



## Bare Bones Series

### Salvation in Israel's Program

#### Session Eight

We have been looking at the Parable of the Sower, where Jesus is giving instruction to the believing remnant (BR) about the escalating persecutions in the first half of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week. The parable begins with the time of repentance to Israel (R2I) and the BR preaching the gospel of the kingdom (GoK) to apostate Israel. As you know, once that time is up, unbelieving Israel will have "fallen away" and the BR are no longer to preach the GoK in the land of Israel, seeing it is impossible to renew them again unto repentance.

This is what the vain religious system (VRS) is pressuring them to do; quit this nonsense about Jesus being the Christ and come back to the VRS. If you do, everything will be forgiven, so to speak.

For those who will not quit and return to the VRS, the persecution progresses to phase 2 of the policy of evil (PoE) by physical attacks. We left off looking at this second issue.

Matthew 13:7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

This is the next progression of the persecution against the BR. We left off last time talking about the "care of this world." But there was another issue that held them back and that was "the deceitfulness of riches."

Psalm 49:6 They that **trust in their wealth**, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; <sup>7</sup> None of *them* can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:

Mark 10:24 And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that **trust in riches** to enter into the kingdom of God!

1 Timothy 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, **nor trust in uncertain riches**, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

But in the 5<sup>th</sup> installment, when the "stony ground" time comes around and the persecutions ramp up to physical sufferings, unless those wealthy members of the BR join back up with the

VRS, they are going to be stripped of their riches. This is what happens when these members of the BR are “brought before councils.”

**Matthew 10:17 But beware of men: for **they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;****

When they are brought before the councils, it is for the purpose of stripping away their wealth and possessions. The scourging were meant to humiliate them and punish them, but the real step here is to take away their physical resources and force them into compliance. This is why the Old Testament (OT) prophets and especially the book of James warns the BR about trusting in their riches to get them through.

Now, they are resisting “unto blood!” This is not just attack the message, this is attack the messenger. Now there is a physical price to be paid for continuing to resist the VRS.

It is during this “stony ground” time that the antichrist will complete the rebuilding of the temple. The sacrifices will resume and apostate Israel is convinced this man of sin is their Messiah. It will be very tempting for the BR to go back and participate with this. In view of this, the BR are called to make another separation; to “go outside the camp” which we talked about last week. They will “bear His reproach” as they identify with Him “without the gate.”

This is infuriating to the VRS and they will ramp up the persecutions to now putting every member of the BR to death.

Before the first half is over, the persecution will increase to an extermination policy for the BR where they are being hunted down and put to death.

Satan isn’t finished. He is going to up the ante again in phase 3 of this attack. This phase means to silence the BR once and for all by putting them to death. At this point, Satan, through Israel’s VRS, will enlist the help of apostate Israel to identify and find the BR. If the BR are caught, they will not be given a chance to recant, but they will be put to death.

The members of apostate Israel will betray their own friends and family members who are part of the BR, and if they are found, they will be “put to death.”

**Matthew 10:21 And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against *their* parents, **and cause them to be put to death.****

**Matthew 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, **and shall kill you:** and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.<sup>10</sup> And then shall many be offended, and shall **betray one another**, and shall hate one another.<sup>11</sup> And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.<sup>12</sup> And because iniquity shall abound, the love of**

many shall wax cold.<sup>13</sup> But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

<sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. <sup>15</sup> When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) <sup>16</sup> Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

I am showing you this passage to establish the death penalty for the BR before the abomination of desolation (AoD), which takes place at the midpoint of the Week. Notice the escalation in Mark's account.

Mark 13:9 But take heed to yourselves: for **they shall deliver you up to councils**; and in the synagogues **ye shall be beaten**: and **ye shall be brought before rulers and kings** for my sake, for a testimony against them. <sup>10</sup> And the gospel must first be published among all nations. <sup>11</sup> But when they shall lead *you*, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

<sup>12</sup> Now **the brother shall betray the brother to death**, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against *their* parents, and **shall cause them to be put to death**.

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By the time the midpoint of the week arrives, there has already been a full-on extermination policy against the BR. But, if they make it to a certain time, in holding fast and being faithful, they will be counted worthy to "escape" all those things which shall yet come to pass.

Matthew 10:22 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that endureth **to the end** shall be saved.

If they can hold fast their professions, if they observe and obey the markers, if they conduct themselves in accordance with doctrine, if they endure the doctrinal oppositions and the escalating persecutions with the right heart attitude, then the promise is that they will be so supernaturally protected that "not an hair of [their] head perish." Let me show it to you.

Luke 21:16 And **ye shall be betrayed** both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and *some* of you shall they cause to be put to death. <sup>17</sup> And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake. <sup>18</sup> But **there shall not an hair of your head perish**. <sup>19</sup> In your patience possess ye your souls.

Notice that last verse, "in your patience possess ye your souls." That has to do with patient endurance of the things which they suffer.

