



THE WILDERNESS ~ A PLACE OF REFUGE

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I would like to begin by reminding everyone that only YHWH and YHWH alone is our source of **refuge** and **protection**. We are not to worry or fret about the coming dangers of famine, disease, epidemics and wars that will be coming. Just as YHWH protected our forefathers in the past during the first exodus, will He also protect us, His people the children of Yisra'el, during Ya'aqob's distress.

How and where YHWH has planned to protect the children of Yisra'el in the future is stated in the prophets. Scripture clearly indicates another great exodus, greater than the exodus of our ancestors from Egypt. And, I propose to you today, that the Scripture indicates those in the second exodus will go to a special place. And, where is that special place? The wilderness! YHWH has prepared a place in the wilderness for the children of Yisra'el, to be hidden and protected during His great wrath upon the world. After YHWH is finished, He will lead His children back into the Land of Yisra'el.

Throughout this PowerPoint the words in **red** are **important** words to notice. **Scriptures** will be in **blue**. And, my commentary will be in deep blue.

Most of the scriptures I will be presenting today have key words in them. From the Strong's Concordance Lexicon definitions, and other sources you will begin to see that these words can be indicating an actual place or reality, not a metaphor as we know YHWH's word can be at times.

KEY WORDS DEFINED

rock⁰⁵⁵⁵³ = crag, cliff, rock, as stronghold of YHWH

strong hold⁰⁴⁶⁸⁶ = net, fastness, stronghold

refuge⁰²⁶²⁰ = to seek refuge, flee for protection

deliverance⁰³⁴⁶⁸ = rescue, safety, welfare

deliverance⁰⁶⁴⁰⁵ = deliverance, escape

high tower⁰⁴⁸⁶⁹ = high place, secure height, refuge, stronghold, a place in Moab

way⁰¹⁸⁷⁰ = the way which leads towards that place

wilderness⁰⁴⁰⁵⁷ = an uninhabited plain country, fit for feeding flock, not a desert but a pasture

desert⁰³⁴⁵² = waste, desolate place (different than a wilderness)

flee⁰⁵¹²⁷ = to escape, to take flight, depart, disappear

flee⁵³⁴³ = to be saved by flight, to escape safely out of danger, to flee away, vanish

A good example of some of these key words in the Scriptures I'll be presenting today can be found in Psalms 18:2:

TEHILLIM 18:2 “YHWH is my **rock**, and my **stronghold** and my **deliverer**; My El is my **rock**, I take **refuge** in Him; My **shield** and the horn (strength and power) of my **deliverance**, my **high tower**.

There are many scriptures throughout the Tanak and Brit Hadashah showing us that YHWH is going to deliver us. He is **not** delivering us by some rapture; instead He will take us to an actual place here on earth. This place is a stronghold, a real physical place of refuge outside of Yisra'el boundaries as we know them today. This place will protect us like a shield and no one will be able to get at us, not even Satan. It also can be a high place, a mountain range, or a wilderness

which is defined as a pasture land. This wilderness will be a resting place for all of Yisra'el.

The Second Great Exodus

First, let's look at a scripture that tells us that Yisra'el will once again be involved in another exodus that will be much, much greater than the first one.

Scripture tells us that the harvest that is to come is the second great exodus. It could be very, very large when considering how many people will take part in this exodus.

LUKE 10:22 Then He said to them, “The **harvest indeed is great**, but the workers are few therefore pray the Master of the harvest to send out workers **into His harvest.**”

For years I was taught that this was making new believers in Yahshua. Yet, if I would have just concentrated on the word “harvest”, I would have seen that it was not about planting seeds, but rather about reaping or gathering in the great harvest of the already redeemed.

This latter day harvest or exodus is going to be greater than the first exodus. Let's read about in Jeremiah.

Yirmeyahu 23:7, 8

7“Therefore, see, the **days are coming**,” declares YHWH, “when they **shall say no more**, ‘As YHWH lives who brought up the children of Yisra'el out of the land of Mitsrayim,’ (The prophet is telling us that we will forget the first exodus when millions of Yisra'elites came out of just one nation, Egypt.)
8 but, ‘As YHWH lives who brought up and **led the seed of the house of Yisra'el** out of the land of the north and **from all the lands** where I had driven them.’ And they shall dwell on their own soil.” (The whole house of Yisra'el is coming up out of every nation in the world. It will be so many people that we will forget about the first exodus!)

In Revelation we also have an indication of how large this exodus will be.

REVELATION 7:9, 14

9After this I looked and saw a **great crowd which no one was able to count**, out of all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, dressed in white robes, and palm branches in their hands,
14 And I said to him, “Master, you know.” And he said to me, “These are those **coming out of the great distress**, having washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (These are people who did not die by the sword and came out of the entire world in the Great Exodus. These are the remnant that remained alive throughout Ya’aqob’s distress.)

