

Transcript – Jerusalem the Center of the Earth

Alrighty, Chag Semeach ... Chag Semeach. Wow, another wonderful Passover season upon us in a very, very special year. And the opening message I would like to give for Passover this year is called, *Jerusalem the Center of the Earth ... Jerusalem the Center of the Earth*.

And you know, as part of the Restoration Ministry in the end time, Yahweh blessed us to be able to host the Feast in Jerusalem for one whole 19-year time cycle. I think that's very prophetic in itself. But what I think everybody in the world looks forward to is the New Jerusalem that's coming. And I want to just give a message today on Jerusalem and the importance of Jerusalem for all time, including the times that are coming.

So I want to start Ezekiel 5 and verse 5 ... Ezekiel 5 and verse 5 says:

Ezekiel 5:5 *So says Adonai YAHWEH: This is Jerusalem. I have set her in the **midst of the nations**, ... which is literally the middle or the center ... and all around her are the lands.*

So here it is **Jerusalem is basically the center of the earth**. And I want to show a map right now because there's a theory called Pangea. And in that theory, at one time, all the earth was in together as one. And you could see it there in front of you that it makes sense. When you look at the shapes of the different countries and whatever, it makes sense that it was like this.

So this was before the flood and probably by the flood is where it separated. But at one time, the earth was like this where everything was together and then the waters were all around it. And it's important to have that idea in your mind as we go through this with Jerusalem because it also shows where the Garden of Eden was and helps with that.

Okay, let's go to Genesis 2 and verse 8. It says:

Genesis 2:8-9 *And YAHWEH Elohim planted a garden in Eden to the east; and He put the man whom He had formed there. And out of the ground YAHWEH Elohim made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food. The Tree of Life was also in the middle of the garden; also the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.*

Genesis 2:10-13 *And a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it was divided and became four heads. The name of the first was Pishon; it is the one surrounding all the land of Havilah where gold is; the gold of that land is good; there is bdellium gum resin, and the onyx stone. And the name of the second river is Gihon. It is the one surrounding all the land of Cush.*

Comment: And this is where we believe the Gihon River in the City of David is what they're talking about, the gusher.

Genesis 2:14-17 *And the name of the third river is Hiddakel; it is the one going east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates. And YAHWEH Elohim took the man and put him into the Garden of Eden, to work it and to keep it. And YAHWEH Elohim commanded the man, saying, Eating you may eat of every tree in the garden; but of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil you may not eat, for in the day that you eat of it, you shall surely die.*

So I did a study quite a few years ago on *why* I believe the Garden of Eden, *biblically* was Jerusalem. Jerusalem is the center of the earth. Jerusalem is where everything starts. Jerusalem is where everything ends. I'll show you a scripture in a minute that will prove that the Garden of Eden was in Jerusalem in Yahweh's holy mountain, in Mount Zion.

So, but as I showed you that picture before of the Pangea theory it makes sense because as the Gihon River came up and there's an Aravah that goes down to the Dead Sea. And then the Dead Sea would go north and south from there. And the Pishon River, they believe is a dry river that goes to Saudi Arabia today.

But **the key is the Rift Valley** because the Rift Valley, because sometimes people look at this and they're thinking, well the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, that the Garden of Eden had to be in Iraq. But that's not the point. The point is, if you look at the Rift Valley, the longest valley in the world almost 13,000 miles. It starts in the bottom of Africa and goes all the way up to the top of Turkey and at the top of the Rift Valley is what? It's where the Tigris and Euphrates River begins.

So as the Gihon Gusher came up and all the water flowed from Jerusalem down to the Dead Sea which wasn't dead at that time. And then it moved its way out. And as the earth was one landmass from the top of the Euphrates River it watered itself almost like a fountain. If you ever seen one of those fountains, right? There's water in a fountain and it keeps watering up and coming back and coming back. And that's the way the earth was at that time. So with Jerusalem again being the center of the earth.

Ezekiel 28 and verse 13. Now I will conclusively ... and this sermon isn't to prove that the Garden of Eden was in Jerusalem. And I have other whole sermons on that. But it's really just to show the importance of Jerusalem. But I do want to show at least this scripture to prove to you dogmatically from Scripture that it says Jerusalem was the Garden of Eden. Ezekiel 28 and verse 13. So this is talking now about Satan the Devil that at the time before he was Satan he was Lucifer, right? He went from Lucifer the light giver, to Satan the light taker and Yahweh says to him:

Ezekiel 28:13 *You have been in Eden, ... So and we know that. We know in **Genesis 3** he was in the Garden of Eden ... the garden of Elohim. Every precious stone was your covering; the ruby, the topaz, the diamond, the onyx, the jasper, the sapphire, the turquoise, and the carbuncle, and gold; the workmanship of your tambourines and of your pipes.. In the day you were created, they were prepared.*

Comment: So no doubt he's talking about Lucifer right before he became Satan in the Garden of Eden. Now let's see where He says that is.

