

The Roaring of the Sea of People

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The Beast Rises Out of the Roaring and Raging Sea of Nations and Peoples in Anxiety and Fainting in Fear at What is Coming on Earth (Isaiah 17:12-14; 57:20-21; Daniel 7:2-3; Luke 21:25-28; Revelation 7:1; 13:1; 17:1-15):

In Isaiah 17 there is a prophecy about the peoples and nations of the earth acting like a roaring and rushing sea of many waters. And it is a prophecy about the last days in connection with the same timeframe in the last days when the city of Damascus is completely destroyed. Isaiah 17:12-13 says:

הוֹי הַמּוֹן עַמִּים רַבִּים כַּהֲמוֹת יַמִּים יִהְיֶינָה וְשִׁאוֹן לְאֲמִים כַּשִּׁאוֹן מֵיִם כְּבִירִים יִשָּׂאוֹן לְאֲמִים
כַּשִּׁאוֹן מֵיִם רַבִּים יִשָּׂאוֹן וְגָעַר בּוֹ וְנָס מִמְּרָחֵק וְרָדַף כְּמַזְחַר הָרִים לִפְנֵי רוּחַ וּכְגִלְגָל לִפְנֵי סוּפָה

Woe, the roar of many peoples like the noise of the roaring seas, and the rushing of nations as a rush like mighty, rushing waters, the nations like the rushing of many, rushing waters. But rebuke it and *it* flees far away, and is chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and as a whirlwind before a windstorm. [Isaiah 17:12-13]

The Hebrew word here for ‘rushing’ and ‘rush’ is sha’on שָׂאוֹן, and it literally means to rush in the sense of destructive rushing, a rushing that brings destruction. There are not really any good English words that correspond to this Hebrew word, except perhaps the word cataclysm might come close to it. What this is describing in Hebrew is mighty, rushing waves of water like a flood along a river, but even more so like a tsunami. Except this is not a tsunami of water, but rather rushing, destructive waves and waters of people.

Most translations in verse 13 have ‘But *God* rebukes them’ or ‘But He rebukes them’. The reason the word God is italicized in the translations is because the word God does not exist there in the Hebrew, it is the translators’ opinion and interpretation of verse 13. Other translations have continued this opinion that it is God doing the rebuking in verse 13 by using the word ‘He’ in the translation capitalized to indicate that it is God doing the rebuking. The only problem is that the word ‘he’ does not exist in the Hebrew here either. All it says is ga‘ar גָּעַר ‘rebuke’. If it said ‘he rebukes’ here in the Hebrew text then it would say yige‘ar יִגְעַר ‘he rebukes’. What the Hebrew literally says here is ‘But rebuke on it’ using the word bo בּוֹ that is made up of the prefix letter beyth ב meaning in or on and the suffix letter vav ו meaning him or it, literally meaning ‘on him’ or ‘on it’. If the Hebrew said ‘on them’ then it would use the word alehem עֲלֵיהֶם that means ‘on them’. From the context of going by what the Hebrew actually says, it does not specifically say that God is the one doing the rebuking here in this verse. It is possible he could be, but the Hebrew does not say that he is. The Hebrew

gives this verse as a command, saying to ‘rebuke it’ and it will flee like a whirlwind in front of a windstorm, literally ‘as a tornado before a hurricane’. The meaning of this command to ‘rebuke it’ is not absolutely clear in the context. But it does show that there will be places of safety from the last days tsunami of people rushing around on the earth like a roaring sea, where they will not be able to destroy with their tsunami waves and will be forced back.

The important concept in the Isaiah 17 tsunami of people is that this is not a wartime army of soldiers, but rather just the people of the nations themselves destructively rushing across the earth and the nations as in protests or rioting. Yeshua paraphrases and interprets this prophecy in Isaiah 17:12-14 in Luke 21:25-28.