Differences between the First and Second Exodus

Next, let’s take a look at Isaiah where he points out that there will be a difference in some of the events between the First Exodus and Second.

YESHAYAHU 43:16-21

16 Thus said YHWH, who makes a way in the sea and a path through the mighty waters, (YHWH is speaking about the crossing at the Red Sea)

17 who brings forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power (they lie down together, they do not rise, they have been extinguished, they have been quenched like a wick): (the destruction of Pharaoh and his army)

18“**Do not remember the former events**, nor consider the events of old. (What were the former events that we are not to remember? The crossing of the red sea and the destruction of pharaoh and his army in the sea. So, in verse 18 YHWH is telling us what part of the next Exodus we will forget about.)

(But, now look at what he says in verse 19. YHWH continues on with telling us that we are to notice that He is doing a new thing.)

19“See, I am **doing what is new**, let it now spring forth. Do you not know it? I am even **making a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert**.

(So, what is the new thing YHWH is going to do? He is making a way in the wilderness!)

20 “The beast of the field esteems ME, jackals and the ostriches, because I have given **waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert**, to give drink to My people, My chosen.”

In the next Exodus it appears YHWH is not going to take us across a divided sea, like he did the first time when he took our fathers out of Egypt. Instead, YHWH says He will do a new thing which is to make a “**way in the wilderness**” and “**rivers in the desert**” to provide ample water for His people.

Not only do the prophets talk about Yisra’el coming into the wilderness, they also speak of some people escaping to the mountains. So, we are talking about a large area where a wilderness and the mountains are together.

Notice in this scripture in Isaiah how the mountains will be a way for the children of Yisra’el.

YESHAYAHU 48:8-12

8 Thus said YHWH, “In a favourable time I shall answer You, and in the **day of deliverance** I shall help You – and I **guard You** and give You for a **covenant of the people**, to restore the earth, to cause them to inherit the ruined inheritances,

9 to say to the **prisoners**, ‘Go out,’ to those who are in **darkness**, ‘Show yourselves.’ “Let them **feed on the ways**, and let their **pasture** be on all bare hills.

10“They shall not **hunger nor thirst**, neither heat or sun strike them, for He who has compassion on them shall lead them, even by fountains of water guide them.

11 “And I shall make all **My mountains a way**, and **My highways raised up**.

12 “See, these come from **far away**, and see, those from the north and the **west**, and these from the land of Sinim.”

YHWH's People Escaping

During the second exodus, Yahudah and Ephraim will be escaping from all four corners of the earth, including Yerushalayim.

Yeshayahu 43:5, 6

5 “Do not fear, for I am with you. I shall bring your seed from the **east**, and gather you from the **west**.

6 “I shall say to the **north**, ‘Give them up!’ (Let My people go!) And to the **south**, ‘Do not keep them back!’ (Don’t hold them back from coming!) Bring My sons **from afar**, and My daughters from the **ends of the earth** –

Yirmeyahu 31:8

8 “See, I am bringing them from the **land of the north**, and shall gather them **from the ends of the earth**, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together – a **great assembly returning here**.

(Again, YHWH is saying this exodus is great. There will be many, many people returning. Remember, in Revelation we saw where there was a great multitude of people that no one was able to count.)

Yirmeyahu 51:45, 46, 49, 50

45 “**Come out** of her midst, My people! And **let everyone deliver his being** from the burning displeasure of YHWH.

46 “And lest your heart grow faint, and you fear the report heard in the land – for a report shall come one year, (we will get a warning that something is up) and after that, in another year a report shall come, and **violence in the land, ruler**

against ruler (whatever nation is Babylon, it is going to be attacked by another nation, on its own soil.)

49 As Babel is to fall (in the end time) **for the slain of Yisra'el**, so for Babel the slain of all the earth shall fall. (Babel is responsible for the slaying of Yisra'el worldwide.)

50 You who have escaped the sword (war), **go away! Do not stand still!** (Get going and keep going!) **Remember YHWH from afar, and let Yerushalayim come to your heart.** (As we are escaping, we are to put the land on our hearts as our final destination.)

How will Yisra'el escape?

It looks like to get us out of the world system, YHWH will have to create something or a series of events for the world government to get the picture and let us go into the wilderness, just like what happened to our fathers when they came out of Egypt.

In the first Exodus, as you know, YHWH was pleading with one Pharaoh:

SHEMOTH 7:16b “**Let My people go**, so that they **serve Me in the wilderness,**” (Where? In the wilderness)...

During the second Exodus YHWH will be pleading with many Pharaohs throughout the world to let His people go.