Unlike us, they are not suffering in order to be “joint-heirs with Christ,” they are suffering to be part of the Lord’s generation, and part of His royal house, which will reign with Him. What do they need to do to secure this “salvation?” They must hold fast and be faithful “to the end.”

Again, we return to Jesus’ parable.

Matthew 13:8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

Matthew 13:23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth *it*; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

While we do not have the time to prove it out in this session, “the end” is a period of time that runs from the midpoint of the Tribulation all the way to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent; in other words, the last 3 ½ years of Daniel’s 70<sup>th</sup> Week.

If they can hold out faithful “to the end,” then they will be hidden, provided for, and supernaturally protected until the Lord returns. This is part of the “so great salvation” spoken of in Hebrews.

Now we want to do two things: 1) Finish our timeline, and 2) discuss the issue of a member of the BR taking the mark of the beast.

What about if a member of the BR takes the mark of the beast? Previously, I would have said that knowing what justification, and being “in Christ” is, I would have said they could lose rewards, but not their soul salvation. And that would be consistent with everything taught in your Bible about being justified unto eternal life (JUEL), in either program.

But, if that is the case, what do we do with Revelation 14:9-11?

Revelation 14:9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, **If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark** in his forehead, or in his hand,  
<sup>10</sup> The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: <sup>11</sup> And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

This passage seems to indicate that anyone who takes the mark of the beast will experience the “wrath of God” in the last half of the Week (vs. 10), and be “tormented with fire and brimstone” (which we liken unto hell or the lake of fire) in the afterlife.

While this does say “if any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark,” I wonder if this is meant to be everyone without exception.

For example, look at Revelation 13, where we learn about something done by the false prophet.

Revelation 13:16 And **he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:** <sup>17</sup> And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

According to vs. 16, the false prophet will cause “all” to receive the mark of the beast. But is this all without exception? It kind of sounds like it with all those descriptors in the rest of verse 16. But actually, there will be some who will not take the mark. Just back up one verse to vs. 15.

Revelation 13:15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that **as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.**

So why does he say “all” in verse 16?. When John writes that the false prophet causeth “all” to take the mark, he doesn’t mean “all” without exception. In the same way, why should we think “all, without exception” who take the mark are going to hell?

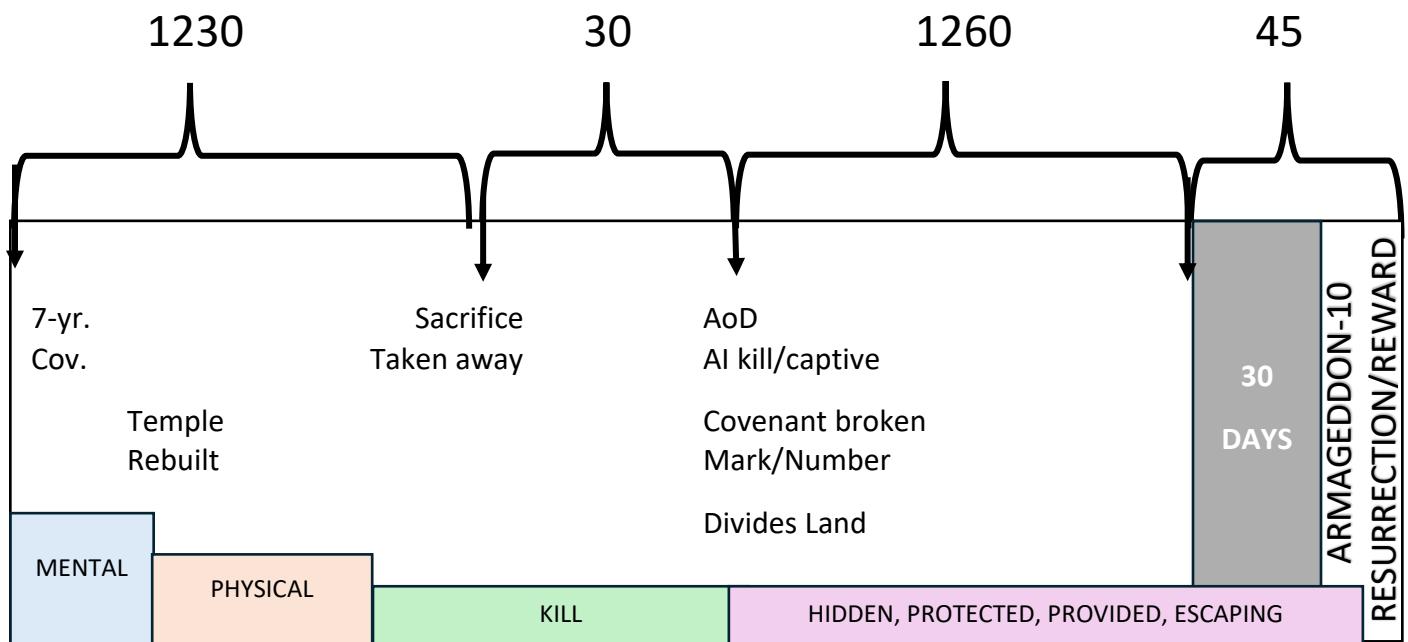
After looking at this more closely, I have come to the conclusion that we have misunderstood the passage. We think the passage is saying, “if you take the mark you are going to hell.” That is what makes us wonder about the BR; “what happens if they take the mark?”

