

Sabbath During the Days of Awe

Nine Days That Change the World

Songs of Praise

Opening Prayer

As we read on the Day of Trumpets, Trumpets marks the day that Jeshua returns to earth and is declared the Ruler of Earth as the head of the Kingdom of God on Earth. We also saw that the Days of Awe are the nine days between the Day of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement. It is during these days that the great Battle at Megiddo between all the armies of earth's anti-God governments and Jeshua with His followers, both angels and transformed humans will take place. We will look at some of the Scriptures relating to this Battle today. The conclusion of this battle leads to the next Holy Day, the Day of Atonement, which marks the imprisonment of Satan and the judging of the world's survivors of the Great Tribulation and the Day of the Lord, leading into the Millennium of Peace.

First, Jehovah God announces that He is taking direct control of the Earth, through His Son Jeshua:

Rev 11:15 Then the seventh angel sounded, and there were great voices in heaven that said, "The kingdom of the world has become our God's and His Messiah's, and He shall reign for ages of ages!"

Rev 11:16 And the twenty-four elders who sit before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshipped God,

Rev 11:17 saying: "We praise You, O Lord Jah, Almighty God¹, Who is and Who was,² because You have taken Your great power and You have reigned.

¹ As in the Peshitta.

² The Greek adds "and who is to come"

Rev 11:18 And the nations were wrathful, and Your wrath has come, and the time to judge the dead, and You shall give the reward to Your slaves, the prophets and to the saints, and to those who fear Your Name, to the small with the great, and You shall destroy those who have corrupted the earth.”

Satan and his appointed rulers respond by assembling a massive army against Jeshua and His followers:

Rev 17:12 “And the ten horns of the beast are ten kings who have not received a kingdom yet, but they receive authority as kings for one hour with the beast.

Rev 17:13 “These all have one will, and give their power and authority to the beast.

Rev 17:14 “These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them because He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings; and because His people are called, chosen, and faithful.”

Rev 16:16 And He gathered them to the place called Megiddo³ in Hebrew.

Rev 9:16 Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million. I heard the number of them.⁴

Rev 9:17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on

³ Meaning a ‘*rendezvous or gathering place*’. Rendered as *Armageddon* in the Greek. Megiddo is in the Jezreel Valley, west of the Jordan River.

⁴ It is only in very recent times that mankind has become able to assemble such a vast army of ‘mounted’ soldiers, whether their ‘horses’ be flesh or mechanical.

them had breastplates of fire, and chalcedony, and brimstone;⁵ and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, brimstone, and smoke.

Rev 9:18 By these three plagues a third of the children of men were killed; by the fire and the brimstone and the smoke which came out of their mouths.

Rev 9:19 For the power of the horses is in their mouths and also in their tails.

Do not underestimate the destruction that this war will cause: fully one-third of all the people living on earth will die. It is far worse than any war we have had so far. And it does not require much imagination to see that these ‘horses’ are modern military weaponry firing massively destructive rounds. The prophecy given to Zechariah makes this clear:

Zec 12:1 The burden of the word of Jehovah against Israel. Thus says Jehovah, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him:

Zec 12:2 “Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem.

Zec 12:3 “And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

Zec 12:4 “In that day,” says Jehovah, “I will strike every horse with confusion, and its rider with madness; I will open My eyes on the house of Judah, and will strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.

Zec 12:5 “And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, ‘The

⁵ Probably meaning red for fire, chalcedony comes in a broad range of colours, including white, red, blue, green, brown, etc, while brimstone is sulphur, so it is yellow.

inhabitants of Jerusalem are my strength in Jehovah of Hosts, their God.’

Zec 12:6 “In that day I will make the governors of Judah like a firepan in the woodpile, and like a fiery torch in the sheaves; they shall devour all the surrounding peoples on the right hand and on the left, but Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place; Jerusalem.

Zec 12:7 “Jehovah will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall not become greater than that of Judah.

Zec 12:8 “In that day Jehovah will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of Jehovah before them.

