

Iyar 5783: Chaplain Wade Butler
Welcome to the month of Issachar, The month of gaining understanding.

Every month there are new opportunities and challenges, in the Kingdom of GOD and in our own lives, our family and the influence we have around us. Unfortunately, one thing seems to be constant we never seem to get out of the war. Our enemy, the devil and his minions are continually on attack trying to wear us down through discouragement, sickness, financial burdens are more. What makes a difference is our relationship with the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

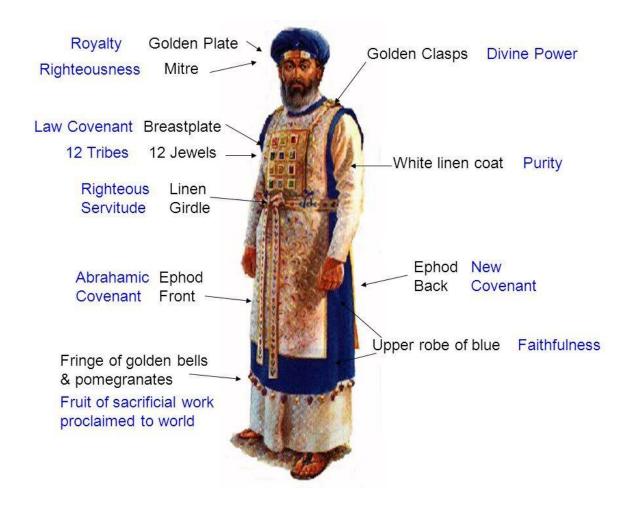
We are GOD'S warriors that stand between the enemy and our promises. We all have been calling out those promises waiting on GOD to do the miracles on our behalf. The truth of it all is HE ALREADY DID. Every day we battle for hope, direction, and relief. Each one is available for us as believers empowered by our LORD.

On a recent open vision with the LORD an international prayer team I am privileged to be a part of had an incredible experience with the LORD, we call it an accession or an open Heaven experience.

Yeshua appeared to us as the HIGH PRIEST of Heaven! At first as we saw a man in priestly garments approach, I thought it was Joshua the High Priest until I saw HIS face and the GLORY of the LORD on HIM. Angels were everywhere. Instantly we were mesmerized by HIS presence. Our praise and worship filled the atmosphere. The colors of each piece of the garments were so brilliant, beautiful beyond the most stunning flowers.

As he drew near, HE reached out to us and embraced us all in love beyond understanding. Through our tears we asked why the priestly garments? HE said, "Look closer", and instantly I could see the garments were alive. Every thread was moving as if billions of lives surrounded HIM. HE continued speaking and said the most profound thing to us. "Every thread is a prayer I have prayed for my children on earth, they are with ME continually."

I said LORD you are telling us that you pray for us continually, nonstop and YOUR words are alive. **HE said**, "Yes, MY children are always on MY mind and with me every moment of every day until they join ME again in The KINGDOM." My KINGDOM is Eternal, Living and waiting for them to come home. The choice is theirs and I grieve for those who do not make it home. Be a light in the darkness and tell them MY prayers are for them to come unto ME."



This letter to those who are new at following the daily devotional and Calendar, I would like to share with you some of the reasoning of the publication and answer some questions that are posed to me each month. To begin with we follow the example of "One new man", Jew and Gentile following the Messiah. Because of that we relate the Hebrew calendar timelines because our father did not change the seasons, man did. We need to learn about our roots. So, join us.

The calendar study guide is packed full of; new authors, prophesy, sermons, art and background material that most people will never take the time to research on their own nor have the resources of input to obtain as much of the truth as can be found. Often it goes against the grain of conventional churches and denominations because we follow the Hebrew calendar and the prophetic. He never changed HIS timing, we did. I would rather follow HIM and know what I was adopted into. Sometimes authors are

used multiple times because they are in what we call the "zone" of the Holy Spirit. In other words, they are hearing from the LORD!

We encourage each person to set the goal of reading the Bible all the way through this year and every year. Each time you read it new revelation will emerge and change your life.

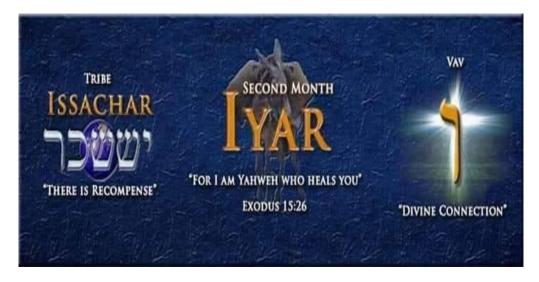
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Be Blessed, Chaplain Wade Butler



Let the light of HIS GLORY shine in you!

The Biblical Month of "Iyar 5781"



It is amazing how much Judaism has influenced our world. In every area we are influenced greatly. Without the Hebrew people we would not have much of our scientific accomplishments, modern medicine, transportation, education, art music, entertainment, government and even the latest signs of the times for example the current crisis prevents us from shaking hands so you will see around the world; the Sign Spock made famous the "Vulcan sign for hello and goodbye". The split finger greeting which actually means; "May the Blessings of the Almighty God rest upon you!" and in parting "Live long and prosper!" it is an ancient Aaronic Blessing given by Priests. (Robert Heidler)

We are in the season of aligning your harvest for the future. It also is a time of WAR! It is all around us. What makes the difference is how we align.

The Amplified, King James, New American Standard and Passion versions of the WORD of GOD were used in this study. **Biblical Months fall under the Law Form of YHWH (Yahweh), Father-Son-Holy Spirit, through the revelation of His Word.**

I often ask myself, do the readers understand how to pray after reading a text of prophesy. The answer is to ask the LORD how did this relates in the bible for then and how does it relate now? How would YOU have me to pray Lord?

In developing this calendar prayer guide prophets are used to bring current words from the LORD*. (See last page.) Many Christians do not have access to publications such as the Elijah List, Judaism 101, teachings from Chuck Pierce, Robert Heidler and many other contributing authors which are

included. <u>1 Thessalonians 5:20 Do not spurn the gifts and utterances of the prophets (do not depreciate prophetic revelations) nor despise inspired instruction or exhortation or warning.</u>

The month of Iyar is Hebrew meaning Rosette; blossom. It is the 2nd month of the Sacred Calendar, and 8th month of the Civil Calendar. The name comes from a Babylonian word. Before the exile in Babylonia, it was called Ziv, 1 Kings 6:1, and 37. Ziv means to light, to glow, or "radiance". It is commonly referred to as the month of (natural healing). Its name is an acronym for "I AM God your Healer." (Exodus 15: 26).

About the Month of Iyar

Shortly after the Exodus, the thirsty Israelites reached a well of bitter water. Moses cast a tree into the water, and it miraculously became sweet. G-d then promised that if Israel followed His ways, "the diseases I have placed on Egypt I will not place upon you, for I am G-d your Healer The acronym for this last phrase spells out the name of the month of Iyar, thus indicating that Iyar is a propitious time for healing.

The Radiance of Iyar by Rebbetzin Tziporah Heller

The power of turning the bitter into sweet, sickness into healing.

Regardless of where you stand politically, there is something about receiving a personal letter from the president of the United States on White House stationery. It is doubtful that you would yawn, relegate the letter to the pile of junk mail and forget about it. You'd open it up and read it very carefully. And if you found the language ambiguous, you'd make every effort to understand each word, even if it meant enlisting the aid your friend's brother-in-law who speaks fluent legal-speak. You are fully aware of the power that lies behind every word of the president.

The effect of the Exodus and everything that preceded it was that the Jewish people had a glimpse of God's love for us, His power, and His majesty. We were ready to read His letter, so to speak, which in this context means receiving His word, the Torah. When we reached Mara on Rosh Chodesh, the first of Iyar (which incidentally fell out on Sabbath the year of the Exodus), we were ready to hear the King's word.

In order to prepare us, two things had to happen. The first was experiential; the second intellectual.

When the Hebrews arrived at Mara, they discovered that the only accessible water was bitter. Moses was instructed to throw a tree into the water, which miraculously made the water sweet. Already fully aware that God controls nature from the miracles that were still fresh in our memories, what did experiencing yet another miracle added to our list?

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This miracle demonstrated the concept that the way we experience life itself (which is symbolized by water, the source of all physical nurture) is often bitter, but it does not have to remain so. With God's help, there is sweetness.

There is a vast difference between hopelessness and bitterness. The voice of despair tells us, "You have no value, your life is shattered. Go to sleep, have a chocolate, and enjoy oblivion."

When we allow ourselves to feel the bitterness that life so often dishes out, we sometimes are stuck. We want change, but we don't know how to bring it about. What the Hebrews saw that day in Mara (which means "bitter") was that the first step is to take the primordial tree of knowledge of good and evil and throw it into the water. What this means in non-mystic language is that we must realize that there are choices to be made, and it is up to us to choose uncontaminated by our subjectivity or emotional agendas.

How do we know that our choices are right? After all, we humans can read good into the worst evil, and have done so many times. We also can look at choices that are pure and real and reframe them as wrong or worse if they don't fit into our plans.

In order to provide us with more than a sealed letter, God let us know that the information is at hand and presented us with a taste of what the Torah would be like even before it was given, so that we could savor some of its sweetness. At Mara, God presented us with three mitzvot, commandments, each one encapsulating an entire category of Jewish law.

HEALING

The fate of the Hebrews and the fate of the Egyptians are not entwined. They had no ability to discover any form of challenge or meaning in their illnesses. For them, everything "just happened because it happened" and the meaning is beyond human

interpretation. For the Jew, the world is an ongoing creation in which there is challenge, potential, and hidden compassion even in the midst of serious illness. In the prophetic era it was even possible for any one of us to go to a prophet and ask him to reveal the reason that we are suffering. We would then be able to focus our energies on rectifying the source of the illness, rather than addressing all of our resources to its external manifestations.

The manna that fell from heaven and sustained the Hebrews in the desert for 40 years began to fall on the 15th of Iyar. This food had two remarkable properties; spiritually it forged awareness of the degree to which God is involved in our material sustenance. This was a necessary step to ready us to receive the Torah. We had to have the consciousness of the degree to which God is involved in our lives, and the degree to which our deeds affect our fate. It caused our latent love and trust in God to be actualized by our day-to-day reliance upon Him for our food. Physically it was perfect food; it caused no illnesses. This, too, led us to blossom as a people.

On Shavuot the offering was wheat, from which bread is made. We had evolved and were now ready to receive the Torah.

The person we are on the day of our death is the ultimate self-statement. **Genesis** 1:14: "And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:"

It was the season when GOD showed Himself strong on behalf of Israel in the wilderness by healing the bitter waters. God said to Moses, "I not only will heal the water, I will heal the people, for I AM the LORD who heals you, I AM YAHWEH RAPHA."

The Month of Iyar

Two dates commemorating events in Israel's modern history are celebrated in Iyar. Israel Independence Day is celebrated on the 5th of Iyar, and Jerusalem Day, the day Israel conquered Jerusalem during the Six Day War, is celebrated on the 28th day of Iyar. The 4th of Iyar is marked in Israel as its national Memorial Day for fallen soldiers (Yom HaZikaron).

On the first day of Iyar, King Solomon began the construction of the First Temple (Kings I: 6, on the exact same day, hundreds of years later, Ezra began the construction of the Second Temple (Ezra 3:8).

On the first day of Iyar following the exodus, the thirsty Israelites reached a well of bitter <u>water</u>. Moses cast a tree into the water, and it miraculously became sweet. God then promised that if Israel followed His ways: "The <u>diseases</u> I have placed on Egypt I will not place upon you, for I am the Lord your Healer." The Hebrew letters Iyar form an acronym of I am the Lord your Healer, thus Iyar is a propitious time for healing.

During the month of Iyar following the exodus, the manna which fed the Israelites for 40 years during their sojourn in the desert began to fall from heaven. Manna is supposed to have healing qualities, another association between Iyar and healing. Also, the Talmud states that "The Torah could have only been revealed to eaters of manna". Therefore, manna is considered to increase intellectual capacity and the ability to receive God's revelation.

