

WHO WILL STAND IN THE GAP?

(Matthew 27: 45-53)

And I sought a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land that I should not destroy it, but I found none.

Therefore have I poured out My indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; their own way have I repaid upon their own heads, says the Lord God (Ezekiel 22: 30-31).

If the Son of God, Yahshua had not stood in the gap for the human kind, none of us would have been saved from the hands of Satan. Yes, my friend, that's what He did when He was hung between heaven and earth. He stood between heaven and hell and there He cried, My God, My God why have You forsaken Me? He stood in that gap for several hours and saved those whomsoever would come and accept His gift of love and salvation through their obedience to Him.

Being forsaken by His Father was the most painful moment He suffered in the gap between heaven and hell. I imagine that was a spiritual battle for Him to get us out of the control of the devil, who had a problem accepting the price offered for our salvation. We will never know neither understand what went on in those three hours when He was standing in the gap giving up His life to save us! In my own perception I see nature responding to Yahshua's worst moment, when the sun turned off its light hiding from the eyes of the world Yahshua's worst pain – the separation from His Father.

At about the end of the three hours Yahshua raised His voice to the Father and asked, ***ELI, ELI LAMA SABACHTHANI? - MY GOD, MY GOD WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?*** These words were prophesized in the book of Psalms twenty-two by King David. In a loud voice He echoes these words, confirming to all who were standing there that He was Messiah, fulfilling the law they could never have done. At the second time He cries, He then dies, it was finished! The temple's curtain confirmed by being torn in two opening an access to God to all whomsoever will; His resurrection power opened the tombs of the saints and many bodies were raised from the dead, and they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. This event points to our future redemption when the trumpet will call and the dead in Christ will rise first, and we who will be found alive will join them to meet our resurrected Lord, Who stood in the gap and fought for our salvation through His own blood- His life.

When we read of the darkness covering the land at the suffering of Messiah, we can take this to the time of the tribulation, when the Holy Spirit will be taken and His saints with Him; the earth then will be in terrible spiritual darkness and men will be going about doing the works of darkness. The death of Yahshua here represents that time – the taken away of the church from the world. The violent earthquake represents the "Loud cry of summons, the shout of an archangel, and the blast of the trumpet of God" calling His bride to come up to meet Him in the air and forever be with Him (I Thessalonians 4:16). Yahshua's resurrection power didn't call the

wicked to arise, but only the saints. This symbolizes the first resurrection. Blessed is the one who takes part in the first resurrection (Revelation 20:6).

There is a great need for us believers to stand in the gap for those who are not yet saved. They can be our neighbor, our friends and families. Moses stood in the gap for the nation of Israel and God didn't destroy them; Paul stood in the gap for the salvation of the Gentile nations and many were saved; Job stood in the gap for his friends and God heard and accepted his prayer. These are evil days and worse are coming, make a choice to deliver those who are drawn away to death, and those who totter to the slaughter, hold them back [from their doom] (Proverbs 24:11); [Strive to] save others, snatching [them] out of the fire; on others take pity [but] with fear loathing even the garment spotted by the flesh and polluted by their sensuality (Jude 23). Stand in the gap for others, my friend! Yahshua did for you.

THINK ABOUT IT!

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