YIRMEYAHU 50: 33, 34

33 Thus said YHWH of hosts, “The children of Yisra'el were oppressed (Ya'aqob's distress), **along with the children of Yehudah. And all who took them captive have held them fast, they refused to let them go.** (Heads of nations not letting them go.)

34 “Their Redeemer is strong, YHWH of hosts is His Name. He shall strongly plead their case, so as to give rest to the land, but unrest to the inhabitants of Babel (the world).

Now, I am going to compare some scriptures in Isaiah and Revelation to Psalms 124. You will see that Psalms 124 is a picture of the woman or Yisra'el escaping from a mighty army. YHWH is fighting for the children of the woman Yisra'el. And, He is providing a way of escape and not letting the army overwhelm them.

TEHILLIM 124: 2-8

2 “If it had not been YHWH who was **on our side**, (fighting for us) when men **rose up** against us, (persecuting the children of Yisra'el with wicked words and deeds)

3 “Then they would have swallowed us alive, In their burning rage against us; (there is always a war of words against a people or nation before a physical war by men comes)

4 “Then the **waters** (armies) would have **overwhelmed** us, The **stream** would have **gone over our being**; (The water or stream is likened to an army coming up over the land. We see another example of waters being an army in Isaiah 8:7.)

YESHAYAHU 8:7 “Now therefore, see, YHWH brings up over them the **waters** (armies) of the River, strong and mighty – the sovereign of Ashshur (strong and mighty king) and all his esteem (his army). And he shall come up over all his channels and go **over all his banks**” (Again, this is an example of water being used as a picture of a mighty army that comes up and spreads out like a flood over the land.)

Continuing on now with Psalm 124

TEHILLIM 124: 5-8

5 “Then the **proud waters** (the mighty army) Would have **gone over our being** (overwhelmed and destroyed them).”

6 Blessed be YHWH, Who did not give us as prey to their teeth.

7 Our being **has escaped** like a **bird** (flight) From the snare of the trappers; (the world kingdoms refused to let them go). The snare was broken, and we have **escaped**. (The kingdoms are now letting the people go.)

8 Our help is in the Name of YHWH, Maker of the heavens and earth.

And, now let's take a look at Revelation.

Revelation 12:13, 15, 16

13 And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown to the earth, he **persecuted** the woman who gave birth to the male child.

15 And out of his mouth the **serpent spewed water like a river** (spewed a mighty army) after the woman, to cause her to be **swept away by the river** (the mighty army trying to overwhelm her to destroy her).

We need to really think in terms of the context of this scripture - the serpent is totally enraged. Why? Because he has just lost the final war in the heavens and has been cast down to earth. He knows his time is short and he also knows that this war was lost in the heavens because the renewed nation of Yisra'el is getting ready to come forth (be born). His last effort or focus is to destroy Ephraim and Yahudah coming together as a nation. This is what Ya'aqob's trouble is all about.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the **river** (the mighty army) which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. (Our help is in YHWH. He is fighting for the children of Yisra'el as they escape to the wilderness!)

I have made a chart showing the comparison points between Psalms 124 and Revelation 12.

Comparison	Psalms 124	Revelation 12
Both are being <u>persecuted</u>	“men rose up against us”	“he persecuted the woman”
Both are <u>fleeing</u> from a mighty army that is compared to water	“the waters would have overwhelmed us; the stream would have gone over our being”	“spewed water like a river after the woman to cause her to be swept away by the water”
Both are <u>helped</u> by YHWH in their <u>escape</u> from the mighty army	“The snare was broken and we have escaped”	“The earth helped the woman...and swallowed up the river”

Why Do We Go to the Wilderness First?

Hosea tells us that YHWH will lure the children of Yisra’el into the wilderness to speak to our hearts and remove the false Elohim names from our mouths. We will lovingly respond to our Husband there in the wilderness.

HOSHEA 2:14-17

14 “Therefore, see, I am **alluring her**, and **shall lead her** into the **wilderness**, and **shall speak to her heart**,

15 and give to her vineyards from there, and the **Valley of Akor** as a door of expectation. (She is not quite in the Land yet, but can see the door of hope opening up before her.) And there (in the wilderness) she shall respond as in the days of her youth as in the day when she came up from the land of Mitsrayim.

16 “And it shall be, in that day,” declares YHWH, “that you call Me **‘My Husband,**’ and no longer call Me **‘My Ba’al .’** (my lord, a deity in the northern kingdom)

17“And I shall remove the names of the **Ba’als** (lord, supreme male divinity of the Canaanites) from her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.

In Ezekiel YHWH says the children of Yisra’el are being brought into the wilderness to be judged and cleansed.

