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## YESHUA IS THE WAY (JOHN 14:6)

While ministering in Eilat, the Lord led me to speak with a young man who made aliyah to Israel from Hungary. His name was Liron. He opened up about his life. He told me his wife was Catholic and he was Jewish. Liron has a five-year-old son. His wife is trying to become a legalized citizen of Israel. From talking with Liron, I could tell he had some knowledge of Christianity from his wife. He was open to my sharing with him that his return to Israel was by the



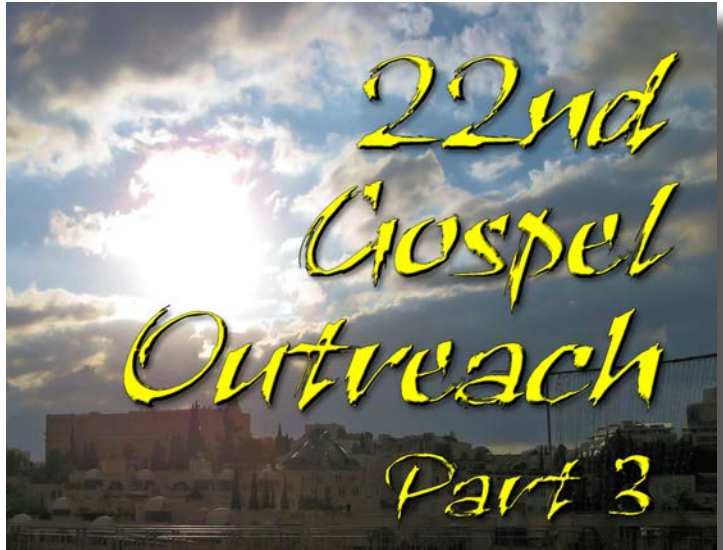
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Todd with Liron who was originally from Hungary.

sovereign hand of God, as with the return of all Jews to the land of promise from the north, south, east and west foretold in Isaiah 43:5-7—a fulfillment of prophecy for the last days which is now being amazingly fulfilled for a very specific purpose—to prepare God's people for the return and reign of Yeshua the Messiah. I then prayed with Liron for his wife's legal situation to be expedited and for his child and career. I was also able to give testimony about what Yeshua did for me in saving my life and commissioning me to go and tell His people of His great love for them. But to experience and know this for oneself, we have to personally encounter Messiah through the word of Scripture. Out of my love and gratitude for the Jewish people, I then said to Liron: "I give this word of salvation back to those who first gave it to me." Liron received the written Word of God as recorded by the prophets of Israel and the Jewish followers of Yeshua.

The following day, as I was walking past a Puma outlet store, the Holy Spirit spoke within me and told me to go in the store and minister to the manager of the store. His name was Omer. He was very happy to learn about a large group of Bible believers in America who ardently support and firmly stand with Israel as they are surrounded by hostile Arab nations and terrorist organizations who are devoted to their destruction. I assured Omer this would never happen because the God of Israel has promised in Jeremiah 31:35-37 that the Jewish nation will never cease to exist as a nation before Him; and those who seek Israel's demise will be destroyed



in return by God! So Iran and its Hitler-like, demonic leader can threaten all they want, but they do so to their grave peril.

The basis for God's unique relationship with the Jewish people is rooted in the covenants He made with them as formally revealed in the Hebrew Bible. I also discussed how the regathering of Israel is a modern-day miracle and fulfillment of End-time prophecy. The reason for the Jews' return is to prepare them for the return of Messiah whom scripture and fulfilled prophecy



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exclusively point to Yeshua as the only one and true Messiah of Israel and the world. God has given evidence for all this so each person can see and believe the prophetic Scriptures are true as revealed by a supernatural God who knew and foretold Israel's history from ancient times covering the past, present and the future (Isaiah 48:3-5). The same holds true with Bible prophecies about the Messiah; and when one looks at the life of Yeshua, as historically recorded in the B'rit Hadashah, the objective and open-minded person will see the proof points to Him as Lord and Messiah. Omer was open to examine these proofs when he accepted a Hebrew Bible and study materials outlining how Messianic prophecy, compared with the life of Yeshua, clearly shows Him to be the Messiah worthy of trust and belief. Lord willing, we will return at a later date to water this Gospel seed this ministry has planted in Omer's life.

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# The Nine Harbingers Preceding G-d's Judgment on the United States - Part 1



by Robin Hopper  
(Aviel b'Meir)

When I started this study, it was after I was given a book for my birthday. The book was **The Harbinger** by Rabbi Jonathan Cahn. The first 19 pages of the book confirmed to me what I have been talking about the past three or four years. I would suggest that you get a copy for yourself.

