

Tribulation, Wrath and After – Part 1

Introduction

The Scriptures describe the end of this age in terms of a tribulation described in 2Thess.2:3-11 and Rev.13 followed by an outpouring of YHWH's wrath detailed in Revelation chapters 8 through 20. The former (tribulation) is the product of man, specifically the two beasts described in Revelation 13, whilst the latter quite obviously is from the Father. Mashiach describes the events that form the precursor to the tribulation in Matt.24:3-7,

And as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him separately, saying, "Say to us, when shall this be, and what is the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" And Mashiach answering, said to them, "Take heed that no one leads you astray. For many shall come in My Name, saying, 'I am the Mashiach,' and they shall lead many astray. And you shall hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not troubled, for these have to take place, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there shall be scarcities of food, and deadly diseases, and earthquakes in various places.(Matt.24:3-7)

Mashiach describes all these as birth pangs, they are the forerunner to the tribulation as confirmed by His subsequent comment,

*For then (afterwards) shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: **but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened***(Matt.24:21-22).*

"For then shall (afterwards) be a great tribulation," after what? It is after the events He has described in verses 3-7, Mashiach says the tribulation will be as nothing the world has ever experienced up until then or in the future. When we consider the turbulent history of this world, particularly the flood in the days of Noach and the severity of YHWH's wrath at the end of this age, this is a surprising statement by Mashiach. I understand Mashiach not to be talking in terms of severity but to be referring to a time of unprecedented demonic presence on earth. We know that the flood and the resulting annihilation of humanity was because of the havoc caused by the fallen messengers described as 'watchers' by Enoch, Enoch explains the evil caused by these devils was so great that YHWH had no alternative but to wipe out all humanity except for eight people. The last days will see history repeating itself a fact confirmed in both 2Thessalonians and Revelation,

*The coming of the lawless one is according to the **working of Satan, with all power and signs and wonders of falsehood.** (2Thes.2:9).*

*And he **(The lawless one)** does great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from the heaven on the earth before men. (Rev.13:13).*

The term 'lawless one' is a reference to the false messiah who according to Rev.13:11 is released from the abyss. 2Peter 2:4 confirms that the occupants of the abyss are the fallen angels. Most probably the false messiah will be one of these demonic spirits manifested in human form.

The demonic activity prior to the flood, specifically the fallen 'watchers' taking human wives for themselves, was HaSatan's attempt to corrupt the seed of man and prevent the birth of Mashiach, thereby annulling the prophesy of Gen.3:15. Whereas, the demonic activity in the end days will be focused on the universal worship of HaSatan and his effort to separate all of humanity from YHWH, thereby undermining Mashiach's return.

The book of Enoch explains that YHWH originally dispatched the fallen angels to watch over humankind on earth, but they transgressed the spiritual realm by marrying earthly women and were thus locked away in the abyss awaiting final judgement. However, Enoch tells us that their imprisonment was only for seventy generations and not an eternity. This correlates with the opening of the abyss and the release of the 'lawless one.' But he is not on his own, Rev. 9:2-3 talks of many devils described as scorpions also coming from the abyss. Furthermore, Rev.17:12 refers to ten horns a.k.a kings, who rule for a very short time. My understanding is that these are ten senior demons also from the abyss, all of whom are under the authority of the false messiah (the lawless one).

So severe will the action of these demons be upon humanity, specifically those in the 'Body of Mashiach,' YHWH brings the tribulation to a premature end, as Mashiach confirmed – *'but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.'* YHWH does this with the outpouring of His wrath upon the earth. However, as explained below, before His wrath those in the 'Body of Mashiach' will be taken out of harm's way and will not suffer YHWH's wrath.

One further observation for this section: there must exist at this time a temple on Mount Tziyon because 2Thess. 2:4 says the false messiah sits as Elohim in the temple of Elohim declaring himself to be Elohim. There is an argument that this verse does not necessarily refer to a physical structure but to the souls of humanity. The credence for this argument is the apostle's comment that believers are the temple of YHWH. But this argument is weak because it means that the verse in 2Thessalonians can only apply to believers and that is against context. Furthermore, it would suggest that every believer will be under Satan's complete control thereby expelling the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit).

So, the culmination of this age will see the earth suffer two catastrophic events: a tribulation and YHWH's wrath, the question is, what will remain afterwards? We will attempt to answer this question in Part 2 but first we need to understand the two events: tribulation and wrath.

Tribulation and Wrath

The end time conflict is between YHWH and HaSatan and the issue is, who will humanity worship. What is interesting is that there are three principal players on each side: On the side for righteousness stands the Father, the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh, whilst the side for unrighteousness has the serpent: HaSatan, the first beast of Rev.13: Papal Rome and the second beast of Rev.13: false messiah.

Tribulation

*For then (afterwards) shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: **but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.** (Matt.24:21-22).*

It is clear from the end of this passage that the elect, being those in the 'body of Mashiach,' will experience the tribulation. This is what separates the tribulation from YHWH's wrath because as explained below, those in the 'Body of Mashiach' will not experience wrath.

Whilst both 2 Thessalonians and Revelation show that the tribulation is a programmed and progressive event, they explain the event differently. What is clear is that all of humanity alive at the time will experience the tribulation to some degree but only those who refuse to accede to the religion promoted by Papal Rome and the false messiah will suffer.