The permutation of the four-letter name of God through which divine energy flows through the cosmos during the month of Iyar is YHHV. This name is hinted at in the Bible in a passage in Jeremiah, which means "Let him that glories glory in this, that he understands and knows me." Iyar is thus a time especially conducive to developing the capacity to reflect and meditate on God.

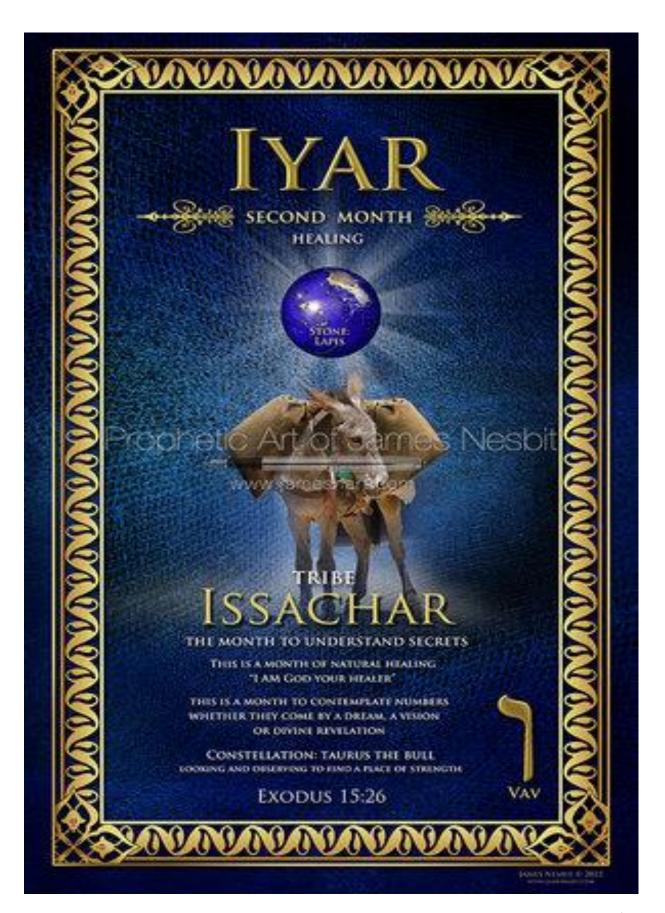
Iyar is a time of healing and developing one's mental capacities. In modernity, Iyar is associated with the founding of Israel and Israel's regaining of Jerusalem.

Construction of 2nd Temple (370 BCE)

Fifty three years following the destruction of the First Holy Temple (see Jewish History for the 9th of Av), Zerubabel and Joshua the High Priest began construction of the Second Temple, with permission from King Cyrus of Persia.

The offering of sacrifices had actually commenced a few months earlier, on the vacant lot where the 1st Temple stood, however it was only after the construction started on the 1st of Iyar that the Levites began accompanying the service with song and music.

The construction was later halted after the hostile Samaritans supplied false slanderous information to Cyrus about the Jews' intentions. The construction was resumed many years later, and completed 21 years later under the reign of King Darius (see Jewish History for the Third of Adar).



Tribe: Issachar

Issachar is the scholarly tribe of Israel. The Sanhedrin was mostly composed from the tribe of Issachar. In particular, Issachar was the master of the "secret" of the Jewish calendar, as is said of him: "**knowers of understanding the times."** His basic nature is contemplative, and he serves as the "advisor" to his brethren, the tribes of Israel (in particular to the king, Judah). Issachar is one of the 12 tribes of Israel that in biblical times <u>constituted</u> the people of Israel who later became the Jewish people. The <u>tribe</u> was named after the fifth son born to <u>Jacob</u> and his first wife, <u>Leah</u>. After the death of Moses, Joshua led the Israelites into the Promised Land and apportioned the territory among the 12 tribes. The tribe of Issachar settled on land lying west of the Jordan River and southeast of the southern tip of the Sea of Galilee.

While Issachar was in alignment with the scriptures, they reaped the benefits of the land "sucking the abundance of the seas" (the Jordan River was their eastern border) and treasures hid in the sand showing the agricultural wealth that the land possessed.

At the time David was anointed King, the men of Issachar came to him. 1 Chronicles 12:22-32. "They came to David day by day to help him, sons of Issachar who understood the times of what Israel ought to do."

When David assembled his army, men came to him for help, but only Issachar "understood the times. That is the kind of people we are supposed to be today to allow God to use us accordingly. We are to be like men of Issachar. Issachar was linked to prosperity, intercession, and blessing.

After the death of King Solomon (922 BC), Issachar was one of the 10 northern tribes that established the independent Kingdom of Israel that survived until the Assyrian conquest of 721 bc. These 10 tribes, partially dispersed to other regions, eventually lost their identity, and became known as the <u>Ten Lost Tribes of Israel</u>.

1 Chronicles 12:32: "And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment."

Issachar would assist with the calling and gathering of Israel for times of worship, sacrifice, war and praise. Being able to read the heavens, knowledge of moon cycles, and solar time was vital.

Iyar is the month where HE revealed the secrets of the covenant. Dan2:21-22 shows us that HE gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. James 1:5 says, "If anyone of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of the LORDand it will be given to him."

Men of Issachar:

Of the 200 "heads" of the men of Issachar who came to David at Hebron it is said that they were "men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do" (1 Chronicles 12:32). According to the Targum, this meant that they knew how to ascertain the periods of the sun and moon, the intercalation of months, the dates of solemn feasts, and could interpret the signs of the times. A company from Issachar came to the celebration of the Passover when it was restored by Hezekiah (2 Chronicles 30:18). Issachar has a portion assigned to him in Ezekiel's ideal division of the land (Ezekiel 48:25); and he appears also in the list in Rev (7:7).

Iyar is the month of understanding secrets!

"After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth so that no wind could blow on earth or sea or against any tree. I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea, saying, "Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads." And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel:

From the tribe of Judah twelve thousand sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand, from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand, from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand sealed." (Rev 7:1–8)

Even though it is a time of planting and the first harvest appear it has always been a time of WAR. Our battles are not over. All one has to do is see the history of the month

to understand that the enemy of our soul hates the people and things of GOD. Now is the time to Press in through Prayer and Praise. Always remember Praise-Judah leads out for victory. Listen to the Trumpets and align yourself for battle. Be like Issachar and know the times and seasons we are in. **Prepare for War!**

Although Iyar does not contain many "special days," every single day of the month is included in the Sefirat HaOmer counting—the mitzvah to count each of the 49 days between Passover and Shavuot. The Counting Omer is a period of introspection and self-refinement, as we prepare ourselves to receive the Torah anew on Shavuot. Each day of Iyar represents another step in this spiritual journey toward Sinai.

The Omer Count—What Is Its Spiritual Prophetic Significance? By Natan Lawrence

The 50-day count of the omer (the countdown to Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost) began Sunday March 28 and ends on Sunday May 16. What is the purpose of this interesting ancient ritual? Why did YHVH command the Israelites and us as his commandment keeping (John 14:15, 21; 1 John 2:3–6; 3:4), one new man (Eph 2:11–19), grafted into the olive tree of Israel (Rom 11:11–32), and the "Israel of Elohim" (Gal 6:16) people to observe this curious ritual?

The counting of the omer is yet another step in YHVH's plan of salvation, and an illustrative walking-it-out learning opportunity for the people of Elohim to discover what it means to grow up into the measure of the stature of the fullness of Yeshua the Messiah (Eph 2:13), and to become his glorious bride without spot or wrinkle (2 Cor 11:2; Eph 5:27) as my article below explains.

There are 49 days between First Fruits Day, which occurs during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and the Feast of Weeks (or Pentecost). Why does YHVH in the Torah command us to count the seven weeks or 49 days between these two events, with Pentecost occurring on the fiftieth day? The short answer is that Yeshua doesn't want to marry a spiritual baby. For the long answer, keep reading

Every detail in Scripture is for our learning and edification.

All the examples of the past are for our learning upon whom the ends of the world are come (1 Cor 10:11; Rom 15:4). Every day, YHVH is uncovering the prophetic mysteries hidden in the Scriptures that are being revealed to those who diligently seek him by diligently studying to show themselves approved as a workman rightly dividing YHVH's Word (2 Tim 2:15).

You shall count for yourselves –
from the morrow after the Shabbat,
from the day when you bring the Omer of the waving
– seven Shabbatot, they shall be complete.
Until the morrow after the seventh Shabbat
you shall count fifty days;
and you shall offer a new meal offering to YHVH.

– Vayikra/Leviticus 23:15-16

YHVH's command for us to count the *omer* as a countdown to the Feast of Weeks (Heb. *Shavuot;* Gr. *Pentecost,* Lev 23:15–16) memorializes the Israelites' journey from spiritual babyhood to adulthood. During this 49-day count, Israel ascended from out of the depths of slavery and suffering in Egypt, was baptized in the Red Sea, and then arrived at Mount Sinai—a place of a spiritual standing before YHVH as a kingdom of priests (Exodus). It was there that YHVH gave them his instructions in righteousness—the Torah on *Shavuot.* This period represents Israel's passage from slavery to freedom. They came out of slavery permeated with the leaven—the sins, values, and pagan concepts—of Egypt leaving it all behind as pictured by the Feast of Unleavened Bread. YHVH gave Israel 49 days to overcome and to get rid of the impurities of Egypt, and to become the nation of Israel—a holy priesthood and the bride of YHVH. There, at the foot of Mount Sinai, YHVH wanted them to become his ambassadors to this world of the truths of his heavenly kingdom.

The counting of the *omer* is the story of our lives also. It pictures our going from bondage to the world, the flesh and the devil and coming to a place of spiritual standing before YHVH, so that we can be used of him to advance his kingdom. It's a process ordained of YHVH and it's his pattern that we must follow. There is no escape from this process if we are to be groomed and prepared for use in YHVH's service.

Why Fifty Days Between the Wave Sheaf Offering and Shavuot?

Fifty is the biblical number signifying complete redemption or liberty. In ancient Israel, all debts were forgiven every seven years. This was called the seven-year cycle. Every seven years, one had to let their land rest; no crops were planted. This was called the land Sabbath. Seven seven-year cycles equaled 49 years. In the Scriptures, we see that seven is the number YHVH uses to signify completion or perfection. Therefore, seven sevens, or 49 years, signified total completion. Seven Sabbaths represents redemption, liberty or rest in its fullest or ultimate sense.

The fiftieth year was therefore the year of jubilee when all slaves were set free, all land was returned to its original owners and when all debts were forgiven. If Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread signified deliverance from sin (Egypt), then *Shavuot*, occurring 50 days after the wave sheaf offering during the week of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, symbolizes total redemption, deliverance, and victory over sin. How? For us, this occurs through the divine gift and glorious power of the indwelling presence of the *Ruach HaKodesh* (the Set-Apart Spirit), which Yeshua poured out upon his disciples on the day of Pentecost.

We must recognize this YHVH-ordained process, submit to it and realize what he wants to accomplish in our lives as a result. As we are going through the process, we must keep our eyes on the end goal and keep heading in that direction. Yeshua is that end goal. He is the "end" or "final aim, goal of the Torah" (Rom 10:4). He is "the fulfillment of the law" or full manifestation or fruition of the Torah (Matt 5:17). As such, he is our example to follow. Paul says we are to imitate him—to do what he did (1 Cor 11:1).

The 49 Days Represent a Time of Overcoming and Spiritual Development

When the people of Israel left Egypt, they were immersed or baptized in the Red Sea. This represents the redeemed believer being baptized for the remission of sins at the

time of their conversion, and their receiving the Spirit of Elohim. The gift of YHVH's Spirit is for the purpose of producing within us YHVH's divine nature. There are seven levels of spiritual growth and development that involve overcoming and equipping, so that we come to a place where YHVH can use us in a special way as his representatives on earth for kingdom outreach.