To see how we got to this place in time, a timeline must be put in place.

- **Prayer and G-d removed from public schools**  
June 17, 1963, in the case of Abington Township School District v. Schempp.
- **Sexual Promiscuity of the 60s**  
Free love has been around since the mid 19<sup>th</sup> Century in one form or another. It started in Europe and then spread to the United States. It came to a head in the early 1960s. Free love became a prominent phrase used by and about the new social movements and counterculture of the 1960s and early 1970s, typified by the Summer of Love in 1967 and the slogan "Make love, not war."
- **The rise of Women's Lib and Radical Feminism**  
The phrase "Women's Liberation" was first used in the United States in 1964, and first appeared in print in 1966. By 1968, although the term Women's Liberation Front appeared in the magazine Ramparts, it was starting to refer to the whole women's movement.
- **Roe v. Wade and the Legalization of Abortion**  
Roe v. Wade is the historic Supreme Court decision overturning a Texas interpretation of abortion law and making abortion legal in the United States. Date of the Roe v. Wade decision: January 22, 1973.  
Effect of the Roe v. Wade decision: Roe v. Wade legalized abortion in the United States, which was not legal at all in many states and was limited by law in others. Since the Roe v Wade decision, over 54 million innocents have been murdered.
- **The pushing of a Gay agenda onto the American People**  
Proponents of same-sex marriage say that gay couples deserve equal treatment under the law (a right protected in the U.S. Constitution) including the financial benefits of marriage in the eyes of the law.

There are two civilizations that were conceived and dedicated to the will of G-d from their very conception: Israel and America (USA). In fact those who laid the USA's foundations (The Pilgrims) saw it as a new Israel, an Israel of the New World. And as with ancient Israel, they saw it as in covenant with G-d. America would rise to heights no other nation had ever known.

## The First Harbinger: Breach In The Hedge Of G-D's Protection

G-d had placed a hedge of protection around Israel, the hedge of protection that had kept the nation of Israel and its people safe. No enemy, no power on earth could touch Israel. In 732 BCE all that changed, the hedge of protection had come down. Their enemies could now enter. This started the "days of final warnings."

What does what happened two and a half thousand years ago have to do with today? In order to fully understand, you have to understand what happened to ancient Israel when it turned its backs on G-d. Ancient Israel had forgotten their foundation. No other nation had been called into being for the will of G-d or dedicated to G-d's purpose from its conception. No other people had been given a covenant. If they followed G-d's ways and obeyed His will, they would be blessed; but if they fell away and turned their backs to G-d and His ways, then their blessings would be turned into curses.

It started slowly; they would use G-d's name but with less meaning. They started merging G-d with other gods of other nations, and started worshiping idols. Then they started driving G-d out of their national life and then bringing in idols to fill the void.

As for their most innocent, they offered their children as sacrifice on the altar of Baal and Moloch, their newfound gods. They now celebrated as sacred what was at one time immoral.

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America has done so much good since its inception. No nation in modern history has ever given so much. And if a nation that has been so blessed by G-d should turn from Him, what? "Its blessings will be turned to Curses."

America has turned, and is turning, from G-d in the same way ancient Israel had turned. You can look at American history and see America in her greatest moments, there was sin happening all around. Likewise in her worst moments, there was greatness. America began to officially remove G-d from its national life when it abolished prayer and Scripture in its public schools on June 17, 1963. As in ancient Israel, it started removing the Ten Commandments from its national consciousness. So America has done likewise.

"Well at least America does not worship idols." I would say they do, but they just do not call them idols. The more G-d is pushed out, something has to fill the void - idols of sensuality, greed, money, sexual immorality, etc. The Sacred has increasingly disappeared, and the profane has taken its place.

You might say "well at least we do not offer our most innocent up in sacrifice on the altars of Baal and Moloch," yet on January 22, 1973, a decision in the case of Roe-v-Wade made it legal in America to have an abortion. Since that decision, over 54 million innocent have been murdered and offered up in the name of choice.

In 732 BCE, Israel's enemies invaded the land and traumatized the nation of Israel. This is just a foreshadowing of a judgment yet to come. It is a warning.