Ezekiel 28:14-15 *You were the cherub that **protected** with your outstretched wings ... So he was one of the cherub's protecting Yahweh's throne ... and I had put you ... where did He put him? ... **in the holy Mountain of Elohim**, ... So where is the holy mountain of Elohim? Mount Zion ... where you were. You walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, until iniquity was found in you.*

Ezekiel 28:16-17 *By the multitude of your trade, they filled your midst with violence, and you sinned. So I cast you profaned from the mountain of Elohim, ... Mount Zion ... and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from*

among the stones of fire. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. I have cast you to the earth. I will put you before kings, that they may see you.

So very clearly here. And again, if you do a study and you look and you go through where Yahweh's holy mountain is, there's one mountain and it's called Mount Zion. That's where Yahweh will dwell eternally. Yahshua will be there for the thousand years. And like I said Jerusalem is the center of the earth. And in Jerusalem was the Garden of Eden and that's where Lucifer was. So we see the importance of Jerusalem. Jerusalem from time and memorial the importance of it. And like I said, **Yahweh works in the circular. So everything starts in Jerusalem. Everything ends in Jerusalem.**

Luke 24 in verse 45 ... Luke 24 in verse 45 says:

Luke 24:45-47 *Then He opened up their mind to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, So it is written, and so the Messiah must suffer, and rise from the dead on the third day ... Here we are during the Pesach week ... And repentance and remission of sins must be preached on His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.*

So that's where the disciples started, right? But they also went out from there. They started in Jerusalem. They went all throughout Israel. But then what did they do? They left Israel and they went to the places where the Israelites were. The twelve apostles mostly went east to the Parthian Empire and Iraq and Iran and all those areas over there, Eastern Turkey, even as far as China and India. We know the apostle Philip went to India.

The Apostle Paul went west mostly. He went to Greece and Rome and Corinth and some of those other places. So the good news starts in Jerusalem and ends in Jerusalem. And here it is Yahweh had us there for all these years. And the doctrine comes from Jerusalem. And now we're trying to fulfill **Matthew 24:14** of going throughout the world so that His kingdom can come. And then He will restore Jerusalem the way it was.

Revelation 14 verse 1. Revelation 14 verse 1 in the end right before Yahshua's coming He says:

Revelation 14:1 *And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on Mount Zion! And with Him were a hundred and forty four thousands, with the name of His Father having been written in their foreheads.*

And I said this when you see that Yahweh brings His people again to the wilderness and the Bible tells us in the book of Song of Solomon that that place is going to be the mountain of Sela; which is in Jordan. And then Yahshua is going to be teaching His people there when you look at **Ezekiel 20**. And then what happens? Then He's going to bring the 144,000 back to Mount Zion. Amazing!

Matthew 24 and 14 ... Matthew 24 verse 14:

Matthew 24:14 *And this good news of the Kingdom shall be published in all the earth for a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.*

So it may start in Jerusalem but it can't end in Jerusalem. Jerusalem is where the judicial order comes from. Jerusalem is where the doctrine comes from. But then it has to go out to all the world and that's what we are doing right now as a congregation. We're not the only ones but we are doing our part. We're doing what Yahweh has commissioned us to do.

The one thing I think though, over all the years being in Israel that people lose sight of and it is exciting. It's exciting to be there. It's exciting to come there. It's exciting to spend the Feast there. But people come there ... and I remember the first time I went there. Actually the first tour I took in 1998 and there were some brethren that were with us from the local area. And they thought that they were going to come to Jerusalem and find the remnant of the first century congregation. And that's what they were looking for. Very interesting story. I don't have time to tell it today but what happened there. They didn't find the first century congregation. They found the apostate congregation instead.

But that's the point of it. Even in the first century remember that there were minimal believers. Most of the people that went to Jerusalem didn't believe, minimal believed. But Jerusalem was corrupted. It's been corrupted. And when Yahshua returns that's where for the first time probably since the Garden of Eden there will be no corruption there whatsoever.

So let's go to Jeremiah 4 ... Let's go to Jeremiah 4. Jeremiah 4 and verse 3 ... starting in verse 3.

Jeremiah 4:3-5 *For so says YAHWEH to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and do not sow to the thorns. Circumcise yourselves to YAHWEH, and take away the foreskin of your heart, O men of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, that My fury not go forth like fire and burn, so that no one can put it out; because of the evil of your doings. Declare in Judah, and make it heard in Jerusalem, and say, Blow the ram's horn in the land. Cry, the end and say, Assemble yourselves and go into the cities of defense.*

Jeremiah 4:6-8 *Lift up a banner toward Zion. Flee for safety and do not wait. For I will bring evil from the north and a great ruin. The lion has come up from his thicket, and a destroyer of nations has set out. He has left his place to make your land a waste. Your cities will fall into ruins without one living in them. Clothe yourselves with sackcloth for this, wail and howl. For the fierce anger of YAHWEH has not turned back from us.*

Jeremiah 4:9-11 *And it will be on that day, says YAHWEH, the king's heart and the heart of the rulers shall perish. And the priests shall be amazed; and the prophets shall be amazed. Then I said, Ah, Adonai YAHWEH! Surely You have greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, You will have peace, but the sword reaches to the soul. At that time it shall be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A hot wind from the bare hills in the desert toward the daughter of My people, not to sift nor to cleanse!*

Jeremiah 4:12-14 *A wind more full than these shall come for Me. Now I also will speak judgments against them. Behold, he shall come up like clouds, and his chariots like a windstorm. His horses are swifter than eagles. Woe to us, for we are devastated! O Jerusalem, cleanse your heart from evil so that you may be saved. Until when will your vain thoughts lodge within you?*

Drop down to verse 22.