The seven levels of spiritual development of the divine nature are found in 2 Peter 1:4–8, Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Master Yeshua the Messiah.

The fruit of the Spirit must proceed or underlay the gifts of the Spirit. Without love (or the fruit of the Spirit) all the gifts of the Spirit are zero, in YHVH's eyes (1 Cor 13). The power of the Spirit without the fruits makes for an out-of-control, fleshly or soulish, unloving, situation.

Divine Empowerment for Kingdom Advancement

Upon conclusion of the 49 days, we arrive at the fiftieth day or the *giving of the Torah* (in Hebrew, *mattan Torah*). It is at this point that we receive YHVH's gift from above—YHVH's Torah written on our hearts by his Set-Apart (Gr. *Paracletos* or Comforter, John 14:16–18, 25–26; 15:26; 16:7–8 12–14). **The Spirit of Elohim** is the One who comes along side of us to aid, help, strengthen and succor us in walking out the Torah. With this divine help, we are able to do that which we could not achieve by our own limited capacities. We receive the gift of true freedom from the world, the flesh and the devil through the gift of the Spirit of Elohim indwelling us, writing his Torah in our hearts thus empowering us to live at a spiritual level beyond what would be otherwise impossible solely through our own human initiative. It is by YHVH's divine empowerment that we are granted the ability to transcend our human limitations and touch the Divine.

The count of the *omer* is 49 days (7 times 7), which brings us into perfect completion in the fruits of the Spirit, so that we will be ready to be empowered by the gifts of the

Spirit (on Pentecost), thus empowering us to fulfill Yeshua's command in Acts 1:8 to evangelize the lost sheep of Israel with the gospel message. We cannot reap this great wheat harvest of lost souls through human efforts alone. Only with the help of YHVH's divine empowerment are we up to this awesome and seemingly insurmountable task of regathering lost Israel.

The 49 days of the count of the *omer* gives us the time we need for removing the spiritual leaven from our lives, of overcoming and rising above the flesh—a period of spiritual cleansing and refinement before YHVH can properly use us without our being a spiritual liability as spiritual babes.

This time period also helps us to establish in our lives the disciplines of overcoming sin and progressively and continually ascending spiritually by defeating the world, flesh and devil. We will go through this process again and again until the day we die.

Why Seven Complete Sabbaths?

The Torah uses the phrase "seven complete Sabbaths" (Heb. *shabbatot*) and not "weeks" (Heb. *shavuot*) in Leviticus 23:15. Why "complete Sabbaths"? What is a complete Sabbath? Some arguing in favor of a Sivan 6 Pentecost teach that though the Hebrew says *Sabbaths* it really means *weeks*. This is how *The ArtScroll Tanach* translates it. *Keil and Delitzsh* in their commentary on Leviticus 23:15 state that the term *complete Sabbaths* makes no sense, so it has to mean *weeks*. This is the standard rabbinical interpretation of this phrase. Yet according to *The Theological Word Book of the OT* and *Brown Drivers Briggs Lexicon, weeks* is not one of the definitions of the word *shabbatot,* though *weeks of sabbaths* is. What is a *complete weeks of Sabbaths?* It seems to indicate a complete or whole week from the first day (Sunday) to the seventh day (Saturday/Sabbath) with not a day lacking.

Seven of these must be fully completed to arrive at Pentecost. It is interesting to note that Acts states, "When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place" (Acts 2:1). Does the counting of the *omer*, which is seven seven-day weeks for a total of 49 days (7 times 7) representing "a completeness of a complete" represent the spiritual growth and development of the individual to come into perfect unity with YHVH and with his fellow man? It seems so, since then he will be spiritually prepared to receive the inner Torah of the heart, the gifts of the Spirit, and then achieve the oneness and accord within the body of Yeshua that is necessary to

fulfill the great commission and to reap the wheat harvest of lost Israel necessary to establish YHVH's kingdom as per Acts 1:6–8.

Walking Together in One Accord

Learning to walk together and in one accord didn't just happen on the day of Pentecost in the upper room. It started in the years, months, weeks, and days prior to that momentous event. One accordance was not something that miraculously dropped down on YHVH's people in the upper room on the day of Pentecost. It started in the lives of the people as they were walking out the fruits of the Spirit in their homes, with their families, in their communities, on their jobs and in their church congregations. It started with their relationships with their wives and children and radiated like rays of the sun out from there into the cold and dark world around them.

Walking in the fruit of the Spirit is a process that involves little-by-little overcoming the flesh nature, and allowing YHVH's will to permeate our every thought, word and deed every step of the way, every moment of every day. Then when people who are doing this come together, they will be in one accord with the Spirit of Elohim. Pentecost-type experiences with YHVH pouring out the gift of his Set-Apart Spirit will happen again and again as it did several more times as recorded in the Book of Acts (Acts 2:46; 4:22–24; 31–32; 5:12; 8:6).

One accord-ness occurs as we progressively die to our old sinful man, overcome the world and the devil, and put on the mantle of YHVH's love (and all the other fruit of the Spirit). This is the deeper significance of the count of the *omer*.

What Happened When the Early Believers Were Together and in One Accord?

Here are examples from the Book of Acts of the divine break-through that occurred when YHVH's people were together and in one accord:

- Acts 2:1-3, And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they
 were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a
 sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all
 the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them
 cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
- Acts 2:46–47, And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their

- meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising Elohim, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.
- Acts 4:23–24, 31–32, And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to Elohim with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art Elohim, which has made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Set-Apart Spirit and they spoke the word of Elohim with boldness. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.
- Acts 5:12, And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.
- Acts 8:6, And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spoke, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.



The Essence of Iyar: By Ritualwell

Fast Facts

Iyar is the second of the twelve months of the Jewish calendar. Iyar comes at the same time as the secular months April/May.

The *mazal* (constellation) for Iyar is Taurus, *shor* (the ox). Iyar links together the months of Nisan and Sivan. Last month, Nissan, was the time when seeds were planted. In Iyar the ox ploughs the earth, nurturing the new seeds, helping them grow into the harvest of the coming month of Sivan.

Iyar also links the months of Nisan and Sivan through the counting of the *Omer*. As we count the Omer, we experience our own growth, and the growth of the Jewish people. In Nisan we become a nation, born out of the Exodus from Egypt. In Iyar the Jewish people enters adolescence as we struggle to become a mature nation ready to receive the *Torah* in Sivan.

In the Bible, the month of Iyar is called "Ziv," meaning radiance. The month of Iyar is commonly referred to as the month of natural healing, for its name is an acronym for *Ani Adonai Rofecha*, "I am G-d your Healer" (Exodus 15:26). Tradition teaches that *Miriam*'s Well first appeared during Iyar, as did manna, the food that sustained the ancient Israelites during their desert journey.

Features

Yom Hazikaron (Israel Defense Forces Memorial Day) is observed on the 4th of Iyar. Many communities recite special memorial prayers on this day.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) is observed on the 5th of Iyar. Yom Ha'Atzmaut commemorates the establishment of modern Israel on this day in 1948. Many communities say special prayers of thanksgiving and hold celebratory feasts. **Lag B'Omer** (the 33rd Day of the Omer) falls on the 18th of Iyar. According to tradition, a plague afflicting many students of the great sage Akiba ceased on Lag B'Omer. Thus, the 18th of Iyar is a celebratory holy day in which joyous activities that are forbidden during the rest of the Omer period are permitted. These activities include weddings, picnics, and haircuts. Many communities celebrate Lag B'Omer with bonfires and picnics.

Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Reunification Day) is observed on the 28th of Iyar. This day commemorates the reunification of the city of Jerusalem in 1967.

Counting the Omer. In Leviticus, the third book of the Torah, it says, "You shall count . from the day that you brought the omer as a wave offering" (Leviticus 23:15) . The omer was a measure of barley that Jews brought as an offering to the Temple on the second day of Passover. The Bible tells us to count 49 days from the bringing of the Omer until the eve of *Shavuot*. Although we no longer bring barley to the Temple, these seven weeks are still known as "The Omer," and the ritual of counting each night is known as "Counting the Omer."

The kabbalists (Jewish mystics) saw the Omer period as a time for preparing ourselves to receive Torah on Shavuot by reflecting on one's personal qualities. They taught that each week of the Omer we should meditate on a different spiritual quality. The kabbalists associated each spiritual quality with a color and with a part of the body. Later thinkers associated each quality with a woman from Jewish history.

Fabulous Females

All of the females associated with the Omer are fabulous. Since many of the women are featured in other months, we chose *Rebecca* and her nurse Deborah (a different Deborah than the one in the Omer Chart) as our Fabulous Females of Iyar. **Rebecca** is the second matriarch of the Jewish people. One day when Rebecca was at her family well, a stranger approached her, and she rushed to give him and all of his camels enough water to drink. This stranger turned out to be *Abraham*'s servant, Eliezer, who was on a mission to find a suitable wife for Abraham's son, *Isaac*. Upon Eliezer's request, Rebecca consented to marry Isaac. After a tearful goodbye in which she received her parents' blessing, Rebecca and her nurse Deborah left her homeland and went with Eliezer to meet Isaac.

It was love at first sight for both Rebecca and Isaac. Soon, Rebecca was pregnant with twins. She had a difficult pregnancy and cried out to God in pain. God answered her directly, a privilege granted no other woman in the Hebrew Bible, with the exception perhaps, of *Hagar*. God told Rebecca that the twins were struggling in her womb and that the "older was destined to serve the younger," an unusual situation in those times. Years later Rebecca helps her son *Jacob* trick his father into giving him the blessing due his older brother so that God's words would come true. We may not have enough information to really understand why God and Rebecca choose Jacob for leadership of the Jewish people, but Rebecca's behavior does show us that people sometimes have to make hard choices.

Rebecca inspires us to rush to give freely and generously to those in need whose paths cross our own. She reminds us that God's presence is with us even in the difficult times in our lives when we feel alone and in pain.

Deborah is Rebecca's nurse. The Torah mentions this Deborah only twice - when she goes with Rebecca to live with Isaac, and when she dies and is buried. Deborah is the only servant in the Hebrew Bible whose death and burial is mentioned at all. Perhaps

this indicates that Deborah was very important and beloved to Rebecca. She spent most of her life at Rebecca's side and must have helped her through many difficult times. Deborah invites our admiration for her hard work and her devotion. She reminds us to honor and celebrate the lives and work of nurses and healthcare workers in our day.



The first important event in which Issachar figures is **the battle of Deborah and Barak with Sisera in** the plain of Esdraelon. In Judges 15 it is said: "And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah; as was Issachar, so was Barak." It may be, though it is by no means certain, that both Deborah and Barak belonged to this tribe, in whose territory the battle was fought and won. Issachar was prophesied to inherit land in close proximity with his brother Zebulon. As you can see on the map Zebulon was slightly NW of Issachar. They were neighbors and they worked together in their works of the Most High. Righteous sacrifices were offered by them in their due time and season. Issachar had knowledge of the times and seasons as a gift of the Most High.