2 Thessalonians describes the tribulation via 1) humanity reaching the ultimate level of unrighteousness under the authority of the 'beast,' this event is called a 'falling away,' 2) the emergence of the false messiah and 3) his demand for all to acknowledge him as Elohim.

1. Falling Away and the Emergence of the First Beast of Rev.11

The effect of the tribulation is what Scripture refers to as a 'falling away' (2Thess.2:3). This is a euphemism for humanity rejecting the one true faith based on Mashiach and YHWH's Torah. Thus, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Baha'i, agnostics, and atheists, are all pagan beliefs as far as YHWH is concerned. Christianity and Judaism both purport to follow the Word of YHWH but do so only in part, hence both fall short as far as salvation is concerned. Indeed, because of their unbelief, Mashiach told the Pharisees that the Kingdom would be taken from them, (Matt.21:42-43), which is the situation the orthodox Jews are facing today. Christianity on the other hand, ignoring YHWH's Torah /Law, fails to meet the condition for righteousness (Rom.2:13).

Today the Vatican is working fervently to bring all religions together which, according to 2Thessalonians and Revelation, will be via a single universal religion led by Papal Rome. The Vatican has courted religious tolerance for over half a century, as is substantiated by the following Papal publication of Roman Catholic Doctrine, agreed at the Second Vatican Council 1965,

DECLARATION ON THE RELATION OF THE CHURCH TO NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS
NOSTRA AETATE PROCLAIMED BY HIS HOLINESS POPE PAUL VI ON OCTOBER 28,
1965.

Thus, in Hinduism, men contemplate the divine mystery and express it through an inexhaustible abundance of myths and through searching philosophical inquiry. They seek freedom from the anguish of our human condition either through ascetical practices or profound meditation or a flight to God with love and trust.

Again, Buddhism, in its various forms, realizes the radical insufficiency of this changeable world; it teaches a way by which men, in a devout and confident spirit, may be able either to acquire the state of perfect liberation, or attain, by their own efforts or through higher help, supreme illumination.

Likewise, other religions found everywhere try to counter the restlessness of the human heart, each in its own manner, by proposing “ways,” comprising teachings, rules of life, and sacred rites. **The Catholic Church rejects nothing that is true and holy in these religions.**

The Church regards with esteem also the Muslims. **They adore the one God**, living and subsisting in Himself; merciful and all-powerful, **the Creator of heaven and earth**, who has spoken to men; they take pains to submit wholeheartedly to even His inscrutable decrees, just as Abraham, with whom the faith of Islam takes pleasure in linking itself, submitted to God.

Although the Church is the new people of God, the Jews should not be presented as rejected or accursed by God, as if this followed from the Holy Scriptures.

Capitulation by the religious leaders will decide what is ‘true and holy’ and acquiescence will be forced upon all worshippers. The Papal document above declares that Allah: the god of Islam, is the creator of the heavens and earth, in other words Allah is just another name for YHWH. Yet Islam states that Allah has no son. Hence Allah cannot be YHWH.

Under the auspices of Papal Rome, the ‘falling away’ has been in progress for decades. Hence Papal Rome is the first beast of Rev.11. This is not to say that the world will come under Catholicism, not even Christianity. I believe there will emerge a unification of all the pagan faiths under the authority of Papal Rome. Acceding to this unified religion is what Scripture describes as ‘taking the mark of the beast.’ Hence the ‘falling away’ and ‘taking the mark of the beast’ are one and the same.

2. *The Emergence of the ‘Man of Lawlessness,’ the False Messiah*

The emergence of the rider on the white horse of Rev.6 triggers the tribulation event, explained below. But before the actual tribulation we have, what Mashiach refers to as the ‘beginning of sorrows’ (Matt.24:3-8), represented by the other three horses in Revelation. We are experiencing these ‘sorrows; today. As said above, also precipitating the tribulation, will be the creation of a single universal religion led by Papal Rome. Upon his arrival the false messiah will, in the first instance, support the Beast (Papal Rome) and force all of humanity to accept the beast as the single religious authority. He will initially try coercion, all who refuse to accede to Papal Rome will be prevented from buying or selling. Where coercion fails death awaits.

3. *The False Messiah Establishes Himself as Elohim*

HaSatan’s goal is to replace YHWH as Elohim and 2Thessalonians tells us he will settle himself in Tziyon, on YHWH’s holy mount and demand all humanity worship him,

*Let no one deceive you in any way, because the falling away is to come first, and the man of lawlessness is to be revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, **so that he sits as Elohim in the Temple of Elohim, showing himself that he is Elohim.** * (2Thess.2:3-4).*

* Mashiach describes this action as the abomination of desolation in Matt.24:15.

When he considers the time is right, that is, when all are under the subjection of the single head of religion, (Papal Rome), He (false messiah) will remove Papal Rome and take over as not just the head of religion but the head of humanity,

And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these shall hate the whore, and lay her waste and naked, and eat her flesh and burn her with fire. (Rev.17:16).