YEHEZQEL 36:24, 25

24“ And I shall take you from among the gentiles, (nations) and I shall gather you out of all lands, and I shall bring you into your own land,

25“ And I shall **sprinkle clean water on you**, and you shall be **clean** – from all your filthiness and from all your idols I **cleanse you**. (This cleansing happens first in the wilderness before verse 24, when we go into the Land.)

YEHEZQEL 20:35-38

35“ And I shall **bring you into the wilderness of the peoples**, (this is the same wilderness where our forefathers went to when they came out of Egypt) and shall enter into judgment with you **face to face there**. (Where? In the wilderness.)

36“ As I entered into judgment with your **fathers** in the **wilderness** of the land of Mitsrayim, (Mt. Horeb is located in the furthest end of the wilderness of Egypt. Mt. Horeb is part of the wilderness. This was a pasture land where Moses shepherded his father-in-law’s sheep. Ex 3:1) so I shall enter into judgment with you,” declares the Master YHWH.

37“ And I shall make you pass under the **rod**, and shall bring you into the bond of the covenant, (Like our forefathers, we too may go to Mt. Horeb. By these scriptures we know for sure that while we are in the wilderness, we will enter into covenant with our Father and go through a judgment where we are cleansed.)

38 and **purge the rebels** from among you, and those **who transgress** against Me. From the land where they sojourn I **bring them out**, but they shall **not** come into the land of Yisra’el. And you shall know that I am YHWH.

It is so important that we understand that we are being brought into the wilderness to become a new nation, to be cleaned up, to receive a soft heart and to receive our Husband. We must respond to the judgment and receive the testing that cleanses us, so we can come into the land of Yisra'el that has been cleansed by YHWH's fire. Let us pray that we are not counted as the rebellious ones or the transgressors that will be purged and are not allowed to go into the Land. Since it says YHWH brought the rebels out, it may be that they will survive; however, we know they will not go to into the Land.

Protection and Rest in the Wilderness

The other obvious reason the children of Yisra'el are escaping into the wilderness and mountains is to be protected and to have rest from Ya'aqob's distress.

YIRMEYAHU 31:1-2

1 "At that time," declares YHWH, "I Shall be the Elohim of **all the clans** of Yisra'el, and they shall be My people." (Notice YHWH calls us "clans" indicating that Yisra'el has now become one nation in the wilderness and we are now called His people.)

2 Thus said YHWH, "A people **escaped from the sword found favour in the wilderness**, Yisra'el, when it went to find **rest**." (This is Ya'aqob's time of protection and rest from what has been happening throughout the world, and also protection from YHWH's wrath that will come after we are in his wilderness sheep pen.)

Yirmeyahu 30 is an awesome prophecy of how YHWH will set the children of Yisra'el free from the world system and bring us into a place of rest.

YIRMEYAHU 30:4, 8, 10, 11

4 And these are the words YHWH spoke concerning Yisra'el and Yehudah.

8 'And it shall be in that day,' (Ya'aqob's distress) declares YHWH of hosts, 'that I break his yoke (world system) from your neck, and tear off your bonds, (holding you back) and foreigners (a variety of nations) no more enslave them.

10 'And you, do not fear, O Ya'aqob My servant (Yahudah),' declares YHWH, 'nor be discouraged, O Yisra'el (Ephraim). For look, I am saving you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity. And Ya'aqob (Yahudah & Ephraim-the whole house of Yisra'el) shall return, and have rest and be at ease, with no one to trouble him.

11 'For I am with you (the whole house of Yisra'el),' declares YHWH, 'to save you. Though I make a complete end of all gentiles (nations) where I have scattered you, yet I do not make a complete end of you (some will die and some will live). But I shall reprove (discipline) you in judgment, and by no means leave you unpunished.' (This is another scripture confirming that we will be going through correction and testing in the wilderness.)

When do the judgments on the nations begin for the release of Ya'aqob from his distress?

Some may wonder in what part of Ya'aqob's distress the great escape will happen. When will the children of Yisra'el be coming out of the four corners of the earth? YHWH says he will save Ya'aqob out of his distress and from other scriptures, we understand the great escape will be at the end of Ya'aqob's distress which is 3 ½ years.

YIRMEYAHU 30:7 'Oh! For great is that day, there is none like it. And it is the time of Ya'aqob's distress, but he shall be saved out of it.

From the following scripture we see that the children of Yisra'el are leaving the world system just before YHWH's full wrath upon the world and its inhabitants.

YIRMEYAHU 51:6 “**Flee from the midst** of Babel, and let each one **save his life!** Do not be **cut off** in her crookedness, for this is the **time of the vengeance of YHWH** (YHWH's wrath), the recompense He is repaying her (the world system or Babylon).

