

Transcript – A Famine Is Coming

Alrighty, Shabbat shalom again. And Shabbat shalom to those who will hear this with us shortly. I want to talk about today, the message is called *A Famine Is Coming*. It's interesting. I've been working on this message for several months. I wanted to give it. I was going to actually give it right before I went to Africa, and I didn't have opportunity. I didn't really even have it all together. And with many things going on, even the Torah reading today that happened to fit this perfectly. I'm going to be reading right before what we were reading in the Torah reading in one of our scriptures. So, we'll see.

But I know in the first world we see prices of food going up, and we see different things. But I don't think we really see the famine that's coming. There's been famines in the world before. We're going to read about famines in Scripture. But the last year or two, and particularly this year coming, they're predicting very, very grave famine that will be coming. There's been in the Horn of Africa, they said, the worst famine they've had in more than 100 years.

And literally to us, like I said, it may hit your pocket more. Like here in Israel, one of the new men that's in the government started doing something good. He brought bread prices down 4%. Hey, better down 4% than up 4%. But in the bottom line, in the end of the day, if you're paying 4 shekel 80 agorot for a loaf of bread, or you're paying 4 shekel 99 agorot for a loaf of bread, it's not going to make that much of a difference. But I'm talking about areas where people are dying, where they don't have food, where they're starving to death. And literally, as we'll see in the situation in the Bible, that it can get grave situation when these things happen.

But there is a famine that's coming worldwide. It's not just something that will stay in the third world. But as we're going to see here, as you're living in a global world the way we have and a global economy and everything is on same day inventories, when that global economy falls ... And I've talked about this many times, that when you look at the beast in Daniel, it's one beast, but it's made of gold, and then silver, and then bronze, and then iron.

I mean, you can go out here and find iron anywhere. Iron is not very expensive, but you're not going to find gold anywhere. But that's the point. That Babylon that has brought this system to the whole world, and even in third world places, they've built it up, that when that head of gold goes down, we're very quickly going from the gold to the silver to the bronze to the iron. And we'll be going back to the iron age, to the stone age, so to speak, where we know in the end times it's going to be very, very difficult.

And during the reign of the Anti-Messiah, it's going to be even more difficult for Yahweh's people, because we know we cannot buy and sell at that time. We're not going to be able to buy and sell at that time. So, I'd like to start by reading Matthew 24. Just show this a little bit. Matthew 24 and verse 1.

Matthew 24:1-3 *And going out, Yahshua left the sanctuary. And His disciples came to show Him the construction of the sanctuary. But Yahshua said to them, Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, There will not be at all left one stone on a stone which will in no way not be thrown down. And as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, Tell us, when will these things be? And, what is the sign of Your coming and the end of the age?*

Comment: So, we know this is the Olivet prophecy. It's in the synoptic gospels, or Good News of Matthew, and Mark, and Luke. We know that there's a little bit different in each one that gives us a little bit different part of the story. But we know it's end time. We know this is things for the end time.

Matthew 24:4 *And then Yahshua answers them, ... Because they asked for the sign of His coming and the end of the age ... See that no man deceives you.*

Comment: And what is the biggest thing we've seen in the end time so far? Deception. That's the first thing. Thousands of congregations; thousands of doctrines; thousands of everything. And the internet, as we've talked about many times, have magnified that deception over and over and over.

Matthew 24:5 *For many will come in My name, saying, I am the Messiah. And they will cause many to be deceived.*

Comment: Of course, everybody believes in Jesus, Yahshua, whatever you want to call Him. But everybody has a different doctrine, and most of those doctrines are not the road to salvation.

Matthew 24:6 *For you are bound to hear of revolutions and rumors of war ... Talking about it in the last week or two, we have big rumors of wars that are coming with China, with Russia, with North Korea, all these things that are up ... Watch and do not be disturbed, for it is necessary that all these things happen, but it is not the end yet.*

Comment: So, we know if war does break out very shortly, even if it turns into a world war, we know it's not the end yet. We know the beast has not even started his 42 months reign. So, we know we have minimum four years or more probably, as we are going to see here today. But we are at the point where we are going to start seeing many of these things.

Matthew 24:7 *For nation will be raised against nation and kingdom against kingdom; and there will be **famines** and plagues and earthquakes against many places.*

Comment: And like we said, even just this year of 2013, we are only in the beginning of April, there has been an unprecedented amount of odd, strange weather going on. And even in April now that started, just the first week or so, there is still freezing weather in many places, people dying of freezing to death and different things. So, we see all these things, earthquakes, major earthquakes. I am talking about 6.0 and above happening almost every day, or at least every week.

Matthew 24:8 *But all these are a beginning of sorrows.*

So, I do believe we have entered the period of the beginning of sorrows, but the end is not yet. The end is not yet. We have time to go, and we are going to see we need to prepare. So, the fact that the end is not yet isn't the time to go back to sleep. As we are going to see a very interesting parallel here today from Scripture, that Yahweh is clearly going to show us it is the time to prepare. **It is the time to be watching, the time to be preparing.**

So, I will stop there at that verse. And now I want to go to Joel the 1st chapter ... Joel 1, and I am going to start in verse 4. We know Joel, a very interesting book. Just three little chapters filled with all end-time things, all about the Day of Yahweh, which we are talking about. But here, as we go down to verse 4 of chapter 1, and I could even start in verse 3 ...

Joel 1:3 *Tell your sons about it, or tell your sons to their sons, and their sons to another generation.*

Comment: We know the book of Joel was written many, many years ago; and he is saying keep telling every generation that is coming until the generation that this is going to be pertinent for. And then he says:

Joel 1:4 *What was left by the cutter, the swarming locust ate; and that left of the swarming locust, the locust larvae ate; and that left of the locust larvae, the stripping locust ate.*

Comment: So, he is metaphorically showing ... and could be literal also. We know we just had a major locust storm coming from Egypt, coming into Israel, much bigger than the normal locusts that were coming. And they did destroy a lot of the crops. It is still not over. They are still trying to fight it. Every time they think they have it down, it is showing up in another place. But then what is the result of that?

Joel 1:5 *Awake, drunkards, and weep. And wail, all wine drinkers, over the grape must, for it is cut off from your mouth.*

Comment: And again, what is he saying metaphorically? If all the plants are going to be taken, then also that is including the grapes which would be destroyed. And as we said many times, very metaphorically that he is speaking, because no wine, no happiness. What is he saying? It is a time of suffering. So, when you are hitting into a great famine, there is not a lot of time for having a glass of wine and rejoicing. It just is not happening at that time.

