2Thess #142;

Self-induced misery are the thorns which bring on discipline.

Open back up in the OT Isaiah 34.

Now as many of you know what we touched on last lesson is a highlight of the end of the Tribulation period at the 2nd Advent of Christ.

The attacks of the Assyrians and then, much later, the Babylonian captivity is seen in these scriptures, yet they point much further ahead in time.

In fact, by verse 7 it is apparent that this is pointing to a time after the armies of Armageddon are wiped out.

After the baptism of fire and shortly after all human life that rejected Christ has been dealt with.

[/Isa 34:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/34/7/s_713007) **Wild oxen** (*rᵊ'ēm*) will **also fall with them And young bulls with strong ones**;So their land will be soaked with blood,And their dust become greasy with fat.

Animal sacrifice would never involve a tainted animal, or a wild ox. This is pointing to something beyond a Levitical sacrifice. \

RAH-AIM, is from an Aramaic root word, usually meaning a type of extinct buffalo or an aggressive, large and wild ox.

Sometimes called a UNICORN.

This may well have to do with satanic creations and demonic indwelling of animals or people.

This is a very graphic and violent description of whole cultures of people being wiped out. This meaning of blood- soaked mountains, blood-soaked land and the reference to the dust becoming greasy fat, speaks to prosperity turned into ashes.

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This means that at that historic point in the future no amount of wealth, human power or strength, will be left standing once the justice of GOD wipes the world clean at the 2nd Advent.

It is very clear when TLJC returns at the battle of Armageddon, it is first and foremost, as the fiercest warrior known to mankind!

/Rev 19:13 *He is* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, **and His name is called The Word of God**. 14 And the **armies which are in heaven**, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were **following Him on white horses**. 15 From **His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations,** and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of **the fierce wrath of God**, the Almighty.\

[Isa 34:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/34/8/s_713008) For the LORD has a day of vengeance,A year of retribution for the cause of Zion.

The last year of the seven years of tribulation will see horrific destruction.

/There will be ecological disasters before Jesus Christ returns at the end of the great tribulation, one-third of the earth’s vegetation, one-third of the oceans, and one-third of fresh waters will be destroyed and unusable – Revelation chapters 8 – 16 cover this in great detail.\

The ignition point of real chaos and destruction will happen at the 3 ½ year mark – when Satan appears in physical form and the Abomination of Desolation stands in the temple.

This is an accumulation of events and supernatural disasters that will be very unmistakable.

By the last year of the 7 years of tribulation it will be unrecognizable on this earth.

No one will be guessing if they are in the tribulation or not…it will be evil and misery personified.

Just as the Original Garden, was a reflection of heaven – the Tribulation will be a reflection of the Lake of Fire.

[Isa 34:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/34/9/s_713009) Its streams will be turned into pitch,And its loose earth into brimstone,And its land will become burning pitch.

[Isa 34:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/34/10/s_713010) It will not be extinguished night or day;Its smoke will go up forever.From generation to generation it will be desolate;None will pass through it forever and ever.

The earth as we know it will change drastically – when TLJC finally does step down on the Mount of Olives, it will feel like a nuclear bomb went off world-wide.

There will be a period of desolation like never seen before.

Notice, then Isaiah has the vision that only animals with no great power or majesty will rule over this type of terrain.

[Isa 34:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/34/11/s_713011) But pelican and hedgehog will possess it,And owl and raven will dwell in it;And He will stretch over it the line of desolationAnd the plumb line of emptiness.

It is as if the Divine Artist we know as GOD is wiping the canvas clean and getting ready for a re-boot! A clean canvas for the upcoming rule of KING Jesus!

[/Isa 34:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/34/12/s_713012) Its nobles—there is no one there*Whom* they may proclaim king—And **all its officials will be nothing**.

