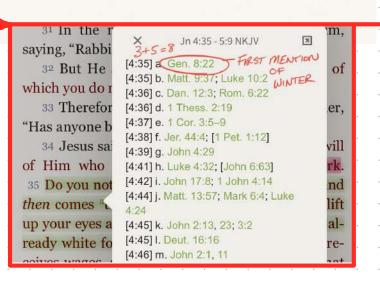
### PURIFIED BRIDE The Whitened Harvest

<sup>27</sup> And at this *point* His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking

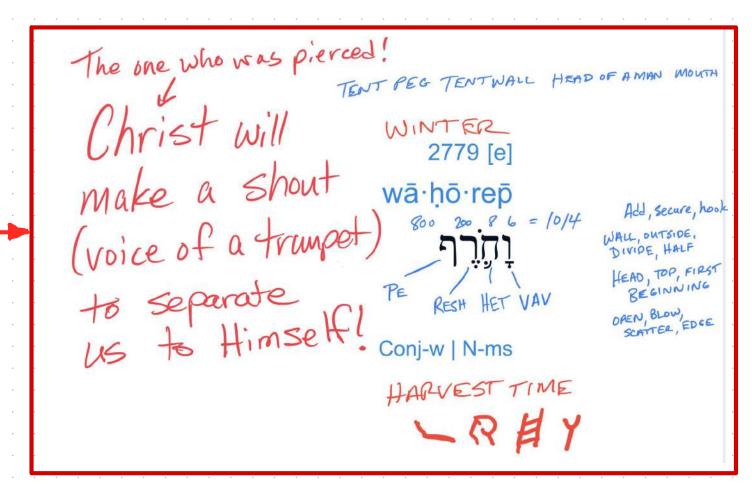
with her?"

- <sup>28</sup> The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, <sup>29</sup> "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" <sup>30</sup> Then they went out of the city and came to Him.
- 31 In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."
- 32 But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."
- 33 Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him *anything* to eat?"
- 34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

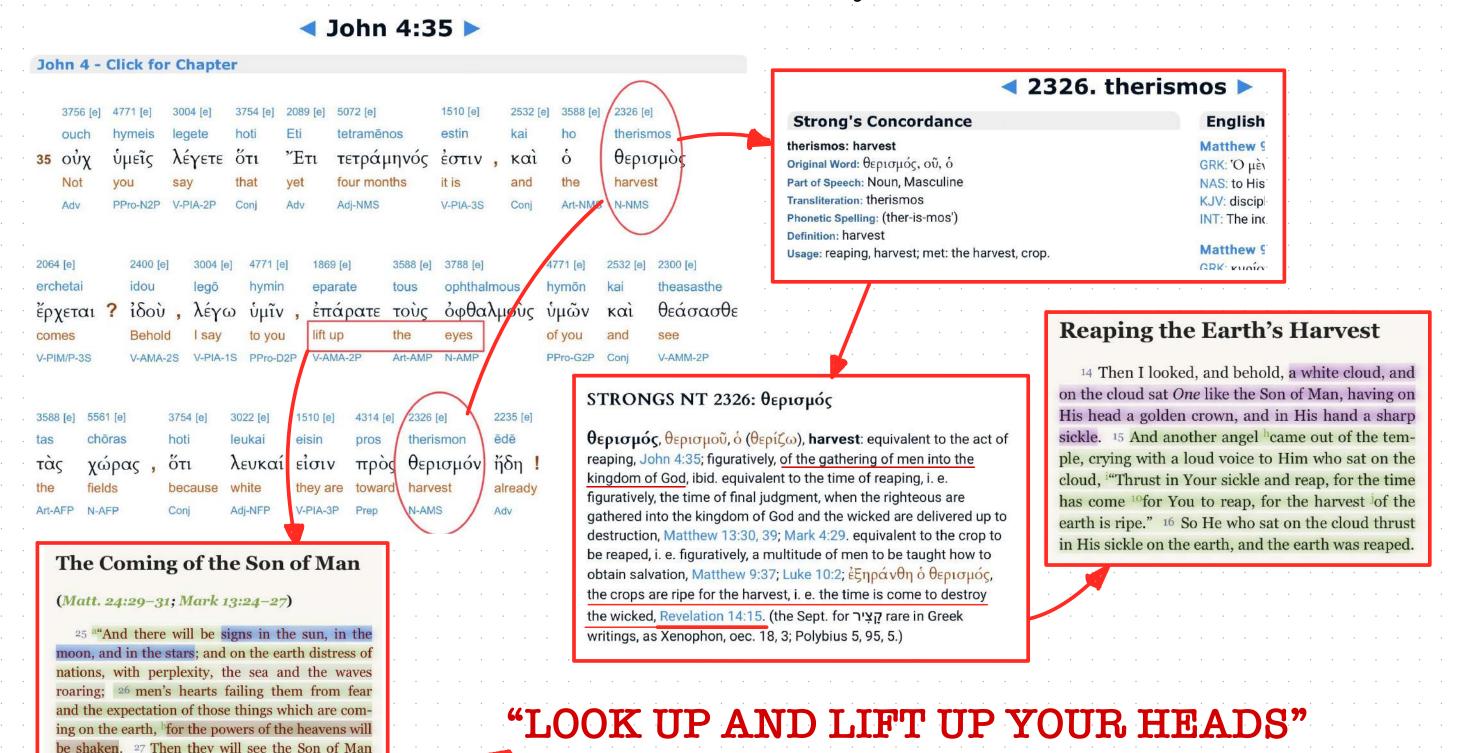
  35 Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are al-
- then comes the harvest? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! 36 And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. 37 For in this the saying is true: One sows and another reaps. 38 I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.