MATTITHYAHU 24:29-31

“**And immediately after the distress of those days** (Ya'aqob's distress) the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give its light, and the stars shall fall from the heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. (Since this says, “**after the distress”**, it looks like Ya'aqob's distress is ended and YHWH is now beginning to pour out His wrath on the entire world in order to release the captives - those who are held back by the nations.)

30“And then (OK! Now we see what happens next) **the sign of the Son of Adam shall appear in the heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth shall mourn (Rev. 1:7), and they shall see the Son of Adam coming on the clouds of the heaven with power and much esteem. (This is Yahshua revealing himself as Elohim and releasing His wrath or the plagues through His messengers just like He did in the first exodus. He will show up on the scene to release the captives, His people - Yisra'el.)**

31“And He shall send His messengers with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His chosen ones from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. (These messengers are not gathering people to take them to heaven. These messengers will gather the released captives in many groups throughout the world to be taken into the wilderness, like Moses and Aaron gathered Yisra'el in the first exodus. This is the second great exodus. They will

be become a renewed nation in the wilderness, just like our fathers became a new nation when they came up out of the land of Egypt. This is the birth of a nation, Yisra'el, that the woman brought forth mentioned in Revelation.)

In Genesis 45 where Joseph is speaking to his brothers, there may be a shadow or a hint of a timeframe when Ya'aqob is coming to the end of his distress.

BERESHITH 45:5-7

5“**And now, do not be grieved nor displeased with yourselves because you sold me here, for Elohim sent me before you to preserve life.** (This can be a picture of the Father YHWH sending his son Yahshua to gather the harvest and preserve the remnant of Yisra'el.)

6“**For two years now the scarcity of food has been in the land,** (This is a picture of the first two years of Ya'aqob's distress. Two years pass and then in the 3rd year begins the punishment of the nations for holding Yisra'el.) **and there are still five years in which there is neither ploughing nor harvesting.**

(This totals 7 years, so it is a picture of the 7 year tribulation time period. Why does a man plough or harvest? He ploughs in order to plant seed in hopes of a harvest, and in turn he can make money to buy food.

Not being able to “plough or harvest,” could be a picture of not being able to buy or sell without the mark of the beast.)

7“**And Elohim sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth** (Isaiah said, although Yisra'el is as the sands of the sea only a remnant shall return), **and to give life to you** (Ya'aqob) **by a great escape.** (This is a picture of the second great exodus – YHWH giving life to the renewed nation, Yisra'el!)

Notice that in Numbers and Ezekiel, YHWH compares a day to a year.

BEMIDBAR 14:34 ‘According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days – **a day for a year, a day for a year** – you are to bear your crookednesses forty years, and you shall know My breaking off.

YEHEZQEL 46 “And when you have completed them, you shall lie again on your right side and shall bear the crookedness of the house of Yehudah forty days, **a day for a year. I have laid on you a day for a year.**

As an interesting thought - could the two days mentioned in Hosea also represent two years? Which would again give us another picture of being raised up in the third day to go into the wilderness? Remember we just covered, a day can mean a year. There could be a double meaning in Hosea 5 and 6.

HOSHEA 5:15

“I shall go, I shall return to My place, until they (Yahudah and Ephraim) confess their guilt and **seek My face, in their distress diligently search for Me,** (Just like in the first exodus there was distress and they were crying out to YHWH, we too have to cry out to YHWH in our appointed time of distress. Our fathers had to go through the distress and we are going through a distress also.)

HOSHEA 6:1-2

and say, ‘Come, and let us turn back to YHWH. (We are crying out in our distress.) For He has torn (torn us out of the Land) but He does heal us (He will bring us back), He has stricken (Remember YHWH said that he would take us out of Ya’aqob’s distress and yet he would not leave us unpunished or stricken.) but He binds us up (He will gather us).

2'After two days He shall revive us, on the third day He shall raise us up, so that we live before Him. (Could the "after two days" mentioned here be compared to "after two years"? This is another scripture with something going on after two years.)

Additional in the 3rd day examples:

Bereshith 40:13 "Yet within 3 days Pharaoh is going to lift up your head and restore you to your place and you shall put Pharaoh's cup in his hand...." (The cupbearer was set free from prison within the 3rd day.)

Bereshith 41 The cupbearer forgot Joseph, however, "at the end of two years time" Pharaoh had a dream that led to Joseph being released from prison and raised up in the 3rd day!

How I see all this coming down

We know from the pattern of the First Exodus that:

- 1. The second exodus will also be on Passover in the middle of the 7 year tribulation time period.**
- 2. Prior to the second exodus there will again be approximately 1 year of judgments, which we know in the first exodus began with the Nile being turned to blood and to the death of the first born.**

This gives us a 1 year time frame to work with from the middle of the 7 year tribulation which would be 3 1/2 years when the exodus begins.

So we take that 1 year, and subtract it from the 3 1/2 years, which will give us 2 1/2 years or in the 3rd day (the scripture examples)!