Jeremiah 4:22-24 *For My people are foolish. They do not know Me. They are stupid children, and they have no understanding. They are wise to do evil, but they do not know to do good. I looked on the earth, and, behold! It was without form and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and, behold! They quaked, and all the hills were shaken.*

Jeremiah 4:25-26 *I looked, and, behold! There was no man, and all the birds of the skies had fled. I looked, and, behold! The fruitful place was a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down before the face of YAHWEH, before His glowing anger.*

Jeremiah 4:27-28 *For so YAHWEH has said, The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. The earth shall mourn for this, and the heavens above shall grow black, because I have seen, I have purposed and I will not repent, nor will I turn back from it.*

This is definitely talking about the Day of Yahweh that is coming. So this is nothing new what we are seeing in Jerusalem today. And I believe **the main reason why Yahweh has taken His people to the wilderness is because His judgment is coming.**

And since we stopped keeping the Feast there, the last Feast we kept there was Passover in 2019. There has only been a horror that has happened in Jerusalem and Israel. First the COVID that came, and for close to three years the whole country was simply locked down, and even Israeli's couldn't even get back. They were used as a test case and all the poor Israeli's that wound up taking the death shot and dying and all the other things that happened.

And then it seemed like things were starting to get back to normal if you can call it that. And then boom, what happens the war that comes last October. When does it come? On the Last Great Day; on Sim Ha' Tora, the day of joy. And there is no joy in Israel now. And I can tell you from everything I see and the people I talk to my friends, Israeli friends that the war is there, bad enough and what happened with Hamas.

But there is ... almost like what you see even happening in Babylon and America. There is a civil war that is happening there in Israel. There is so much tension and fighting. And even before this war happened that's what was happening. That the government was trying to change the high court and change the power the high court had and there was protests.

You're talking about a little country of 8 million people and you have more than 100,000,/150,000 people protesting. That's a lot of people for a small country like that if you think about it. So you had all this going on and now it's even 10 times worse. And that's the thing that people fear. What happens the day after tomorrow?

What happens when the war does end? What happens? **There is no going back because there is no back.** And sadly enough this is what's happened that instead of taking the great blessing that Yahweh gave in 1948 that they are nation again after 2,520 years and having the Torah as national law in Israel and keeping all the laws, they really weren't part of it.

At least back then there was a fair amount of people that respected the Torah. Even secular people respected it. But today, wow its Tel Aviv the homosexual capital the world. You look at Elat which is not much better and all the evil that's going on there in the worldliness the New Age stuff. It's just unbelievable and it's had to see. But this is why there is hope for it because like I said Jerusalem may not be the millennial city today but it will be shortly. And that's what it's about everything goes in circles.

Luke 19 ... Luke 19 in verse 42 but even in Yahshua's day the priesthood was corrupted. It's corrupted today with the rabbis with the things they're doing. They go by the oral law. They do not go by Torah law. And a lot of the oral laws contradict the Bible. I did messages on that years ago.

But in the rabbis writings they actually say that Yahweh is only one of 70 rabbis and Yahweh has to listen to their will. Wow you talk about blasphemy right? That is ... you can't get more blasphemous than that. And that's what they do. They change the Torah when it's not fitting for them. And it's the same it was happening in Yahshua's day. Luke 19 verse 42 ... Luke 19 in verse 42 and it says:

Luke 19:42-44 *saying, If you had known, even you, even at least in this day of yours, the things for your peace! But now they were hidden from your eyes. But to you will come the days when the enemies will surround you, and will oppress you from all sides. And will overthrow you and your children within you, and they will not leave in you a stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.*

Luke 19:45-46 *And entering into the sanctuary, (Yahshua) He began to throw out those selling and buying, saying to them, It has been written, 'My house is a house of prayer,' but you made it "a den of robbers."*

Comments: And even near the Wailing Wall, it's supposed to be their holiest place in all of the Land. And as you walk up the steps from the Wailing Wall going into the Old City, what do you see you see? These rabbis that are there trying to sell people little red strings with false prayers which is witchcraft. They you give the money and they give you the string and you're going to get good luck. And they're doing that right near the holy places because it's a modern Judaism.