Now come forward two and a half thousand years and on 09/11/2001, the hedge of protection around America is breached. America is attacked on her own soil - the twin towers are hit by two hijacked aircraft and are brought to waste and debris, the pentagon is hit by a third plane, a fourth plane that is headed for the Capital in Washington is caused to crash in an empty field in Pennsylvania. The death toll that day is just under 4000. Since that day, countless others have died due to complications as a result of that day. Evil men were behind this attack, not G-d; but up to that time, they had been restrained.

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# The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

(Matthew 18:23-35)

## Part 4



<sup>23</sup>“Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. <sup>26</sup>The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ <sup>27</sup>Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ <sup>30</sup>And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. <sup>32</sup>Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘you wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And his master was angry, and delivered him to the tormentors until he should pay all that was due to him. <sup>35</sup>So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”

**T**he sinner stands before God a guilty transgressor condemned and deeply indebted to Him. God, like the creditor king reckoning with his servant, demands the absolute obedience of the sinner to the law of holiness, righteousness, and moral perfection. **“You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them: I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore keep My statutes, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.”** (Leviticus 18:4-5). Yet, needless to say, the sinner is highly incapable of ever yielding perfect obedience to the faultless, holy, and just law of God, and is therefore subject under the divine condemnation for this moral failure: **“Cursed is the one who does not confirm all the words of this law by observing them”** (Deuteronomy 27:26). The Lord reckons each man in the eternal balances of justice and righteousness. The appropriate weight a man must measure up to, if he desires to balance the debt out, is ideally vocalized by the Lord in Ecclesiastes 12:13. **“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear God, and keep His commandments: For this is the whole duty of man.”** And this is how the whole debt of man can be paid. How many, though, have tragically endeavored through self effort vainly attempting to measure up to the impeccable expectations of God? For the unredeemed man, who is no more than an indebted servant and desolate pauper in the sight of God with not a penny to pay, this is quite impossible.

The reckoning scales of God's perfect justice weigh each of us morally bankrupt, who yet in our sins is devoid of payment from our own unclean hands. Consequently, the thunderous

voice of God sentences us, the defaulted servants under grave debt, as guilty while under the perfect law, being habitually disobedient to its holy injunctions. All of us insolvent sinners lack the proper means of repayment, unless someone else has the means to utterly liquidate our debt. **“You are weighed in the balances and are found wanting”** (Daniel 5:27) is the dismal epitaph of every condemned sinner in dreadful debt before a holy and righteous God without any means of personal payment.

**“But as he was unable to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made”** (Verse 25).

After carefully reviewing the financial statement of his delinquent servant, the lord of the servant pronounces him officially bankrupt and full restitution promptly made. The lord commands the impoverished servant to be sold with all his possessions, including his wife and children, for a slight recompense of the enormous debt owed. Such harsh practices were common for creditors in the Old Testament if their borrowers failed to make payment (2 Kings 4:1; Nehemiah 5:8; Amos 2:6). The servant in verse 25 is left poor with nothing to give or keep. Everything is taken, leaving the servant in great want. From this brief observation of verse 25, we find the same holds true of the indigent condition fallen humanity is now yoked under by **“the law of sin and death”** (Romans 8:2). The verse further illustrates the abject deprivation of the naked sinner deeply in debt to his maker deserving of stern punishment in the eyes of a just and holy God who **“has prepared His throne for judgment”** (Psalm 9:7).

The servant could not now, nor ever, pay the exorbitant sum he owed. Consequently, he and all that was under his ownership were to be sold, and he left with nothing. The sold servant with his possessions in no way made full payment for the debt incurred. The fallen individual, sold under sin, similarly, by his various exploits of doing good, cannot remedy in the

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At another location, I walked past a kiosk selling customized children's books and videos. When the owner greeted me while passing, I stopped to chat with him. I learned his name was Eyal. Our discussion started with the dangerous threat Israel is facing from Iran who are near the development of the first nuclear bomb. Eyal agreed with me that Israel cannot casually sit by and let this happen, lest Iran goes through with a nuclear attack on the Jewish State. I also assured Eyal God has promised to supernaturally protect Israel from any attempt at their destruction because of the covenants the Lord made with Israel through the Patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob— guaranteeing the land belongs to the Jewish people forever (Psalm 105:8-12). The Messiah has come to bring the New Covenant to Israel offering eternal redemption of which Jew or Gentile can now have by believing Jesus is the Messiah—the One who died to save us and rose again from the dead to give us eternal life. Messiah Jesus has now regathered His people to the land of His return to redeem Israel and establish His world-wide reign. The Messiah not only binds the Tenach and B'rit Hadashah together, but



Todd with Eyal who gave a copy of the Tehillim (the book of Psalms) to Todd after accepting a copy of the Old and New Testaments.