nen they went out of Jn 6:37-42 NKJV <sup>6</sup>by no means cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I have sciples urged Him, come down from heaven, fnot to do My own will, 9but the will of Him who sent have food to eat of Me. 39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, hthat of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should id to one another, raise it up at the last day. 40 And this uing to eat?" is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and beood is to do the will lieves in Him may have everlasting life; finish His work. and I will raise him up at the last day." ill four months and



When we started looking into WHY WINTER was mentioned in John 10:22, it led us to an amazing search of scriptures that landed us here in John 4 the account of the SAMARITAN woman. Now we're here and verse 35 leads us to REVELATION 14:15 the RAPTURE of the Bride by Jesus.



coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because dyour redemp-

tion draws near."

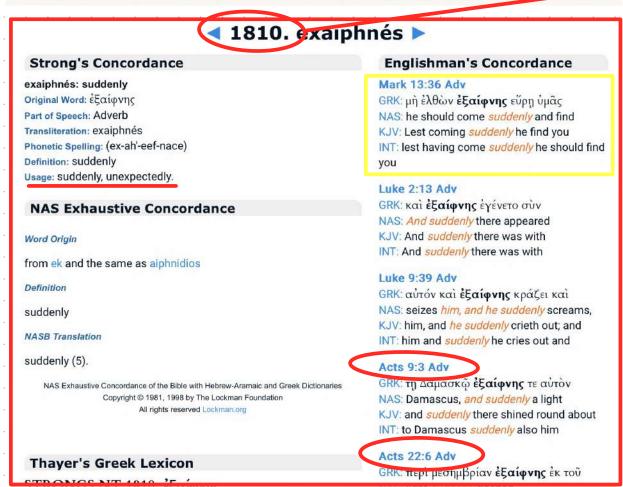
YOUR REDEMPTION DRAWS NEAR

A friend was led to take John 4:35 in Greek and run it through a calculator to get a number count of the words. Boy did that open something even more

### Amazing!

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34 Λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Ἐμὸν βρῶμά ἐστιν ἵνα ποιήσω τὸ θέλημα τοῦ πέμψαντός με καὶ τελειώσω αὐτοῦ τὸ ἔργον. 35 οὐχ ὑμεῖς λέγετε ὅτι Ἐτι τετράμηνός ἐστιν καὶ ὁ θερισμὸς ἔρχεται; ἰδοὺ λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐπάρατε τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς ὑμῶν καὶ θεάσασθε τὰς χώρας, ὅτι λευκαί εἰσιν πρὸς θερισμόν ἤδη.