You have to realize something. Judaism, in the first century before the New Testament Congregation started, there was no such thing as Judaism as a religion. It was it a national heritage basically what it was. And then the people that believe in Yahshua came into the New Covenant and the leftovers in the second century under Rabbi Akiva started with modern Judaism. So why on earth would believers today want to follow that lie? That makes no sense whatsoever but unfortunately some do.

Luke 19:47-48 *And He was teaching day by day in the sanctuary ... talking about Yahshua ... But the chief priests and the scribes and the chief men of the people sought to kill Him. And they did not find what they might do; for all the people were clinging to hear Him.*

So it's the same thing today. The rabbis certainly don't want the truth in Israel. They don't want believers. I remember years ago when we first got there thinking, "Wow, wait till they hear I'm a Sabbath keeper. Wait till they hear I keep kosher." And you know what they told me? They said, "No, if you're not Jewish you have to break the Sabbath."

Where on earth did they get that from? Because the Bible says that the Sabbath ... the stranger, anybody who's ever there in the Land has to keep the Sabbath. And here it is, they're saying that only Jews can keep the Sabbath. That non-Jews ... and its part of, again the Noachide laws that the rabbis have put together that are just totally against the Word of Yahweh.

Luke 19 ... Luke 19 go back to verse 11 through 14, it says:

Luke 19:11-14 *But as they were hearing these things, He spoke, adding a parable, because He was near to Jerusalem, and they thought that the kingdom of Elohim was immediately to be revealed. And then He (Yahshua) said: A certain well-born man went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and to return. And calling ten of his slaves, he gave to them ten minas and said to them, Trade and keep busy until I come. But the citizens of his city hated him and sent ambassadors after him. And they were saying, "We do not want this man to rule over us."*

So He's telling in the parable about the rabbis, the leaders of His day, and this is what they were doing. They didn't want Yahshua to reign over them.

Drop down to verse 27 and 28:

Luke 19:27-28 *But to those my enemies who did not desire that I rule over them, bring them and execute them before me!" And saying these things, He went in front, going up to Jerusalem.*

So yes, **Yahshua is the King of Jerusalem** like it says the Melchizedek in **Hebrew 7**; King of Salem, King of Jerusalem. And of course that is Yahshua. As we've been going over in the studies on the book of Hebrews. So both the religious and political leaders rejected Yahshua in that day but it will not be forever. We know there's a time coming where the nation at least ... I don't know about the religious leaders ... but the nations will accept them.

Zechariah 13 verse 8 and 9 but there'll be a lot of horror that's going to happen there first.

Zechariah 13:8-9 *And it shall be in all the land, says YAHWEH, two parts in it shall be cut off and perish, but the third shall be left in it ... wow, two thirds people in the Land are going to die from what's coming ... And I will bring the third part through the fire, and I will refine them as silver is refined. And I will try them as gold is tried. They shall call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, It is My people, and they shall say, YAHWEH is my Elohim.*

So at that last third only a remnant of that is coming out of that and being tried in the fire. So Zechariah 14:1 and 2 ... Zechariah 14:1 and 2:

Zechariah 14:1-2a *Behold, the day of YAHWEH comes, and your spoil shall be divided among you. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem ...*

Comment: This is what it is. It's a battle between good and evil. And the same way that Satan was in the Garden of Eden in Jerusalem, now he wants Jerusalem for himself. And as we're going to see, he's going to get it for 42 months. **Yahweh is going to allow him to overtake the city in the end time but ultimately he will be destroyed because Yahshua is the King of Jerusalem.** So like He says, *He will battle whole nations against Jerusalem.*

Zechariah 14:2b *And the city shall be captured, and the houses plundered, and the women raped. And half the city shall go into exile and the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city.*

So here's where we see these things, Jerusalem being attacked in the end time.

Luke 21 and verse 20 ... Luke 21 starting in verse 20, He says:

Luke 21:20 *And when you see Jerusalem being encircled by armies, then recognize that its destruction has come.*

Comment: And we know it's there. We know it's going to happen. But *recently* when we see these things that are going on in the world, and we see the world powers threatening Israel, and we see the things going on there now with this war with the Palestinians. I don't know about you, but to me, I can see this being a lot clearer; or closer let's say, clearer than it was before. I can see it happening and it's going to happen in Yahweh's timing of course but I could see it happening at any time if this continues this way. We are on the trajectory of World War 3. And if that happens then certainly this will come about just as Yahweh's Word says. He says:

Luke 21:21-24 *Then let those in Judea flee into the mountains; ... The wilderness ... and those in its midst, let them go out. And those in the villages let them not go into her. For **these are days of vengeance** when all things that have been written are to be fulfilled. But woe to the pregnant women, and the ones nursing in those days; for great distress will be on the earth and **wrath on this people** ... on Israel ... And they will fall by the mouth of the sword and will be led captive to all the nations. And Jerusalem will be trodden down by nations, until the times of the nations are fulfilled.*

Comment: And we know what that is, that's from Genesis, from the prophecy from Jacob to Ephraim and Manasseh telling Ephraim will be the fulfilling.