And there shall be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth anxiety of nations in perplexity; the roaring of the sea and waves; men fainting because of fear and apprehension of *what is coming on* the earth. For the powers of the heavens shall be shaken; and then they shall see the Son of Adam coming in a cloud with power and great esteem. And when these *things* begin to come to be, look up and lift up your heads, for your redemption draws nigh. [Luke 21:25-28]

Yeshua explains that the nations and peoples of the earth will be in such anxiety and fear and bewilderment in the last days that they will become like the rushing and roaring sea and waves of the tsunami described in Isaiah 17. But Yahuweh/Yehovah’s people are not to be caught up into the tsunami of nations and peoples rushing about destructively like the roaring sea. When the people of the earth begin to come out across the earth like a tsunami, like a roaring sea, Yahuweh/Yehovah’s people are to look up in peace and contentment in the midst of it all to see that their redemption is coming very, very soon. Yeshua (the Son of Adam) is drawing close and coming in the clouds very soon.

It is a very important warning that Yeshua is also giving here to his people to not get caught up into the fear and anxiety of the nations of people as they become a roaring sea rushing across the earth. It is important to stay calm and at peace together with Yahuweh/Yehovah in those days, because it is revealed to the Apostle John in Revelation 13:1 that it is out of this roaring sea of people in Isaiah 17 and Luke 21 that the Beast Out of the Sea of People comes into its power and control over the earth.

And I stood upon the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rise up out of the sea having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads names of blasphemy. [Revelation 13:1]

Revelation 17:1 and 15 reveal the understanding that the sea and the waters that are the foundation where the Beast Out of the Sea and the whore Babylon have all of their power is upon the sea and waters of people.

“Come, I shall show you the judgment of the great whore that sits upon many waters.” ... “The waters that you saw, where the whore sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.” [Revelation 17:1, 15]

It is the nations of the earth that are the waters and sea of people, and when the people turn into a tsunami of rushing and roaring waters that are mighty and destructive going about the earth, then the Beast takes control and power, and in the end Yahuweh/Yehovah uses the Beast Out of the Sea with the 10 horns to destroy Babylon, the system of control that has ruled the earth since the tower of Babylon, according to Revelation 17:16-17.

Daniel 7:2-3 reveals the force that causes the sea of people in Isaiah 17 and Luke 21 and Revelation 13 to roar and rush and turn into a tsunami that raises up the Final Beast into power. It is the four winds of the heavens.

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Dani’el spoke and said, “I looked in my vision by night, and saw the four winds of heaven bursting forth onto the Great Sea. And four huge beasts rose up from the sea, different, one from another.” [Daniel 7:2-3]

The Aramaic word here in verse 2 for ‘bursting forth’, megichan מְגִיחָן, comes from the root verb giyach גִּיחַ, which has essentially the same meaning in both Aramaic and Hebrew, to ‘break forth’ or ‘burst forth’ or ‘gush forth’.

<https://archive.org/details/GeseniusFHWGeseniusHebrewAndChaldeeLexiconToTheOldTestamentScriptures1860/page/n179/mode/2up>

Daniel saw the four winds of the heavens breaking and bursting out suddenly onto the waters of the Great Sea, the sea of the peoples of the nations of the earth. All four beasts in history have come to power through the turmoil and disturbances of the sea of people of the earth that they rule over. But the Final Beast, which Daniel 7:12 and Revelation 13:2 reveal is a joining together of all four beasts/empires into one beast/empire, rises up and comes into power when the four winds blow upon the sea of people, stirring them up into fear and anxiety of what is coming in the future on the earth, creating them into a tsunami of people that rush the Little Horn/Final Anti-Messiah into power.

Unfortunately Daniel 7 does not explain what these four winds are that cause the sea of people to turn into the tsunami of Isaiah 17 and Luke 21, that causes the Final Beast to come into power. But Revelation 7:1 reveals that there are four messengers (angels) standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back these four winds to prevent them from blowing on the sea of people until the appointed time.

