



# What's Next?

**Events Prophesied to Happen Before  
the Messiah's Return  
Part 1: The Apostasy**

**Some of the statements in the following presentation may be considered controversial. As always, please be Bereans and verify what is said with Scripture.**

# What's Next?

- Several things are prophesied to happen prior to the return of Messiah Yeshua, including:
- A 7 year covenant with Israel (Daniel 9:24-27) that is cancelled (Isaiah 28:17)
- Revealing the man of lawlessness and the great apostasy (2 Thes 2:3)
- A functioning Levitical priesthood, the establishment of the altar service, the altar service being shut down, and setting up the abomination of desolation (Dan 11/Matt 24)

# What's Next?

- There are a couple of prophecies that do not often come up when talking about end times and the return of Messiah: The role of leadership in the Apostasy (the scroll of Malachi); the war of Zechariah 12; and the One Stick prophecy of Ezekiel 37.
- Tonight, we plan to look at the connection between the great apostasy and Malachi's prophecy (and warning)

# The Apostasy

2 Thes 2:1-3 (PME) Now we beseech you, brothers and sisters, with regard to the coming of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah, and our gathering together to Him, 2 that you not be quickly shaken in your mind, nor be disturbed, either by a spirit, or by a word, or by a letter as from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one deceive you in any way, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of perdition,

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2<sup>nd</sup> Tim 3:1-4 (PME) 1 But know this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 unloving, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, haters of good, 4 traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God;

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2<sup>nd</sup> Tim 3:5-7 (PME) 5 holding to a form of godliness, but having denied the power of it; and turn away from these people. 6 For among them are those who creep into households and captivate silly women, loaded down with sins, led away by various passions, 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

# The Apostasy

Apostasy: Greek, *apostasia*. “Defiance of established system or authority, rebellion, abandonment, breach of faith” (*Biblical Dictionary of Ancient Greek*)

Rebellion: Aramaic, מרודותא *maradutha*. Cognate of *Strong’s* Hebrew #4775 (*marad*, frequently used) and *mered* #4777 (only in Joshua 22:22) and in the Aramaic as *merad* (#4776) in the Aramaic text of Ezra 4:19.



# The Apostasy: *Marad* in the Tanakh

- ☑ Jos 22:16 \*2 ... yourselves an altar, to rebel against the LORD this day?
- ☑ Jos 22:18 \*3 ... following the LORD? If you rebel against the LORD today, H
- ☑ Jos 22:19 \*7 ... among us. Only do not rebel against the LORD, or rebel aga
- ☑ Jos 22:29 \*8 "Far be it from us that we should rebel against the LORD and to
- ☑ 2Ki 18:7 \*3 ... went he prospered. And he rebelled against the king of Assy
- ☑ 2Ki 18:20 \*4 ... on whom do you rely, that you have rebelled against me?
- ☑ 2Ki 24:1 \*2 ... for three years; then he turned and rebelled against him.
- ☑ 2Ki 24:20 ... presence. And Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylo
- ☑ 2Ch 13:6 \*3 ... the son of David, rose up and rebelled against his master,
- ☑ 2Ch 36:13 He also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar who had made
- ☑ Neh 2:19 \*3 ... thing you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?"
- ☑ Neh 6:6 \*2 ... Jews are planning to rebel; therefore you are rebuilding the v
- ☑ Neh 9:26 \*2 ... they became disobedient and rebelled against You, And cas
- ☑ Job 24:13 \*4 "Others have been with those who rebel against the light; They
- ☑ Isa 36:5 \*4 ... on whom do you rely, that you have rebelled against me?
- ☑ Jer 52:3 ... presence. And Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylo
- ☑ Eze 2:3 \*5 ... sons of Israel, to a rebellious people who have rebelled agai
- ☑ Eze 17:15 \*3 But he rebelled against him by sending his envoys to Egypt tha
- ☑ Eze 20:38 \*4 ... I will purge from you the rebels and those who transgress ag
- ☑ Dan 9:5 \*2 ... iniquity, acted wickedly and rebelled, even turning aside from
- ☑ Dan 9:9 \*4 ... compassion and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against H

Strong's Hebrew #4775 as reflected in the NASB translation

# The Apostasy

Apostasy/Rebellion: Either of these definitions require a previous allegiance. Scripture shows the word used in relation to the Almighty or against a king. For example: "A decree has been issued by me, and a search has been made and it has been discovered that that city has risen up against the kings in past days, that rebellion and revolt have been perpetrated in it (Ezra 4:19 NASB).

- Apostasy/Rebellion requires a previous oath or pledge of allegiance

# The Apostasy of Leadership

Malachi is not prophesying about the 1<sup>st</sup> Temple period before the exile to Babylon. Rather, Malachi wrote after the return from captivity in Babylon, c. 430 CE.

Read Malachi 1-2

# The Apostasy of Leadership

How would you describe Israel's leadership? In which ways have they rebelled or apostatized against the Almighty?

# The Apostasy of Leadership

Now, read Malachi chapters 3 & 4.

- How does Malachi describe “the Day of YHWH”?
- Has this prophecy been completely fulfilled?
- Why or why not?

# The Apostasy of Leadership

Discussion

Questions

Concluding Remarks