Luke 21:25 *And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars. And on the earth will be anxiety of nations with bewilderment, **roaring of sea and of surf,***

Comment: We're seeing these things now it's unbelievable. It's been this way for a while but particularly in the last year. If you look how many bad weather and bad storms not only in the winter but unbelievable bad storms that have happened worldwide.

Luke 21:26-28 *men fainting from fear, and expectation of the things coming on the earth. For the **powers of the heavens will be shaken** ... And what are we seeing now we're seeing you know the signs in the heavens and the constellations ... And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and much glory. But when these things begin to happen, ... and they've already begun to happen ... *have courage and lift up your heads, because your salvation draws near* ... Yahshua draws near.*

So here it is its Passover time. So it's a time where we're worshipping of Yahshua. It's the time where **the realization that we're living through this, that we are the generation right now in the middle of this.** It's already started and we're living through it. But the exciting part, or let's say the encouraging part here, is when you see these things begin to happen, we don't have that fear. **Lift up your eyes because your salvation draws near.** Wow, so that's what we have here. As we start to see these things which we see happening now. What it means is, the kingdom of Yahweh is right around the corner.

Matthew 24 verse 15 ... but first it's going to be a ... like it says, it's the worst time the world will ever know. But on the top of that, **then it will be the best time the world has ever known when Yahshua returns.** So Matthew 24 verse 15, He says:

Matthew 24:15-18 *And when you see the sign of uncleanness and desolation, that was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, which will stand in the holy place. He that reads let him understand. Then let those in Judea flee into the mountains; the one on the roof, let him not go down to take anything out of his house; and the one in the field, let him not turn back to take his garment.*

Matthew 24:19-22 *But woe to the ones having a child in womb, and to those nursing in those days! And pray that your flight will not occur in winter nor on the Sabbath ... And we're starting to see that now as we see how bad these winters are ... For there will be great suffering, such as has not happened from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever will be. And except those days were shortened, not any flesh would live. But **on account of the chosen, those days will be shortened** ... So Yahweh will shorten the days because of His elect.*

Matthew 23 ... Matthew 23 and verse 29 and we see, like I said, what's going on today in Israel is pretty much the same of what was going on in the days of Yahshua. And look what He said to the Pharisees in those days and scribes:

Matthew 23:29-32 *Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees ,... Matthew 23 in verse 29 ... hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and adorn the tombs of the righteous. And you say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. So you witness to yourselves that you are the sons of those who murdered the prophets. And you fill up the measure of your fathers.*

Matthew 23:33-35 *Serpents! Offspring of vipers! How shall you escape the judgment of Gehenna? Because of this, behold, I send to you prophets and wise ones and scribes. And some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and will persecute from city to city; so that should come on you all the righteous blood poured out on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Berechiah whom you murdered between the Holy Place and the altar.*

Matthew 23:36-39 *Truly I say to you, All these things will come on this generation. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one killing the prophets and stoning those sent to her. How often I desired to gather your children in the way a bird gathers her chicks under her wings! And you did not desire it. Behold, "your house is left to you desolate." For I say to you, In no way shall you see Me from now on, until you say, ... Baruch Haba B'Shem YAHWEH..."Blessed is He who comes in the name of YAHWEH."*

So wow, and it's amazing when you think of this *prophetically*. Do you ever think like ... sometimes people say, "Oh well, we're not even in the end time. Oh, these things are just happening. Oh, there's always been earthquakes. There's always been this." But what are the chances Israel was not a nation for 2,520 years and the end time could not come unless Israel was a nation again. So what are the chances?

Number one, just that Israel's a nation again we see it's billion to one. Where are the other nations? Where are the Hittites? Where are the Canaanites? No nation stops being a nation for 2,500 years and then just pops up out of nowhere. But then the other thing is, not only does Israel have to be a nation but they have to be a nation with all their neighbors around them wanting to destroy them. And what are the chances of that?

Look there's 196 nations in the world, where else is something like that? Where else does a country have all of their neighbors around their borders wanting to destroy them? You have regional conflicts like with Russia and

Ukraine but not where it's with 500 million Muslims that this is happening. So what are the chances of not only Israel being the nation, but then everything on the ground being this way as it was? The false religion that's going on there, all the things that are happening. So it's amazing to think that everything ... everything that Yahweh says is in place. Like I said, some of these prophecies have already come about. And now, we just have to fulfill our commission in Matthew 24:14 and let Jerusalem once again become the center of the earth.

John 1:10 and 11 ... John 1:10 and 11:

John 1:10-11 *He was in the world, ... talking about Yahshua ... and the world came into being through His hand, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.*

So because the pagan Christianity hijacked Yahshua as a Messiah and made Him into some pagan deity, some Greek deity, most Christians have no idea. **He's a Jewish Messiah. He grew up Jewish from the lineage of King David. He kept the feast days. He kept the Shabbat. He kept all of the Torah perfectly.** And yet, when you look at the nation, they don't want anything to do with it. They don't even want to admit that He's Jewish.