With the removal of Papal Rome, the false messiah can achieve his ultimate aim – to be worshipped as the one God. But the above passage from 2Thessalonians presents an anomaly; it is HaSatan who desires to replace YHWH, yet it is the false messiah that sits in the temple as Elohim. However, HaSatan and the false messiah are synonymous in the same way as the Father and the Son are synonymous. It is just another of HaSatan's imitations of YHWH's truth: a counterfeit relationship.

Unlike 2Thessalonians, Revelation chapter 6 describes the tribulation in terms of five seals incorporating four horses: a white horse depicting the appearance of the false messiah, a red horse depicting wars, a black horse depicting famine and a pallid, sickly horse depicting death,

And I looked and saw a white horse, and he who sat on it holding a bow. And a crown was given to him, and he went out overcoming and to overcome. And when He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." And another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was given to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that they should slay one another. And a great sword was given to him. And when He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." And I looked and saw a black horse, and he who sat on it holding a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A measure of wheat for a denarius, and three measures of barley for a denarius. And do not harm the oil and the wine. And when He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." And I looked and saw a pale horse. And he who sat on it had the name Death, and She'ol followed with him. And authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and by the beasts of the earth. (Rev.6:2-8)

It is immediately after John's vision of these horses that YHWH's wrath is described in the subsequent verses 12 to 17 and the following chapters of Revelation.

Because the first horse is white and Mashiach will return on a white horse, (Rev.19:11): there is some confusion between the rider of this horse and Mashiach. But Mashiach will not return holding a bow, the only armament associated with Mashiach is a sword said to be in His mouth, which is a metaphor not to be taken literally. What is more, nowhere in the Scriptures is Mashiach described wearing a regal crown. On the contrary, Mashiach commanded all reverence must be to the Father and not to him, (Matt.5:16, 6:9, John.4:23, 5:30, 6:45).

My view is the rider on this white horse is the false messiah, hence it is a white horse. The rider of this white horse has a bow, but no arrows are mentioned thus it is an empty bow, which I interpret as signifying false or limited power. We know HaSatan only has what power YHWH allows him, (refer Job 1:12). The rider of this horse is wearing a crown signifying rulership, and the apostle describes HaSatan as the ruler of the air, (Eph.2:2). We know that HaSatan has been in the world since he and those messengers who aligned themselves with him were thrown out of heaven, thus this vision is merely alluding to him as the power behind the tribulation. The remaining three horses are all different, each depicts a different event on the earth; the red horse depicts war and warfare, the black horse depicts famine and scarcity and the pallid sickly horse death. The events represented by these three horses are the sorrows mentioned by

Mashiach in Matt,24:8 which precede the tribulation. You may argue that this philosophy ignores the order of the horses given in the passage but there is no reason for us to assume other than Revelation is merely describing the situations facing the world in the end of time and not necessarily in the sequence given in the vision. For example, famine and scarcity need not be the result of war more often it is the result of climate. Likewise, death is not merely the result of famine but more the result of war thus the pale horse should more correctly have followed the red horse if sequence was a factor in the vision. Such out of sequence is a quirk of Hebrew presentation and gives credence to the belief that Revelation is a Hebrew and not a Greek or Aramaic, book.

Who Will Suffer tribulation?

Whilst everyone living at the time will experience the tribulation, not all will suffer. As previously stated, the end days will see the emergence of a single universal religion. Whilst we do not know what form this religion will take it will be led by the first beast of Rev.13: Papal Rome and must somehow facilitate, to some degree, the various religious beliefs current today. Just how this will be achieved remains to be seen but the efficacy of this single religion depends on its ability to appease all religious beliefs. Only those who refuse to accept this universal religion of Rome will suffer.

The separate article 'The Beasts of Daniel and Revelation' explains how the beasts described in these two books are apostate entities, thus the end time religion they force on the world will be an abomination to YHWH. Unfortunately, because Papal Rome, the head of Christianity, is the authority behind this apostate religion most of Christianity will accept it. What is more, any initial resistance shown by the orthodox Jews will wane when the second beast of Rev.13 a.k.a. the false messiah, appears and accepts the temple they are vowing to build. Incredibly, it is observance of this end time religion what constitutes the 'mark of the beast' and all, except those in the 'Body of Mashiach,' the Torah observant believers, will take this mark. But Mashiach warns that the trauma of the end times will be too much even for some in the 'Body of Mashiach,

And because of the increase in lawlessness, the love of many shall become cold. But he who shall have endured to the end shall be saved. (Matt.24:12-13).

As said above those who refuse to worship the beast will be unable to buy and sell. What this means is that they will be unable to pay for utilities and forced to live without water or electricity, no petrol for the car, no food. I am not sure what is the result of being unable to pay the general rates. It will be a time when believers must put their whole trust in YHWH to provide for their needs. It will be a very testing time of faith and trust, but we can take credence in Mashiach's promise,

Do not worry then, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For all these the gentiles seek for. And your heavenly Father knows that you need all these. (Matt.6:31-32).

The apostle, referring to this time, also encourages belief and trust in YHWH,

*But the end of all things is at hand: be therefore sober (of the right mind) and **watch unto prayer.** (1Pet.4:7)*

We should remember how YHWH protected and sustained a whole nation of people for forty years in the wilderness. They never went hungry they never thirsted. their clothes never wore out and their sandals grew with their feet. YHWH brought water from a stone and divided a sea. This is the power of the Elohim we worship; we must just trust. But there are those who will be martyred. These martyrs are described in Rev.7:13-14,

One of the elders asked me, "These people dressed in white robes- who are they and where are they from?" "Sir," I answered, "You know." Then he told me, "These are the people who have come out of the Great Persecution (tribulation). They have washed their robes white in the blood of the Lamb. That is why they are before Elohim's throne."