At this 2 1/2 year point will be the beginning of the judgments or plagues to release the captives.

It will take a 1 year period for the world system to get the hint to let us go, just like it took Pharaoh one year to let our forefathers go.

This 2 1/2 year point is a Passover, and 50 days later is Shavuot or the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

This anointing enables the witnesses to proclaim the restoration of the kingdom with all power, authority and might. The world will see YHWH's esteem through these witnesses.

Micah 7:15, 16 “As in the days when you came out of the land of Mitsrayim, **I shall let him see wonders**. Let the gentiles see and be ashamed of all their might, let them put their hand over their mouth, let their ears be deaf.”

This is the time we will see the witnesses calling down judgment to release the children of Israel. Again, this process of releasing the captives will take one year.

On the Day of Trumpets the anti-messiah will begin to enforce or confirm the covenant of death, which is the Palestinian State, for one week or 7 years (Daniel's 70th week).

The exodus will take place on Passover, 3 1/2 years later from the time of the enforcement of the covenant of death. Also, on that same Day of Trumpets, the witnesses will begin to give their testimony.

How do we know that the day of enforcement is around the Day of Trumpets? The 2 1/2 year point is a Passover, count back 6 months and you have Day of Trumpets!

Where Will the Children of Yisra'el Escape?

So, where are the messengers spoken of in Matthew 24 going to take the gathered children of Yisra'el for protection during the wrath of YHWH? They can't go into the land of Yisra'el, as we know it today, because it too will be judged during YHWH's wrath for dividing His land and being taken over by the ravager.

When scripture talks about the children of Yisra'el escaping, three main words keep coming up - wilderness, rock and mountain. Also, the names of three countries keep coming up – Edom, Moab and Ammon.

Remember, the land of Yisra'el during David and Solomon's reign was quite vast. They took possession of the east side of the Jordan River down to the Gulf of Aqaba. The possession east of the Jordan River included Edom, Moab, Ammon and more. Even though these kingdoms are gone today, in YHWH's eyes these ancient lands are included in the land of Yisra'el. When YHWH speaks about his people coming back into the Land, He is also including the east side of the Jordan River.

Scripture seems to indicate that our hiding place will be in the wilderness on the east side of the Jordan River and in the mountains of Edom, Moab and Ammon, which make up the modern day nation of Jordan.

The names Edom, Moab and Ammon have ancestral significance. Esaw was Ya'aqob's brother who was called Edom. He lived on Mount Se'ir which became the capital of Edom and today it is called Petra in Greek. Moab and Ammon are the descendants of Lot.

It looks like this whole region of Jordan is going to be a place of safety for those who will hear the call of YHWH to come out of the world, flee, and escape to this land on the east side of the Jordan River.

Now, let's look at scriptures pertaining to this area in Jordan.

TEHILLIM 108:9

9“**Mo'ab** is My wash-pot, (Moab, the current land of Jordan, is a wash-pot in the wilderness. Wash-pot suggests the wilderness in Jordan is where YHWH will clean us up.)

Over Edom I cast My shoe, (this means YHWH took ownership of the land. See Ruth 4:7.)

10 Who would bring me into the **strong city?** (Petra) **Who shall lead me to Edom?** (Specific scripture that shows YHWH will bring us into the current land of Jordan.)

YESHAYAHU 16:1-4 (Vs 1 only is HRV)

1 Send you the lambs for the ruler of the land (whoever rules Jordan at that time) from the crags (mountains separating Jordan from Yisra'el) that are toward the wilderness, (down to the Gulf of Aqaba and a few miles further on the east side of Aqaba straits) unto the mount of the daughter of Tsiyon. (What mountain? Mt. Horeb, the Mountain of YHWH!)

2 And it shall be, like a wandering bird, (to flee away, to be chased) a nest thrown out, (lost their home) so are the daughters of Mo'ab (those who live in the Moab's region today) at the fords of Arnon (the river Arnon, which is the old border between Moab and Ammon).

In other words, currently the Palestinians are residing in the plain of Moab. They are like a wandering bird that will be thrown out of the nest of Moab, now called Jordan.

3“Bring counsel, execute judgment; make your shadow like the night in the middle of the day (YHWH will hide his people with supernatural darkness in the middle of the day!); **hide the outcasts,** (these are the children of Yisra'el that YHWH cast out centuries ago and are now coming back and will be

hidden in the land of Jordan) do not betray him who escapes. YHWH is telling the Kingdom of Jordan in that day not to betray the children of Yisra'el like Moab and Edom did in the first exodus.

4“Let My outcasts (the escaped children of Yisra'el) dwell with you, O Mo'ab (land of Jordan); be a shelter to them from the face of the ravager.