And after this I saw four messengers standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, so that the winds should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. [Revelation 7:1]

These four messengers are not allowed to release the four winds until the 144,000 have been sealed from all 12 tribes of Israel. From the context of Revelation 8, it can be seen that these four messengers holding back the four winds are holding back the opening of the seventh seal and the sounding of the first three trumpets that bring destruction on the earth, and on the sea, and on the trees. The 144,000 are the firstborn of Yahuweh/Yehovah's nation Israel who are only the first to be sealed before all of his people are ultimately sealed with the name of Yahuweh/Yehovah on their foreheads according to Revelation 14:1 and 22:4. After the sealing process is complete, then the seventh seal is opened and the four winds are released to burst forth onto the sea of the people of the earth, causing them to roar and rush the Final Beast into power.

Again in Revelation it is not very clear or specific as to what these four winds are that burst forth onto the sea of people. The fact that it is wind that comes from the heavens in Daniel indicates that it is an invisible force to the eye that cannot be seen clearly, except through the effects of it. Disease can spread in the air and wind, and COVID-19 is something that the eye cannot see as it spreads across the earth like the wind. But it is only a breeze compared to the wind that is still coming. There is still something coming from the heavens on the wind that will be greater in strength and worse than COVID-19 that will push the tsunami of people even harder than they are being pushed now, to become the foundation of the Little Horn and Final Beast coming into power.

There is no peace for the bad, for the wicked, for the wrong, because they are like a sea that is tossed about by the wind, leaving a sticky, muddy mess wherever they go. They have no peace, but for the humble and the bruised and repentant Yahuweh/Yehovah heals them and restores to them peace in the last days prophecy of Isaiah 57.

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“But the bad are like the tossed sea, because it is unable to rest, and its waters toss up mud and mire. There is no peace,” says my Elohim, “for the bad.” [Isaiah 57:20-21]

Yeshua says in Luke 21 that one of the signs to watch for that shows his coming is near is when the people of the earth become a roaring sea, a tsunami, on the earth in fear and anxiety. A tsunami begins when the waters of the sea recede and disappear out into the sea, like the people of the earth are receding and disappearing into their homes now as the COVID-19 plague is spreading. The important tsunami to watch for

now in the near future is the tsunami of people that could begin rushing in waves and roaring like the sea, rushing like a mighty and destructive force across the earth in chaos and rioting and protests. When the sea of the people of the earth begins to roar and agitate and rush that is when to pay attention to the Beast and the Little Horn coming into power out of the sea of roaring nations. The key in Yeshua's warning in Luke 21 is that the people are not afraid of what is already on the earth, such as COVID-19, but are in panic and fear at what is coming on the earth in the future, what the earth will look like after things like COVID-19. It is the fear of what is coming in the future that causes them to become a roaring, tsunami sea that brings the Final Beast into power.

We may soon see in the near future the fulfillment of the prophecy in Isaiah 17:12-14 and Isaiah 57:20-21 and Luke 21:25-28 of the sea of people that will lead to the fulfillments of Revelation 7 and 13 and 17 and the opening of the Seventh Seal. It is something to be watching for very closely. The fear and anxiety and panic happening across the world right now from COVID-19 and the economic collapse COVID-19 is exposing is exactly the sign that Yeshua warned his people to watch for in Luke 21 right before his return.

The sea of people is already beginning to roar in the countries of India, China, and Italy:

Coronavirus Fear Grips Workers in India (Mar 29, 2020) Sky News

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6439aOtzEWs>

Urns in Wuhan Far Exceed Official CCP Virus Death Toll; Riot Breaks Out in Virus-Hit Hubei (Mar 27, 2020)
China in Focus - NTD

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Raids and Thefts Grip Southern Italy (Mar 30, 2020) Sky News

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The Test of the Ardor of Pinechas Bringing Peace versus the World System of Babylon Bringing Fear (Numbers 25; Ezekiel 21; Matthew 6:24-34; James 4:1-10):