Joel 1:6-9 *For a nation has come up on My land, strong and without number; its teeth are the teeth of a lion, and it has the jaw teeth of a lioness. There My vine is desolation, and it has splintered My fig tree. He has stripped it, and thrown it down; its branches grow white. Wail like a virgin girded with sackcloth over the husband of her youth. The food offering and the drink offering have been cut off from the house of YAHWEH; the priests, the ministers of YAHWEH, mourn.*

Comment: So, the famine is so bad that they can't even ... not even the priests can even do the food offering that is done in the sanctuary.

Joel 1:10-12 *The field is wasted; the land mourns, for the grain is wasted. The new wine is dried up, the oil tree droops. Be withered, farmers, howl, vine-dressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field has perished. The vine is dried up and the fig tree droops, the pomegranate, the palm tree, and the apple tree; all the trees of the field are dried up, because joy has dried up from the souls of men.*

And living here in Israel, we know ... We've just ended what was one of the worst droughts that they've had in many, many years. It was about a seven-year drought that just ended this year. But we know in Israel you only get a couple of months of rain. And if you don't get rain during that time and you're going seven months of heavy, heavy heat and no rain, this is the end result of it. We know it by living here. We know what would happen to our trees if we didn't get the winter rain and then we went seven, eight months. We'd have no fruit and many of it would die.

So, this is all, again, leading up to the Day of Yahweh; that there is a great famine coming. Now like I said, metaphorically, it's many ways. We're going to see there's a famine of the Word. There's metaphorically ... But literally it's also talking about food famine in the end time, that there is a food famine in the end time.

Let's go to 2nd Kings 6. We were just reading 2nd Kings 7, so I think this is kind of neat now. We can look and see what preceded what we were going over in the Torah reading. Because I want to just show you from what we just read ... Now we read the good side. We read when Elisha predicted that by tomorrow the famine would be over and the food would come. And it was so unbelievable for them to believe it because of how long this famine was going on and what was happening. We see what happened to the guard who didn't believe it. But let me show you what happened before this, and maybe why that guard was so skeptical. And I'm going to read 2nd King 6. I'll start in verse 25.

2 Kings 6:25 *And there was a great famine in Samaria. And behold! They were laying siege to it until the head of a donkey was at eighty silver pieces, ... Wow. Anybody want to have Donkey Parmesan for a meal today? A head of a donkey was at 80 pieces of silver ... and the fourth of a cab of doves' dung at five silver [pieces].*

Comment: So, wow, not even a cab, a fourth of a cab of doves' dung! So, this is showing you, wow, you're in a famine. And you're living in a land that has fruit trees and everything, right? But again, what is this showing? That all these trees must have not been yielding **anything** if people are eating donkey heads and doves' dung. But it's going to get worse.

2 Kings 6:26-27 *And it happened, the king of Israel was passing by on the wall. And a woman cried to him, saying, Save, my master, O king. And he said, If YAHWEH does not save you, from where shall I save you? Out of the threshing floor, or out of the wine vat?*

Comment: So, he's saying, if Yahweh is not bringing the rain from heaven, what am I going to do?

2 Kings 6:28-30 *And the king said to her, What ails you? And she said, This woman said to me, Give your son and we will eat him today; and tomorrow we will eat my son. And we boiled my son and ate him, and I said to her on the next day, Give me your son, that we may eat him. But she hid her son. And it happened when the king heard the words of the woman, he tore his garments. And he was passing by on the wall, and the people looked. And, behold, the sackcloth was inside on his flesh.*

So, this is why, you see why he said, "I'm going after Elisha." Because Elisha was the one calling the drought. Can you imagine getting that bad? That literally, forget about a donkey's head and dung of a bird, you're talking about literally

people taking their child and burning it. Josephus talks about this in the war, the 66 to 70 War. Because the way the Romans used to do it, they would build a siege mound around your city. That's what they did with Jerusalem. They'd starve you out. They wouldn't let food in; they wouldn't let food out. And after a couple of years of having no food whatsoever, this is exactly what was happening. So, we know it, in the end time it talks about the same thing.

So, we're seeing ... Like I said, for us, it's hard to imagine. We've never been through it. We've fasted. Maybe we went without food at a point, but I don't think any of us in this room have ever went long periods of time, maybe a week, two weeks without eating just because there was no food there. Not because we're choosing to do a lemonade fast or something like that, but because there literally is no food there to eat.

So again, wow, our backs are going to be against the wall. You're dealing with the worst famine the world will ever know. And at the end of the day, as we're going to see, for the people of Yahweh, besides the famine, we can't buy or sell. So even if you could find somebody out there that will sell you the whatever, the hoof of a cow, you're not going to be able to buy it or sell it. Because you're not going to be able to buy and sell unless you take the mark of the beast.

So, Yahweh did not leave His people, though, defenseless. He warned us about this. And I'd like to go to Genesis 41. We saw the film the other day, a modern-day Joseph. Little to be desired of, right, of ancient Joseph. But ancient Joseph was a little to be desired of, like I said, when you look in some of these Bible stories.

But there is reason to my madness at times. And what we're going to read here is about Pharaoh. Because Pharaoh's dream, we're going to see from Scripture something that we call twice speak. Whenever you see that repeated twice, it's always showing a second fulfillment somewhere. And I think that Yahweh clearly was giving us this, not so much for Pharaoh's time, but it directly correlates with the end time and what we should be doing now. Genesis 41. I'm going to start 1 through 8, and then I'll drop down.

Genesis 41:1-4 *And it happened at the end of two years of days, Pharaoh was dreaming. And, lo, he was standing by the River. And, behold! Seven cows were going up from the River, beautiful of appearance and fat of flesh; and they were eating in the reeds. And, behold, seven other cows were going up after them from the River, evil of appearance and lean of flesh. And they were standing beside the cows on the lip of the River. And the evil-appearing and lean-fleshed cows were eating the seven cows of beautiful and fat appearance. And Pharaoh awoke.*

Genesis 41:5-8 *And he slept and dreamed a second time. And, behold, seven ears of grain were coming up on one stalk, fat and good. And, behold, seven ears of grain, being lean and blasted by the east wind, sprouting forth after them. And the seven lean ears were swallowing the seven fat and full ears. And Pharaoh awakened; and, behold, it was a dream. And it happened in the morning, his spirit was troubled. And he sent and called for the magicians of Egypt, and all of its wise men. And Pharaoh told his dream, and there was no interpreter of them to Pharaoh.*

Comment: So again, he has the dream. There's nobody there to interpret. I'm going to drop down to verse 15 and continue on because we know they call for Joseph.