*When it says they have come out of the tribulation what is meant is that these martyrs have defeated the tribulation by accepting death rather than denying YHWH.

This passage is not referring to those following Judaism, Christianity, or pagan faiths, all of these will accept the false messiah. We do not need to discuss the pagan religions; Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism etc. but Christianity and Judaism do need some elaboration because these faiths are, to an extent, based on the Scriptures. Hence, these two groups are discussed in more detail below.

It is to prevent the total annihilation of the Torah observant believers that the tribulation is brought to a premature end by YHWH with the outpouring of His wrath: *"And except those days should be shortened there should no flesh be saved but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened"* (Matt.24:22). It would be preposterous for YHWH to want to save His believers from a tribulation only to subject them to something far worse: His wrath. The following verses show that the Torah observant believers: referred to as 'the elect,' will be gathered by Mashiach and taken to YHWH's place of safety,

Come, My people, enter your rooms, and shut your doors behind you. Hide yourselves for a little while until the wrath has passed.* (Isa.26:20)

*Chapters 25 and 26 of Isaiah describe YHWH's action at the end of this age.

For in the day of evil He hides me in His booth; in the covering of His Tent, He hides me; on a rock He raises me up. (Ps.27:5).

In the secrecy of Your presence You shall hide them from the plots of man; You shelter them in a booth from the strife of tongues. (Ps.31:20)

Because you did obey My message about persevering, I will keep you from the time of trial coming upon the whole world to put the people living on earth to the test. (Rev.3:10).

YHWH takes His chosen to a place of safety which, considering the whole of the earth's surface will be affected by YHWH's wrath, must be in a separate sphere but it is not the 'Rapture' described by the Church: there is no transformation from a physical to a spiritual body at this time.

Interestingly, according to the book of Yasher, YHWH similarly saved all the righteous before the flood,

And all the sons of men who knew YHWH died in that year before YHWH brought evil upon them: for YHWH willed them to die, so as not to behold the evil that YHWH would bring upon their brothers and relatives, as He had so declared to do. (Ya.5:21).

What is clear is that YHWH does not punish those who live in obedience to His Word.

YHWH's Wrath

There are two future occasions when YHWH will pour out His wrath upon the earth; the end of the 'Sixth Day' and the end of the 'Seventh Day.' The outpouring of wrath at the end of the 'Sixth Day' commences with the opening of the fifth seal in Rev.6:9 and continues through to chapter 20. Whereas the outpouring of YHWH's wrath at the end of the 'Seventh Day' is described in Rev.20:9. This article is only concerned with the outpouring of YHWH's wrath at the end of this age that is, at the end of the 'Sixth Day.'

Joel 1:15-2:11 describes YHWH's army in frightening terms the effect of which is described in chapter 2 like a rolling wave of destruction across the earth. The effect of this rolling army on humanity is described in Revelation,

And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of YHWH. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred stadia. (Rev.14:18-20)

Then I saw an angel standing in the sun and he cried out in a loud voice to all the birds that fly about in mid heaven, "Come, gather together for the great feast Elohim is giving, to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of generals, the flesh of important men, the flesh of horses and their riders and the flesh of all kinds of people; free and slave, small and great. (Rev.19:17-18).

Concerning YHWH's wrath, we have the following topics to consider,

- The primary purpose of YHWH's wrath
- The effect of YHWH's wrath
 - I. On Humanity
 - II. On Creation
 - III. On the false messiah and HaSatan

The Primary Purpose of YHWH's Wrath

We said above that it was to prevent the total annihilation of the Torah observant believers that YHWH will pour out His wrath on the earth. But this is not the prime reason for YHWH's wrath, if it were, He could simply remove those behind this annihilation without punishing the whole of humanity. What is more, **YHWH does not consider corporal death the end of life, merely a transformation from one life to another.** So, what is the primary reason for wrath? The prophets provide the answer,

Look unto me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am El, and there is none else. (Isa.45:22).

Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? Says YHWH: and not that he should return from his ways, and live? (Ezek.18:23).

“For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies,” declares the Master YHWH, “So turn back and live!” (Ezek.18:32).

I will go and return to My place till they admit their guilt and search for Me, seeking Me eagerly in their distress. (Hos.5:15).

“I struck you with mildew and with hail in all the labours of your hands: yet you still would not turn to Me,” says YHWH. (Hag.2:17).

YHWH is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. (2Pet.3:9).

The purpose of YHWH's wrath is not to punish, YHWH does not want to see a single soul perish, He says all souls are His and the real purpose of His wrath is to bring the unrighteous to repentance and salvation. YHWH's desire is for all of humanity to repent of unrighteousness and to recognise Him.

It is the sinfulness of humanity that forces a caring and compassionate YHWH to act in ways He never wanted. As said earlier, the book of Yasher tells us that, even before the flood, YHWH instructed for Metushelach and Noach to tell the people to repent and avoid the impending catastrophe,

In that time YHWH said to Noach and Metushelach, “Stand forth and proclaim to the sons of men all the words that I spoke to you in those days, peradventure that they may turn from their evil ways, and I will then repent of the evil and will not bring it. (Ya.5:22).