He is the dominate subject of biblical revelation. Both Testaments were written by Jewish holy men who personally knew the God of Israel and the Messiah He sent there.

I then invited Eyal to read and discover this for himself when giving him a copy of both the Old and New Testaments bound together in one volume. He accepted the Scriptures gladly; as I reminded him I have the privilege granted by Yeshua to give His Word back to His people. In return for this, Eyal gave me a copy of the Tehillim (the book of Psalms) with a Hebrew prayer on the inside cover. When I asked Eyal what it said, Eyal said the prayer is called in Hebrew Tefilat Haderech which is a prayer Jewish people say when traveling. The title of the prayer roughly translates in English to mean "The Prayer of the Way." When learning this, I excitedly told Eyal the early first century followers of Yeshua were called followers of "the Way" (Acts 9:2; 19:23), because Yeshua is "the way" back to God our heavenly father. Now Eyal has the complete word of God in his hands so he too, by God's grace, can discover Yeshua is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). ✠



**The Nine Harbingers... Continued from page 2**

On 9/11, people were asking where G-d was. Why was this allowed to happen? Where was G-d? Well let's see. We drove Him out of our schools, our government, out of our media, out of our culture. We drove Him out of our national life, and then we have the gall to ask "Where is G-d?" G-d was there; there with those who lost their loved ones. He was with those who gave their all, who died so that others might live. Fulfillment:

The breach in the hedge of G-d's protection came about on 9/11/2001 when America is attacked on her own soil.

**The Second Harbinger: The Terrorist**

Assyrians invaded the land of Israel. Israel had never been invaded. No other warning could have been so clear about the coming judgment. Years later the final judgment would come, and it would also be at the hands of the Assyrians.

**Isaiah 10:1-5 (NASB) Assyria, the Instrument of Wrath**

<sup>1</sup> Woe to those who enact evil statutes And to those who constantly record unjust decisions, <sup>2</sup> So as to deprive the needy of justice And rob the poor of My people of their rights, So that widows may be their spoil And that they may plunder the orphans. <sup>3</sup> Now what will you do in the day of punishment, And in the devastation which will come from afar? To whom will you flee for help? And where will you leave your wealth? <sup>4</sup> Nothing remains but to crouch among the captives or fall among the slain. In spite of all this, His anger does not turn away And His hand is still stretched out. <sup>5</sup> Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger And the staff in whose hands is My indignation.

The Assyrians were the quintessence of true evil; G-d was truly against them. The prophecy continued:

**Isaiah 10:16-19 (NASB) G-d's prophecy against Assyria**

<sup>16</sup> Therefore the L-rd, the G-D of hosts, will send a wasting disease among his stout warriors; and under his glory a fire will be kindled like a burning flame. <sup>17</sup> And the light of Israel will become a fire and his Holy One a flame and it will burn and devour his thorns and his briars in a single day. <sup>18</sup> And He will destroy the glory of his forest and of his fruitful garden, both soul and body, and it will be as when a sick man wastes away. <sup>19</sup> And the rest of the trees of his forest will be so small in number that a child could write them down.

The L-rd G-d of Israel יהוה would bring judgment on the Assyrians; their empire would cease to exist and evaporate from the face of the earth. But

for a season, in Israel's renunciation of faith in Yahweh and His ways, the Assyrians would be able to breach Israel's defense and attack the land. The second harbinger "The Terrorist."

**Terrorism is an applied science. That is the dark art that Assyria gave the world (Terror).**

**Isaiah 10:7 (NASB)**

<sup>7</sup> Yet it does not so intend, nor does it plan so in its heart, but rather it is its purpose to destroy and to cut off many nations.

**And what was the goal of Osama bin Laden? "To cut off many nations."**

**Isaiah 10:12 (NASB)**

<sup>12</sup> So it will be that when the Lord has completed all His work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, He will say, "I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria and the pomp of his haughtiness."

The Assyrians were the children of the Middle East, so too were the terrorists of 9/11. The Assyrians were a Semitic people as were the terrorists of 9/11.

American soldiers in April of 2003 entered the Iraqi city of Mosul. Mosul would become one of the Americans' major operational bases in the Iraqi war. Inside the city near the junction of the Tigris and Khosr rivers there are two mounds of earth, one of the mounds is called Kouyunjik and the other mound is called Nabi Yunus. Inside these mounds are hidden the ruins of an ancient civilization. The ruins are all that are left of the Capital city of Nineveh. Nineveh is the resting place and grave yard of the Assyrian Empire.