And it's interesting, because one thing with Jewish people, they protect each other. And it doesn't matter ... it doesn't matter whether you're religious or not. It doesn't matter if you're gay or not. It doesn't matter what your lifestyle is. If you're Jewish you will be protected by other Jewish people, except when it comes to Yahshua. He is the only Jew that is not protected and the opposite. And like it says *He came to His own and His own rejected Him.*

Psalms 118 in verse 19. He read this at the Passover ... Psalm 118 because that was one of the questions several years ago a rabbi asked me, "Well, if Yahshua is the Messiah then why didn't we accept Him?" It's because it's prophesied that you won't accept it. That's **part of the reason why He's the Messiah because He was not accepted.** Psalm 118 in verse 19:

Psalm 118:19-22 *Open the gates of righteousness to me, I will enter into them; I will thank YAHWEH ... This is the Messiah speaking ... This is the gate of YAHWEH, the righteous shall enter into it. I will thank You, for You answered me, and You are to me Y'shua. **The Stone which the builders rejected has become the Head of the Corner** ... The Stone which the builders rejected has become the Head of the Corner.*

Psalm 118:23-26 *This is from YAHWEH, it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day YAHWEH has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. O YAHWEH, I beg You, save now; I beg You, O YAHWEH, cause us to prosper now. Blessed is he who comes in the name of YAHWEH; we blessed you from the house of YAHWEH ... Praise Yahweh for that.*

So the Stone which the builders rejected has become the Head of the Corner. Daniel 11 ... Daniel 11 and it is prophesied though that the anti-messiah will rule from the holy thing, from Jerusalem, in the days that are coming. Daniel 11 verse 15 and 16 says:

Daniel 11:15-16 *And the king of the north shall come and pour out a siege mound and seize a fortified city. And the arms of the south shall not stand, nor his choice people, for there will be no firmness to stand. But he who comes against him will do as he desires, and none shall stand before him. And he shall stand in the glorious land, and destruction shall be in his hand.*

So He will stand the glorious land - talking about the land of Israel. Go down to verse 31, what are the people of Yahweh doing at this time?

Daniel 11:31-32 *And forces will stand away from him, and they will profane the sanctuary, the fortress. And they shall remove the continual sacrifice, and they will place the abomination that desolates ... That's what Yahshua said when you see the abomination of desolation ... And he will defile by flatteries those who do evil against the covenant. But **the people who know their Elohim will be strong and work** ... That's what we're doing. We're commissioned ... **we're commissioned to finish that work.***

Daniel 11:33-34 *And those who understand among the people will instruct many, yet they will stumble by the sword and by flame, by exile and by spoil for days. And when they shall stumble, they will be helped with a little help. But many will join them with hypocrisy.*

So this is what we have to watch for in the last day. Drop down to verse 41 and 42:

Daniel 11:41-42 *And he will enter into the glorious land, ... and talking about the anti-messiah ... and many will be stumbled. And these shall escape out of his hand: Edom and Moab, and the chief of the sons of Ammon ... Very interesting, so at this time where the anti-messiah is basically controlling the whole world. What is the only area is not controlling? The land of Jordan at that point anyway ... And his hand will stretch out against the lands, and the land of Egypt shall not escape ... So even as far down to Egypt ... verse 45:*

Daniel 11:45 *And he shall plant his palace tents between the seas, in the glorious holy mountain ... So he's going to make his palace there in Jerusalem ... Yet he shall come to his end, and there is not a helper for him.*

So we know it. We know that Yahweh will allow this. We know from **Revelation 13** it talks about that end time beast is allowed to reign for 42 months, or three and a half years, is when this is going to go on. Zechariah 12 and verse 10, but like I said before, there will be a remnant in Israel. A remnant and today there's messianic Jews that are living there. There will be a remnant that will be purified. And look what He says about in the end times. Zechariah 12:10:

Zechariah 12:10 *And I will pour on the house of David, and on those living in Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of prayers. And they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they shall be bitter over Him, like the bitterness over the first-born.*

So once they realize what they've done for the last 2000 years, **once they realize Yahshua is the Messiah there'll be sadness and crying but crying of repentance.** And they'll be coming to the truth. Acts 1 and verse 8 and where did Yahshua ascend after the 40 days after His resurrection? And where did He ascend from? We see it here.

