What Yeshua Said Concerning the End of Time

In Matthew Chapter 24, just before *Yeshua*'s Passover Seder, the disciples came to *Yeshua* privately and asked Him three questions while they were sitting in the Mount of Olives (the very place of His Return). He answered their questions. This discourse is essential to His modern-day disciples as we near those times. Sometimes we need to actually read the Words of Scripture and allow the Ruach to speak.

Signs of the End of Time

"As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, 'Tell us, (1) when will these things happen? (2) What will be the sign of Your coming and (3) (what will be the sign) of the end of the age?" [Yeshua proceeded to answer these 3 questions] "4 Yeshua answered them, "Be careful that no one leads you astray! ⁵For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Messiah,' and will lead many astray. ⁶You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must happen but it is not yet the end. ⁷For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸But all these things are only the beginning of birth pains. ⁹ "Then they will hand you over to persecution and will kill you. You will be hated by all the nations because of My name. ¹⁰And then many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one other. ¹¹Many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹²Because lawlessness (iniquity) will multiply, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ¹⁴This Good News of the kingdom shall be proclaimed in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come. ¹⁵ "So when you see 'the abomination of desolation,' which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the Holy Place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶then those in Judea must flee to the mountains.¹⁷The one on the roof must not go down to take what is in his house, ¹⁸ and the one in the field must not turn back to get his coat.¹⁹Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ²⁰Pray that your escape will not happen in the winter, or on Shabbat. ²¹For then there will be great trouble (KJV, tribulation), such as has not happened since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. ²²And unless those days were cut short, no one would be delivered. But for the sake of the chosen, those days will be cut short. ²³ "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here's the Messiah,' or 'There He is,' do not believe it. ²⁴For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and show great signs and wonders so as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen.²⁵See, I have told you beforehand.²⁶ "So if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the wilderness,' do not go out. Or, 'Look, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. ²⁷For just as lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so also will be the coming of the Son of Man.²⁸For wherever the carcass is, there the vultures will gather.²⁹ "But immediately after the trouble of those days, 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light and the stars will fall from heaven and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.' ³⁰Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the land will mourn, and they will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory.³¹He will send out His angels with a great shofar, and they will gather together His chosen from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Watching for Messiah's Return

³² "Now learn the parable from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³So also, when you see all these things, know that it is near, at the door. ³⁴Amen, I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things happen. ³⁵Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away. ³⁶But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven nor the Son, except the Father alone. ³⁷ "For just as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For in those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark. ³⁹And they did not understand until the flood came & swept them all away. So shall it be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field one taken & one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill one taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore stay alert; for you do not know what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known what time the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and not let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴So you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

The Faithful Servant

⁴⁵ "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master put in charge of his household to give them food at the proper time? ⁴⁶Blessed is that servant whose master finds him so doing when he comes. ⁴⁷Amen, I tell you, his master will put him in charge of all his possessions. ⁴⁸But if that wicked servant says in his heart, 'My master is taking a long time,' ⁴⁹and he begins to beat his fellow servants, and he eats and drinks with drunkards, ⁵⁰the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know. ⁵¹And he will cut him in two and assign his place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping & gnashing of teeth."

Comments on our Preparation for the Days Ahead

- The days we live in are evil: "¹⁰trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them ¹²for it is disgraceful even to mention the things that are done by them in secret. ¹³Yet everything exposed by the light is being made visible, ¹⁴for everything made visible is light. This is why it says, "Wake up, O sleeper! Rise from the dead, and Messiah will shine on you." ¹⁵So pay close attention to how you walk not as unwise people but as wise. ¹⁶Make the most of your time because the days are evil. ¹⁷For this reason do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk on wine, for that is recklessness. Instead, be filled with the Ruach, ¹⁹speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music in your heart to the Lord ²⁰always giving thanks for everything to God the Father, in the name of the Lord Yeshua the Messiah" (Eph. 5:10-20).
- The first shall be last and the last shall be first: "¹⁴I know that everything that God does will endure forever. There is no adding to it or taking from it. God has made it so, that they will revere Him. ¹⁵Whatever exists, has already been and whatever will be, has already been, but God recalls what has passed" (Eccl. 3:14,15) ... "³⁰But many who are first will be last, and the last first" (Matt. 19:30, Mk. 10:31)
- **Remember the Lord Before the Day of Evil:** "¹So remember your Creator in the days of your youth: before the days of misery come, and years draw near when you will say: "I have no pleasure in them" ²before the sun and light and moon and the stars grow dark, and the clouds dissipate after the rain… ¹³A final word, when all has been heard: Fear God and keep His mitzvot! For this applies to all mankind. ¹⁴God will bring every deed into judgment, including everything that is hidden, whether it is good or evil" (Eccl. 12:1-2, 13-14).
- Get your spiritual house in order: "¹Woe You who are at ease in Zion, trusting in Samaria's hill! Distinguished ones of the foremost of nations to whom the house of Israel comes ²Go over to Calneh and look. From there go to Hamath, go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory larger than yours? ³Dismissing the day of calamity you draw near the throne of violence"(Amos 6:1-3).
- Make peace with your brothers and everyone: "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God" (Matt. 5:9).
- **The separation of good and evil and disappearance of gray:** See the parable of the wheat and the tares: "...⁴¹The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks and those who practice lawlessness (do iniquity) (Matt. 13:13-43)"
- Everything will be exposed: "²There is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and nothing hidden that will not be made known. ³Therefore, whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in private rooms will be proclaimed from the housetops" (Luke 12:2,3).
- Put on the full armor of God: "¹³Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist when the times are evil, and after you have done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand firm then! Buckle the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵Strap up your feet in readiness with the Good News of shalom. ¹⁶Above all, take up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Ruach on every occasion, with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, keep alert with perseverance and supplication for all the kedoshim" (Eph. 6:13-18).

Shabbat Shalom!