If Yeshua is warning his people in Luke 21 not to get caught up in the fear and anxiety of the roaring sea of people in the last days before his coming, then how do we stay at peace and avoid the tsunami of people that get caught up into the Beast Out of the Sea system. In Numbers 25 it is the ardor of Pinechas with his spear against sin that causes Yahuweh/Yehovah to make a covenant of peace with him. It is when we have an ardor (passion, fervor, intensity, enthusiasm, zeal, loyalty, burning heat) in our own hearts that is the same as Yahuweh/Yehovah's ardor against the sin within us and the evil being done on the earth, then we have a covenant of peace that is Yahuweh/Yehovah's own peace within us (John 14:27). In the midst of tribulation, trouble, and trial we can be at peace knowing that Yahuweh/Yehovah is dealing with the evil on the earth.

Going through any kind of time of tribulation is worth it when it means that Yahuweh/Yehovah is permanently removing the sin and the suffering and destruction of the children that is happening daily around the world. It is worth it to go through a little time of tribulation before Yeshua's return in order that not one more child will be abused or suffer at the hands of evil ever again for all eternity. From this perspective of having ardor against the evil being done, tribulation is a peaceful thing in Yahuweh/Yehovah's hands of perfect judgment without fear or anxiety.

Ezekiel 21 was a prophecy in that time in Ezekiel's day about Yahuweh/Yehovah's coming judgment on Yehudah (Judah) and Yerushalayim (Jerusalem). But it still lays out an important prophetic principle and shadow picture of Yahuweh/Yehovah's times of testing and trial in tribulation. In verse 26 we are instructed by Yahuweh/Yehovah to remove our crowns and humble ourselves in the midst of the times of his judgment and tribulation. And the coronavirus or crown virus of COVID-19 is certainly all about removing people's crowns of pride to humble them in repentance. In Yahuweh/Yehovah's judgments the exalted are humbled and the humbled are exalted as he says in verse 26.

But also in Ezekiel 21 Yahuweh/Yehovah says that in that particular judgment coming on Yehudah the righteous and the bad were both going to die. Sometimes in some judgments Yahuweh/Yehovah only destroys the unrighteous and spares the righteous, but this verse 3 shows the principle that sometimes Yahuweh/Yehovah takes his righteous ones home to be with him in the midst of his judgments, not as a judgment against them, but as a protection from things coming in the future. Some of his righteous he has not called to go through the times of tribulation, so in the midst of his judgments he is also taking some of his righteous home before the worse tribulation comes, because it is not part of their life calling to go through it. We can be at peace for the righteous who are currently dying from COVID-19, because Yahuweh/Yehovah is taking some of his people home before times of greater tribulation come on the earth in the future.

The third important prophetic picture in Ezekiel 21 that is corresponding currently with the COVID-19 plague is in verses 9-17. Yahuweh/Yehovah uses his judgments and times of tribulation to try and to test his people, so that they themselves can also see in their own hearts where they stand in their relationship with Yahuweh/Yehovah, and if they are close to him or strayed from him. Yahuweh/Yehovah is mercifully using the COVID-19 plague to give us a pre-test of trial and tribulation and trouble for our own selves, to see if we have the ardor of Yahuweh/Yehovah like Pinechas and are able to stay at peace with him in the midst of

trouble. Or do we love the world and want the world so badly that we will do anything to get the world system of Babylon up and running again, and are filled with fear until it functions like it did before. Which master will we trust in for our provision, Yahuweh/Yehovah or the world economy? When Yahuweh/Yehovah shakes and destroys the nations and their economies in the same way he shook and destroyed the Egyptian economy in Exodus, do we trust in Yahuweh/Yehovah's provision, following him into the wilderness and to the promised land in the new heavens and new earth, or do we try to run back to Egypt, back to Babylon, to get the world economy up and running again, trusting in the world and its economy to be the provider for our needs?