Next, in this very same verse, we see that something very significant has occurred.

For the oppressor has met his end, destruction has ceased, those trampling down have perished from the land.” (What else is left? Sounds like it is time to enter the Land!)

It appears the whole area of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan will be spared from the scourge of the King of the North in the latter portion of the tribulation according to Daniel.

DANI'EL 11:40-41

40“At the time of the end the sovereign of the South shall push at him, and the sovereign of the North rush against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships. And he shall enter the lands, and shall overflow and pass over,

41 and shall enter the Splendid Land, (Yisra'el) and many shall stumble, but these escape from his (sovereign of the North) hand: Edom, and Mo'ab, and the chief (the King of Jordan in that day) of the sons (advisors to the King of Jordan in that day) of Ammon. (Ammon is the capital of the Kingdom of Jordan today.)

What about the Palestinians who are currently located in the plains of Moab or today's Jordan?

The nations of Edom, Moab and Ammon are gone as viable nations. Their peoples assimilated into the nations that

conquered them and throughout the world. Scripture records the history of striving and spirit of hatred that came from these three nations against Yisra'el.

This spirit of hatred lives on and can readily be seen in Muslim countries today. For example, in Jordan today there are almost 2 million Palestinians. The history of the Palestinians show that they were groups of nomads traveling from one Moslem kingdom to the next causing trouble in each kingdom they were in. Even today the ruler of Jordan would like nothing better than to get rid of the Palestinians, who are constantly causing him trouble.

The book of Exodus tells us about another wandering tribe, the Amalekites. The actions of both the Amalekites and the Palestinians demonstrate an eternal hatred toward Yisra'el. The Amalekites were not Arabs, but Edomites. Amalek was the first-born son of Esaw or Edom. The Palestinians are more than likely the descendants of Amalek. For sure, they manifest today the same spirit of eternal hatred for Yisra'el that the Amalekites did.

More than likely there will be a new peace treaty between the State of Yisra'el and the Palestinians bringing forth a new Palestinian State. No matter how we look at it; the land of Yisra'el will be split up, which is against YHWH's word. About 2 million Palestinians will have to leave Jordan, in other words, be thrown out of Jordan. They will come into the land of Yisra'el into a new state and join their Palestinian brothers.

Yeshayahu 16:2-4

2 And it shall be, like a wandering bird, a nest thrown out, so are the daughters of Mo'ab at the fords of Arnon.

The wandering Palestinians living in the plain of Moab today will be thrown out of their nest in Jordan. The Palestinians

will look at their being “**thrown out**” of Jordan as a good thing, calling it the “right of return” to Yisra’el. Why is YHWH throwing the Palestinians out of their nest and giving them the land of Yisra’el, which is the children of Ya’aqob’s inheritance?

The next two verses tell us why YHWH is causing the Palestinians to leave Jordan.

Vs. 3 “Bring counsel, execute judgment; make your shadow like the night in the middle of the day; **hide the outcasts**, do not betray **him who escapes**.

Vs 4“Let My **outcasts dwell with you**, O Mo’ab; (Jordan) be a **shelter** to them from the face of the ravager...”

Once the Palestinians leave the Jordan area, this will open the door for the children of Yisra’el from all over the world who will be fleeing to the wilderness for safety. YHWH will have made a way to hide the outcasts or the children of Yisra’el!!

The context of this scripture is end times and shows that returning Yisra’el is coming into the wilderness and taking possession of the mountains and plains of Jordan for themselves a place of safety.

TSEPHANYAH 2:9“Therefore, as I live,” declares YHWH of hosts, the Elohim of Yisra’el, “**Mo’ab** shall be like Sedom, and the children of **Ammon** like Amorah – a possession for weeds and a pit of salt, and a waste forever, **the remnant of My people plunder them, and the rest of My nation possess them.**”

What does YHWH expect of us before entering the wilderness?

Isaiah tells us that the redeemed who walk righteously will inhabit the heights of **strongholds** and **rocks**. They will be given **bread** and **water**. Just as YHWH protected **Yisra'el** in the **wilderness the first time**, so will He protect and provide for His people in the wilderness and mountains of Jordan the second time.

Isaiah lists six things the children of Yisra'el will need to do in order to be taken care of in the wilderness.

YESHAYAHU 33: 15-17

He who walks righteously and speaks what is straight, he who rejects the gain of oppressions, who keeps his hands from accepting bribes, who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil –

16 he shall **dwell** (settle down) on **high**; (elevated place) his place of defence (high place, refuge; a place in Moab) shall be the munitions (fort, stronghold) of **rocks** (crag, cliff); his bread shall be given, his waters shall be sure (physical and spiritual provision from YHWH). (vs. 16 from HRV)

17 Your eyes shall see the Sovereign in His comeliness (in the wilderness YHWH will come to us peacefully, not in wrath like those in the world), see a land that is far off (What land? Yisra'el. It looks like the children of Yisra'el will be able to see the land of Yisra'el from the high places where they are dwelling, waiting to go into the Land).