Genesis 41:15-18 *And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is no one to interpret it; and I have heard about you, saying, you hear a dream to interpret it. And Joseph replied to Pharaoh, saying, Not I! Elohim will answer the peace of Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, In my dream, lo, I was standing by the lip of the River. And, behold, seven cows were going up from the River, fat of flesh and beautiful of form, and were feeding in the reeds.*

Genesis 41:19-21 *And, behold, seven other cows were going up after them, poor and very evil of form, and lean of flesh; I have not seen any like them in all the land of Egypt for badness. And the cows, the lean and the evil, ate the first seven fat cows. And they went into their stomachs, and it could not be seen that they had gone into their stomachs; and their appearance was as evil as the beginning. And I awakened.*

Genesis 41:22-23 *And I looked in my dream. And, behold, seven ears of grain were coming up on one stalk, full and good. And, behold, seven ears, withered, lean, blasted by the east wind ... The word is kadima, if there is any correlation ... sprouting forth after them.*

Comment: And interesting enough, the word kadima means forward. And like we were saying, in President Obama's election, his campaign thing, ... and on their campaign is where they make those million signs everybody holds up ... the campaign in this election was also "forward." It was also kadima, which is just an interesting coincidence maybe.

Genesis 41:24-27 *And the lean ears were swallowing the good ears ... verse 24 ... And I spoke to the magicians, but not one is making known the meaning to me. And Joseph said to Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one. Elohim has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do. The seven good cows, they are seven years and the seven good ears, they are seven years; the dream is one. And the seven thin and evil-appearing cows going up after them, they are seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted by the east wind will be seven years of famine.*

Genesis 41:28-32 *This is the word I spoke to Pharaoh: what Elohim is about to do, He has made Pharaoh see. Behold! Seven years of great **plenty** are coming in all the land of Egypt. And seven years of famine will arise **after them** and all the plenty of the land of Egypt will be forgotten; and the famine will consume the land. And the plenty in the land will not be remembered because of that famine afterwards; for it will be very severe. And as to the dream being repeated to Pharaoh twice, the thing is settled because it is from Elohim, and Elohim is hastening to do it.*

Genesis 41:33-36 *And now let Pharaoh look for a man who is intelligent and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh act and let him appoint rulers over the land and take a fifth of the land of Egypt in the seven years of plenty. And let them gather all the food of these coming good years. And let them heap up grain under Pharaoh's hand as food in the cities, and let them keep it. And let the food be for a store for the land, for the seven years of famine which will be in the land of Egypt and let not the land be cut off by the famine.*

So, here it is. We have a dream that's a parallel for the end times, and it's pretty simple. There's seven good years in which all these good things will come and there will be a lot of plenty, which I believe are over. I think we had very, very good years not that far from here. There was a lot of things that were able to be stored. But now we are really getting ready to go into those seven years of famine. We are not getting ready to go into years of plenty.

Like we said, as we are going to see, we are going into war. We are going into the fall of Babylon. We are going into a lot of things that is going to bring this famine that is coming on the world. And believe me when I say it, the leaders that be, the globalists, know it. They have been preparing for this for a long time. They have places that they bought. They have underground cities. They have stores of food. And they are following ... They believe it. They have faith that Yahweh's Word is going to come to pass, and they have been preparing for it.

But my question is, have you been preparing for it? Have you been preparing? And there is spiritual preparation, which we have been going over as Passover is coming. But also, there is physical preparation too. *The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.* How may we stand if we had to go for a month with no food whatsoever, or if we didn't have water or whatever? Remember Israel, three days in the desert without water and they were crying out to Yahweh and really getting ready to string Moses up, so to speak.

So, the fact that Yahweh gives us ... He tells us that we need to prepare. I don't think there is much question about it. I did a message ... I was telling someone the other day ... years and years ago, maybe 15 years ago, *Preparation, Lack of Faith or Faith?* Some people say, "Oh, you just have to believe in Yahweh." Yeah, that's what I do. **I believe in Yahweh. I believe a famine is coming. I believe He said to prepare. So, if I really believe, I will prepare.** It is not a lack of faith. *Faith without works is dead.* We know that. **We know we do our part, and then Yahweh is going to do His part.**

But if we don't do our part, not only are we setting ourselves up for physical problems, but I'll tell you something. The way that Satan gets us is not through the spiritual. He cannot touch the Spirit because it belongs to Yahweh. He gets us through the physical. He gets us through physical lusts of different things. He gets us through physical things in our personality that

we're not overcoming. Like I said many times, that, **don't give Satan anything that he owns that you are possessing. He possesses anger. He possesses lust. He possesses greed. And if you are owning that, then you are giving him an in to come into you and take what is his.**

And it is the same thing here. If we don't prepare for the times that are coming, when we come under this temptation, who knows? Who knows? Because none of us has ever been to that situation where we were so hungry that we would burn our child and eat it, like we read in the Bible. But the minute you ever think, "Oh, I would never do that," you are done. Self-righteousness. Because human nature will do anything ... human nature will do anything.

And that's why if we really believe Yahweh's Word, if we believe what He says, then, of course, in the end of the day, we are believing ... We are not trying to think we are going to get through this horrible, horrific time by physical means. But we are believing what He is saying, and we are preparing because He is telling us to prepare—He is telling us to prepare.

So, let us continue with this story. Because there are some very interesting things now, that go into this story, that also tell us of other things of the end time and other things with timing. So, we already know, we got the dual meaning. Let's drop down to verse 53 now, the same chapter, and let's see what happens.

Genesis 41:53-54 *And the seven years of plenty which were in the land of Egypt were ended ... Time goes quick, right? ... And the seven years of famine began to come, according as Joseph has said. And the famine was in the lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.*

Comment: Why was there bread? Because people believed. Just like we were talking about in the other story, the people with the faith were the ones bringing the good news. The guy who didn't believe was trampled at the gate. So, what side will we be on? There was bread in Egypt because the people believed.

Genesis 41:55-57 *And all the land of Egypt hungered and the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. And Pharaoh said to all Egypt, Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do. And the famine was on the face of the land. And Joseph opened all that which was in them, and sold to the Egyptians. And the famine was strong in the land of Egypt. And **all the earth** came to Egypt to buy, to Joseph. For the famine was strong in all the earth.*

And I believe that Yahweh is giving us here a parallel for what is going to happen in the end time with the New World Order, with the global government. Because what we are seeing here, this global government is **causing** this famine. It's not something that's an accident. They are causing the famine, and they are causing it for a reason. Because they know, **number one**, as we are going to see exactly what happens with Joseph, **as long as people are independent, you can't control them**. But we are going to see, little by little, exactly **how** Pharaoh controlled not only Egypt but controlled all the world through a seven-year famine.

So now, what happens next? Two years are over, right? We go through two years are over. And it's bad, but it's not the worst. People still have some money, as we see. They are still buying the grain, but it's still there is a famine. They can't get it on their own anymore. All the resources are cut off. So at least the people that had some resources, they are able to get some. And now after the first two years of the seven-year period, what happens? Joseph is revealed. **Joseph is revealed to Israel in the third year of the seven-year cycle.**

Let's go to Genesis 45 and see this. And I believe it could be—could be—a parable to when Israel's eyes will be opened to the Messiah. Verse 1 of Genesis 45.