And still the sons of men would not return from their evil ways, and they increased the anger of YHWH at that time and did not even direct their hearts to all this. And at the end of seven days, in the sixth hundredth year of the life of Noach, the waters of the flood were upon the earth. (Ya.6:12-13).

There is, however, a significant difference between the flood and the future wrath to come. The flood was a single act of destruction, whereas Revelation shows us the wrath to come will be progressive with ever increasing severity. Each act of wrath is YHWH's effort to convince humanity to repent but as with Noach, the record says very few will.

The Effect of the Coming Wrath on Humanity

Mashiach prophesied what would be the state of humanity in the end times described in terms of a narrow gate and a wide gate. Narrow and wide being euphemisms for few and many respectively. What Mashiach is describing is a humanity consumed with unrighteousness with very few righteous people. Rejection of YHWH and His Torah is the custom of today which only grows in intensity culminating with what 2Thessalonians calls a 'falling away.' YHWH is the Creator, everything the eye sees belongs to Him, from every flower in the meadow to every star in the galaxy, all must give reverence to YHWH. Everything existing is the clay and YHWH is the one and only potter. Two thousand years ago Mashiach warned what was coming but nobody is listening, the Scriptures is not a popular book today. As it was in the days of Noach, so it is today, just as Mashiach prophesied. Once again humanity has left YHWH with no alternative,

“See, the day of YHWH is coming, fierce, with wrath and heat of displeasure, to lay the earth waste, and destroy its sinners from it.” (Isa.13:9).

“I shall make mortal man scarcer than fine gold, and mankind scarcer than the gold of Ophir.” (Isa.13:12).

Therefore, a curse shall consume the earth, and those who dwell in it be punished. Therefore, the inhabitants of the earth shall be burned, and few men shall be left. (Isa.24:6).

“I will completely sweep away all from the face of the earth,” declares YHWH, I will sweep away humans and animals, the birds in the air, and the fish in the sea, also the wicked and what makes them stumble, I will wipe humanity from the face of the earth,” declares YHWH. (Zep.1:2-3)

The context of this passage from Zephaniah is clear it means the annihilation of **all life**. At first there appears a contradiction (highlighted) between this passage and Isa. 24:6. But when we examine all that is said concerning the period of wrath, the above Scriptures agree. The ‘few men left’ referred to in Isaiah are those who repent during the wrath but because they are so few they are not considered by Zephaniah.

As severe as it will be, the tribulation will not compare to YHWH’s wrath. The Beast and the False messiah will only direct their campaign against people who will not succumb to their wishes. Whereas YHWH’s wrath will destroy creation as we know it today.

At the commencement of YHWH’s wrath those living on the earth fall into three categories,

1. The followers of Judaism (orthodox Jews),
2. Christians,
3. Sinners, the impious and those living outside of Scripture.

Remember those in the ‘Body of Mashiach have already been gathered by Mashiach and taken to YHWH’s place of safety outside the sphere of His wrath.

All the above will, to different degrees, suffer YHWH’s wrath. No doubt the orthodox Jews and the Christians will be devastated when they experience YHWH’s wrath but this is my understanding of the Scriptures as explained below.

Orthodox Jews

Judaism does not acknowledge Mashiach Yahusha therefore they are separated from YHWH because Mashiach is the only route to the Father, (John.14:6). Unfortunately, Judaism advocates steadfast observance of the old covenant – redemption via the sacrificial system under a temple system of worship. This is one of the reasons the orthodox Jews are pushing for a third temple. The apostle explains their dilemma in 2Corinthians chapter 3, where he portrays them as being veiled and unable to see that salvation is only through Yahusha HaMashiach. Only YHWH can take away their veil which He eventually does, but not until He has poured out some of His fury upon them. The outpouring of His wrath upon the Jews is described in Zachariah, where we are told that one third will come through His refining fire,

O sword, awake against My Shepherd, against the Man who is My Companion,” declares YHWH of hosts. “Strike the Shepherd, and let the sheep be scattered. But I shall turn My hand upon the little ones. And it shall be throughout all the soil,” declares, YHWH, “that two thirds

therein are cut off and die, and one third is left therein. And I shall bring the third into fire, and refine them as silver is refined, and try them as gold is tried. They shall call on My Name and I shall answer them. I shall say, 'This is My people,' while they say, 'YHWH is my Elohim.'" (Zech.13:7-9).

YHWH says He will refine a remaining third by fire, i.e. His wrath. After this cleansing He will remove their veil by revealing Yahusha Mashiach to them. With their veil removed they will see and realise it was Him they crucified two thousand years ago. This recognition will have a traumatic effect on this remnant,

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddo. And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shim'i apart, and their wives apart; All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart. (Zach.12:10-14).

What we can conclude from the above two passages is that Mashiach does not return until YHWH has completed His work with the remnant of Israel. Upon their redemption my understanding is that Mashiach will collect this remnant of Israel and they will join the 'Body of Mashiach' in YHWH's place of safety escaping the remainder of YHWH's wrath.