Zec 12:9 “It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.⁶

Zec 12:10 “And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they have pierced; they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.⁷

Zec 12:11 “In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

Zec 14:1 Behold, the day of Jehovah is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst.

Zec 14:2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken, the houses robbed, and the women raped. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Zec 14:3 Then Jehovah will go forth and fight against those nations,

⁶Rev 16:16

⁷ Joh 19:37, Rev 1:7

as He fights in the day of battle.

Zec 14:4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem towards sunrise. And the Mount of Olives shall split in two, from sunrise to the west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south.

Zec 14:5 Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, for the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus Jehovah my God will come, *and* all the sacred *ones* with You.

Zec 14:6 It shall come to pass in that day that there will be no light; the lights will diminish.

Zec 14:7 It shall be one day which is known to Jehovah; neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen that it will be light.⁸

Zec 14:8 And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea; in both summer and winter it shall occur.

Zec 14:9 And Jehovah shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be; “Jehovah is One,” and His Name One.

Zec 14:10 All the land shall be turned into a desert plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be raised up and inhabited in her place from Benjamin’s Gate to the place of the First Gate and the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananeel to the king’s winepresses.

Zec 14:11 The people shall dwell in it; and no longer shall there be utter destruction, but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

Zec 14:12 And this shall be the plague with which Jehovah will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, and their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.

Zec 14:13 It shall come to pass in that day that a great panic from Jehovah will be among them. Everyone will seize the hand of his

⁸ Rev 16:17-20

neighbour, and raise his hand against his neighbour's hand;

Jehovah God may use the armies' own weapons to destroy the soldiers who have come against Jerusalem, as this sounds very much like the effects of tactical nuclear weapons detonated above the battlefield.

Indeed, Jeshua says about this time:

Mat 24:15 "And when you see the sign of uncleanness and desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (let he who reads this understand),⁹

Mat 24:16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains....

Mat 24:21 "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, nor will ever be *again*."¹⁰

Mat 24:22 "And if those days had not been limited, none in the flesh would live; but because of the chosen those days will be limited."¹¹

So we see that will only be due to God's mercy that anyone will survive.

Ezekiel is given some other details about this battle, and about cleaning up the results of the war:

Eze 37:15 Again the word of Jehovah came to me, saying,

Eze 37:16 "As for you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it: 'For Judah and for his companions from the children of Israel.' Then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of

⁹ Dan 9:27, Dan 11:31 and Dan 12:11

¹⁰ 2Pe 3:12, Rev 7:14, Rev 16:18

¹¹ Zec 12:1-14:16

Ephraim, and for all of his companions from the house of Israel.’

Eze 37:17 “Then join them one to another for yourself into one stick, and they will become one in your hand.

Eze 37:18 “And when the children of your people speak to you, saying, ‘Will you not show us what you mean by these?’;

Eze 37:19 “say to them, ‘Thus says Lord Jehovah: “Surely I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and his companions from the tribes of Israel, and I will join them with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand.”’”

Eze 37:20 “And the sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes.

Eze 37:21 “Then say to them, ‘Thus says Lord Jehovah: “Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land;

Eze 37:22 “and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again.

Eze 37:23 “They shall not make themselves unclean with their idols anymore, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God.¹²

Eze 37:24 “David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgements and observe My statutes, and do them.

Eze 37:25 “Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children’s children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever.

Eze 37:26 “Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and

¹² Tit 2:14

it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore.

Eze 37:27 “My booth also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”¹³

Eze 37:28 “The nations also will know that I, Jehovah, sanctify Israel¹⁴, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.””¹⁵

Eze 38:1 Now the word of Jehovah came to me, saying,

Eze 38:2 “Son of man, set your face against Gog,¹⁶ of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal,¹⁷ and prophesy against him,

Eze 38:3 “and say, ‘Thus says Lord Jehovah: “Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.

Eze 38:4 “I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords.

Eze 38:5 “Persia, Cush, and Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet;

Eze 38:6 “Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah from the far north and all its troops; many peoples are with you.