Those demonic forces in control are about to be exposed. After the battle of Armageddon, there is a Baptism of Fire and this may well point to a period afterward.\

Now it is going to get very interesting –

[/Isa 34:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/34/13/s_713013) **Thorns will come up in its fortified towers, Weeds and thistles in its fortified cities;** It will also be a haunt of **jackals** (*tanni’n)**And* a habitat of **ostriches** (*baṯ)*.

It is now a dead zone, only the demonic presence can consider it to be home. At this point of the finishing of discipline there are no human (Unbels) left standing, only demonic beings and fallen angels will be present.\

This is describing a period just after TLJC wipes the battle of Armageddon clean and a baptism of fire occurs.

The thorns of full discipline are coming to a close.

Jackals and ostriches are an extremely weak translation, the Hebrew word which is derived from Aramaic is –

TAN-EEN – speaking to a large serpent or what we may even call a dinosaur. Possibly a dragon.

BA-ATH is the other word – not used for an ostrich – it is a feminine noun, used more often than not to describe a young daughter.

These two scriptures are very difficult to decipher, unless you really dig into the original context.

What I can tell you, is it all points to demonic creatures and fallen angels, disembodied spirits of Nephilim as well.

The serpent or large dragon creatures speak to Satan and possibly a few high ranking fallen angels.

The female creature is more than likely a demonic presence in the feminine realm.

This is the preparation time for the lock down, of one thousand years during the reign of Christ on earth.

When Christ returns for the 2nd Advent and HE wipes out the armies and finishes with the baptism of fire.

There is a period time, perhaps only a few hours or a few days where all the demonic beings and fallen angels who cannot face a physical death are in HIS presence.

We actually know there is a period of clean up after this all happens;

/Rev 19:20 And **the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet** who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; **these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire,** which burns with brimstone. 21 And **the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh**.\

It is believed a 30-day period of clean up occurs, in a supernatural fashion before the 1,000 yrs of Christ on HIS throne.

This is what happens after REV 19 before REV 20:1-3, when Satan and his army are thrown into the abyss for the thousand years.

[/Isa 34:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/34/14/s_713014) The desert creatures will meet with the wolves,The goat also will cry to its kind.Yes, the night-bird will settle thereAnd will find herself a resting place.

*Isa 34:14 There shall meet also Ziim and Iim, and the Satyr shall cry to his fellow, and the screechowl shall rest there, and shall find for herself a quiet dwelling.*\

Basically, from verse 13 into the end of the chapter speaks to TLJC preparing and sending all fallen angels and demonic forces into the abyss for holding.

Because many words used here are in very ancient Aramaic - there are some Hebrew translations that fall short as well.

/Isa 34:14 *the desert creatures (ṣîyî) will meet with the wolves*,

No matter the translation, these definitions are pointing to very vague creatures. Even the word for wolves speak to something possibly beyond common jackals and wolves.\

SEEH-EE, means a wild beast and something that roams in the wilderness that is indescribable. Even the word used for wolves is very vague.

/Isa 34:14 – *the hairy goat (śāʿîr) will cry to its own kind -*

A goat demon (Pan), a supernatural creature, half human and half goat. Almost always defined in a dark or demonic definition as a creation of Satan or fallen angels.\

SAAD-AIR, is the Goat demon some call PAN in Greek culture – half goat and half human. We studied this, back during the beginning of the year, in our Seeds of Satan series.

Keep in mind I am diving into Aramaic and Hebrew along with older English translations because this is very deceiving to just read in the normal context of most Bibles.

/Isa 34:14 – *and the night monster (lîlîṯ) will settle there-*

A feminine creature of evil (Lilith) very similar to what is known as the Jezebel Spirit in dark circles. A female demon who sexual entices and also is known for devouring young children.\

Lilith is sometimes related to an OWL-like creature. Because she is very wise, but her wisdom is from dark arts, witchcraft and satanic powers – owls operate by night and observe everything especially in the darkness.

Owls are used as a symbol for wisdom but in dark circles that often represent witchcraft.