Christians

As a result of Church teaching, Christians are under the greatest of religious delusions. Christianity, whilst purporting to follow Mashiach, has distorted what Mashiach and His apostles taught and spoke. The Church promotes a rapture but seems unable to agree on its timing: whether it is pre, mid or post tribulation. The truth is, because of their rejection of YHWH's Torah/law, Christians do not fulfil the condition for righteousness (Rom.2:13), **consequently they will experience YHWH's wrath** which comes after the tribulation. Hence the rapture taught by Church leaders is a delusion.

The greatest misconception promoted by the Church concerns the relevance of the Torah/law for Christians. The Church philosophy that salvation is by grace and not by law is correct. The Torah/law is not and never was meant to be a salvation document. It was never meant to provide salvation. Salvation is via YHWH's grace alone. But what the Church fails to understand is that YHWH will only give grace to those who obey His Torah. The error of the Church is its teaching that grace is at the expense of the Torah/law. When we analyse the Hebrew word Torah, it means instruction and as YHWH gave it, it is YHWH's instruction. Thus if, as taught by the Church, Christians are not under YHWH's Torah a.k.a. YHWH's instruction, then who's instruction are they under? There are several verses within the Scriptures and particularly within the Brit Hadashah (NT) which, when understood correctly, show the error of this Church teaching. The apostles kept the Torah, (Acts 10:14, 24:14, 20:16, 25:8) why would they have done so if the Torah had been annulled by Mashiach? Or is the church saying that Mashiach annulled the Torah/Law for Christians only? That goes against YHWH's precept 'there is only one law for the Israelite and the foreigner' (Exod.12:49, Lev.24:22, Deut.31:12). Christians should pay particular attention to Mashiach's warning in Matt.7:21-23,

Not everyone who says to Me, 'Master, Master,' shall enter into the reign of the heavens, but he who is doing the desire of My Father in the heavens. Many shall say to Me in that day, 'Master, Master, have we not prophesied in Your Name, and cast out demons in Your Name, and done many mighty works in Your Name?' And then I shall declare to them, 'I never knew you, depart from Me, you who work lawlessness.

About whom is Mashiach talking? Notice He is using future tense – ‘many shall say in that day.’ Mashiach is not talking of when He walked the earth two thousand years ago, He is referring to a time in the future. So, who do these things in His name today? Not Muslims, Hindus, or Buddhists, they don’t recognise Mashiach. Who is it that do all these things in His name but are lawless, that is, do not observe YHWH’s law? Do not Christian evangelists fit this exact profile? I am not being judgemental, I am nobody’s judge, I am merely expressing what I believe is the Scriptural picture of Christianity.

Unfortunately, most church goers do not research the Scriptures for themselves but satisfy themselves with whatever comes from the pulpit. Sadly, what is coming from the pulpit is not the Word of YHWH or the Gospel of Mashiach. What is taught is the gospel of appeasement and accommodation with the emphasis on entertainment. Church sermons today are more concerned with props, jokes, and personal life stories than with the Word of YHWH. What is more, Christianity is founded on a complete misconception of Mashiach and the epistles of the apostles.

By refusing to obey YHWH’s Torah, Christians do not fulfil the condition for righteousness, (Rom.2:13) thus they are not pleasing the Father (Deut.4:12), hence they are unsuitable for inclusion in the ‘Body of Mashiach.’ Christians only have belief which, according to Jam.2:20, without works is insufficient for salvation. Indeed, the preceding verse tells us that demons believe, and I doubt demons will be saved. Belief puts us on the right road with YHWH, but it is our works that determines how far along the road we have travelled.

The apostle spells out the end time situation for Christians in his first epistle to the Corinthian congregation,

For no one is able to lay any other foundation except that which is laid, which is Yahusha HaMashiach. And if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work shall be revealed, for the day shall show it up, because it is revealed by fire. And the fire shall prove the work of each one, what sort it is. If anyone’s work remains, which he has built on, he shall receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned, he shall suffer loss, but he himself shall be saved, but so as through fire. (1Cor.3:11-15)

The underlined portion epitomises that belief without works is founded on wood hay and straw and will therefore be burned up. But what do we mean by works? Well, we can go back to Mashiach’s words in Matt.4:4, “Man must live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Father” and the Father says, “Don’t add to My word and don’t subtract from it” (Deut.4:2, 12:32). Works is to live a Torah observant lifestyle. Remember Mashiach’s comment in Matt.7:21 that only those pleasing the Father will enter the kingdom of heaven. To please the Father is to obey Him specifically His command in Deut.4:2. Christianity teaches against this Scriptural truth. Consequently, as said above, Christians will suffer YHWH’s wrath. However, what we can conclude from the above Corinthians passage, is that repentant Christians along with repentant sinners will not experience the full force of YHWH’s wrath but will be saved from it.