But that’s not what the passage is saying. The passage is not telling us “why” they are going to hell (for taking the mark), it is telling us that everyone who takes the mark is unsaved and therefore, they are going to hell. No one goes to hell for taking the mark; they go to hell because they rejected the GoK. So, we can’t read this as though this is “magic sin” which sends people to hell.

So, what is the answer to the question about the BR and the mark of the beast? The answer is: No one who is a member of the BR will be offered the mark, as they are already under a kill order.

But let’s talk about Apostate Israel (AI). It is at the midpoint of the week that they are going to be given a 30-day period to worship the beast and his image or they will be put to death or sold into slavery. Now, this is unbelieving Israel we are talking about. The BR has already “fled to the mountains” in obedience to Matthew 24.

Now let's take a look at our timeline.



The first 3 1/2 years begins with the confirmation of the covenant with the antichrist.

At some point early in the first half of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week, the temple is rebuilt and the sacrifices are instituted.

At the 1230 days mark, those sacrifices are taken away.

The 1230 mark starts a 30-day window for unsaved Israel to drop their VRS and join the Gentiles in worshipping the beast.

Daniel 12:11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

The beast is in control for 42 months, 1260 days as the son of perdition.

I wanted to talk about the antichrist, but we don't have time, let me just finish the timeline.

Daniel 12:12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

30 days of darkness at the end of the 1260 days.

10 days of the Armageddon Campaign.

5 Days to:

- Gather the BR from the four winds of heaven
- Judgment of the Nations
- Resurrection of the dead
- Judgment for rewards in the kingdom
- Marriage Supper of the Lamb
- New Jerusalem Descends
- Start of the kingdom

Now that we have covered the material, if we have time, I want to point out a couple of things.

First, what is the meaning of Romans 11:26?

Romans 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.<sup>26</sup> **And so all Israel shall be saved:** as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:  
<sup>27</sup> For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

Short answer: At the end, when the program is completed, all of saved Israel will receive the full benefits of the New Covenant. Do you see the reference to the “covenant” in vs. 27?

The short story on this is that the members of the BR, out in the 5<sup>th</sup> installment, are a “kind of firstfruits” which means they are given a “perfect justification” and a “perfect sanctification” in accordance with the New Covenant, which no one in the prophetic program had before them.

But, once the program has run its course, not only will “all Israel” be resurrected to go into the kingdom, but they will all receive the benefits of the New Covenant; hence, “all Israel shall be saved” in accordance with that New Covenant.

This is one of the 7 Major Doctrinal Issues which all of the OT prophets (Isaiah to Malachi) speak of. Those issues are:

1. The 1<sup>st</sup> installment of the 5<sup>th</sup> course of punishment (CoP)
2. God’s Jehovah ness and Grace put into effect for Israel’s salvation
3. The New Covenant
4. The Lord’s Day of Wrath (2<sup>nd</sup> half of Daniel’s 70<sup>th</sup> Week)
5. Israel’s Prescription for Cleansing (Doctrine of the Remnant)  
This terminology comes out of Ezekiel 36. This describes what God does to produce a remnant who will become a holy nation and kingdom of priests.
6. The time schedule of the 5<sup>th</sup> CoP
7. The Kingdom (Fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant)

Finally, the issue of the New Covenant is very much a part of what is done for the BR out in the 5<sup>th</sup> installment, as they function as a kind of firstfruits.

**James 1:18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.**

This means that the BR, after the resumption of their program, will have a perfect justification and a perfect sanctification, which will make them “fit” to be used by God in His plan and purpose with them as a “holy nation” and “kingdom of priests.” Those are the two components of the New Covenant.

We, as members of the body of Christ (BoC), have also been given spiritual fitness by a perfect justification and a perfect sanctification whereby we are made to be the righteousness of God in Christ and the holiness of God in Christ, no matter what we do. It is an identity change for us.

In a very similar way, the BR is now able to function in a way that no previous person in God’s prophetic program (outside of Jesus Christ) was able to function.

If Israel had the perfect justification and perfect sanctification the moment she exited out of the land of Egypt, then she could have just walked right into that land and the kingdom could have been established right there and she would have been the holy nation, the kingdom of priests.

Therefore, what that education of Exodus 15 – 18 did, was to educate Israel in her incapacity to be what God’s plan and purpose called for; and that she could never become that without possessing a perfect justification and a perfect sanctification.

Knowing this about the BR will explain some things which may become confusing when comparing it back to the “time past” of Israel’s program.