**Transcript of Podcast LII: “Let Me Run”**

**Reflections on the Symbolism of the Kentucky Derby, May 5, 2018**

 My vision in Aqaba in 2003: I asked Abba: “Why do I feel so alone?” His immediate answer: “Because you are alone.” Thanks Dad!

 Then quickly He showed me this vision of my riding at full speed on a horse into the cloud of witnesses. In the vision, sometime back in the past, I had mounted a horse to ride to victory, to the finish line. I got on and began riding. I began picking up speed. All of a sudden I felt guilty. I was out there alone on that horse. Many of my friends had probably not even gotten on their horses yet. Some were riding slower. I thought that I should stop and wait for them to catch up. Then immediately I looked to my right and saw a train moving along paralleling me. The engineer was Yahushua. The train sped up, and I got the horse to parallel the train. The train and the horse increased in speed. Then I saw up ahead an old western town. Along its streets were people (opaque, but not ghostly) standing and cheering me on. I kept the horse going at full speed and I rode in through the people. They represented the “cloud of witnesses,” who are cheering us on (**Hebrews 11-12**)

**READ** **II Samuel chapters 15-18:23**: “Let me run…”

 From **II Samuel 18:19-23**: King David had to flee from his son Absalom, who wanted to take the throne from him. He fled over the top of the Mount of Olives to wait it out. When the news came that Absalom had been killed and David could return, young Ahema’atz, son of Zadok wanted to take the news to David.

 While the young son of Zadok didn't have the news right, nor the whole story, he loved David and wanted to go to him. Jo’ab, the military Captain, didn’t want him to run, but Ahema’atz persisted. So Jo’ab let him run. He outran the black man from Ethiopia who had already started his run to take David the news of his son’s death. We have to have the news right, then we can call out to Abba "let me run."

 Let us run to greet our returning King, the son of King David! This passage in **II Samuel** is especially a sign, an encouraging message, to His Bridal remnant--the ones on whom He holds the bridle. We run to the "Son of David" - Yahushua Machiach.

 In watching those horses run last night, a 2 minute race, in the **144th** Kentucky Derby, I related to how they must have felt. The favored horse to win was named “**Justify**.” He was **ahead through it all.**He broke **"Apollo's Curse,"** a 135-year curse.

 Apollo was a 3-year old horse 136 year ago, who shocked everyone by winning the Kentucky Derby, when it was said that only horses 2 years and under could run and win. **Justify was age 3**. In all those 136 years, no other 3-year-old horse had won.

 **The New York Times: 8:08 PM May 5, 2018: “**Justify Wins Kentucky Derby, Conquering Rain, Mud and a 136-Year Curse”

 “Since 1882, when the Standard Oil Trust was formed, Franklin D. Roosevelt was born and the electrical age began with the flip of a switch that lit up one square mile of Lower Manhattan, **no horse has won the Kentucky Derby without racing at the age of 2. The horse that did it 1882 was the chestnut gelding Apollo, named after the Greek god of many things, including the paradoxical powers to both heal and bring plagues.”**

 The jockey riding Justify horse was named Mike Smith. He wore a uniform of the horse’s owner, which had a large pentagram on his shirt. Truly, for those that run to win, the enemy, symbolized by the pentagram, will ride along, but it was the horse who won. Mike Smith had to get off at the finish line! He went on to his reward – which good for Mike it was a lot of money. “Justify” was taken by His owner to a place of quiet and rest, where all his needs were cared for. Our Owner, Yahushua Messiah, is coming to take us into our eternal rest, where all our need will be cared for.

 I’m not saying anything bad about Mike Smith--he rode magnificently. He deserves his good reward. But, the pentagram symbolically states that the enemy, Apollo, and his cursed followers, will try to ride us into defeat IF we let him. In this race towards our finish line, we run alone. There is no competition with anyone else.

 We keep our eyes on the finish line, straight ahead, without turning to the right or left, and at the end of the race, as we cross the finish line. The enemy is thrown into the lake of fire, while our Owner takes us into His magnificent Kingdom.

 **The 144th Derby ... Justify was # 7!** This carries incredible spiritual implications! We see in **Revelation 7** that the last-days remnant of the justified ones are numbered as 144,000--12 X 12 for all the tribes of Ya’cob. We see in **Revelation 3:12**, a double 3, that these are the ones of **Revelation 22:3-5** – who never leave the side of their Master for eternity – the Bridal remnant. The 3 is also a number of completion, as is 7. Three represents the process of beginning, middle, and end. Seven is the fulfillment of all, all prophecy, and all to do with our individual lives, the end of punishment, too, as the 7th millennium proceeds under Messiah. We entered the 7th millennium from the creation of Adam in 2001. (**II Peter 3:8-14**)

 It is interesting that the word “bridle” (different spelling) is used for the straps, or reigns, that a rider holds onto while riding a horse. Truly the Bridal remnant is under the reigns of the Master Yahushua!

 Apollo, or Apollyon, same in Greek, from the word “apolea,”--“the destroyer, the lawless one” of **II Thessalonians 2:3--**is the king of the pit in **Revelation 9:11**, the one who ascends to world power in **Revelation 11:7, and 17:8**, the anti-messiah, the Beast of **Revelation 13**.

 Here’s the bottom line, there is a **Daniel 11:32** last-days remnant forming now – those that will win the race and enter the Kingdom in victory.

 As the horses in the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs yesterday, the final remnant of His set-apart ones will run the race of life through mud and rain – i.e. tribulation. They are the 144,000 remnant. They are the fulfillment of prophecy, as the number 7 indicates.

 **Daniel 11:32**: “And by flatteries he shall profane those who do wrong against the covenant, but the people who know their Elohim shall be strong, and shall act/to do exploits--things never before done by His power.

 This remnant will break the curse of Apollo/Apollyon – Abaddon in Hebrew. As Messiah Yahushua descends, and the Justified are raised incorruptible, the “saved,” these who are alive and remain will meet Him in the air and then proceed to the wedding.

 **I Corinthians 9:24**: “Do you not know that those who run in a race indeed all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way as to obtain it. And everyone who competes controls himself in every way. Now they do it to receive a corruptible crown, but we for an incorruptible crown. Therefore, I run accordingly, not with uncertainty. Thus I fight, not as one who beats the air. But, I treat my body severely and make it my slave so that when I have proclaimed to others, I myself might not be a castaway.”

 Discipline of the body is a result of discipline of the mind--discipline of the fleshly carnal desires--and submission to the transforming power of the Spirit, so that we become in His likeness and image on earth, with His nature, walking in His ways, and displaying His thinking, fulfilling His desires.

 **Hebrews 12:1-3**, following from **Hebrews 11**, the “faith chapter,”: “We too, then, having so great a cloud of witnesses all around us, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race set before us, looking to the Princely leader and Perfecter of our faith, Yahushua, who for the joy set before Him enduring the stake, having despised the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of Elohim. For consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and faint in your mind.”

 **Philippians 3:10-14**: “…to know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering, being conformed to His death, if somehow I might attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already received, or already perfected, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Messiah Yahushua has also laid hold of me. Brothers I do not count myself to have laid hold of it yet, but only this: Forgetting what is behind and reaching out for what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the high calling of Elohim in Messiah Yahushua.”

RUN, JUSTIFIED ONES - THAT YOU MIGHT WIN the prize of the high calling of Yahuwah in Messiah Yahushua!

Shalom,

Yedidah

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