Acts 1:8-11 *But when the spirit of Holiness comes upon you, you will receive the power, and you will be witnesses of Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. And saying these things, as they looked on, He was taken up in a cloud and He was hidden from their sight. And as they were intently looking into the heaven, He having gone, even behold, two men in white clothing stood by, ... these are cherubs ... who also said, Men, Galileans, why do you stand looking up to the heaven? This Yahshua*

who was taken up from you to heaven, likewise He will come just as you have seen Him who ascended into heaven ... And where were they? Verse 12:

Acts 1:12 *Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount being called Of Olive Grove, which is near Jerusalem, a distance of seven furlongs away.*

So Yahshua ascended from the Mount of Olives and will return to the Mount of Olives. Let's go to Zechariah 14 ... Zechariah 14 verse 3 through verse 9:

Zechariah 14:3-5 *And YAHWEH will go out and fight against those nations, like the day He fought in the day of battle. And His feet will stand in that day on the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will divide from the middle, from the east even to the west, a very great valley. And half of the mountain shall move toward the north, and half toward the south. And you shall flee to the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah. And YAHWEH my Elohim shall come, and all the saints with You.*

Zechariah 14:6-9 *And it will be in that day, there shall not be light; the glorious ones will shrink. And it will be one day which shall be known to YAHWEH; not day and not night, but it will be, there will be light at evening time. And it shall be in that day, living waters shall go out from Jerusalem, half of them shall go toward the eastern sea, and half of them toward the western sea; in summer and in winter it will be. And YAHWEH shall be King over all the earth. In that day YAHWEH shall be echad, and His name (echad) united.*

Wow, so Yahshua like I said, He suffered on the Mount of Olives. He was crucified on the Mount of Olives. He was buried on the Mount of Olives. He was resurrected on the Mount of Olives. He ascended on the Mount of Olives. And He is returning on the Mount of Olives. So we see everything begins and ends in Jerusalem.

Matthew 24 and verse 27... Matthew 24 and verse 27. This is when Yahshua returns. Matthew 24 starting verse 27:

Matthew 24:27-29 *For as the lightning comes forth from the east and shines as far as the west, so also will be the coming of the Son of Man. For wherever the dead body may be, there the eagles will be gathered. And immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give her light, and the stars will fall from the heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.*

Matthew 24:30-31 *And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the heavens. And then all the tribes of the land will wail. And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven **with power** and much glory. And He will send His cherubs with a great sound of a large trumpet, ... the seventh trumpet, the last trumpet He returns ... and they will gather His chosen ones from the four winds, from the ends of the sky to the other ... This is where we shed our mortal bodies and we go up and meet Him in the air.*

Matthew 24:32-33 *But learn the parable of the fig tree when its branch becomes tender and it puts out leaves, you know that the summer is near; so also you, when you see all these things, know that it is near **at the doors**.*

Comment: And we know Israel is a fig tree. And we know if it's been 75 years now of Israel being the fig tree. And we see that 75 years of going their own way is leading to the nation not being able to exist. But Yahweh

has prophesied it. And we know that **Yahshua is going to return to save the nation, as well as gather His people.** We just read it in Zechariah 14.

Matthew 24:33-35 *so also you, when you see all these things, know that it is near at the doors. Truly I say to you, In no way will this generation ... the last generation that started in 1945 ... pass away until all these things have occurred ... But here we are, we're 75 years, 78 years from the time that this started. So we are very, very close to the end of this generation ... The heaven and the earth will pass away, but My Words will not pass away!*

So it can't be a hundred years away. It can't be 50 years away. We are coming to and we're seeing it. And like I said, even people in the world that are not religious whatsoever, everybody sees there's something wrong out there. There's something wrong and things cannot continue this way. So **Yahshua returns to Jerusalem and everything will be changed.**

Joel 2 ... book of Joel chapter 2:1 through 3, then I'll drop down to verse 23:

Joel 2:1-3 *Blow a ram's horn in Zion, ... Mount Zion ... and shout an alarm in My holy mountain ... Where is Yahweh's holy mountain? Mount Zion. Like we said in the beginning that's where Lucifer was in the Garden of Eden ... Let all those living in the land tremble. For the day of YAHWEH approaches; it is near. It is a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, as the dawn spread out on the mountains, a great and a strong people. There has never been the like, nor shall there ever be again to the years of generation to generation; a fire devours before it, and a flame burns behind it. **The land is the Garden of Eden before them and behind them is a desolate wilderness; yea, also there is no escape to them.***

So what do we see here? The Land is the Garden of Eden before them but behind them a burnt wilderness. So that's the point Yahweh said the first time He destroyed the earth through the flood, the second time by fire. And when He comes and He's purifying the earth, it's through fire. So the ones that aren't there, the ones that are fighting Him, they'll all be burned up. It's a burnt wilderness behind but ahead ... when we're looking ahead what do we have to look forward to? **It's not the end of the world. It's world without end.** We have ... ready to look forward to, the Garden of Eden. The Garden of Eden is before them and Jerusalem will be like the Garden of Eden once again when Yahshua returns. And you'll see all the beautiful fruits and the trees and everything that's there.