Berean Greek Bible



So we took John 4:35 and the Greek through Gematria calculator and look what number comes up! 1810! The Strongs Greek 1810 means "suddenly, unexpectedly".

The first mention of this word in the New Testament is Mark 13:36!

Then in Acts 9:3 (9+3=12) and Acts 22:6 (2+2+6=10) Paul is visited by Jesus on the road to Damascus (Isn't this interesting, being that Damascus is in the End Times Prophecies).

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15 God Showing us more of

His sense of humor?

Let's See!

Damascus is constantly in the news these days! They are bombed for bringing in weapons for Hezbollah!

Pay attention to the time, ABOUT NOON!

# The Damascus Road: Saul Converted

(Acts 22:6-16; 26:12-18)

- Then a Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked bletters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.
- 3 °As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven.
  4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, dwhy are you persecuting Me?"

Here is the accounts of Paul's conversion. Both have the word "suddenly" in the verses. And how are we going to leave here "in the twinkling of an eye". Also this happened on the way to DAMASCUS.

<sup>1</sup> "Brethren<sup>a</sup> and fathers, hear my defense before you now." <sup>2</sup> And when they heard that he spoke to them in the <sup>b</sup>Hebrew language, they kept all the more silent.

Then he said: 3 c"I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city dat the feet of Gamaliel, taught faccording to the strictness of our fathers' law, and gwas zealous toward God has you all are today. 4 I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women, 5 as also the high priest bears me witness, and Jall the council of the elders, from whom I also received letters to the brethren, and went to Damascus to bring in chains even those who were there to Jerusalem to be punished.

6 "Now mit happened, as I journeyed and came near Damascus at about noon, suddenly a great light from heaven shone around me. 7 And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?' 8 So I an-

### Damascus at about noon, suddenly a great light

Isaiah 17:1"Behold, Damascus will cease from being a city, And it will be a ruinous heap."



### No One Knows the Day or Hour

(Matt. 24:36-44; Luke 21:34-36)

graph and hour eno one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the frather. 33 grake heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. 34 h It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning selection.

37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

JESUS



# Foghorn Leghorn knows the Rapture

Here is another instance of Jesus stating the obvious, but we ask the question WHY?
Where else do we hear about a rooster and Jesus mentioned? When Peter denies Jesus 3 times!

Matt. 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72 Luke 22:54-62 These are the passages of that account.

# AX of the DAY! TIME ZONES

#### 1810. exaiphnés > Strong's Concordance **Englishman's Concordance** exaiphnés: suddenly Original Word: ἐξαίφνης GRK: μὴ ἐλθὼν **ἐξαίφνης** εὕρῃ ὑμᾶς NAS: he should come suddenly and find KJV: Lest coming suddenly he find you INT: lest having come suddenly he should find tion: suddenly Usage: suddenly, unexpected GRK: καὶ ἐξαίφνης ἐγένετο σὺν **NAS Exhaustive Concordance** NAS: And suddenly there appeared KJV: And suddenly there was with INT: And suddenly there was with from ek and the same as aiphnidios GRK: αὐτόν καὶ ἐξαίφνης κράζει καὶ suddenly INT: him and suddenly he cries out and suddenly (5) GRK: τῆ Δαμασκῷ ἐξαίφνης τε αὐτὸν NAS Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible with Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek Dictionaries Copyright @ 1981, 1998 by The Lockman Foundation NAS: Damascus, and suddenly a light All rights reserved Locks KJV: and suddenly there shined round about INT: to Damascus suddenly also him Thayer's Greek Lexicon

GRK: περὶ μεσημβρίαν ἐξαίφνης ἐκ τοῦ

Matthew is the Jews and in this passage **SATAN** is the Master and Ruler of this House (World)!