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Iyar in Jewish history

- **1 Iyar** On the first day of Iyar, King Solomon began the construction of the First Temple (Kings I:6:1). On the exact same day, hundreds of years later, Ezra began the construction of the Second Temple (Ezra 3:8).
- **5 Iyar** (1948) Proclamation of the State of Israel on Friday, 14 May 1948, before sunset.
- **7 Iyar** (498 BCE) Jerusalem's rebuilt walls are dedicated, nearly 88 years after their destruction by Nebuchadnezzar.
- **8 Iyar** (1096) First Crusade Begins On their way to Holy Land, mobs of crusaders along with local inhabitants attacked many Jewish communities, most notably in the Rhineland towns of Worms, Germany and Mainz. On the Shabbat, the 8th of Iyar, the Hebrews of Speyer were also attacked. However, most of them were allowed refuge in the bishop's castle and neighboring towns, such as Heidelberg.
- **10 Iyar** (circa 2870/2871 BC) Death of Eli the High Priest and his two sons^[1]
- **11 Iyar** (1948) Battle at Degania The Israeli Army defeated the advancing Syrian Army, following the shelling at the entrance of Deganya, which began at sunrise and lasted nine hours. It is considered the first Israeli victory of War of Independence.
- 14 Iyar (1933) Nazis burned thousands of books written by Hebrews.
- **14 Iyar** (1960) Adolf Eichmann captured in Buenos Aires.
- **17 Iyar** (66 CE) Hebrew's attack and defeat the Roman garrison in Jerusalem, following the theft of silver from the Holy Temple.
- **20 Iyar** (1288) Thirteen Troyes Hebrews burned at the stake by the Inquisition for supposedly murdering a Christian child. The thirteen Hebrews chosen were from among the richer members of the community. Hebrews were also killed in a "blood libel" in Neuchâtel, Switzerland on this date.
- **24 Iyar** (1945) Germany surrenders to Allied Forces
- **26 Iyar** (1967) Six-Day War begins.
- **28 Iyar** (1967) Jerusalem conquered during the Six-Day War. The day is marked in Israel as "Jerusalem Day".
- **28 Iyar** (circa 1012 BCE) Death of Samuel the Prophet, marked by pilgrimages to his tomb on the outskirts of Jerusalem.

THOSE WHO CARRY THE SPIRIT OF CALEB ARE ABOUT TO POSSESS THE LAND: WANDA ALGER, WINCHESTER, VA

"But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it." (Numbers 14:24 ESV)

There is a generation of men and women who have been willing to contend for their inheritance, even as many around them have wandered in the wilderness. It is these who carry the spirit of Caleb that are destined to lead the charge into our prophetic promises!

When the nation of Israel first came to the Promised Land, it was only Joshua and Caleb who had the faith to go in and take out the giants. But, due to majority rule that was void of faith, they wandered for forty more years. But, God eventually rewarded Joshua and Caleb by putting Joshua in charge of the nation and granting Caleb his promise. Given a second chance at the age of eighty-five, Caleb was determined to finish the assignment he was given:

"I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming. So now give me this hill country of which the Lord spoke on that day." (Joshua 14:11-12 ESV)

Though Caleb saw many of his people waste away and fall in the desert, he did not waiver in God's promise. He was determined to complete the mission, regardless of the circumstances. When the opportunity came again, he was ready to pick up where he left off and finish the job. God granted his request and Caleb not only took out the enemies of God but received his inheritance.

This is the spirit of those who are not deterred by age or the passing of time. This is the spirit that a generation in the Body of Christ now possess. They are the ones who have persevered through the trials and taken a stand when others around them have fallen away. These are the ones who have kept the faith and are ready to go into enemy territory, displace ungodly rulers, and establish their Kingdom heritage.

Though the world may deem some of the older saints past their prime, God sees the spirit that many still carry. This is not about biological age, but zeal of the heart. For those of you who are "older" with eyes to see the promises of God fulfilled, you also have the grace to go in and receive them! To those who yet carry the zeal of the Lord in your bones, do not let the failures of others distract or dishearten you. Do not let time dictate what you can and cannot do. It is by the grace of God that you live and

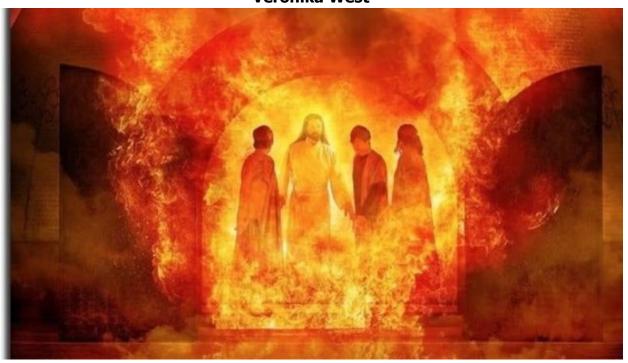
move and have your being. There is a supernatural grace and favor of the Lord to "go in" and do war against the enemies of God and possess your inheritance and your legacy.

We are at the entrance to our promised land. As a new generation has been prepared to go in and establish Kingdom rule, so has the Lord prepared those with the spirit of Caleb to complete their assignment. The testing in the wilderness has only sharpened your spirit and reinforced your resolve. *To you, the Lord says, "It's time to go in and see what I will do! It's time to go in and possess your promise!"*

Iyar 1, 5783: Saturday April 22, 2023

In these days of Daniel the world will behold 'The Fourth Man' –

Veronika West



"I SAY THESE ARE THE DAYS OF DANIEL; AND THE EYES OF THE WORLD WILL BEHOLD THE FOURTH MAN"!!

Friends, While in prayer early this morning I heard these words, "I SAY THESE ARE THE DAYS OF DANIEL, LOOK FOR THE WRITING IS ON THE WALL, I SAY THESE ARE THE DAYS OF 7 TIMES HOTTER, THESE ARE THE DAYS WHERE THE EYES OF THE WORLD WILL BEHOLD THE FOURTH MAN WALKING IN THE MIDST OF THE FLAMES".

Ha! As soon as I heard those words, I was suddenly caught up in a fleeting vision, as soon as I entered that spiritual corridor, I felt a SEARING HOT WIND BLOWING, and again I heard these words,

"I SAY THESE ARE THE DAYS OF DANIEL, LOOK FOR THE WRITING IS ON THE WALL, I SAY THESE ARE THE DAYS OF 7 TIMES HOTTER, THESE ARE THE DAYS WHERE THE EYES OF THE WORLD WILL BEHOLD THE FOURTH MAN WALKING IN THE MIDST OF THE FLAMES"

As those words echoed loudly in the realm of the Spirit, I began to pray fervently in the Spirit and I began to cry out for the Body of Christ and suddenly I saw a Fiery Furnace standing before the Church, and I saw the hand of God come down upon what looked like the temperature gauge or dial of the furnace, and I heard for a third time,

"I SAY THESE ARE THE DAYS OF DANIEL, LOOK FOR THE WRITING IS ON THE WALL, I SAY THESE ARE THE DAYS OF 7 TIMES HOTTER, THESE ARE THE DAYS WHERE THE EYES OF THE WORLD WILL BEHOLD THE FOURTH MAN WALKING IN THE MIDST OF THE FLAMES"!

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, it is not necessary for us to answer you on this point. If our God, Whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up!" — Daniel 3:16-18

I kept hearing The Holy Spirit say, "Nations are now in the Ninth hour," as I prayed fervently for the Nations, and being sensitive to everything The Spirit of Revelation was saying, I was suddenly led to Daniel 9:1-19 (below), and I heard these Words, "Watch and Pray, as a time of even greater shaking brings an even greater awakening. Yes! .For this must take place that Nations may come into perfect alignment with My Kingdom Purposes.

Watch! As a divine reordering begins.

I say, go up to higher ground and watch as My Hand shakes, shakes and shakes The Nations in The Valley of Decision.

Ha! Have I not said I shall have what I AM looking for? I shall not be mocked, but Nations shall surely be moved, shifted and rearranged.

Boundary lines shall be reordered, landscapes shall be forever changed. Fear not! I will put you in the cleft of the rock, for now My Glory is passing by!"

As I heard those Words, I was led to take verse by verse and pray to the God of Mercy and Forgiveness for The Nations, even as Daniel prayed at the end of a 70 Year Rule.

I believe God is revealing this morning, both a Prophetic Timeline and more importantly, a powerful Prophetic Strategy for the hour.

Join me I'm praying the <u>Prayer of Daniel 9:1-19</u> for your Nation.

- 1. In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom.
- 2. In the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of The LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years.
- 3. So I turned to The LORD God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.
- 4. I prayed to The LORD my God and confessed: "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands.
- 5. We have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws.
- 6. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.
- 7. Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame the men of Judah and people of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you.
- 8. O Lord, we and our kings, our princes and our fathers are covered with shame because we have sinned against you.
- 9. The LORD our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him;

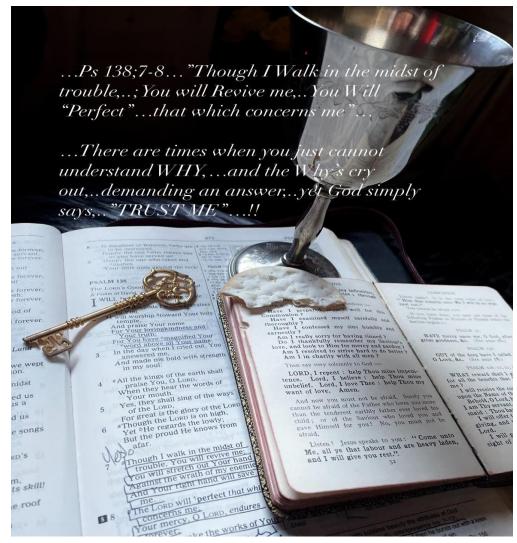
- 10. We have not obeyed The LORD our God or kept the laws he gave us through his servants the prophets.
- 11. All Israel has transgressed your law and turned away, refusing to obey you. Therefore the curses and sworn judgments written in the Law of Moses, the servant of God, have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against you.
- 12. You have fulfilled the words spoken against us and against our rulers by bringing upon us great disaster. Under the whole heaven nothing has ever been done like what has been done to Jerusalem.
- 13. Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us, yet we have not sought the favor of The LORD our God by turning from our sins and giving attention to your truth.
- 14. The LORD did not hesitate to bring the disaster upon us, for The LORD our God is righteous in everything he does; yet we have not obeyed him.
- 15. Now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand and who made for yourself a name that endures to this day, we have sinned, we have done wrong.
- 16. O Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, turn away your anger and your wrath from Jerusalem, your city, your holy hill. Our sins and the iniquities of our fathers have made Jerusalem and your people an object of scorn to all those around us.
- 17. Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, O Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary.
- 18. Give ear, O God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy.
- 19. O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For your sake, O my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name." Daniel 9:1-19.

Postscript

"Seventy (70) has a sacred meaning in Scripture that is made up of the factors of two perfect numbers, seven (representing perfection) and ten (representing completeness and God's law).

As such, it symbolizes perfect spiritual order carried out with all power. It can also represent a period of judgment".

Iyar 2, 5783: Sunday April 23, 2023



"It's Time to Execute the Vision!" Faith Marie Baczko, Oakville, Ontario, Canada

We are now approaching a critical mass moment in this epoch of history, where a heavenly invasion of planet Earth is coming with explosive movements of God and sudden atmospheric shifts of presence and power. The time of the birthing of the fullness of the purposes of God in our lives is now. An apostolic/prophetic body of saints has been made ready for passing over into an offensive move of God. Events will occur to tip the scales of justice for many on the frontlines of the battle.

The training and preparation time is over, and God is saying that it is time to break camp. He says, "You have been on this mountain long enough." I believe it is important in this month to get positioned to give birth, to travail, to pray and to push through the gate. This is a time to push. Pray until the barriers break open. God says, "Shall I bring to the time of birth and not cause delivery?" (see Isaiah 66:9).

It is time to take hold of our passion—the thing that drives and moves us to action, the thing that keeps us awake at night. We are entering a new dynamic where we are being urged to take hold of our destiny, the righteous cause embedded by God in our DNA.

Having a Heart Position for Possessing Your Assignment

We are fashioned and structured architecturally like the temple of God, having an outer court, a holy place and a holy of holies in our spirit where God dwells. All parts of us were meant to serve the Holy Spirit through our spirit man; that is how we were designed. When we are born again, we enter a new paradigm where our spirit is made perfect. The Holy Spirit resides in our spirit, which has become the seat of God's throne. GOD HAS COME IN. This is an astounding occasion, because everything of God is deposited in us! You have now become the fulfillment of God's new temple where He dwells.

Paul asks this question: "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16).

