

Luke 21.23-28 intertextual echoes

WOE TO THOSE WHO ARE PREGNANT AND TO THOSE WHO ARE NURSING INFANTS IN THOSE DAYS!

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her--**that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast**; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. (Isaiah 66.10-11)

FOR THERE WILL BE GREAT DISTRESS ON THE EARTH

"Then they cried to YHWH in their trouble, and **he delivered them from their distress**" (Psalm 107.6, 13, 19)

AND WRATH AGAINST THIS PEOPLE;

But Moses implored YHWH his God, and said, "O YHWH, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?" (Exodus 32.11) so repay them for their crime; **in wrath cast down the peoples, O God!** (Psalm 56.7)

THEY WILL FALL BY THE MOUTH OF THE SWORD AND BE TAKEN AWAY AS CAPTIVES AMONG ALL NATIONS;

Afterward, says YHWH, I will give King Zedekiah of Judah, and his servants, and the people in this city-- those who survive the pestilence, sword, and famine--into the hands of King Nebuchadrezzar of Babylon, into the hands of their enemies, into the hands of those who seek their lives. **He shall strike them down with the mouth of the sword;** (Jeremiah 21.7)

AND JERUSALEM WILL BE TRAMPLED ON BY THE GENTILES, UNTIL THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES ARE FULFILLED.

Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to the one that spoke, "**For how long is this vision concerning the regular burnt offering, the transgression that makes desolate, and the giving over of the sanctuary and host to be trampled?**" And he answered him, "For two thousand three hundred evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary shall be restored to its rightful state." (Daniel 8.13-14)

Our brethren will be scattered over the earth from the good land, and **Jerusalem will be desolate**. The house of God in it will be burned down and will be in ruins for a time. But God will again have mercy on them, and **bring them back into their land; and they will rebuild the house of God**, though it will not be like the former one until the times of the age are completed. After this they will return from the places of their captivity, and will rebuild Jerusalem in splendor. And the house of God will be rebuilt there with a glorious building for all generations for ever, just as the prophets said of it. (Tobit 14.4b-5)

"THERE WILL BE SIGNS IN THE SUN, THE MOON, AND THE STARS,

And when you **look up to the heavens and see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, do not be led astray and bow down to them** and serve them, things that YHWH your God has allotted to all the peoples everywhere under heaven." (Deuteronomy 4.19)

See, the day of YHWH comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger, to make the earth a desolation, and to destroy its sinners from it. **For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light.** (Isaiah 13.9-10; cf. Ezekiel 32.7; Joel 2.10)

Thus says YHWH, **who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night**, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar-- YHWH of hosts is his name: (Jeremiah 31.35)

AND ON THE EARTH DISTRESS AMONG NATIONS CONFUSED BY THE ROARING OF THE SEA AND THE WAVES.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples. (Psalm 65.7; same, Isaiah 51.15)

PEOPLE WILL FAINT FROM FEAR AND FOREBODING OF WHAT IS COMING UPON THE WORLD,

Do not be faint-hearted or fearful at the rumors heard in the land-- one year one rumor comes, the next year another, rumors of violence in the land and of ruler against ruler. (Jeremiah 51.46)

FOR THE POWERS OF THE HEAVENS WILL BE SHAKEN.

All the host of heaven shall rot away, and the skies roll up like a scroll. All their host shall wither like a leaf withering on a vine, or fruit withering on a fig tree. (Isaiah 34.4)

THEN THEY WILL SEE 'THE HUMAN ONE COMING IN A CLOUD' WITH POWER AND GREAT GLORY.

As I watched in the night visions, **I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven**. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed. (Daniel 7.13-14)

So I have looked upon you in **the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.** (Psalm 63.2)

"NOW WHEN THESE THINGS BEGIN TO TAKE PLACE, STAND UP AND RAISE YOUR HEADS, BECAUSE YOUR REDEMPTION IS DRAWING NEAR."