Another thing the children of Yisra'el need to do is take care of YHWH's word.

Revelation talks about a special group of people who guard His word. YHWH promises to protect those who guard His word. The following scriptures sure sound like how our brother, Yahudah, has treated the Torah through the

centuries. We need to thank Yahudah for protecting the Torah so we could receive the Truth today. Thankfully today some of the children of Yisra'el are beginning to guard His word, where in the past we rejected the Torah.

Let's read about the congregation of Philadelphia in Revelation.

Revelation 3:8-10

8 "I know your works (Yahudah is known for their belief that works are the way to redemption) – see, I have set before you an open door, and no one is able to shut it – that you have little power, yet have **guarded My Word**, (Torah) and have **not denied My Name**. (Religious Jews hold YHWH's name so sacred that they won't say it out of fear and awe of what that name represents to them. As one Jew said to me "we love the Name, we just can't say it".)

9 "See, I am giving up those of the congregation of Satan, who say they are Yehudim and are not, but lie. See, I am making them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. (We have secular Jews today in Yisra'el and throughout the world, including the government of Israel, who are continually supporting the Palestinians instead of their own. They always seem to be against the people in the settlements by throwing them off the land and turning the land over to the Palestinians. We have to question, who are these supposed Jews who continually rise up a heel against those they call their brother?)

10 "Because you have **guarded** (attended carefully "as a father would guard his maiden daughter") **My Word** (Torah) of endurance, (patient, enduring, sustaining perseverance) Down through the centuries Yahudah is the one who has patiently guarded the Torah with their life.

I also shall guard (to attend to carefully, take care of) you from the hour of trial which shall come upon all the world, to try those who dwell on the earth. (The people who guard YHWH's word will be saved out of Ya'aqob's trouble!)

Closing

In closing, let's notice that while the children of Yisra'el are in the wilderness, they take possession of Petra and an area of today's Saudi Arabia, which includes Mt. Horeb. While there, they will be rejoicing unto YHWH.

YESHAYAHU 42:11, 13

11 Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voice, the villages where Qedar (grandson of Ishmael who inhabited Saudi Arabia) dwells.

It appears this area of now northwestern Saudi Arabia (along the Gulf of Aqaba), including Mt. Horeb, has been abandoned and the children of Yisra'el have taken possession and are rejoicing in it.

Let the inhabitants of Sela sing, (the children of Yisra'el have also taken possession of the mountains of Petra) let them shout from the top of the mountains.

The following is what the children of Yisra'el are shouting from the top of the mountains to YHWH:

13 YHWH goes forth like a mighty man. He stirs up ardour like a fighter. (Next, YHWH shouts encouragement back to the children of Yisra'el!) He cries out, yea, shout aloud. (Then, the children of Yisra'el shout back to their Elohim!) Over His enemies He shows Himself mighty.

The children of Yisra'el are shouting these words of esteem to YHWH, as they see from the mountain tops how He is fighting for our inheritance, the land of Yisra'el. This shouting is going to be so loud that the rest of the children of Yisra'el throughout the wilderness are going to hear it and join in the rejoicing in unity, as one nation.

Notice this scripture in Mikah shows that there are a great many children of Yisra'el gathered together being protected in a sheepfold. In other words, the whole house of Yisra'el is together now.

MIKAH 2:12-13

12 Ya'aqob, I shall bring together the **remnant of Yisra'el**, put them together like sheep of the fold, like a flock in the midst of their pasture, (wilderness) they being **noisy** because of men.

They are noisy because there are so many of them and they see Yahshua coming to let them out of the wilderness to take them home!

13“The **breaker** shall go up before them (Before who? The 12 tribes of Yisra'el). They shall **break out**, (to break or burst out as from a womb or enclosure) and pass through the gate, and go out by it, and their sovereign pass before them, with **YHWH at their head!**” (Yahweh/Yahshua is breaking forth and leading his renewed nation, Yisra'el, into the Land.)

It is my belief that Yahweh/Yahshua will break us out from the wilderness as His renewed nation. He will be before us as the mighty King leading the children of Yisra'el down the King's Highway.

He will lead us north once again to the junction where Joshua turned west and camped for 3 days and on the 4th day crossed the Jordan River into the Land.

I believe the Jordan will part or will be dried up and the newly assigned Levites will enter the river to pick up the 12 stones which have the names of the tribes Yisra'el on them, which our forefathers left there.

No longer will we be two nations. We will enter the Land as one nation, under one Elohim, Yahweh is His Name!