To possess the promises of God requires the understanding of our identity as the temple in which God resides, and an attitude of fierce determination of spirit to press through and conquer. It is important and necessary to conquer the old ways, which have kept us trapped and locked in ungodly mindsets, in order to possess the spiritual capacity to see the prize, with a stance fixed on laying hold of that which rightfully belongs to us.

We are leaving the elementary things, as it says in Hebrews 6:1, and moving on to maturity. We are becoming those who have tasted or eaten or experienced "the good word of God and the powers of the age to come" (see Hebrews 6:5

"To possess," in this context, is *to first see the prize*, with our eyes fixed on laying hold of that which rightfully belongs to us. God is now raising the consciousness of His people to a new level of seeing and perceiving. Take hold of the vision by faith and make it yours, as promised by God.

It Is Time to Execute the Vision!

After much perseverance and preparation, God is saying that it is time for the manifestation of the dream in its fullness; it is time to execute the vision. We prepare ourselves in prayer and fasting until we see the cloud the size of a man's hand and begin to gird up our loins with expectation. We trust God to open doors and set up divine appointments on the road ahead. In the timing of God, we are in full expectation mode that attracts what is needed.

It is the time of rain and, therefore, the time to ask for the rain. Supply comes and human resources come; finances come; doors open. We crossover into destiny!

We Are the Resource

Do you need resources? Resources have been prepared for such a time. **As we break through into the fullness of our call, we must remember, through Jesus, we are the resource!** There is a store and reserve of wealth within us because God has come in! Every resource needed is within you and is available to you. By faith, you can withdraw what is needed, when needed. You can call it out and call it forth by connecting your faith with the Lord's faith, as you draw on Heaven's supply in Christ.

We have become partakers of His divine nature according to 2 Peter 1:4. A partaker is a sharer and an associate. We have been given an inheritance in Christ and have a credit line from the royal bank of Heaven.

"In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. You were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession. (Ephesians 1:11-14)

Therefore, Paul's prayer for us is this: ".that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet and gave Him to be head over all things to the Church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all." (Ephesians 1:17-23)

According to this Scripture, everything has already been provided by God and given to you. In Him, you have obtained an inheritance. HAVING BELIEVED, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, which is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession. "Until the redemption" means to go and get it—what has been acquired for you! **The inheritance is there in Heaven's bank, waiting for a withdrawal. We can now go forth in the power of His might.**

God is saying that you have been and are sitting on a goldmine, on a heavenly vault full of treasure. You are sitting on everything God has provided for us, oblivious to it. Have we stopped hearing the knocking on our doors? The treasure is ours; we take it by faith, and we receive it by faith. We take it with eyes of faith. We see it and we believe it. Seeing is believing.

How to Unlock the Vault

To grab a hold of what has already been given to us, we must use the key of praising Him, praising Him by faith for what He has given. In the past we may have praised Him for the goldmine without recognizing that we are in possession of it—that it is ours. Or the treasure can just be sitting there, and we are not taking hold of it or accessing it. We give our time to listening to the 'fake news' coming from our souls—the lies the enemy continually attempts to feed the saints.

There is great power in praise! In praise, power is released to unlock the door as God inhabits our praise. Praise creates the atmosphere of Jesus, where nothing is

impossible! To praise God is to give the enemy no place, as it pulls the rug out from under him, regardless of what he tries.

In the wilderness years, we get to know God and learn to trust in His love, mercy and faithfulness. We learn discipline and self-control. It's a time of cleaning house and preparing for the glory. We clean house by repenting of sin, unbelief, complaining, contentiousness and idolatry. However, in the PROMISED LAND we move out and reach out to take what has been provided. We have learned to walk by faith as sons of God and ambassadors of Christ, and we simply conquer and take the land in His might and power. He reigns over the land, and we reign with Him.

We are meant to come into our full inheritance in our identity as sons of God. In Him, we reign. Another dimension is calling, beckoning to us to live as sons of God! We are kings and priests of our God. We are to rise up and reign with Him in this life.

No one can do what you do as you represent Christ's ministry uniquely, distinctively and exceptionally. Just as the father said to his elder son, so our Father is saying to us, "Everything I have belongs to you" (see Luke 15:31). **You are the resource God has prepared for this era. Everything is written in your heart.** You have the goods, and you *are* the goods—you are it!

"'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and EVERYTHING I HAVE IS YOURS.'" (Luke 15:31, *emphasis mine*)

The time is now to reach for it—to stretch forth and extend your spirit man and take possession of it. Reach for it in fasting and prayer; reach for it in communion; reach for it in worship; reach for it in stance and attitude. As you reach forward in faith, the spiritual capacity within you will increase, giving you the unction to press through the threshold! We expand our capacity to contain Him by consecration, obedience and holiness. The threshold is the point of entry to the gate or door before you, the beginning position for the race set before you. It is the threshold of a new age.

God Is Announcing the Release!

Things are about to shift rapidly and accelerate. The day of sorrow and weeping has become the day of faith and strength. The suddenlies of God are upon us. We have been prepared, qualified and made ready for this, and God is announcing the release. Heavenly trumpets are sounding, calling the army divisions to get into

position and take their place. The trumpeters (assigned leadership) are sounding the message for troops to be ready to move out! We are moving out onto holy ground, hence the past delay. A vast worldwide army is now primed to move out to possess the promises of God and to gather a multitude of souls into the Kingdom.

Lord, release resurrection life and power, that we may now rise to new life in You!



Iyar 3, 5783: Monday April 24, 2023

Overcoming The Storms of Life

By Steve Loopstra, Director, Your servant in Christ Ministries

We are living in days of what seems, at least to us in our time, to be unprecedented opposition and storms in our lives. From physical attacks to relational battles, to self-image challenges, to political upheaval, financial disasters, and the list could go on and on. You fill in the blanks from your own life. It's so easy for us to feel like we have no strength to deal with unrelenting wave after wave of attacks for most of us encounter. In my own life, it seems that the waves of destruction have been unrelenting. Especially as I am writing this!

There are times when if we are honest, that it might feel it is easier just to give in. But that is not the heart or the will of God for you and I as children of JHWH. We are destined for more than just to withstand the storms of life; we are to be MORE THAN OVERCOMERS! That is what God tells us in **Romans 8:31-39 – What then shall we** say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I have said many times that it is important, our perspective, and our solid anchor in the Word of God. So, let's look for a moment at what Paul writes in Romans 8, that let him write these verses. Take a close look at Romans 8:28 & 29: And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover, whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Let's understand this through the power of Holy Spirit enlightening our minds and our understanding. The Almighty God, creator of everything that exists, for whom NOTHING is impossible states clearly that part of His work in our lives is a work of transformation. He is always at work taking even the most difficult, impossible circumstances and situations of our lives, and transforming them into things for our good, or for our benefit. The Passion Translation renders it this way: **So we are convinced that every detail of our lives is continually woven together to fit into God's perfect plan of bringing good into our lives, for we are his lovers who have been called to fulfill his designed purpose.**

Every detail? Every? Even the ugliest, the most hurtful, the most tragic, and painful? Yes, every detail. Paul lists here a few of them: *tribulation, distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword.* And we can add to that list those things in our lives that have been tragic, debilitating, life changing, and on and on. All of these things are continually did you catch that? Continually being woven together to fit into God perfect plan of bringing good into our lives. That's because He loves us so much!

So, we seldom know at the time HOW He is doing that. Our part is to settle firmly in our hearts, minds, and spirits that He IS doing that even right in the midst of the most difficult situation we are facing. It is not our part to know how or when it will all be accomplished. Our part is to put our faith and our trust in the reality of His Word. He said it, that settles it.

Now, I truly understand that this is not an easy truth to apply when the waves come crashing in on us from all sides, and we are at the very point of being swallowed up. But this gets us to a very basic and important part of our walk as the children of the Most High God. God is not a deceiver. He is not a liar. What He tells us in His Word is true at all times, all of it, and in all circumstances, independent of how we are feeling at the moment. These words of Paul are easily turned into simple platitudes if we are not careful to believe them and apply them to our here and now. If He freely gave up His only Son for us, will He not freely give us all things? Including a victory over the storms of life? I can't tell what that victory will look like in your life, in your circumstances. In some cases, to be honest we may not know that until after the Judgment Seat of Christ, but that does not take away from the fact of it.

God is the master weaver. Many have used the illustration of a crocheted pattern. On the back all you see is a twisted mess of multi-colored pieces of yearn. It's only after you turn it over, and then you see that what you thought was a mess was really the makings of a beautiful piece of art. Peter uses that term, "multi-colored" when he talks about the trials that come into our lives, to prove our faith in 1 Peter 1:6. The word means of various characters, or you could very well use this term, "multi-colored." Multi-colored trials are meant to demonstrate that your faith is genuine, that you really are setting your trust in the faithfulness and truthfulness of God in His Word.

This is overcoming the trials. Oh, sure, there may be times where we feel overwhelmed, but that's where we put our foot firmly upon the unchangeable promises of the Word of God and the unshakeable character of our Father God. There is a film out now called, "His only son." It's about Abram being called by God to sacrifice Isaac, his son, his only son. Abram, then Abraham, after this, became and remains to this very day a prime example in Scripture and in life of how God will take even the most terrible, frightening trials in our lives and turn them into something marvelous, if we stand upon the promises, on His Word and on His character.

What are you going through today? What is it that is testing you to the breaking point? Speak to that giant wave and say, "You are destined to become a blessing in my life, and a testimony of the faithfulness of my Father God for all to see!" May the Lord our God strengthen and encourage your faith in Him today. For the glory of His Name.

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"Son of man" – human or divine?
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Are definitions of biblical terms elastic or can we depend on them to have a certain consistency of meaning throughout the entire Bible? What about the term "son of man?"

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came <u>one like a son of man</u>, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. Dan 7:13

Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed?" And Yeshua said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated

at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven. Mark 14:61-62 ¹

Both the Hebrew "ben adam" and the later Jewish Aramaic "bar enash" (or "bar nash") translate as "son of man." There is universal agreement that every time we see these terms in the Tanakh (henceforth, TNK), either in Hebrew or Aramaic, they <u>always</u> denote a human being. Please note that, in Daniel, the term "like a son of man" is presented as a descriptive "simile" and that is why it begins with the Aramaic "c'bar" which means "<u>like</u> a son." Since it's a <u>dream-vision</u>, using this kind of language to describe a character as being "like" something is very appropriate. But the vast majority of traditional Graeco-Roman (henceforth, GR) Christian commentators claim this instance at Daniel 7:13 is the one <u>alleged exception</u> to the rule.

These GR Christian Bible commentators believe that "son of man" in Daniel 7:13 and Yeshua's quoting of that passage at Mark 14:61-62 (Matthew 26:57-66 & Luke 21:27), altered the time-honored and universally accepted meaning of the term. Thus, instead of seeing himself as Daniel's exalted human King Messiah, Yeshua was declaring himself to be a divine King Messiah. In doing so, he changed the common Hebrew idiom "son of man," i.e. "a human man" into to a divine title, "Son of Man," i.e. "Divine Man," in the minds of the majority of GR Christians.

Following are two commentaries typical of the GR Church understanding:

"I saw in the night visions, and, behold, {a} one like the <u>Son of man</u> came with the clouds of heaven, and {b} came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

(a) Which is meant of Christ, who had not yet taken upon him man's nature, neither was he yet the son of David according to the flesh, as he was afterward: but he appeared then in a figure, and that in the clouds, that is, <u>being</u> separated from the common sort of men by manifest signs of his divinity."²

"It is to be observed that, while the beasts came up out of the sea, the <u>son of man</u> came with the clouds of heaven. <u>This indicates the Divine origin of the Messiah</u>."³

Everyone agrees that the NT passages where Yeshua refers to himself as, "son of man" all refer to back to the original phrase in Daniel 7:13. So, shouldn't the meaning of the term in the NT be the same as the term there?