Genesis 45:1-5 *And Joseph was not able to control himself in regard to those standing beside him. And he called out, Cause every man to go out from me. And no man stood before him as Joseph was making himself known to his brothers. And he wept aloud; and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard. And Joseph said to his brothers, I am Joseph. Is my father still alive? And his brothers were not able to answer him, for they trembled before him. And Joseph said to his brothers, Now come near to me. And they came near. And he said, I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be grieved, let not anger be in your eyes because you sold me here, for Elohim sent me before you to save life.*

Comment: And isn't it interesting? Isn't it the same we read in **Zechariah 12:10**, *they will look upon Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him?* And what is Yahshua going to tell them? The same thing he is telling them here? "No, no, no, you didn't crucify Me. Don't mourn over this. Yahweh the Father sent Me down to save life. That's exactly the reason why I had to come down to die." But his eyes will be opened, Scripture says it, to Judah at a certain time. And then verse 6.

Genesis 45:6 *For the famine has been in the midst of the land for two years. And there are still five years in which no plowing and harvest will be.*

Comment: So, will Yahshua be opened to the nation in the third year of the seven? Maybe ... maybe. There's a good indication as we read this.

Genesis 45:7-11 *And Elohim sent me before you to put a remnant in the land for you, and to keep alive for you a great deliverance. And now you did not send me here, but Elohim. And He has placed me for a father to Pharaoh, and for a master in all the house, and a ruler in all the land. Hurry and go to my father, and say to him, So says your son Joseph, Elohim has placed me as a master to all Egypt. Come down to me, do not delay. And you shall live in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you and your sons and your sons' sons, and your herds, and your flocks, and all you have. And **I will nourish you there**, for there is still five years of famine; lest you be made poor, you and your house and all which abides in you.*

So, we see he's revealed to them. We know that Goshen, in Scripture, is a type of the Promised Land. We can look in Exodus 8 ... Exodus 8 and verse 20.

Exodus 8:20-23 *And YAHWEH said to Moses, Get up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh. Behold, he is about to go to the water. And say to him, So says YAHWEH, Send away My people that they may serve Me. And if you do not send away My people, behold, I am about to send swarms of flies on you, and on your servants, and your people, and your house. And the house of the Egyptians will be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground on which you are. And in that day **I will separate** the land of Goshen with **My people** resting on it, that there be no swarm of flies, so that you may know that I am YAHWEH in the midst of the earth. And **I will put a distinction between My people and your people**. This miracle shall be to you tomorrow.*

So, we do see there is precedent in the Bible that Goshen is a type of the Promised Land when we are looking in the Exodus account. Even when there is darkness, there is darkness on Raamses, but there is light in Goshen. So, he is telling them to come down. Is this a prototype of the people starting to come back to the land of Israel? There is a very good possibility it could be. Then we go back to Genesis 45, verse 21 and 22.

Genesis 45:21-22a *And the sons of Israel did so. And Joseph gave wagons to them according to the mouth of Pharaoh, and he gave provisions to them for the way. He gave to all of them, to each, **changes of clothing**.*

He gave to them changes of clothing. What do we know in **Revelation 7**, right? *Who is this great multitude that comes out of tribulation? They are the ones who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb.* We know also from Exodus 28 that the priests were given new clothing when they entered the priesthood.

Exodus 28:1-3 *And you shall take to yourself your brother Aaron, and his sons with him, from among the sons of Israel, for him to serve as priest to Me; Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron. And you shall make holy garments for your brother Aaron, for glory and for beauty. And you shall speak to all the wise-hearted whom I have filled with a spirit of wisdom; and they shall make the garments of Aaron **to sanctify him** for his serving as priest to Me.*

So, we see, **whenever we see this, that new garments are given, it is an indication of priesthood**. We see the same thing in Revelation 19 and verse 7.

Revelation 19:7-9 *Let us rejoice and let us exult, and we will give glory to Him, because the marriage of the Lamb came, and His wife prepared herself. And it was given to her that she be clothed in fine linen, pure and bright; for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints. And he said to me: Blessed are the ones having been called to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he said, These Words of YAHWEH are true.*

So, we see here an indication that they are getting new clothing. They are believing in Messiah. He is being revealed, and they are getting new garments. And then what happens? He comes to Israel. The sons come to Israel. And we see in verse 26:

Genesis 45:26 *And they told him, saying, Joseph is alive, ...*

Comment: Joseph is alive! Verse 28, the same thing.

Genesis 45:28 *And Israel said, It is enough! My son Joseph is alive; I will go and see him before I die.*

So, what is it showing? That if Israel is going to get new clothing, they have to believe in the resurrection. Messiah ben Yoseph; Messiah ben David. And it is a point now where Israel is believing ... Israel is believing. *Joseph is alive*. Now here it is, he could have been like the third sergeant at the door, right, and said, "No way! No way can Joseph be alive. How could Joseph be alive?" But no, he believed. He believed in the resurrection. "Joseph is alive." He said, "That's enough ... that's enough. That's all I need to hear. I'm going to go. I'm going to follow."

So, will it be many of the people that are in the nations, many of the Jews at that time, when they hear the Messiah is in Israel, will they say the same? "It is enough. We're going to the Land." Will it be the beginning of the re-gathering, the beginning of the coming back, and possibly in the third year?

But there's still five years left now ... there's still five years left. So, let's look at the rest of the story from Genesis and see what else it tells us. Because remember, it was Babylon and this whole New World Order that created this famine because that's their plan. Their plan is to enslave every man, woman, and child on the planet. So, let's look at what's done next. Genesis 47 and verse 12. This is now the third year.

Genesis 47:12-14a *And Joseph nourished his father and his brothers, and all his father's house with bread for the mouth of the little ones. And no bread was in the land, because the famine was exceedingly severe. And the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan were completely burned up from the famine. And Joseph gathered **all the silver** found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan in return for the grain they were buying.*

Comment: So now, in year three, **all the money is gone**. So again, remember, we said try to be wise. Right now, we already see they're confiscating people's money out of the banks, so maybe you put it in your mattress. Maybe you don't feel that paper money will be any good, so you're going to buy gold coins, right? So up until year three, that's a good strategy. But in year three, that's it. Money doesn't help you anymore after the third year, and we're going to see why. So, he gathered up all the silver. And the grain they were buying.

Genesis 47:14b-15 *And Joseph brought in the silver to the house of Pharaoh. And **the silver failed** from the land of Egypt, and from the land of Canaan. And all Egypt came in to Joseph, saying, Give us bread; and, Why should we die before you? For the silver failed.*

So, like I said, if you're wise and if you're preparing, you can get up to the third year of the seven year. But in the third year, that's going to be it. There'll be no more money. There'll be nothing else, for the silver has failed. We know in Ezekiel 7 and verse 19, what does it say? In Ezekiel, the first nine chapters, again, is all parallel to this, to the end times.