The nation under judgment would be drawn into conflict with the land of Assyria... first ancient Israel and then the United States.

**Isaiah 9:10 (9 Jewish Tanakh) (Bible)**

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L'vanaim (The bricks) Nafaloo (Have fallen) V'Gazit (But with hewn stone) Nivneh (We will rebuild) Shikmim (The sycamores) (Fig) Gooda'oo (Have been cut down) V'Erazim (But with cedars) NaKhalif (We will replant in their place).

Fulfillment:

The plot to bring down the Twin Towers, the Pentagon and if possible the Capital was conceived in the mind of Osama Bin Laden and his leading henchmen. His goal was to terrorize the United States and her people. **And what was the goal of Osama bin Laden? Osama's intention was to cut off many nations starting with America.** ✠

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- ☆ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6).
- ☆ Pray that we have the Father's wisdom and guidance in everything we do (Psalm 32:8; 48:14; Colossians 4:5).
- ☆ Pray for witnessing opportunities (John 4:35; Luke 10:2; Acts 1:8).
- ☆ Pray that God will open the hearts of those who will hear (Psalm 110:3; Acts 16:14).
- ☆ Pray that God will give us the boldness to proclaim the Gospel to the Jew first and also the Gentile (Acts 4:31; Romans 1:16; Ephesians 6:19).
- ☆ Pray for spiritual unity and agreement among us (Psalm 133:1).
- ☆ Pray for our health, protection, safety, and God's protection from the hand of the enemy, both seen and unseen (Psalm 91; Matthew 6:13).
- ☆ Pray for spiritual fruit that will last (John 15:7-8; Galatians 5:22-23).
- ☆ Pray for favor among the Chosen People as we share the Gospel with them (Proverbs 12:2).
- ☆ Pray that the Chosen People will come to faith in Messiah (Christ) Jesus (Romans 10:1; Matthew 15-16; Mark 8:27-29, 14:61-62; Luke 9:18-20; John 4:25-26).

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smallest measure the enormous debt the smallest of sins have accumulated. The kingdom of God cannot substantially prosper in the sinners' hands since God has allowed them, after the hardness of man's heart, to be sold under the power of sin and Satan. **"You sell your people for next to nothing, and are not enriched by selling them"** (Psalm 44:12). The life of sin is an eternal waste to both God and man—a grievous debt unpaid. Truly it is with this servant as it was with the Patriarch Job, **"the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away"** (Job 1:21). The impossibility of payment deemed the servant helpless, impotent and insolvent. The ever persistent question still remains: How then will exact payment be made? How will the sinner be acquitted of all guilt before the presence of a holy God who is **"of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on iniquity"** (Habakkuk 1:13)? Is there a favorable possibility that another man of the same stature pay his debt for him? No, none whatsoever; Man cannot save man. **"None of them can by any means redeem his brother nor give to God a ransom for him"** (Psalm 49:6-7). **"For vain is the help of man"** (Psalm 108:13). **"Thus says the Lord cursed be the man that trusts in man"** (Jeremiah 17:5).

What other recourse then has the sinner if he wants to pay his debt? May he secure payment of the debt by the wealth he possesses? Absolutely not! Riches are neither enough nor permanent to secure the sinner's total absolution from tremendous debt. Wealth is profitless for eternal salvation—**"For Riches are not forever"** (Proverbs

27:24). **"Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath"** (Zephaniah 1:18). If the servant is unable to be fully redeemed from debt by the ablest of his fellow man, or by the sufficiency of his own personal income, how may the sinner secure release from debt? By showing uprightness of character: Nay, impossible! Every man is born into the world tainted within and without by the inherent defilement of sin. **"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me"** (Psalm 51:5). The servant is unfit to render exact payment with perfect character since



**"all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"** (Romans 3:23). The very fact the servant is found in extreme debt greatly indicates the mass corruption of human nature revealing its utter destitution and lack of perfect good. **"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth"** (Genesis 6:5), **"For there is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin"** (Ecclesiastes 7:20). The goodness of the servant, like ours, is infinitely deficient and soiled when compared with the immaculate, perfect and pure goodness of God. **"But we are all as an unclean thing and all our righteousness are as filthy rags"** (Isaiah 64:6). God is the one true perfect source of all that is good and beneficent, but man, in the bondage of sin, is separated from God and thereby incapable of rendering perfect good from the unimpaired perspective of God. **"Every one of them has turned aside; they have together become corrupt. There is none who does good, no, not one"** (Psalm 53:3).