Mat 24:36

### No One Knows the Day or Hour

(Mark 13:32-37; Luke 17:26, 27, 34, 35; 21:34-36)

36 l"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of <sup>6</sup>heaven, <sup>m</sup>but My Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 nFor as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Max be. 40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. 42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what Thour your Lord is coming. 43 4But know this, that if the master of the house had known what 8hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming

Mark is the Saints and in this passage **JESUS** is the Master of the House (The Body)

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37 And what I say to you, I say to all. Watch!

the master of the house

JESUS 15 MASTER HERE

the master of the house had known what hour the MASTER OF THIS thief would come

SATAN 18 JESUS FOR THE BRIDE!

### The Dead Church

<sup>1</sup> "And to the <sup>1</sup>angel of the church in Sardis write,

'These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. 2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not Yound your works perfect before <sup>2</sup>God. <sup>3</sup> <sup>b</sup>Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and crepent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you eas a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. 4 3You have fa few names 4even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me hin white, for they are worthy. 5 He who overcomes ishall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

6 m"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

THIS IS A HEBREW IDIOM - WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

THE THIEF IN THE NIGHT. A HEBREW IDION

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JESUS IS THE THIEF! WATCH!!

2 Peter 3:10 – "But the Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night."

1 Thessalonians 5:1 – "For you know very well that the Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night."

Historical Pattern

The phrase, thief in the night, is yet another Hebrew idiom! This idiom refers to a practice mentioned in Leviticus 6:8-13 which states that the priest in charge must wear linen clothing and must keep the fires of the altar burning: "The burnt offering is to remain on the altar hearth throughout the night, till morning, and the fire must be kept burning on the altar. The priest shall then put on his linen clothes, with linen undergarments next to his body, .... The fire must be kept burning on the altar continuously; it must not go out."

The priests assigned to constantly watch over the altar fire and over the Menorah were never to fall asleep during their night of service. In order to insure that the priest(s) stayed awake, the High Priest (or the Captain Of The Guards) would walk around the Temple looking for the priest(s). If a priest was found sleeping during a surprise visit, the High Priest (or Captain) would take hot coals from the altar fire, place some of the hot coals in a fire pan and take them over to the sleeping priest. He would then gently place the pan and hot coals under the sleeping priest's clothing.

The priest's linen clothing would soon be ignited in flames – clothing in those days did not have flame retardant chemicals imbedded into the cloth as do modern clothes. The guilty priest would have no choice but to leave his burning clothes and run burnt, naked, and ashamed back home. Quite a lesson not to fall asleep on the job or to be un-alert! It was this practice of surprise visits that according to Jewish tradition got the High Priest (or the Captain) nicknamed the "Thief In The Night"!

Modern and Future Patterns

#### As individuals and as a church body, today's people are not to fall asleep:

In Matthew 24:42-44, Yeshau says: "Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The word translated keep awake, gregoreo [G1127]; is an active verb meaning: to be awake, to watch, to keep watching, to be keeping alert, to stay on the alert, and to stay awake. It expects active and concentrated behavior, to be continuously seeking. This is repeated in the phrase "Therefore ... must be ready": houtos hetoimos [G3778 G2092]; which means: to be especially prepared, ready. Twice in one paragraph Yeshua commands us to be on the alert and ready, to know when the time is near, for he – our High Priest – may come upon us unexpectedly, exactly has did the High Priest in earlier times.

Mark 13:33-36 puts it this way: "Take heed, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the appointed time will come. It is like a man away on a journey, who upon leaving his house and putting his slaves in charge, assigning to each one his task, also commanded the doorkeeper to stay on the alert. Therefore, be on the alert—for you do not know when the master of the house is coming, whether in the evening, at midnight, or when the rooster crows in the morning – in case he should come suddenly and find you asleep. What I say to you I say to all, 'Be on the alert'!" Three times in one paragraph Yeshua commands us to be on the alert and ready, to know when the time is near. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 –" But you are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief."