The article 'The Beasts of Daniel and Revelation' identifies the 'mark of the beast' as Sunday worship hence, except for a few, all Christians have already taken the beast's mark. The fate of those who take the beasts mark is spelled out for us in Rev.14,

⁶ And I saw another messenger flying in mid-heaven, holding the everlasting Good News to announce to those dwelling on the earth, even to every nation and tribe and tongue and people, ⁷ saying with a loud voice, "Fear Elohim and give esteem to Him, because the hour of His judgment has come. And worship Him who made the heaven and the earth, and sea, and fountains of water." ⁸ And another messenger followed, saying, "Babel is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her whoring." ⁹ And a third messenger followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark upon his forehead or upon his hand, ¹⁰ he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of Elohim, which is poured out undiluted into the cup of His wrath. And he shall be tortured with fire and sulphur before the set-apart messengers and before the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torture goes up forever and ever. And they have no rest day or night, those worshipping the beast and his image, also if anyone receives the mark of his name. (Rev.14:6-11).

This passage leaves no doubt that those who take the mark of the beast will suffer YHWH's wrath. But the passage is misunderstood. It is the verses highlighted: 9-11, that most people focus on and conclude that eternal damnation is the only end for all who take the beast's mark. But isolating these verses misses the whole context of the message. The preceding verses 6-8 describe the fall of Babel, a euphemism for YHWH destroying the religious system imposed by Papal Rome and the false messiah. This destruction is meant to be sufficient for all who have given their allegiance to the end time apostate religious system, and taken the mark of the beast, to repent of their error and give reverence to YHWH. This concept is confirmed a little later in Revelation,

And after this I saw another messenger coming down from the heaven, having great authority, and the earth was lightened from his esteem. And he cried with a mighty voice, saying, "Babel the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, and a haunt for every unclean and hated bird, because all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her whoring, and the sovereigns of the earth have committed whoring with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the power of her riotous living". And I heard another voice from the: heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues (YHWH's wrath). (Rev.18:1-4).

To 'come out of her' is a metaphor for renouncing the beast apostatic system that the whole earth will be under at this time. And the phrase 'my people' supports the earlier comment that the highlighted verses in Rev.14 above only apply to those who refuse to repent of taking the mark of the beast, that is, **those who refuse to come out from under this beast system. To repent and reject the beast system is to remove the mark they have previously accepted.** Remember, Mashiach has promised no sin is too great to be forgiven (Matt,12:31), hence verses 9-11 of Rev. 14 are for those who refuse to repent. Putting the verses into this context harmonizes with the whole purpose of YHWH's wrath, not to punish but to bring all to

recognise His esteem, to repent and give Him all reverence. Enoch tells us that there will be those who do repent of having taken the mark and succumbed to the beast system,

In the day of trouble, (wrath), evil shall be heaped upon sinners; but the righteous shall triumph in the name of YHWH Tzva'ot. Others shall be made to see, that they must repent, and forsake the works of their hands and that glory awaits them not in the presence of YHWH, yet that by His name they may be saved. YHWH Tzva'ot will have compassion on them. For great is His mercy and righteousness in His judgement and in the presence of His glory; nor in His judgement shall iniquity stand, he who repents not before Him, shall perish. Henceforward I will not have mercy on them says YHWH. (En.49:2-3).*

YHWH's wrath will be the final opportunity for repentance. Those who do not repent will feel the full fury of His wrath and will be wiped off the face of the earth, to await their final destination, eternal separation from YHWH, in the lake of fire. However, the phrase 'Others shall be made to see, that they must repent,' indicates that there will be some who do accept the wrath and come to YHWH. These people will be taken out of YHWH's wrath and will experience life in the millennium. However, there is a caveat: *Glory awaits them not in the presence of YHWH*. This statement is of specific relevance. My understanding is these repentant people will experience the millennial reign of Mashiach but **will not live in the Land in the presence of Mashiach**, they will live outside the Land where they will be introduced to YHWH's Torah and taught to live a Torah/law observant lifestyle. Remember those living in the Land will be a nation of priests (1Pet.2:9). The duty of YHWH's priests is to teach His Torah. In addition to repentant sinners my view is, this passage also encompasses those Christians who realise they have been misled by the Church and repent of their lawless (Torahless) lifestyles.

The Effect of the Coming Wrath on Creation

As a result of YHWH's wrath, the earth's surface will undergo a complete transformation,

*But the day of YHWH will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of Elohim, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? * (2Pet.3:10-12).*

*The context of 2Peter chapter 3 leaves no doubt that this passage refers to the end of the 'Sixth Day' and not the 'Seventh Day.'

"For look, I am creating renewed heavens and a renewed earth, and the former shall not be remembered, nor come to heart." (Isa.65:17).

It is clear from the verses following verse 17 of chapter 65 in Isaiah, that YHWH is referring to the end of the 'Sixth Day' and not the 'Seventh Day.' Most translations say, 'new earth' but this makes little sense unless YHWH intends creating two new earths: one at the end of the 'Sixth Day' and another at the end of the 'Seventh Day,' I don't believe this is the case. 'New' is the translation of the Hebrew *châdâsh* (khaw-dawsh) from the root *châdash* (khaw-dash) meaning to renew or repair, causative to rebuild. This is more

in line with the book of Enoch where YHWH talks of a changed (not new) earth. A more accurate description would be a rejuvenated earth.