Ezekiel 7:19 *They will throw their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be an impure thing. **Their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them** in the day of the wrath of YAHWEH ...* And the wrath of Yahweh has not happened here

yet. That's at the end of this seven-year period ... *They shall not satisfy their souls, and they shall not fill their bowels, and their iniquity has become a stumbling-block for them.*

So, like I said, and it's interesting. Now you're in the third year. And what happens? What happens after the three and a half years? What happens in midpoint of this, as we'll see? The fourth year. Genesis 47. Now we're into the fourth year of the seven years.

Genesis 47:16 *And Joseph said, **Give your livestock**, and I will give [to] you and [should be for] your livestock, if your silver has failed.*

Comment: So now, anything you have left, maybe people's children they'll be selling, ... They're already doing it today ... your cattle, your livestock. And then drop down to verse 21.

Genesis 47:21-23 *And as far as the people, he caused them to pass over into the cities, and from the end of the border of Egypt to its other end. **Only he did not buy the land of the priests**; for Pharaoh had appointed a portion for the priests, and they usually ate their appointed portion which Pharaoh gave them. For this reason they did not sell their land. [And Joseph said to the people,] Behold, I have bought you here and your land today. Behold! Here is seed for you; and to sow your land.*

Comment: So interesting enough, the only people during this time that are being protected are the priests. They're the only people that aren't paying this 20% tax. They're the only people that's not having it confiscated. So, how important is it by this time to have priestly garments on, right, to be a priest during this time? We know from **Revelation 18 and verse 13**, it talks about *Babylon has made slaves of the souls of men*. And that's what we're seeing here. That since they have no money left, people are literally selling themselves as slaves. They're saying, "Look, what good is anything? We don't want to die. Whatever you want, we will do at this point." Verse 26.

Genesis 47:26 *And Joseph made it a law until this day on the land of Egypt, the fifth part is for Pharaoh; only the land of the priests being excepted; it did not become Pharaoh's.*

Comment: So, we already saw in the Exodus account, Yahweh makes a distinction between His people and the worldly people. So that's why I said, is this going to be a horrible time? Absolutely. Is it going to be a very bad time? Yes. Does it even say that there'll be a great martyrism and Satan will be allowed to martyr many of the saints? Yes. But it **also** says that **Yahweh still makes a distinction between His people and the worldly people**. And that's why, what side do you want to be on? Do you want to be on the side of the New World Order, or do you want to be on the side of Yahweh?

Like I said, many people that I talk to in Babylon that say, "I'll never take the mark of the beast," they've already taken it. They work in the system. They live in the system. They watch the movies of the system. They go on all the internet things of the system. All their friends are friends of the system. So, *as a man thinks, so he is*. And **if everything of your life is the beast power system, then you've already taken the mark of the beast**. It's that simple. So, this is where Yahweh is clearly making a distinction between the two. Verse 25. Go back to verse 25.

Genesis 47:25 *And now the people said, You have saved our lives; let us find favor in the eyes of my master, and we will become slaves to Pharaoh.*

Comment: Now, isn't it interesting? Pharaoh was no different. Pharaoh wasn't some kind of Elohim or something else. What made Pharaoh different than the rest of the people now that are becoming slaves? Because Pharaoh believed the prophecy, and Pharaoh prepared. That's the only difference. Pharaoh took those seven years and he prepared. I've had people for the last 30 years of my life, brethren, say, "Tell me when the end is." "Well, it might not be for another 10 ..." "Oh, good! Then I can stay in the system. I can be in the system. Just let me know six months before it's going to come, and then I'm going to try to get myself together." Isn't going to work that way.

Like I said, I have a message I'm going to give at Pesach on *Justification, Sanctification, Glorification*. And it's not something you work up like a light switch. It's something you clothe yourself on. It's something you live, one way or the other. Now

we're entering this time. We're entering this time of worldly famine and famine of the Word, both sides. So, we need to prepare. **We need to be preparing physically as well as spiritually.**

So, **the people, now, in the fourth year, they become slaves.** But there is still three and a half years left at this point. There is still three and a half years left of this seven-year famine. If we go to Revelation 13, isn't it kind of interesting the parallel we see of Revelation 13 to what we're reading here? Because, as we just read in **Genesis 47:25**, the people welcomed the slavery. They were happy. They were happy for the fact that Pharaoh was able to give them food.

Now my question is, when Pharaoh was saving all this food up from the seven good years, why didn't he tell anybody? Why didn't he tell them in Canaan? Why didn't he tell them in other places? Why didn't they send out, "There's going to be a famine in the world. Everybody save food"? The same way why the New World Order isn't telling you to prepare. Because **they want to enslave you** ... they want to enslave you.

And the best way you can enslave people is by taking everything they own away, having the bank system fail, everything else, and then, like a little mouse, give you a morsel of foods if you obey what they said. And if you don't obey it, like we saw, what's going to happen? They pop the cyanide chip that's in your hand. Revelation 13 and verse 5.

Revelation 13:5 *And a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies was given to it ... given to the beast ... And authority was given to him to act forty two months.*

Comment: So, isn't it interesting in Joseph's dream exactly halfway through the seven years is when the enslavement of the people came? And here in Revelation, what does he say? He's going to act for 42 months. That's three and a half years. The same thing.

Revelation 13:6-8 *And it opened its mouth in blasphemy toward YAHWEH, to blaspheme His name and His dwelling place, and those dwelling in Heaven. And it was given to it "to make war with the saints, and overcome them." And authority was given to it over every tribe and kindred and tongue and nation. And all those dwelling on the earth will worship him, ... the Anti-Messiah, the beast system ... those of whom the names had not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb having been slain from the foundation of the world.*

And then you go down to verse 15.

Revelation 13:15-18 *And it was given to it to put life into the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might speak, and might cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. And the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, the freemen and the slaves, it causes that they give to them all a mark on their right hand, and on their foreheads, even that not any could buy or sell, except the one having the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of its name. Here is wisdom: Let him who has understanding compute the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man and its number is six hundred and sixty six.*

Six is the number of man. Three sixes—three is the number of unity, so 666 is mankind unified. It's the Tower of Babel complete. It's the Tower of Babel succeeding. It's man's unity to himself without Yahweh. Yahweh's number, as we know, is seven, the number of completeness. Six is the number of man. Three sixes is man's unity to himself. And that's why whenever you see a trinity, what do you see? You see this triangle that's unified by itself without Yahweh.