Paul clearly says that the followers of Yeshua who live like children of the day and of the light will not be surprised by this surprise visit. The living Church will know when Yeshua will come, even if she knows neither the day nor the hour! She won't be surprised because she is always watching. Today's Church people are not to allow their hearts to be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and the cares of this life which would allow that Day to come upon them unexpectedly.

Only those who are the members of the dead Church will be surprised. Yeshua confirms this in his letter to the sleeping Church in Sardis: "I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you." (Revelation 3:3). We are to pray that we will escape the consequences of falling asleep and be worthy to stand before Yeshua (Luke 21:36).

The Tribulation Thief

Revelation 16:15 – "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed are all who are watching for me and who keep their robes, not having to go about naked and exposed to shame.

Falling asleep is equivalent to wearing linen clothing and having hot coals placed upon those clothes. And this is what Yeshua means to emphasize in the time of Great Tribulation when Night", burning up any clothing and causing sleeping individuals to walk naked and ashamed.

Conclusions

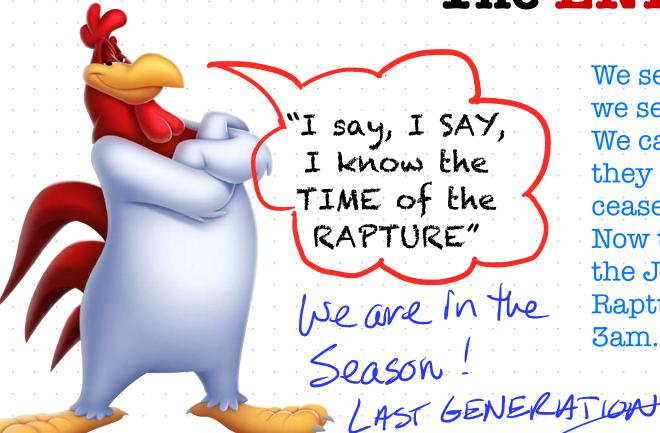
Revelation 3:3 - "If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief ...

The phrase "Thief In The Night" was a known Hebrew idiom during the first coming of Yeshua – it was a title applied to the High Priest or Captain of the Guards. The consequence of falling asleep on the job always applied to the slothful, sleeping, and unprepared individual, not to an individual who was watching, waiting, obedient and prepared. The consequences for being asleep were, and still are, severe – that individual is left burnt, naked, and ashamed. The alert individual, however, is found worthy to stand before Yeshua, clothed in righteousness. I hope you are alert, awake, and prepared

### The Importance of Watching

(Matt. 24:36-44; Mark 13:32-37)

34 "But hake heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with 8carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. 35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted mworthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and "to stand before the Son of Man."



We see the Samaritan woman at the well at about the Sixth hour. Then we see Saul who is now Paul on the road to Damascus at about Noon. We can see in Isaiah 17:1 that Damascus will be a ruinous heap, and they are talking Peace and Safety for the hostages if Israel gives a cease fire.

Now there is the crowing of the Rooster! Peter who is representative of the Jews denys Jesus 3 times, type of Jews rejecting and missing the Rapture. The "crowing of the rooster" is a specific time for the Jews, 3am.

### No One Knows the Day or Hour

(Matt. 24:36-44; Luke 21:34-36)

32 "But of that day and hour eno one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 gTake heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. 34 hIt is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. 35 jWatch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning—36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping.

37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

35 Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes athe harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! 36 cAnd he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that dboth he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. 37 For in this the saying is true: e'One

#### **Discern the Time**

(Matt. 16:1-4)

54 Then He also said to the multitudes, \*"Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming'; and so it is. 55 And when you see the 'south wind blow, you say, 'There will be hot weather'; and there is. 56 Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how *is it* you do not discern "this time?

# TIME ZONES

### MARANATHA!

### Reaping the Earth's Harvest

on the cloud sat *One* like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. <sup>15</sup> And another angel <sup>h</sup>came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, <sup>i</sup>"Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come <sup>10</sup> for You to reap, for the harvest <sup>j</sup>of the earth is ripe." <sup>16</sup> So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.