¹ Yeshua is also referred to as Daniel's "one like a son of man" at Rev 1:13.

² Geneva Study Bible Commentary on Daniel 7:13, Website LINK

³ Pulpit Commentary on Daniel 7:13, Website LINK

In the TNK neither "son" or "man" is capitalized when translated into English at Daniel 7:13. In the Christian bibles, three of the earliest English texts <u>before</u> the King James translation all had lower case letter "s"; the Geneva Bible, 1587; Bishop's Bible, 1568; Coverdale Bible, 1535. Following the new standard of the King James, fifteen of the thirty-eight (40%) Christian English Bibles I've checked have capitalized the "S" in son at Daniel 7:13.

However, about 90% of all English versions capitalize the term when Yeshua references the same passage or refers to himself as "the Son of man" in the NT. Of the three pre-KJV Bibles I examined, only the Geneva Bible capitalized the "S" at Mark 14:62.4 When we see a capital at the beginning of a word, we automatically think of it as a proper name or a title, don't we? This subconsciously imprints the idea of the nomenclature as a divine "title," rather than the classic Hebrew (or Aramaic) descriptive simile where it simply means "like a son of man" or colloquially, "like a man."

Daniel's Vision: Rules of Revelation apply

In this article, I will examine these texts starting with Daniel's dream-vision which acts as the foundation of later GR Church <u>reinterpretation</u> of the common descriptive term for a human being, "son of man," into the divine title, "Son of man."

It is extremely important to take note that the entirety of Daniel chapter 7 takes place within "a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed" (Dan 7:1). Afterwards, he "wrote down the dream" (Dan 7:2). Therefore, **Yhwh's "Rules of Revelation" (RoR)** that are relevant to our study must be kept in mind for a proper understanding and exegesis of what transpired in Daniel's dream-vision.⁵

RoR #1 – "No one can see YHWH's face and live" (Ex 33:20); "No one has ever seen God at any time or can see God who dwells in unapproachable light" (1Tim 6:16).

RoR *3 – Yhwh will make Himself known and/or speak to a prophet in a vision (i.e. mental sight) or dream (Num 12:6). The communication can be through a voice, a mal'akh (angel or messenger), the "avatar-image" of a man or through a more unique medium such as a burning bush or a talking donkey.

RoR #4 – If a prophet sees and hears what appears to be a "man" *in a vision or dream* and who is identified as "YHWH," it cannot be YHWH Himself. It is His authorized agent or proxy – His "avatar-image."

The Context

⁴ There were eight English Bibles printed and published <u>before</u> the KJV.

⁵ YHWH's "Rules of Revelation" – a Hebrew perspective, Reuven ben Yosef, Chaplain Wade Butler Newsletter, Shevat 5783; 1.22.23

The set-up for the section of Daniel chapter 7 with which we are concerned starts in verse 9.

As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took His seat; His clothing was white as snow, and the hair of His head like pure wool; His throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came out from before Him; a thousand thousands served Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. Dan 7:9-10 (ref. Rev 17:12-14)

This dream-vision is a prophesy relating to the last days and the judgment of the righteous and the wicked. It takes place within a vision-simulation of the "divine throne-council-court room" of YHWH, the "Ancient of Days." In verse 9, "thrones were placed" and YHWH (the LORD) takes His seat. We are not told how many thrones there are. In verses 10 and 26, "the court sits in judgment." The scene is further elaborated upon in verses 15-28 and expanded in the book of Revelation.

Many passages in the book of Revelation are an elaboration of several chapters in Daniel. In Revelation, we learn the thrones of judgment in this scene are occupied by "twenty-four elders." The elders wear golden crowns and are given authority to judge. The judgments of the human dead in Revelation 11:15-18 and 20:4, 12-13, are speaking of the adjudication taking place when "books are opened," including the "Book of Life." These judgments seem to be parallel to Daniel 7:10 and 22-27. We are not told by either Daniel or John whether or not the heavenly elohim (gods; rulers) who, as rebellious high-ranking "princes," a.k.a. the "gods of the nations," are being judged along with the humans in these scenes (Deut 32:8 ESV; Deut 6:14; Judges 2:12, etc.).

Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were <u>twenty-four elders</u>, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. Rev 4:4

Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Rev 20:4a

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Sheol (Hades) gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Rev 20:12-13 (see also Ps 122:5)

It appears that these court scenes are depicting the final judgment and sentencing of both heavenly and human beings by immortal (transformed) human judges. The NT confirms the aforementioned conclusion. All NT references to the "court" and "judgment" only include YHWH (or His "Presence"), Yeshua and the "twenty-four elders." These elders appear to be the immortal humans, called, "the people of the holy ones (commonly translated: saints) of the Most High," e.g. those who are given the "authority to judge."⁶

The NT says that the 24 elders, the twelve emissaries (possibly included within the 24) and other faithful of the Hebrew Scriptures, (TNK; OT) and the true followers of Yeshua, collectively referred to as the "holy ones of the Most High" in the TNK, will "judge the twelve tribes," "the world" and rebellious "angels." The rebellious angels likely include the entire hierarchy of the disobedient "bene ha'Elohim" including the "Princes" (protectors) who were appointed over the 70 nations (Dan 10:20, 13; Deut 32:8 ESV, etc.).

"G'd does not annihilate the army of a nation in the terrestrial world until after He has vanquished the nations 'protector' in the celestial spheres" (Or HaChaim commentary Numbers 24:8:2 explaining Tanchuma Beshalach 15)

"On that day Yнwн will punish the host of the high ones in heaven (lit. on high), and the kings of the earth upon the earth. They will be gathered together in a dungeon; they will be shut up in prison, and after many days will be punished. Then the moon will be abashed, and the sun will be ashamed; for Yнwн of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before his elders there will be glory." Isa 24:21-23, (The Dead Sea Scrolls A New Translation, Michael Wise)

"And he (ref. verse 7:13: one like a son of man) was given dominion, glory, and kingship, that the people of every nation and language should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed." Dan 7:14

(Speaking to the twelve emissaries): Yeshua said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new (regenerated) world, when the son of man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Matt 19:28

⁶ Daniel, chapter 7 is written in Aramaic. The Aramaic word translated, "holy" is "qaddish" (Strong's #H6922). It corresponds to the Hebrew "qadosh" (Strong's #H6942) which means "sacred" or "holy" and denotes one who has been "set apart" for service to Үнwн. The idea of one who has been "set-apart" more accurately depicts what a "saint" is from the Hebrew biblical perspective verses the viewpoint of the Graeco-Roman Church.

Or do you not know that <u>the holy ones will judge the world</u>? And if <u>the world is to be judged by you</u>, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? <u>Do you not know that we are to judge angels</u>? 1Cor 6:2-3

The rebellious lesser gods, including those who are the divine "princes" or "sons of God" assigned to rule over the non-Israelite nations (Deut 32:8 ESV) could then be judged and sentenced by YHWH's judges as Yeshua, the son of man, directs.

"For the Father judges no one, but <u>has given</u> all judgment to the son And He has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is a son of man." John 5:22, 27

Judgment is given to Yeshua, literally, <u>because</u> he is a son of man; or in modern parlance, because he is a man, a human being. Thus, Yeshua can and does share and delegate some of that power and authority to "the <u>holy ones</u>." After all, **they are also** "sons of men" and, as we have just read, they have likewise been promised to rule with him and sit in judgement as he does (1Cor 6:2-3; Matt 19:18).

"The kingship and dominion and grandeur belonging to all the kingdoms under heaven will be given to the people of the holy ones of the Most High. Their kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey them." Dan 7:27 (part of the angel's explaining of Daniel's dream-vision to him)

The foregoing examples of delegated authority show the ancient "Law of Agency" in operation. Yeshua was <u>given authority</u> to execute judgment by YHWH and he then <u>delegates authority</u> to the people of the holy ones of the Most High.⁷

It must be pointed out that, in chapter 7, Daniel said he was frightened by his dreamvision and asked one of the angels to tell him the interpretation.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me. I approached one of those who stood there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So, he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the things. Dan 7:15-16

The angel's explanation at Daniel 7:18, 22 and 27 is further evidence that the expression, "son of man" always means a human being. The angel tells Daniel that the holy ones of the Most High who are the faithful "sons of God" who are slated to possess and rule in YHWH's future Kingdom as fellow "immortals" under authority of King Messiah.

If we suffer with him we will also rule as kings with him. 2 Tim. 2:12

⁷ The Law of Agency, Reuven ben Yosef, Chaplain Wade Butler Newsletter, Kislev 5783; 11.25.22

As I watched, this horn made war against [the holy ones, and was victorious over them, until the Ancient of Days arrived; then judgment was pronounced [for the holy ones of the Most High, and the time came when] the holy ones [took possession of the kingdom]. Dan 7:21-22 (The Dead Sea Scrolls - A New Translation, Michael Wise⁸)

But [the court shall sit in judgment, and his dominion shall be taken away, to be consumed and destroyed to the end. Then kingship and dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the entire heaven shall be given to the people of the holy ones of] the Most High; their kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey them." Dan. 7:26-27 (the angel to Daniel) (The Dead Sea Scrolls - A New Translation, Michael Wise)

The following are some commentaries by Jewish and Gentile scholars regarding the identity of the son of man and the holy ones (saints).

In reference to this passage, the *Tanchuma*, p. 48, 1 (in Schöttg.), says: "In the future, God ascribes glory to the elders. Our rabbins also have said: 'God will make for himself an assembly of our elders." So, too (at p. 52 in Hengstenb.), according to Daniel 7:9, "In the future, God will sit, and the angels will give seats to the magnates of Israel, and they sit. And God sits with his elders, as the president of a senate, and will judge the nations."

"Daniel 7:13-14 describes an investiture with royal office. The recipient of this authority to rule is the "Son of Man," a figure who, in the interpretation given by the angel (7:18, 22, 27), signifies the saints of the Most High. Son of man is the favorite self-designation of Jesus. He is THE Human Person, and he has others with him. Naturally so, for he reckoned himself, as Messiah the King, to be the chief of the body of saints. The saints are the ones appointed to rule in the future Kingdom. This is made clear throughout Daniel chapter 7. Jesus is the new Adam reversing the failure of the first Adam to rule for God.

"The point to be noted is this: The saints receive the Kingdom, possess the Kingdom, and all nations serve and obey them. The saints are to possess the Kingdom 'under the whole heaven' and to rule in it forever. All nations are to be subject to them as immortal kings (Dan. 7:14, 18, 22, 27; see also Rev. 1:6; 2:26; 3:21; 5:10; 20: 1-6; Isa. 32:1)."

⁸ Editor's note: This Dead Sea Scroll (DSS) is the oldest copy of the Scroll of Daniel in existence (c. 200-250 BCE). The brackets [] in the DSS translation indicate missing letters in the ancient scrolls.)

⁹ *Midrash Tanchuma;* Midrash (commentary) on the five books of the Torah (Pentateuch) structured as sermons on the opening verses of each paragraph. It was named for talmudic Rabbi Tanchuma and compiled c.500-800 C.E.

¹⁰ "Saint: one appointed to rule," by Prof. Anthony Buzzard, PhD., website LINK

The rendering of A.V., 'the Son of man,' is quite untenable: the expression of the original is indefinite, and denotes simply, in poetical language (cf. Numbers 23:19; Psalm 80:17; Isaiah 51:12; Isaiah 56:2), a figure in human form (comp. Revelation 1:13; Revelation 14:14, R.V.). What the figure is intended to represent can be properly determined only after the explanation in *Daniel 7:16* ff. has been considered (see p. 102 ff.). If the terms of *Daniel 7:18; Daniel 7:22 b*, 27 are to be taken as deciding the question, it would seem that it must describe the ideal and glorified people of Israel.¹¹

The question what this expression in Daniel 7:13 ("like a son of man") denotes has been much disputed. On the one hand, the current interpretation has, no doubt, been that it denotes the *Messiah*; on the other hand, there are strong reasons, derived from the text of Daniel itself, for holding that it denotes the glorified and ideal *people of Israel*. (Dan 7:16, 18, 22)¹²

This contextual "set-up" section has not been specifically about Yeshua as a "son of man." However, it's included to demonstrate that, at the end of days, faithful humans (sons of man/adam), who are God's "adopted sons," will have immortal, spiritual bodies like Yeshua's and be of even higher status than the heavenly bene ha'Elohim. Genuine "holy ones of the Most High" begin as mortal humans and end up as YHWH had originally planned for the first "adam" (human being) and his descendants if he had lived in His "image" as God intended.