Isaiah's statement 'that the former earth shall not be remembered, nor come to heart' infers that the world as we know it today will cease to exist and will not be remembered. The ultimate effect of YHWH's wrath will be to take the whole of creation back to the beginning. All of creation as we know it today will disappear; no modern-day structures, no glass facades, no motorised vehicles of any type (cars, planes, or ships), no concrete or asphaltic roads and none of the modern-day materials, no Wi-Fi: all will be razed. For YHWH to say the world of today will not be remembered means that all of man's innovations will be wiped off the face of the earth and the earth's surface itself will undergo a complete transformation: this is the power of our Elohim. YHWH will re-create, returning the earth and all life to how it was in ancient times. We know from Rev.21 that the geology of the whole of the earth's surface will be changed. The first verse states there is no sea and later describes a new cubic shaped city with dimensions over 2200 kilometres. This is more than four times the north to south distance of the current 'State of Israel.'

Some may consider Revelation 21 is referring to the 'Eighth Day' and not the 'Seventh Day' but I do not support this interpretation. The reason for my disagreement is because this chapter talks of the bride of the 'Lamb' hence the wedding of the Lamb is yet to come. My belief is, that a primary purpose of the millennium is for the bride of Mashiach to achieve its fulness. Hence, my understanding is that the wedding of the Lamb will take place at the end of the millennium and in the 'Eighth Day.'

Enoch talks of a significantly different millennial Yerushalayim,

I went from there to another place and saw a mountain of fire and flashing both by day and night. I proceeded towards it and perceived seven splendid mountains which were all different from each other. The stones were brilliant and beautiful, all were brilliant and splendid to behold and beautiful was their surface. Three were towards the east and strengthened by being placed one upon another and three were towards the south, strengthened in a similar manner.....

And the seventh mountain was in the midst of them. In length they resembled the seat of a throne and odoriferous trees surrounded them. (En.24).

The Effect of the Coming Wrath on the Beast, the False Messiah and HaSatan

To complete His purging YHWH focuses on the Beast, the False Messiah, and the Dragon,

And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he led astray those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshipped his image. The two were thrown alive into the lake of fire burning with sulphur. (Rev.19:20).

Next, I saw an angel coming down from heaven, who had the key to the Abyss and a great chain in his hand. He seized the dragon. That ancient serpent who is the devil and Satan (the Adversary) and chained him up for a thousand years (Rev.20:1).

You may wonder why YHWH does not choose to cast HaSatan into the lake of fire immediately, rather than hold him for a thousand years and then release him back into creation. My understanding is that YHWH's refining of humanity will continue throughout the millennium. As just said the millennium will see the

completion of the 'bride.' The final act of His refining process will be the annihilation of the remaining rebellious along with their commander-in-chief, HaSatan, at the end of the millennium.

Conclusion to Part 1

Scripture tells us that the earth and its inhabitants will suffer both a tribulation and a wrath at the end of this age. The tribulation is the result of the false messiah's attempt to take YHWH's throne and for humanity to worship him as Elohim. Whereas we may summarise YHWH's wrath as having a fourfold purpose,

- Firstly, it is to save His elect from annihilation as explained above,
- Secondly it is to bring people to repentance,
- Thirdly it is to remove all unrighteousness and the creation it has produced,
- Fourthly it is to restore creation back to the beginning.

YHWH's wrath will be the most catastrophic experience this planet and all life on it will have ever experienced. As much as 99% of all life will be destroyed and the earth's surface will undergo a massive transformation. The Book of Enoch tells us that humanity, the overwhelming majority of which will, at this point, have shown allegiance to the False messiah, will curse YHWH for their suffering due to His wrath. This is the opposite effect YHWH desires but such is the wickedness within these people and so they will perish. These are people who have absolutely no understanding of, or relationship with, YHWH.

Those of us who are in the Body of Mashiach are very aware of the true character of the Elohim we worship. As said above, YHWH wishes for no soul to perish and has given humanity 6,000 years to get its act together. At the beginning the Torah was passed down from generation to generation, fathers taught sons and so on. If only this practice had continued and Israel fulfilled their true purpose, to be the 'light to the nations:' who knows what life would be like today, but alas, this was not to be, HaSatan saw to that. The result is that creation will be subjected to that part of YHWH's character that He never wanted to reveal.

To summarise, the position of humanity, from YHWH's perspective, at the end of this age: the end of the 'Sixth Day' will consist of six categories,

1	The righteous who have died from the time of Adam	}	These will receive rejuvenated bodies and return with Mashiach to live in the Land through the millennium as His nation of priests.
2	The righteous believers living when Mashiach returns and are gathered by Him		
3	The Jewish remnant saved by YHWH		
4	The unrighteous who repent through YHWH's wrath. These will also be gathered by Mashiach (Christians and repentant sinners)		These will return with Mashiach but live outside the Land. They will not receive rejuvenated bodies.
5	The sinners who have died from the time of Adam	}	These souls will remain in she'ol until final judgement and their final destination in the lake of fire
6	Those who do not repent and are destroyed by YHWH's wrath		

Categories 1,2 and 3 are those who have lived a Torah observant lifestyle, and their reward is a rejuvenated body and a thousand years living in YHWH's Gan Eden (the Land) with Mashiach. Category 4 will be given the chance to become righteous, being taught Torah throughout the millennium, by those

living in the Land (Mashiach's nation of priests). Categories 5 and 6 are the atheists, pagan worshippers and those who refuse to acknowledge YHWH as the only true Elohim and refuse to accept His Torah. This is my understanding of the Scriptures.

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