So, like I said, very, very, very interesting though. How the same here in Revelation, these people aren't being forced. They're worshipping the beast. Why? Because you know what? "He was giving us food." You know, the old order out of chaos. They're not telling you they created the situation. The same way Pharaoh didn't tell the people that he created the situation by not giving them the information to prepare beforehand. Back to Genesis 47. Very encouraging scripture in verse 27. Genesis 47 and verse 27.

Genesis 47:27 *And Israel lived in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen ... Like we said, Goshen is a type of Promised Land. It's separated ... And **they owned in it**, and were fruitful, and multiplied exceedingly.*

So, here it is. While all the world is taking the mark of the beast and doesn't have food, the people of Yahweh that trusted in Him, who prepared, are what? They're prospering. Just like the scripture that Eric talked about in Daniel, *the people who know Elohim, Daniel 11, they will work and do exploits*. They will work and do exploits, but it's because they prepared; because they prepared for what's coming; because they had faith and believed in the Word of Yahweh. If we go to the book of Amos ... Amos 4 and verse 7. It says:

Amos 4:7 *And I have also withheld the rain from you when it was yet three months to the harvest. And I caused rain to fall in one city, and caused it not to rain on another city. One piece was rained on, and the piece where it did not rain was dried up.*

We see that here. You know, there's times where it will be pouring, pouring rain in here; we go 10 minutes outside our place and there's no rain. So, Yahweh clearly shows that in this day, He could have rain come in one place and rain not come on another place. So, **for His people that are trusting in Him, for His people that are being obedient, for His people that are not being part of this worldly system, Yahweh will care for them.**

But like I said, believe me, from somebody who's been out of the system for almost 15 years, it isn't easy. It isn't easy to get out, and it isn't easy to stay out. And it takes a long time to fight it. And if you're not going to do it, ... You cannot do it overnight. If the system collapses tomorrow and people are 99% dependent on that system, they will do anything. When the little radio comes on, you get that little beep, "Beep ... This is the emergency broadcast system. Everybody, stay in your house and listen for what we're going to tell you next," and they'll listen. They'll do whatever it is, whatever they need to do to get on that bread line, to get money, to get their medicine. Most people are on medicines that they have to get.

So, they know, this is something that's been planned for a long, long time. And now we're in the end. We're in the end of this last generation. And if you are part of that system, if you are dependent on that system, you're going to have trouble. You're going to have big trouble. And you're going to risk not being one of the ones that Yahweh is raining on your city, but being on the other side where they're taking the mark of the beast. Amos 8:11 and 12.

Amos 8:11-12 *Behold, the days are coming, declares Adonai YAHWEH, that I will send a famine into the land, not a famine for bread, nor a thirst for water, but rather a famine for hearing of the Word of YAHWEH. And they will stagger from sea to sea, and from north even to east; they shall roam about to seek the Word of YAHWEH, and they shall not find it.*

So, I also say that. This message will go to many thousands of people all over the world. If you're one of those fence sitters right now, you're not always going to have the Word of Yahweh to hear. You're not always going to be able to have the internet to go on to hear it. You're not always going to have congregations to be in. So, while you have this Word now, take advantage of it ... take advantage of it. Read it every day. You might not have a physical Bible. Remember, it's only a few hundred years that the printing presses came. Most people throughout time did not have their own personal copy of a Bible. It would only be in the synagogue or in the sanctuary of Yahweh.

And the fact that we have it now, shame on us if every day we're not taking advantage of that, if we're not reading it. Because once you read it, it's in your memory bank. It's like a computer. You're putting it in there. And just like we read about in the underground congregation, when your Bible's taken away, it'll be in your mind. And the Holy Spirit can bring it into remembrance. So even if you **think** you can't remember, you're not going to have to remember. The same way Yahweh says, *you will go before kings and governors. Don't think what you're going to say. I will put the words in your mouth.* But it can't put what you don't have. And that's why it's important that **every day we need to be in the Scriptures.** Amos 8, go back to verse 9 and 10.

Amos 8:9-10 *And it shall be in that day, declares Adonai YAHWEH, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the light of the day. And I will turn your feasts to mourning, and all your songs into dirge. And I will bring up sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head. And I will also make it like the mourning for an only one; and the end of it shall be like a bitter day.*

So, praise Yahweh. Praise Yahweh, like I said, in these end times, He's opened up again in Jerusalem a Feast where His people can come and go together. And for the thousands of people that have been with us at the Feast here in Jerusalem over the last 10-11 years, it's changed many people's lives. And for people thinking about it, come. Because we don't know. There'll be a time where the Feasts will be cut off.

And I know for myself, my memories from being here and what's instilled, I know that is a major, major cornerstone that will help me get through these times. It's a major cornerstone that has built my faith, going around Israel, seeing the places of the Bible, seeing how really our understanding the reality of it from seeing it, and hearing it from true archeologists, compared to reading it from a Greek perspective. And all of us know, it helps us to understand the truth. Going to the Red Sea crossing site, where the chariot wheels are found. And we don't know ... we don't know how many more years are going to be here. Because like he says, the feast is going to stop.

I'll read here in Luke 21. Let's read about what's going to happen, unfortunately, in Jerusalem in these days ahead. Luke 21 and verse 12. Because it's not going to be memories of Babylon that's going to get you through the end time. And it certainly is not going to be memories of Babylon that's going to build your faith. It's going to be memories of truth. It's going to be solidifying with other true believers that are filled with faith. That's the thing that's going to help you. Luke 21 and verse 12.

Luke 21:12-16 *But before these things, they will lay hands on you and persecute you. And they will deliver you to the assemblies and the prisons. And they will bring you before kings and governors because of My name. But it will return to you for a testimony. Then put into your hearts not to premeditate to make a defense. For I will give you a mouth and a wisdom which all those opposing you will not be able to withstand or contradict ... Just like we were just talking about ... And your parents and your brothers and your relatives and your friends will betray you. And they will kill some of you.*

Luke 21:17-22 *And you will be hated by all because of My name. And a hair of your head shall in no way perish. By your patience you will gain your souls. And when you see Jerusalem being encircled by armies, then recognize that its destruction has come near. Then let those in Judea flee to the mountains; and those in the 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 which have been written are to be fulfilled.*

And as now we're going up in a few days up to Jerusalem for Pesach, we should really think about that. Because you never know when it might be the last time. Might be because of this happened, or it might just be because we might not be here. But we should appreciate every single time that Yahweh allows us to partake with His set-apart Feasts in His set-apart city.

So, how long before this happens? Definitely Joseph's dream is a parallel. There's great things in here, as we're learning today. But how long? Does the Bible give us any indication on how long it could be before we can be looking at that? Well, what I'd like to do is I'd like to read something, a little article first, and then I'd like to go in a couple of scriptures. Because again, no man knows the day or the hour, and I don't think ... Yahweh purposely doesn't want us to pinpoint exact dates in anything, because all it does is help us to delay an end if it's not close.