They often point to the secret knowledge that satanic circles stand by – that which is above will become below.

Meaning knowledge from the fallen angels and Satan can be given to those on the earth who worship them.

/[Isa 34:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/34/15/s_713015) **The tree snake** (*qipôz)* will make its nest and lay *eggs* there,And it will hatch and gather *them* under its protection.Yes, **the hawks** (*dayyâ)* will be gathered there,Every one with its kind.

This is referencing an owl and also a serpent (Satan in the tree, having all wisdom), surrounded by his birds of prey (fallen angels).\

There is a deeper spiritual analogy here than many see at first.

Satan is called the GREEN MAN in some ancient cultures because he is the snake hiding in plain sight – in foliage.

KEP-HOSE, this is a hapax legomena, it is rare and only found one time in the original scriptures.

Most definitions point to an arrow snake, yet many ancient descriptions point to an owl. While others claim both owl and snake… because it represents Satan himself.

DAY-YAH, speaks to winged creatures – birds of prey- very large and aggressive winged creatures. Never used for small sparrows but used for large, aggressive birds of prey!

[Isa 34:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/34/16/s_713016) Seek from the book of the LORD, and read:Not one of these will be missing;None will lack its mate.For His mouth has commanded,And His Spirit has gathered them.

All demonic creatures, disembodied Nephilim, Satan and his army are all gathered together in the desolation of what is left of the earth, before the 1,000 years begins.

[/Isa 34:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/34/17/s_713017) **He has cast the lot for them**,And **His hand has divided** it to them by **the measuring line**. They shall possess it forever; **From generation to generation they will dwell in it**.

They have been thrown down, knocked backward, the judgment is complete. A dividing line for holding them for 1,000 years is established. That line divides a holding place (abyss) and the entrance into the Lake of Fire, where they will remain in future.\

Go over to Ezekiel chapter two RF.

The truth of thorns is seen at its peak during the TRIBULATION period.

Those who reject Christ and fallen angels along with their leader Satan and all seeds of Satan – will face a curse of thorns that will be everlasting in the end.

/Thorns are often referenced as self- induced misery, a curse brought on by rejecting the TRUTH of God’s word. The ultimate peak of thorns as a self-induced curse will be on display at the Tribulation. The last 3 ½ yrs. will complete the fifth cycle of discipline for Israel and a sweeping judgment and discipline for all the world who reject Christ. Satan’s agenda and all who are loyal along with demonic forces will face King Jesus as well (Isa 34).\

As we close today let me give you a historical context on Ezekiel.

The first two chapters in the original language have no chapter break – it is all one letter.

Ezekiel was from the Levitical line of priests and because of Babylonian captivity he was used by God as a prophet.

His ministry begins around 592 BC when Babylon was already dominating the landscape of the Norther kingdom of Israel.

Jeremiah was busy prophesizing in the Southern kingdom and that would fall several years later under Babylon pressure.

Basically, at this historic point Egypt was the only firewall for Israel and they could not hold up under the Babylonian military power.

Ezkiel whose name means “God strengthens” became a captive under Nebuchadnezzar. He was kept in a house near the Chebar river which is one of several rivers that flows into the Euphrates River. It is located in or around modern-day Iraq.

Now Ezekiel actually has even more prophetic value about the end times than the book of Daniel. There are six prophetic visions in Ezekiel that really align not only with prophecy but many historic events.

Ezekiel does bring greater hope in the overall picture than Jeremiah who spoke of great pain and sorrow…both men held truth and spoke what GOD the HS put upon their hearts.

/Part of Ezekiel’s 6 visions relate to how Israel (both kingdoms), incorporated themselves into Babylonian culture and religious rituals. This would be the final defiant act that Israel will lose itself in reference to accurately handling the WORD and remaining a pure Levitical order. The temple itself and worship of Yahweh would be forever skewed and twisted toward a false and evil agenda. This may have been the last thorn bush they brought upon themselves.\