Yahuweh/Yehovah is using COVID-19 to give his people quiet and alone time with him as they begin to practice leaving Babylon and its economy and system of provision. He is helping us with the COVID-19 to gradually begin to practice letting go of our trust in the world systems of man's provision, like Israel in Egypt, to trust in him for provision. Because there will come a time in the future when Yahuweh/Yehovah's people have to leave the Beast and Babylon and its economy, no longer buying and selling in it, and Yahuweh/Yehovah is using COVID-19 to give his people some practice in leaving the Beast ahead of time before it is time when his people have to leave the Beast and Babylon economy outright. [Interestingly in China people who are infected with COVID-19 or have been in contact with those infected are restricted in their ability to buy and sell, in some circumstances not allowed to buy or sell at all. *The Story of My Last Day in China Quarantine | Coronavirus Quarantine in China Vlog* (April 4, 2020) the JaYoe Nation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46D5g4v1IkE>]

Like the children of Israel living as slaves in the world system of Egypt, we have all been living as slaves depending upon the world system of Babylon for our provision. All of Yahuweh/Yehovah's people have had to live in the world, while trying to not be of the world (John 17), using the world Babylonian economic system like the children of Israel depending upon Egypt's economy to provide for their needs to live. Then suddenly Yahuweh/Yehovah destroyed Egypt's economy, destroying his people's only source of provision for food and income. Then he had them all leave their homes and properties that they relied on to survive in Egypt, in Babylon, to go with him out into the wilderness and trust in him completely as their only provider.

In the past Yahuweh/Yehovah's people have been forced to have to co-exist and co-mingle in the world, using the economic system of Babylon and the Beast to survive, just like the children of Israel relied on the Beast/Babylonian system of Egypt for their survival. When Yahuweh/Yehovah destroyed their jobs and their incomes, killed their bosses and crashed the Egyptian 'stock' market, the Israelites lost all of their jobs and their livelihoods and their provision for survival. Yahuweh/Yehovah provided them with gold, with money income, but then he took them out into the wilderness where their gold, their money, was no good and had no power to provide for them or feed them. Yahuweh/Yehovah became their sole provider.

The COVID-19 plague is Yahuweh/Yehovah's kindness toward his people. It is like a child first learning to swim, except that it is the waters of tribulation that we are learning to swim in this time. And Yahuweh/Yehovah in his kindness is not tossing us straight into the middle of the pond or the pool in the deep end before we have learned anything yet, leaving us to drown. He is letting his people get their feet wet a little first, so that we can start getting used to the waters of tribulation first before we learn more advanced swimming out in the middle of the pool. We are in the midst of an initial test that is helping us see our own hearts if we

will trust Yahuweh/Yehovah completely with our needs as he provided the water from the rock and manna for food for Israel in the wilderness. Or will we try to go back to slavery in Babylon, to trust in the world system of slavery in Babylon for our needs, to get Babylon/Egypt up and running again so that we can go back to trusting in the world to be our master and provider.

[Isaiah 48:20-22 is actually an end time prophecy about how the leaving of Egypt and going into the wilderness in Exodus is an end time prophecy for leaving Babylon during the tribulation. And it shows how in the tribulation we are to trust in Yahuweh/Yehovah to provide us with our needs as he provided the water from the rock in the wilderness, the water of life from the rock Yeshua.]

Yeshua says in Matthew 6:24 that we cannot serve two masters simultaneously, because ultimately in the end there is only one of the two masters that we will love and esteem, while despising the other. There is no way to ride the middle of the fence, to love and serve both Yahuweh/Yehovah at the same time as loving and serving the world, because in the end if we love the world and try to serve Yahuweh/Yehovah at the same time we will end up despising Yahuweh/Yehovah. In the original Hebrew of Matthew 6:24 Yeshua says that in the same way no man can serve two masters, no man can serve God and the world simultaneously.