The Messiah, along with the other transfigured "sons of men," will be YHWH'S representative agents on earth. According to Daniel's vision-dream, in the "Olam Haba" (the "World to Come"; *ref.* Hebrews 2:5) when the regenerated heaven and earth is realized, King Messiah will reign, and faithful believers will rule with him. When Yeshua said, "My kingdom is not of this world," he was speaking of the Olam Haba – the World to Come – when the Kingdom of God will finally be ruling on earth.

Did Daniel's vision change the definition of "son of man?"

Today, the virtually universal understanding of GR Christianity is that Daniel's dream-vision described YHWH giving the <u>divine</u> Jesus Christ authority to rule and reign in the coming Messianic Kingdom.

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was

¹¹ Commentary on Daniel 7:13; Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges, Link: Website LINK

¹² Additional Note on the expression 'one like unto a son of man' in Daniel 7:13; Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges, Link: Website LINK

<u>presented before him.</u> And <u>to him was given</u> dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is <u>an everlasting dominion</u>, which shall not pass away, and <u>his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed</u>. Dan 7:13-14

The "one like a son of man" is chosen by God from among the people of Israel, specifically from the tribe of Judah. YHWH himself will bring him near and thereby he will be "presented" before the Ancient of Days. Then he will be "given" his kingdom, dominion, power and authority. These are events that God had previously stated would happen at the time of the restoration of Israel and Judah and the inauguration of God's Kingdom on earth (see Jer 30:1-4; Ezek 36:15-28, etc.):

Their prince shall be <u>one of themselves</u>; <u>their ruler shall come out from their midst</u>; <u>I will make him draw near</u>, and he shall approach me, for who would dare of himself to approach me? declares YHWH. Jer 30:21 (Deut 17:15)

God shows Daniel that "one like a son of man" (i.e. a human being) will be given power, authority and a global kingdom as King Messiah. This is analogous to the method by which He prophetically showed Abram (Abraham) the Messiah's future "day" and "he saw it and was "glad" (John 8:56, Gal 3:8 quoting Gen 12:3). The "one like a son of man" is a separate dream-vision character as are the beasts, the winged chariot creatures and the other characters in this prophetic vision. One can only describe unfamiliar things seen in a surreal dream-vision in relation to what we know from our own experiences as being "like" or "similar" to something familiar but not really the exact same thing. They are all players in the prophetic dream-vision drama – but none of them are identified as being Yhwh except the "Ancient of Days."

As we have discussed, Daniel described the dream-vision entity as appearing "like a son of man," i.e. like a man. As demonstrated, "son of man" is a common term in the TNK that is always used <u>only</u> to describe a human being, a descendant, literally, a "son of adam (a man)" (Heb. "ben adam") whom God created from "the dust of the ground (Heb. Adamah; Gen 2:7)." *Ezekiel the prophet was called "son of man" (ben adam) over ninety times. Yeshua called himself "son of man" dozens of times in the Gospels to emphasize his humanity and being "like his brothers in every way" (Hebrews 2:17).*

Did Yeshua change the definition of "son of man?"

Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed?" And Yeshua said, "I am, and you will see the son of man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven. And the high priest tore his garments

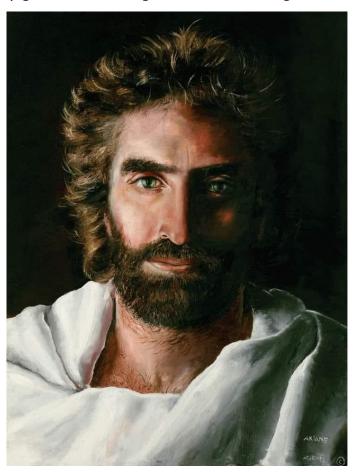
¹³ *I and the Father are one – a Hebrew perspective,* Reuven ben Yosef, Chaplain Wade Butler Newsletter, Tevet 5783, 2.19.23

and said, "What further witnesses do we need? You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. Mark 14:61-64 (Matt 26:63-66; Luke 21:27)

Yeshua claimed that he is the "son of man" figure in Daniel's vision, the promised, descendant of David "according the flesh" (Luke 3:32, Rom 1:3, etc.).

Yeshua's declaration that he would be seated at the right hand of YHWH and would one day be coming back in the clouds was purposely framed in Messianic imagery familiar to his Judean audience. He believed God would resurrect him to immortality in order to fulfill David's prophecy from Psalm 110:1 and Daniel's vision. He stated he would occupy the most exalted position at God's right hand and be given ultimate authority over the creation. At the end of days, he would be coming back in his exalted position to rule over the promised earthly messianic Kingdom of God.

In the Olam Haba, renewed Kingdom of God on earth, Yeshua will exercise his God-given powers and authority. They are not "self-generated" or something he could give to himself because they are not his to give (Dan 7:14, John 17:1-3, etc.). Importantly, after vanquishing the enemies of the Most High, Yeshua's ultimate act of obedience as the Messiah is to one day give back the kingdom to Yhwh who gave it to him.



Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, when he has brought to an end all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign until He (God) has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be eliminated is death. For He has put everything in subjection under his feet. But when it says "everything" has been put in subjection, it is clear that this does not include the One who put everything in subjection to him. And when all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subjected to the One who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all. 1Cor 15:24-28 (referencing Zech 14:9)

And YHWH shall be King over all the earth; In that day shall YHWH be one, and His name one. Zech 14:9.

Conclusion

Are we really to believe that the biblical definition of "son of man" was altered from its historical usage and was suddenly to be regarded as a <u>title of divinity</u> based on a new GR Church interpretation of <u>only one verse</u> in the TNK? Since when has an essential and "new" biblical doctrine been deemed credible with literally zero scriptural witnesses? As well-known Christian author Hal Lindsey, an expert in Hebrew and Greek, has said, "*If the passage doesn't mean what it says, who can ever say what it means?*" Professor Anthony Buzzard, PhD., author and professor of theology at Atlanta Bible College, put it succinctly:

"A Jewish and biblical conception of preexistence is most significant for Jesus's understanding of himself as the Son of Man. The Son of Man is found in the book of Daniel. He 'preexists' only in the sense that God grants us a vision of him in His Plan for the future. The Son of Man is a *human being* – that is what the words mean. Thus, what John wants us to understand is that the *human* Messiah was in heaven before his birth (in God's Plan) and was seen *in Daniel's vision of the future* (Dan 7; John 6:62). Jesus at his ascension went up to the position which had been previously prepared for him in God's Plan."¹⁴

Yeshua was a unique "son of man," the first human being to be resurrected and become immortal. – he was the "first of many brothers." There will be millions more of his brothers and sisters who will follow. That story is something very special and completely unique amongst all other religions.

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¹⁴ The Nature of Preexistence in the NT – a Hebrew perspective, Prof. Anthony Buzzard, PhD., website LINK

Iyar 5, 5783: Wednesday April 26

"God's Arrows Will Be Released on the Adversary!"

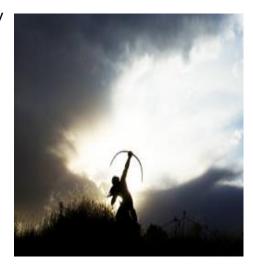
Andrew Towe, Chattanooga, TN

I was about to minister on my weekly broadcast, *Friday Fire*, when the Holy Spirit said to my heart that the message I had prepared was for another time. He said for me to step aside and allow Him to speak to His people. His message was as follows.

Dipping Arrows into the Fire

"The enemy has launched arrows of attack against My champions. He has concealed himself by hiding in the dark shadows. There has been a conspiracy to take out My greatest champions. I declare now that these shadow man attacks will be exposed and exposed speedily, for I am shining light into the dark shadows where he wars against My people.

"I will defend My children, and they will see the power of My might. Man of War has risen to battle! Satan has attempted to deceive everyone into



thinking that he is the one who is winning the battle, but I have set an ambush for him, and all will know that the battle is the Lord's! I have an arsenal in which I have prepared hidden weapons designed for such a time as this! Even now, I am dipping arrows into fire that will expose the darkness and destroy the enemy's plots, plans, and schemes."

You are about to be awestruck by how God moves for you. God is moving for you now, and what He does for you will leave you awestruck! He has heard your cry. He has seen your tears. He is moving mountains that you thought were impossible to move.

Moreover, the secret attacks that have come from those who should have been on your side will be stripped bare in this season. Keep your focus on Jesus. **Don't look to the left or to the right but keep your eyes on the One who has never left or forsaken you.**

Both governmental and Church leaders will be exposed in the coming months, but do not allow yourself to be disillusioned. They were never your answer. Jesus alone is the answer for this generation.

"Can't you hear their slander, their lies? Their words are like poison-tipped arrows shot from the shadows. They are unafraid and have no fear of consequences. They persist with their evil plans and plot together to hide their traps. They boast, 'No one can see us or stop us!' They search out opportunities to pervert justice as they plan the 'perfect crime.' How unsearchable is their endless evil! They try desperately to hide the deep darkness of their hearts." (Psalm 64:3-6, TPT)

A Great Light of Revival Will Burst Forth

Sunday morning, while praying with those who had flooded the altar for prayer, I was taken into a vision. I saw a person standing behind what looked like a giant rubber wall. I saw arrows flying from every direction, attempting to reach that individual, but every time they came near, the arrows bounced off the rubber wall.

Upon seeing this vision, the Lord spoke these words: "I have surrounded My people, and the poison-tipped arrows that have been hurled against them will bounce off them, and no hurt will come to them. I have walled them in, and My favor and protection surround them. Now it is time for a turnaround! Their pleas have not gone unheard. I am flipping the script. The enemy has tried to keep this chapter going long enough. Like a play, I am turning the page.

"Yes, the scene is turning, and everyone will see it happening quickly. Yes, I said quickly. It will not delay. Hindering spirits are being bound because My people are taking authority and binding them. Angels have been dispatched, bringing divine assistance. I have My arrows that will be released on the adversary.



"Get ready for a QUICK SHIFT. Even though a great evil and darkness has gripped the world and is now dominating it, I will declare to it, 'I AM has now risen!' I will deliver My people. I will shine upon them, and a great light of

revival will burst forth. The dam that has restricted the flow is breaking, and My glory will be seen throughout the earth.

"Awaken from your slumber! The day is here. Watch and see His mighty hand move to expose the shadow man and every undercover attack. Their arrows will no longer hurt you. There is a TURNAROUND that is happening even NOW! Do you not know that the Lord's promises are greater than satan's threats? **War with your prophecies and the words that He has spoken to you.** Remember, your enemy is already defeated, and His Word will be accomplished, just as He promised you!"

"But all the while God has His own fire-tipped arrows! Suddenly, without warning, they will be pierced and struck down. Staggering backward, they will be destroyed by the very ones they spoke against. All who see this will view them with scorn. Then all will stand awestruck over what God has done, seeing how He vindicated the victims of these crimes. The lovers of God will be glad, rejoicing in the Lord. They will be found in His glorious wraparound presence, singing songs of praise to God!" (Psalm 64:7-10, TPT)

Iyar 6, 5783: Thursday April 27, 2023



Covenant Power By Francis Frangipane

It is right to pray for the Lord to bless and protect our lives. However, praying for the blessing and provision of God is not the same as covenanting with Him. A covenant is an altar upon which the Lord and His covenant partner give themselves fully to each other.