Eze 38:7 “Prepare yourself and be ready, you and all your companies

¹³ 2Co 6:16

¹⁴ Jehovah M’Kaddesh

¹⁵ Jehovah says that He sanctifies Israel; His sanctuary merely reminds people of this fact.

¹⁶ Means ‘mountain’.

¹⁷ Meshech means ‘drawing out’, and Tubal means ‘you shall be brought’. These people are the descendants of the brothers Meshech and Tubal, from Noah’s son Japheth.

that are gathered about you; and be a guard for them.

Eze 38:8 “After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been wastelands; they were brought out of the nations, and now they all dwell safely.

Eze 38:9 “You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your troops and many peoples with you.”

Eze 38:10 ‘Thus says Lord Jehovah: “On that day it shall come to pass that thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan:

Eze 38:11 “You will say, ‘I will go up against a land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, they are all dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates’;

Eze 38:12 “to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out your hand against the inhabited wastelands, and against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land.

Eze 38:13 “Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish, and all their young lions will say to you, ‘Have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?’”

Eze 38:14 “Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, ‘Thus says Lord Jehovah: “On that day when My people Israel dwell safely, will you not know it?

Eze 38:15 “Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army.

Eze 38:16 “You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes.”

Eze 38:17 ‘Thus says Lord Jehovah: “Are you he of whom I have spoken in former days by My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied for years in those days that I would bring you against

them?¹⁸

Eze 38:18 “And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel,” says Lord Jehovah, “that My fury will show in My face.

Eze 38:19 “For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: ‘Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel,

Eze 38:20 ‘so that the fish of the sea, the flying creatures of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.’

Eze 38:21 “I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains,” says Lord Jehovah. “Every man’s sword will be against his brother.

Eze 38:22 “And I will bring him to judgement with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding heavy rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.¹⁹

Eze 38:23 “Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am Jehovah.”

Eze 39:1 “And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, ‘Thus says Lord Jehovah: “Behold, I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal;

Eze 39:2 “and I will turn you around and lead you on, bringing you up from the far north, and bring you against the mountains of Israel.

Eze 39:3 “Then I will knock the bow out of your left hand, and cause the arrows to fall out of your right hand.

Eze 39:4 “You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your

¹⁸ Jer 6:22-23

¹⁹ Rev 8:3-9, Rev 16:7-21

troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you to many winged birds of prey and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.

Eze 39:5 “You shall fall on the open field; for I have spoken,” says Lord Jehovah.

Eze 39:6 “And I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in security in the coastlands. Then they shall know that I am Jehovah.

Eze 39:7 “So I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not let them defile My holy name anymore. Then the nations shall know that I am Jehovah, the Sacred *One* in Israel.

Eze 39:8 “Surely it is coming, and it shall be done,” says Lord Jehovah. “This is the day of which I have spoken.”²⁰

Eze 39:9 “Then those who dwell in the cities of Israel will go out and set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and bucklers, the bows and arrows, the javelins and spears; and they will make fires with them for seven years.

Eze 39:10 “They will not take wood from the field nor cut down any from the forests, because they will make fires with the weapons; and they will plunder those who plundered them, and pillage those who pillaged them,” says Lord Jehovah.

Eze 39:11 “It will come to pass in that day that I will give Gog a burial place there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by the east of the sea; and it will obstruct travellers, because there they will bury Gog and all his multitude. Therefore they will call it the Valley of Hamon Gog.

Eze 39:12 “For seven new moons the house of Israel will be burying them, in order to cleanse the land.

Eze 39:13 “Indeed all the people of the land will be burying them, and they will gain renown for it on the day that I am glorified,” says Lord Jehovah.

Eze 39:14 “They will set apart men regularly employed, with the help of a search party, to pass through the land and bury those bodies remaining on the ground, in order to cleanse it. At the end of seven

²⁰ Rev 20:7-9

new moons they will make a search.

Eze 39:15 “The search party will pass through the land; and whenever anyone sees a man’s bone, he shall set up a marker by it, until the buriers have buried it in the Valley of Hamon Gog.²¹

Eze 39:16 “The name of the city will also be Hamonah.²² Thus they shall cleanse the land.”