בעת ההיא אמר ישו לתלמידיו לא יוכל איש לעבוד לשני אדונים כי אם האחד ישנא והאחד יאהב או לאחד יכבד ולאחד יבזה לא תוכלו לעבוד האל והעולם

In that time Yeshua said to His disciples, “No man is able to serve two masters, for either he shall hate the one and love the other, or he shall esteem the one and despise the other. You are not able to serve the El and the world.” [Matthew 6:24]

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The word Yeshua uses in the Hebrew, haEl אלהים, literally meaning ‘the El’ is used in the Hebrew of the Tanak (Old Testament) hundreds of times in reference to Yahuweh/Yehovah, in both the short form ‘haEl’ and the long form ‘haElohim’. English translations rarely translate the definite article ‘the’ in front of El and Elohim (God) in most places of the Tanak, but it is a very common Hebrew word usage.

In this verse 24 Yeshua is laying out the choice between serving Yahuweh/Yehovah or the world, but we cannot serve both of them as our master. We cannot serve Yahuweh/Yehovah and Babylon simultaneously, and in the last days in the tribulation it is this choice that everyone on the earth will be making. Do they want the world system of Egypt/Babylon, to stay as slaves in Egypt/Babylon and try to keep it running even though Yahuweh/Yehovah is destroying it with plagues, or do they want to trust in Yahuweh/Yehovah as their master and provider in the wilderness, outside of the Babylon/Egypt world system? As the world of mankind ends and we begin transitioning to living under Yahuweh/Yehovah’s instructions (Torah) and government in the new heavens and new earth, we will actually be very happy to not have to live under the bondage of the Babylonian world system of government and economy anymore.

And Yeshua then says in 6:25 that it is ‘because of this’ that we cannot serve two masters that we should not have any worries or fears about our own lives or about any of our needs, because Yahuweh/Yehovah will provide for us our necessities. He might not provide us with more than the basic necessities we need for survival in the midst of tribulation, and he might not provide for us palaces and wealth like Solomon. But he

will provide for us like he provides for his creation in nature, just like he provides for and cares for the small and insignificant sparrow. And his provision in nature is more beautiful and satisfying than any of the gold and fine clothes of Solomon. Yeshua is our manna/bread of life and water of life to provide for our needs, and our ark of safety and oil of gladness to get us through hard times.

As Yahuweh/Yehovah begins the process of leading his people out of Babylon he is allowing us an opportunity with COVID-19 to examine ourselves and see if we are ready to follow him with complete abandon out of Babylon or if we still love the world and Babylon and want to go back to its slavery. And there is a point at which in James 4 that we have to go all the way for Yahuweh/Yehovah or all the way against him. To be a friend of the world is to be an enemy of Elohim as Jacob (James) says.

הַמֵּנְאָפִים וְהַמֵּנְאָפוֹת הֲלֹא וְדַעְתֶּם כִּי אֶהְבֵּת הָעוֹלָם אֵיבַת אֱלֹהִים הִיא כָּל מִי שֶׁיִּרְצֶה לְהִיֹּת
אֶהוֹב הָעוֹלָם אוֹיֵב הוּא לְאֱלֹהִים

The adulterers and the adulteresses! Do you not know that a love of the world is enmity of Elohim? Everyone who is pleased to be a friend of the world is himself an enemy toward Elohim. [James 4:4]

James 4:4 transcribed and translated from the following manuscript:

Hebrew Epistles of James and Jude (16th century C.E. copy) Royal Ms. 16 A II; British Library, London.

http://www.bl.uk/manuscripts/Viewer.aspx?ref=royal_ms_16_A_ii_f001r

Note: To date no language scholar has yet studied the text of this Royal Ms. 16 A II to determine if it is a Hebrew translation or a copy of the original Hebrew of the Epistles of James and Jude. It is only known from the Hebrew script type used in the text of the manuscript and from the fact that the name of Yahuweh/Yehovah is spelled out in full as Yehovah יהוה throughout the text that it was preserved by Messianic Sephardic Jews in Spain during the Middle Ages who believed in Yeshua as the Messiah.

Prepare: Yahuweh/Yehovah in his kindness has given his people a warning drill with COVID-19 in preparation for the tribulation trouble that is coming. There is still a little bit of time left to prepare before the tsunami of the roaring sea of people in fear and anxiety rush the Little Horn and Final Beast into power for the time of tribulation.