But Yahweh definitely with many things gives us signs, and He gives us indications so that we can prepare. Because with something like this that's so important, how could He not give us an indication? Because then we wouldn't know when to prepare. Because if you prepared 80 years ago, everything you prepared would have rotted away, all your food and everything or whatever else you're preparing. So, you need to know.

So, I'm going to read this. This is an article just coming out in the last couple of months, and it talks about "An Early Warning for a Famine in 2013." It says:

In 2011, according to the United Nations, some 12.4 million people in Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya and Djibouti were affected by chronic hunger and tens of thousands of people died from starvation ... Working jointly with Africa's corrupt dictators, these multinationals aim to "liberate" the land from Africans just like the 19th Century scramble for Africa; but will they really liberate Africa from the scourge of hunger, famine, starvation and poverty?

And again, why is Africa not allowed to sell their goods on the open market? Because Africa is controlled by the New World Order, as anywhere else on earth is. But Africa is a very fertile place, but the food will be controlled as it is today. If you live in Africa and you have thousands of acres of land, you can't just say, "You know what? I'm going to plant coffee here and sell it to these people over here in Chicago." They won't let you. They'll say "No, we'll allow you to plant tea, and we'll give you 10 cents for every, whatever, every 1,000 kilos." Like I said, we met people there. They put their baby on their back. They would work 10-12 hours in the field to make maybe 25 cents, 50 cents in a day. So, that's the way it is. And then it says here, the rest of the article says, "2013 as a Year of 'Catastrophic Global Food Crises.'"

Scientists are predicting that 2013 will be a "year of serious global crises" with significant food shortages and price hikes. The crisis is triggered by recent droughts in the main grain producing countries including the United States of America, Russia and Australia. According to the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 80 percent of the US has undergone some drought or "abnormally dry conditions" last year. This has resulted in significant loss of corn, wheat, soybean crops and is expected to reduce exports of grain and trigger increased prices on the global commodity markets. The crisis will inflict a double whammy on the food importing countries of Africa. Increases in commodity prices (food and energy) will have a disproportionate impact on large vulnerable populations in Ethiopia because the impoverished households typically spend more than half their total incomes on food.

But we have a lot of brethren down there, and believe me when I say, they're taking it serious. We're trying to help them. We're trying to expand Joseph's storehouse that we have here in Israel and help these people to get them ready. And they believe it. They believe that it's coming, and they know what's coming.

We also know financial collapse. And like I say, it's a joke when people want to mention the stock markets making new highs every day. Well, of course, if you had a printing press and you can print 85 billion dollars on paper and put it into the stock market every month, then you could also play that little monopoly game that they play. But in reality, every financial guru, every major financial person knows there's a collapse coming.

And the fact that the balance sheets are so out of whack right now ... Like I said, normally the Federal Reserve, which is not part of the federal government, but they're the ones making the monetary policy, normally they'd have about 200 billion dollars on their books, which means that's bonds that they're holding from America in return that they print paper. Now it's more than four and a half **trillion** dollars from a normal aspect of about 200 billion dollars. They have four and a half trillion. And every month, openly, they're just printing and printing and printing. And the people in the stock market are just waiting for them to say when they're going to stop, and then the crash will come. And it's inevitable ... it's inevitable.

And anybody who thinks it's not, I have a bridge to sell you in Brooklyn if you would like to buy it also. Because believe me when I say it, there is a great financial collapse and it's not that far away. World War III, we know also, it's not that far away. We don't know. It could be in days or weeks, or it could be in a year or two. But we know we are in a different time now. We know where these things are going to come together. And probably the financial collapse and the war and the famine will all come together because one brings the other.

The same as we see in the time of the Exodus. That if you have water turning to blood and all the fish that are dying, and that's going to bring flies, which is going to bring disease. And all these things multiply one on top of another. We see the same thing today. We see that the famine in the last couple of years has been growing worse. And this year they're expecting it to be the worst, food supplies to be getting less.

And as we said, it's not like it was before. Most people are not growing their own food. Most people do not have storehouses of this. So, even if it was just a hurricane or something, what happens? Boom, within 24 hours stores are completely out of everything. And that's why if we believe in Yahweh, it's only wise that we prepare. Not just for ourselves, but for other people out here. As we were saying, what's going to happen if we're here in Israel as this crisis happens when our brother Judah's coming to faith?

For years we had a homeless ministry. And before we would ever give a Bible or preach to the people, we'd always fill their belly first. We're not going to hold them hostage and say, "I'm only going to give you a sandwich if you let me tell you this Bible scripture." No, we'd bring them nice hot sandwiches, good fresh cold cuts. And after their belly is full, then they're appreciative and they say, "Hey, tell me, do you have a Bible? I want to hear more." But to a hungry person, the physical is going to come before the spiritual. So, we have to think the same way. If we love other people, then we should be preparing for them as well for us. Ezekiel 3 and 17 ... Ezekiel 3 and 17 says:

Ezekiel 3:17 *Son of man, I have made you as a watchman for the house of Israel. And hear the Word of My mouth, and warn them from Me.*

I have made you a watchman for Israel. And like we said, one of the things that Yahweh and Yahshua, in the New Testament, told us to do is **watch**. That's why we're watching world events. That's why we're watching for all the things He said. But also, besides physically looking, a watchman—**watchman**—also tells time. A watchman tells time. So, what time does the Bible indicate to us? Give us some sort of possibility. Let's look at a scripture to see. Isaiah 29 and verse 1 and 2 ... Isaiah 29, verse 1 and 2 says:

Isaiah 29:1 *Woe to Ariel ...*

Comment: Interesting, the only time in Scripture that Jerusalem is ever called Ariel. Ariel means lion. Is it an indication of the closeness to the Lion of Judah coming back to reclaim the city?

Isaiah 29:1 *Woe to Ariel, Ariel, the city where David camped. Add year to year; let the feasts run their circle.*

Comment: Are we doing that? We're having year to year, and year to year. We said, there's a point where the Feasts will run its circle. There'll be no more Feasts in Jerusalem. *Those in Judea flee to the mountains.*

Isaiah 29:2 *Then I will compress Ariel, ... Just like we said, when Jerusalem is encircled, compressed by armies ... and there will be mourning and sorrow; and it shall be to Me as to Ariel.*

So, Yahweh tells us pretty clearly, *let the feasts run their cycle*. What is He talking about? We know that the calendar is a solar-lunar calendar. The months go by the moon, and the moon cycle is 235 months. It's a 19-year cycle, and then it repeats itself. It repeats itself. So, this current moon cycle runs out in 2016. 2017 starts a new cycle. It's interesting because that year 2017 keeps coming up over and over and over again. A lot of interesting things with 2017. The other thing is 2016 (2015 to 2016) is a sabbatical year.

