

THE JORDAN RIVER FLOODING

MATT. 24:20 *"But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath; for then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall."*

Why would He (Yeshua), say to pray that their flight FROM JERUSALEM be not in the winter, or on a



Sabbath?

To understand the statement, we must first place it within its geographical location (inside the city of Jerusalem). So, with that being the case, winter in Israel is their RAINY SEASON and, because of this, in Messiah's day the heavy winter rains would cause the Jordan River to overflow its banks which resulted in massive FLOODING of the Judean valley ...particularly in the area of JERUSALEM. If you needed to flee from the city of Jerusalem during the heavy rainy season of the winter months...IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CROSS THE FLOODED JORDAN RIVER TO ESCAPE!! Thus, any attempt at escape WOULD BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE. YOU WOULD BE TRAPPED! WITH NO WAY OF ESCAPE!!

In regards to escaping on the sabbath; in biblical times the Old City Jerusalem was completely enclosed by high walls and a MASSIVE, REINFORCED GATE which took DOZENS of men to operate. In BIBLICAL times the massive front gates of Old City Jerusalem were SHUT AND LOCKED for the city's observance of the Sabbath...to prevent merchants from entering the city to sell their wares on the Sabbath! Thus, Messiah instructed His disciples to pray that they did not need to flee ON THE SABBATH because the massive city gates would be shut and locked for Sabbath observance thus preventing the only way of escape! They would be trapped inside the city with no way out.

So, now you know the simple truth behind Matthew 24:20. Because the flooded Jordan river would prevent escape, and the massive city gates of Old City Jerusalem would be shut and bolted for Sabbath observance, preventing your ONLY means of escaping the city!...you would be trapped inside!!

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