Drop down to verse 23 and then the times we're living and look what it says:

Joel 2:23 *Then be glad, sons of Zion, and rejoice in YAHWEH your Elohim. For He has given to you the early rain according to righteousness, and He will cause the rain to come down for you, the early rain and the latter rain in the first month.*

And we are in that latter rain. We are in since 2015 Yahweh has been pouring His Spirit out. And that's why this time of the year is so exciting. We have the Feast of First-fruits; which starts to count to Shavuot. And then Shavuot comes and every year Yahweh has been increasing His Spirit. And I hope you're praying for it. I hope you're praying every year for Him to increase His Spirit in your life also. Drop down to verse 30:

Joel 2:30-31 *And I will give signs in the heavens and in the earth: blood, and fire, and columns of smoke ... so we know that verse 31 ... The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of YAHWEH.*

Comment: He's talking about eclipses. But over here, *I will give signs in the heavens and in the earth: blood, and fire, and columns of smoke.* This can also be talking about nuclear war; which definitely will come before the end will be here. But we see the signs one of the signs just happened this April; the sign in the heaven the great sign that happened from 2017 and then 2024 making the big X mark in US or the tav. And then if you take the eclipse from 2021 below it, it also was an aleph. So very interesting like I said the aleph and the tav; Yahshua putting His mark in this. so Yahweh says it will happen and it happens and Yahshua is giving His mark that He's the one doing it.

Joel 2:32a *For it shall be, **all who shall call on the name of YAHWEH will be saved** ... Not on G.O.D. Not on false names ... **all who shall call on the name of YAHWEH** ...*

Comment: And that's why I say, **Yahweh is the foundation. Yahweh is the cornerstone of the Restoration Ministry.** So anybody who wants to be part of what Yahweh is doing in the end time and refuses His name, you're not going to be part of Yahweh's restoration because that's what He says in the end time. **They will know My name is Yahweh** that's what He's bringing. So that's what He said *for all who call in the name of Yahweh will be saved.*

Joel 2:32b *For **salvation will be in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem,** ... **salvation will be in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem as YAHWEH has said, and among the survivors whom YAHWEH will call.***

Wow, so they isn't going to be a lot of survivors, maybe like I said, if you look at all of it together two percent three percent? But even when you look at that out of eight billion people you're still talking about tens of millions of people that will be left at that time, compared to eight billion. It'll be very, very little.

So Jerusalem will be like the Garden of Eden again. And Yahweh will be Yahweh Yahshua will be over it. The last scripture Isaiah 65 ... the last scripture Isaiah 65 starting in verse 16:

Isaiah 65:16-19 *He who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself in the Elohim of truth. And he who swears in the earth shall swear by the Elohim of truth; because **the former distresses are forgotten**; ... **the former distresses are forgotten and because they are hidden from My eyes. For, behold, I create new heavens and new earth. And the former things shall not be recalled, and they shall not go up on the heart. However, be glad and rejoice forever in what I create. For, behold, I create in Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people. And the voice of weeping and the voice of crying shall no longer be heard in her.***

And today there is a lot of crying and weeping that is going on in Jerusalem. And I mean my heart goes out for these families that have the hostages that are there and how the government is not doing everything they could to get those hostages out first and worrying about everything else later. But in this day like He says, *I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people. And the voice of weeping and the voice of crying shall no longer be heard in her ... Verse 23:*

Isaiah 65:23-25 *They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for terror. For they are the seed of the beloved ones of YAHWEH, and their offspring with them. And it will be, before they call, I will answer. While they are speaking, then I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed as one; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And dust is the food of the snake. **They shall not do evil nor destroy in all My holy mountain, says YAHWEH.***

And you know what? It's not only war but it's **they will not do evil**. Today you have gay prides going on in Jerusalem. You have all kinds of wickedness. You have buses running on Sabbath. You have every kind of violation of Yahweh's Word that's there. And like He says over here, *they shall not do evil or destroy in all My holy mountains says Yahweh.*

So Jerusalem is the center of the earth. Jerusalem is where the Garden of Eden was. Jerusalem is where everything started. Jerusalem is where everything is finished. Jerusalem is where Yahweh's Word came from. And with the apostles it went from Jerusalem to the earth. And the end time, Yahweh took His Restoration Ministry there ... started. And again, like always goes out to the earth and in full circle. When Yahshua returns He will bring His people back to Jerusalem and they will reign with Yahshua for not only the thousand years but forever.

So even though parts of this message are uneasy, make people feel uneasy, maybe about the wars and the things that are coming. Like I said, it's not the end of the world. It's world without end. And **at Passover time it is the most encouraging time in the year to know that we have nothing to worry about. To know that we have eternal life dwelling within us and this is our future.**

I love that scripture *behind is a burnt wilderness*. It's like our life before conversion. Before our conversion our life needs to be burned. **What is repentance? You destroy the path to the house; you leave nothing to go back for.** So behind is a burnt wilderness but before is the Garden of Eden. And today, maybe Jerusalem there are remnants of it.

Like I said, archaeology there's stones where we can see a little bit, visualize in our mind what it looked like two thousand three thousand years ago. But like it says in Scripture now we look through a glass half darkened. But then we'll see Him face to face. So this is where our destiny is and this is what our hope is, what we have to look forward to. To be with Yahshua, the King of Jerusalem forever there with Him as His bride. Jerusalem the center of the earth.

Yahweh bless. Chag Semeach!