What do we do in a sabbatical year? You don't plant, and you don't grow. And it's take a lot of faith. If famine is coming, maybe you're even in the second year of the famine, and now it comes and we're not even going to plant anything, not even a garden, because we're going to trust in Yahweh. But what does He say? You trust in Me, and you keep your land fallow. Not only will you have food in the sixth and the seventh year, you'll have it in the eighth year going into the ninth year. So, 2015-2016 is a sabbatical.

2017 starts the new 19-year time cycle. Another interesting thing is that from 1947, November 30th was when the United Nations voted on Jerusalem to become a nation. 2017 will be exactly 70 years, 70 years of Jerusalem being a nation. If we look at Zechariah 1 ... Now although it's been a great blessing for Jerusalem to be a nation again, it's been a great blessing for us to keep the Feasts there, but I think all of us will admit, it's been no picnic. It's been no picnic. From day one, there's been wars; there's been fighting. Just like it says in **Zechariah 8**, *every man is against his neighbor*. And you can't say, if you look at Jerusalem today, that Yahweh's blessing has really been there. It's extremely secular.

And let's look what it says in Zechariah though. Because Zechariah is a really interesting book, because Zechariah is tying from the second temple times going all the way to the end time, and tying it together. And there's a lot of symbolism in the book, but there's a lot of really, really important prophecies in Zechariah for the end time. So, if we start in verse 12 ...

Zechariah 1:12 *And the Messenger of YAHWEH answered me and said, O YAHWEH of Hosts, until when will You not have pity on Jerusalem, and on the cities of Judah, against which You have cursed these seventy years?*

Comment: And again, because Jerusalem has not been obedient to Yahweh and the religious there is not that obedient, they have been cursed these 70 years. So, what is he saying?

Zechariah 1:13-15 *And YAHWEH answered the Messenger who was talking with me with good words, words of comfort. So the Messenger who was talking with me said, Cry out, saying, So says YAHWEH of Hosts: I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion, with a great jealousy. And with great anger and I am angered at the haughty nations; in which I was a little angry, and they gave help for anger.*

Comment: Why? Because Jerusalem wants to be divided. Yahweh's plan is bringing Jerusalem back, bringing the people back there. And the plan of the New World Order is to divide it.

Zechariah 1:16-17 *So YAHWEH says this: I have returned to Jerusalem with compassions; My house shall be built in it, says YAHWEH of Hosts, and a line shall be stretched over Jerusalem. Cry out again, saying, So says YAHWEH of Hosts: My cities shall again overflow with goodness, and YAHWEH shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.*

But there is a point of 70 years first, where Yahweh does allow them to go through persecution, and He allows them to go through suffering. Zechariah 8 and verse 7.

Zechariah 8:7-8 *So says YAHWEH of Hosts: Behold, I will save My people from the land of the rising sun and from the land of the setting sun. And I will bring them, and they shall live in the midst of Jerusalem. And they shall be for a people to Me, and I will be their Elohim, in truth and righteousness.*

Comment: Didn't we read in Joseph's dream, during the third year, that's when the people from the nations started coming back to the Land? Just like He's saying here.

Zechariah 8:9-10 *So says YAHWEH of Hosts: Let your hands be made strong, you who hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, that in the day the house of YAHWEH of Hosts is founded, the sanctuary is to be rebuilt ... So, definitely, we know the timeframe of it, end time ... For before those days ... Before those days, the days were living in now ... there was no payment for man, nor was there payment for animal; and there was no peace to him from the adversary who went out or came in. For I sent every man, a man against his neighbor ... Exactly like we're seeing today.*

Zechariah 8:11-13 *But now I will not be to the remnant of this people as the former days, says YAHWEH of Hosts. For there shall be peace for the seed: the vine shall give its fruit, ... famine will be ended ... and the ground shall give its produce, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit these. And it shall be, as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so, I will save you, and you shall be a blessing. Do not fear; let your hands be made strong.*

So, it's encouraging, we know, at the end. Also, interesting enough, from 1967, when Jerusalem was actually given back to the Jews at that time, it will be exactly 50 years 2017, one Jubilee. And also, from 1917, the end of World War I and the Balfour Declaration (the very first paper that was set out to make a state of Israel again), will be exactly 100 years 2017.

So, it's kind of interesting when you look at *this generation will not pass*. And like we said, there's several ways you can rule a generation. 2017 fits three years of that. It fits 70 years for Israel being a nation. It fits 50 years of Jubilee for Jerusalem being in the hands of Judah. And it fits 100 years from the time of the Balfour Declaration, the first time that Israel was set out to be a nation again.

So, I think these things are interesting to look at. We're not predicting, but we're watching. We're watching, and as we see many of the things Yahshua talks about in **Matthew 24** coming to pass, I don't think anyone can deny we are at least in the

beginning of sorrows. We're at least in the beginning of sorrows, and we may be very, very close to be going into these last seven years of famine.

Great famine is coming. It will not start so bad. Like we said, the first couple of years, for those who are pretty smart, they'll be able to use some of their money, and it will be better than the people who have nothing. But we know, like we said, by the midpoint of that seven years, from the dream in Pharaoh, the money was all done, the people became slaves, exactly like the mark of the beast in **Revelation 13**.

We must heed Joseph's warning and prepare now. Yahweh put that in there. There's several chapters on a Pharaoh, a pagan Pharaoh from Egypt, one little dream. And we have several chapters. We have five or six chapters, all dealing with this situation. And there's good reason for it. Because in the end time, it can be life or death. And we don't want to allow the physical to take away the spiritual.

So, if we believe Yahweh, I believe that we should be preparing. And like I said, not just for ourselves, but for our brothers and sisters. And like I said, I have the responsibility and the opportunity to be helping our third world brethren; to be preparing the people in Africa; to be preparing the people in Philippines. And matter a fact, our yearly budget in all these third world countries, they're taking 10% of their budget, all putting it aside for food. And there's always famine in these places, so, no matter what, it's only going to help them.

Because, I've said in the very beginning, even when we started working with the third world brethren, I said I'm more than happy to help with everything. But the first thing we do is we make sure that there is nobody in the congregation that is hungry. We want to make sure the widows are taken care of. We want to make sure the orphans are taken care of. And we want to make sure that people have food. And then secondarily, and as just important, we take the Good News to the world. But the first thing we do is we have to prepare. But like I said, for us that are not in that dire situation, it may not seem as urgent, but it is. But for these people, they understand it because they're living in the hub of where it's happening.

So, a famine is coming. But remember, after the famine is the feast, the wedding feast of Yahweh. And I think overall, although it's a serious message, it's a message of encouragement. And I think it really fits into the whole Passover message of spiritual preparation and physical preparation. So, Yahweh bless.