

The Harbinger - A Commentary-Part 2.4

God has given us seasons of the year which give us change and contrast in the world we live. The starry night sky which while showing us his majesty gives us insight into another mystery. And while he does not live in time as we understand it, he has given us time. The years are broken down into months, weeks, days, hours, minutes and even seconds. In the mystery of the Shemitah we will observe many correlations of times and dates. God is able to use information like this to get his message across to us. While being totally outside our presumption of how he should conduct the affairs of the universe, I believe God uses order in his communication with us.

The Mystery of the Shemitah.

01. He gave me again the seventh seal, the Erez tree and asked, “What do you see in the background behind the tree?” “I see some blades of grass.” Nouriel answered. “They are six stalks of wheat...and the seventh is missing...but it is there in it’s absence.” “And this has something to do with the second shaking?” Nouriel queried. “Yes, it has to do with the second and the first and with what joins them together.” “So they connect 9/11 to the economic collapse...the GFC?” “Not only do they connect them...*they determined them*...down to the exact time each would take place.” “I suppose this is another ancient mystery which began three thousand years ago in the sands of the middle eastern desert?” The prophet only smiled.

02. “This sounds like a really tricky one, Nouriel?” Anna suggested. “ You sure are right Anna, all I could think was that there are six days in the week allocated to working and the seventh is... the sabbath...the day of rest.” “What has that got to do with wheat?” Anna asked. Nouriel continued “I had no idea, but then he reappeared several weeks later. I was driving home from a conference out of state, through the countryside. The landscape on either side of the road consisted of rolling fields of wheat. Then something caught my eye, a figure, like a scarecrow, on a hill to the left.” “It was him of course”Anna interjected.”and he had his long dark coat on I suppose.” Nouriel nodded and continued, “I turned off onto a side road, drove as far as I could, then walked the rest of the way to where he was standing...on the crest. I knew there was no point me asking him ‘why he was standing there in a field of wheat...but I did anyway. He said ‘I’m not here for the farm work Nouriel, but for the same reason as you are here. What have you figured out so far?’ ”

03. “It seems to have something to do with the days in a week’ Nouriel answered. The prophet replied “You were on the right track, a pattern of six and seven, but it’s not about the days in a week, it’s about a measure of time. Each stalk of wheat represents a measure of time. It was the pattern given to Israel to mark their days and also their years. For six years they were to labour, sowing and reaping, gathering their harvests...but in the seventh year they would rest. It would be the Sabbath year. The law of the seventh year was given to them in the deserts of Sinai by Moses.”

04. “So the seventh stalk of wheat represents the seventh year” Nouriel suggested. “ That is correct Nouriel, the seventh year is the Sabbath year and it is given a special name...the Shemitah year. It means *the release, the remission, the letting rest*. It is the year when there is no plowing, no sowing, no reaping, no harvest. But the Shemitah touched not only the fields but also the people. The last remission took place in an entirely different realm.

‘At the end of every seven years you shall grant a release of debts. And this is the form of release: Every creditor who has lent anything to his neighbour shall release it; he shall not require it of his neighbour or his brother, because it is called the Lord’s release...meaning Shemitah.’

Thus the last *letting go* would touch their whole economic realm and transform it. It was the day when the nation’s financial accounts were nullified. All credit was nullified, all debts were wiped away.

05. “And all this took place at the end of one specific year?” Nouriel asked the prophet. “Yes, at the very end of the seventh year and on one specific day...the twenty-ninth day of the Hebrew month of Elul.” “But if the Shemitah year was meant to be a blessing, what does it have to do with judgement, Isaiah 9:10 or America? Nouriel asked and adding “wouldn’t this cause an economic collapse?” The prophet answered “ The Shemitah was meant to be a blessing to Israel, as long as they remained faithful to him. But as we know they didn’t and the Shemitah instead became a curse. The breaking of the Shemitah was a sign that the nation had driven God out of its fields, its labours, its government, its culture, its homes, its life.” “What does all that mean?” Anna asked Nouriel. “The prophet said “ It meant that the Shemitah would still come, not by choice, but by judgement. Foreign armies would come and ravage the land, destroy the cities and take people captive into exile. The economy would come to a standstill, one way or another...and the land would have rest.”

Anna had another question “Nouriel, does the bible specifically connect the Shemitah to judgement?” “It does” Nouriel answered, “ in fact it says ‘*your land will lay desolate for the time it did not rest on your sabbaths when you dwelt in it.*’ And all this was fulfilled centuries later when Babylon invaded... and the people taken captive and would remain in exile for seventy years. Seventy was the exact number of sabbath years not kept by Israel.” “Amazing!” Anna remarked.

06. “It has to signify its fall.” Nouriel continued. “In our situation, God had allowed America’s power to be planted here, to take root, to grow, and to branch out all over the world. The nation would rise to unprecedented heights of global power and economic prosperity. But in its departure and its rejection of His ways, a sign was given. If now it refused to turn back, the blessings and prosperity symbolised by the sycamore would be removed...that which had been built up would be broken down, and that which had been planted would be uprooted.”

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