Eze 39:17 “And as for you, son of man, thus says Lord Jehovah, ‘Speak to every winged bird and to every beast of the field: “Assemble yourselves and come; gather together from all sides to My sacrificial meal which I am sacrificing for you, a great sacrificial meal on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh and drink blood.

Eze 39:18 You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams and lambs, of goats and bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan.

Eze 39:19 You shall eat fat until you are full, and drink blood until you are drunk, at My sacrificial meal which I am sacrificing for you.

Eze 39:20 You shall be filled at My table with horses and riders, with mighty men and with all the men of war,” says Lord Jehovah.

Eze 39:21 “I will set My glory among the nations; all the nations shall see My judgement which I have executed, and My hand which I have laid on them.

Eze 39:22 “So the house of Israel shall know that I am Jehovah their God from that day forward.²³

Eze 39:23 “The gentiles shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; because they were unfaithful to Me, therefore I hid My face from them. I gave them into the hand of their enemies, and they all fell by the sword.

Eze 39:24 “According to their uncleanness and according to their

²¹ Hamon Gog means “Multitude of Gog”.

²² Hamonah means “Multitudes”.

²³ Rev 19:17-18

transgressions I have dealt with them, and hidden My face from them.””
Eze 39:25 “Therefore thus says Lord Jehovah: ‘Now I will bring back the captives of Jacob, and have mercy on the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for My holy Name;
Eze 39:26 ‘after they have borne their shame, and all their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, when they dwelt safely in their own land and no one made them afraid.
Eze 39:27 ‘When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies’ lands, and I am hallowed in them in the sight of many nations,
Eze 39:28 ‘then they shall know that I am Jehovah their God, who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also brought them back to their own land, and left none of them captive any longer.
Eze 39:29 ‘And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,’ says Lord Jehovah.””

Paul says this about these times and what will follow:

2Th 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord Jeshua the Anointed.

2Th 1:3 We must give thanks to God for you always, my brethren, which becomes all the more necessary as your faith grows, and the love of every one of you increases towards his neighbour,

2Th 1:4 so that we boast of you in the congregations of God for your faith and endurance in all your persecutions and sufferings that you endure,

2Th 1:5 which is a demonstration of God’s righteous judgement, that you may be worthy of His kingdom, for whose sake you suffer;

2Th 1:6 and if it is righteous, for God to reward those who trouble you with suffering,

2Th 1:7 and He shall save you who are tormented with us when our Anointed Lord Jeshua is revealed, who *will* come from heaven with armies of His angels,

2Th 1:8 when He takes vengeance with blazing fire on those who do not know God, and on those who do not acknowledge the Good News

of our Anointed Lord Jeshua.²⁴

2Th 1:9 These will be paid with the judgement of everlasting destruction from the face of our Lord and from the glory of His power,²⁵

2Th 1:10 when He comes to be glorified in His saints and will show His wonders in His believers in that Day, because you believed our witness to you.

2Th 1:11 Therefore we always pray for you that God would make you worthy of your calling, and would completely fill you with the pleasure of goodness and works of faith in power,

2Th 1:12 that the Name of our Anointed Lord Jeshua may be glorified by you, and you also by Him, according to the grace of our God and our Lord Jeshua the Messiah.

Yes, there are a lot of horrible things that will happen during the Great Tribulation and the war when Jeshua returns. But they are necessary so God can prove who will really love and obey Him. And they will be followed by the most wonderful time the earth has seen since Adam and Chavvah fell. Let us all remain worthy of the Calling that Jehovah has given to us, that we may live in that glorious time.

The Days of Awe are also called the Ten Days of Penitence, which culminate on Day of Atonement. We will next explore the meaning of Atonement on that Day.

Closing Prayer

²⁴ Isa 66:15-16, Jer 10:25, Eze 37:15-39:29, Rev 16:8, 18:8, 19:11-16 & 20:9

²⁵ Rev 6:14-16 & Rev 21:8

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