If you have given your life to Christ, you entered into the benefits and power that were released during Jesus' covenant with the Father (see Luke 23). In that covenant between the Father and the Son, we are forgiven, cleansed and made new. Yet, we have not covenanted with God, Jesus did. We receive the consequences of Christ's covenant.

God desires that we enter into covenant with Him. This is not instead of the New Covenant, but it is an expression of our relationship with Him. A covenant relationship with God does not cease once our prayers have been answered. In covenant love we mature from simply being "believers" in prayer to becoming living sacrifices given to God's highest purposes. By so yielding, He creates within us a life that He can use extraordinarily in the process of divine redemption.

Covenant power is greater than that which comes through prayer alone. Indeed, the effects of a covenant reach far beyond simple faith. Prayer and faith are essentials; they are prerequisites, but not substitutes, for covenant power.

Thus, a covenant relationship is a extended pledge between two partners. It is an unbreakable oath which God Himself initiates and then promises to sustain, even giving a unique and enduring grace to His covenant partner. Contained within His promise is His unalterable commitment not only to fulfill His highest plan of redemption, but to also supply grace and faith to His human counterpart along the way. Together, the All-Sufficient God and a believing man accomplish the impossible through their covenant relationship.

Power Released in a Covenant

A covenant with God accomplishes two interconnected goals. It thrusts us beyond "subjective prayer" (prayer made primarily for our personal needs) and brings us into a deeper commitment to God. Out of greater commitment comes greater grace to accomplish God's redemptive work in the world.

An example of covenant power is seen in ancient Israel during the revival that occurred after Athaliah, an idolatrous Judean queen, was dethroned. Jehoiada, the high priest, looked to God in covenant prayer. We read, "Then Jehoiada made a covenant between the Lord and the king and the people, that they should be the Lord's people" (2 Kings 11:17).

Did not Israel already have a covenant with God through Moses? Yes, but it was a biblical practice that individuals at various times made special covenants with the Almighty. The result of Jehoiada's covenant was that grace came upon the people and they cleansed the land of idolatry. We read, "So all the people of the land rejoiced and the city was quiet" (v. 20). Jehoiada's covenant brought the nation back to God and ended violence in Jerusalem!

Consider also the power released in Hezekiah's covenant with the Lord. The nation of Judah had been fully corrupted by Ahaz, the preceding king. However, Hezekiah began his reign by seeking God's highest favor. He opened the doors of the temple, cleansed it and reconsecrated the priests.

Yet, the purification of priests and buildings would not have brought about revival had not Hezekiah taken one further step. He said, "Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with the Lord God of Israel, that His burning anger may turn away from us" (2 Chronicles 29:10). Just eight days after the king made a covenant with the Lord, we read, "Then Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced over what God had prepared for the people, because the thing came about suddenly" (v. 36).

Often, the difference between a long-term struggle to bring a nation around and a speedy recovery was in the power released when the king covenanted with the Almighty. Keep in mind that Judah was apostate in its religious practices, witchcraft was practiced by the former king, and demonic idols had been placed in the Holy of Holies. Yet, covenant power triggered a national revival that "came about suddenly."

As Americans, it is vital we remember that our spiritual forefathers were a people who knew and exercised principles of covenant sacrifice. When the Puritans came to this country, they knelt on its shores and covenanted with God for this land. They dedicated this "new world" to Christ and His kingdom. They were covenant people who understood the destiny of God for this nation. It is unlikely that the revival of America will come without local and national church leaders covenanting together with God for the redemption of our land.

Covenants With God For Our Times

A personal covenant with God is a serious commitment, worthy of extended prayer and waiting before God. It is not to be taken superficially or without caution. Still, at Christ's bidding, I have covenanted with Him to see the body of

Christ delivered of carnal divisions and racism, that Christ's prayer of John, chapter 17, may be answered.

What does this covenant signify to me? It means that my life is not my own. It has been absorbed into something much more powerful: the will of God. It also means that when I pray, there is a power attached to my intercession that works to dismantle strongholds of religious and cultural pride in the church.

I have also united my life and faith with the covenants of our pilgrim forefathers. Together with a number of other brethren, both locally and nationally, we have covenanted with the Almighty to see this land restored according to Second Chronicles 7:14.

There will be a time when this nation, like all nations, becomes the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ (Revelation 11:15). Until then, whether revival comes quickly or we pass through the fires of divine judgments, our lives belong to Christ - not simply to be blessed or made prosperous, but to see His highest purposes accomplished in our land.

Not everyone will covenant with God for the nation. Some will unite with the Lord for their families. Others will covenant with God to see abortion ended in their cities. Still others will make a covenant with God for the church, to see the Lord's house built in their cities.

Making a covenant with God takes us further into our goal of Christlikeness. It is the highest relationship we can enjoy with God; it is that which brings Him the most pleasure. To those who covenant with God, He says, "Gather My godly ones to Me, those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice" (Psalm 50:5).

Lord, open our hearts to the joy and wonder, the sobriety and fear, of a covenant relationship with You. Lead us, O King, out of the superficial and into the supernatural. Lead us into a covenant with You for our times and nation! In Jesus' name. Amen.

Iyar 7, 5783: Friday April 28, 2023



Dutch Sheets: The Ekklesia's Blitz

The following word shared by my brother, Tim Sheets, is an appropriate follow up to last week's posts. God is saying it is time for we, the Ekklesia, to exercise our spiritual authority at new levels, enabling others to restore through government and wise strategies. Keep praying - it is effective! Tim says:

"The movie 'Braveheart' depicts the story of William Wallace. There is a scene in which he rides his horse before Scottish troops and issues this challenging statement, 'I am William Wallace, and I see a whole army of my countrymen here in defiance of tyranny. You have come to fight as free men, and free men you are. What will you do with that freedom? Will you fight?

"Aye, fight and you may die. Run, and you'll live at least a while. And dying in your beds many years from now, would you be willing to trade all the days from this day to that for one chance - just one chance to come back here and tell our enemies that they may take our lives, BUT THEY WILL NEVER TAKE OUR FREEDOM!'

"We are moving into days when the Ekklesia must demonstrate its boldness, strength, and unwavering faith. We have been prepared and empowered by the Holy Spirit to win

great battles. Those who know their God will stand strong in Him and fight, using their spiritual weapons and wise strategies, to defeat hell's evil agenda. Our nation and government will be changed, and America will be saved!

"While praying about our current times, I was reminded of a prophetic word Holy Spirit gave me where He said, 'I*t's time for the blitz push of My Kingdom Ekklesia.'* I have studied and shared portions of this word before, but Holy Spirit has given me further revelation concerning it.

"The definition of 'blitz' is a sudden, energetic and concerted effort to accomplish a specific purpose; a push to complete a cause; an intense, sudden military attack. 'Blitz' can also mean a sudden energetic invasion that disorients an enemy. (1)

"Holy Spirit is stirring the Ekklesia to carry out God's spiritual battle plans for creating change and setting captives free. There are spiritual battles on the horizon that we must engage in and win.

"While praying into this, I received the following from the Lord, 'I will move through My Ekklesia "hubs" and My triumphant remnant with sudden, energetic, concerted efforts to accomplish wisdom's plans for this season. I will lead My remnant warriors, implementing lightning-like spiritual warfare. I will lead you to strike like lightning. My Kingdom will now move rapidly with overwhelming force. Rapid strikes will break through enemy defenses, disorienting and dislocating them. Swift victories are on the calendar.

"I will call you to sudden advances that will throw hell's kingdom completely out of balance, interrupting their plans and resulting in quick defeat. My Ekklesias will suddenly invade enemy positions causing disruptions and a scattering of evil. Multiple surprise moves will be implemented in regions, territories, and nations as My Ekklesia is emboldened. Hell's forces will not see this coming, for their arrogance has blinded them. Their human partners will also not see it coming, for their arrogance, self-righteousness, pride and filth has blinded them, as well.

"Swift, strategic maneuvers are activating through My Ekklesias to reverse distortions of My identity for male and female. The demonic prince promoting gender confusion will be struck suddenly, repeatedly and boldly by My powerful, advancing Kingdom and My angel armies. Truth will be their shield and buckler. Original intent, truth, and biblical identity will be proclaimed.

"There will be a new hunger for My presence, influence, and ways. Boardrooms will change. Some corporate leaders will change, others will be removed. Corporate identities will change. Some in government will change, others will be removed. Unique leaders I've prepared for this hour will now advance into positions of great authority.

"My Ekklesia's voice is rising to sound forth My words. Angels are being activated to tear down strongholds of evil that are polluting coming generations. My enemies will become unbalanced. They will stagger from the blitz of truth and righteousness now accelerating. Swift victories and turnarounds will be seen.

"For I have a great harvest among those who have been misled and confused by demon-occupied minds. My truth will free them. My truth will restore true identity, meaning, and purpose, for My love is set upon them. I will free multitudes from lies. I have sons and daughters trapped in the confusion, whom I will redeem. I have prodigal sons and daughters to free. I have champions whose identities I will restore.

"I am moving to change battlefronts; activating overwhelming force to accomplish My purposes. I will disorient those who oppose Me. Their influence will fade and their voice will fail from the festering of their evil infections. I have focused My authority on kingpin positions of great human authority who, as Pharaoh of old, have hardened their hearts against Me. My Ekklesia, assisted by My angel armies, will pray to remove their influence and see them replaced by leaders who will not resist My ways. For the blitz push of My Ekklesia includes concerted, coordinated, fast-moving efforts to remove the influence of these evil kingpins.

"The Lord of Hosts declares to His church: The warfare for earth will now intensify, but you will experience swift turnarounds as you release My authority in regions, states, and nations. Lightning-like strikes and rapid responses against evil will replace passivity's stupor among My people and will prevail. The world will see a different church. A "ruling and reigning with Me" church. A church that strikes hell's aggression in their regions. When hell pushes, they will push back. When government, big tech, and education pushes, they will push back with spiritual authority and wise strategies. And they will prevail.'

"We are living in a radical, world-shaping time, a hinge of history, and hell is fighting to control it. However, heaven and God's committed remnant are also rising. Holy Spirit is moving, empowering and resourcing us for this moment, energizing His people with tenacious faith. And He is activating more angel armies than at any other time in

history. We must be faith-filled warriors, answering the challenge. It is time for the Ekklesia of King Jesus, to boldly advance."

Pray with me:

Lord, we decree this word into the atmospheres of our regions. Let the call be heard from You, deep in the heart of Your warriors. It's time for much evil to be overcome and captives to be set free. It is time for muted voices to rise, losing Your voice throughout America and across the world. Thank You, God, for the release of angelic assistance and the power of Holy Spirit. Release Your overwhelming force to strike down enemy strongholds.

Prepare and energize us with another powerful filling of Holy Spirit; make us bold warriors, engaged against evil. Use us to strike like lightning against the strategies of hell, blinding doctrines, and plans of demons. Bring confusion into Your enemy's camps. Restore purpose, truth and identity. Free those bound and set prodigal sons and daughters free.

Give us great discernment, wisdom and understanding of the times. Lead us as we steward the blitz push of Your Kingdom to strike demonic enemies, defeat strategies, and set captives free. We decree that Your Kingdom rule WILL come to earth. Will of God, be done! In Jesus' name. Amen.

Our decree:

The Ekklesia has been prepared to win great battles for Christ and rapid victories will be seen!

Iyar 8, 5783: Saturday April 29, 2023

Robin Bullock - Prophetic Word

My Beloved knows our works, our hearts and the very workings of the human soul. Our Beloved has set before us an open door, which no one is able to shut. But we choose daily, doors that give little power, yet we choose to go through them and denied the very path before us. Every door we open may not be as easy to close. If it swings only one direction it will then close behind you. Why are we so afraid to ask and talk to our Beloved? And why don't we believe it will be given to us the things He said? We pray but pray amiss. You're pondering to yourself how? Jesus said, "The Father and I are

One" and "I only do what I see the Father doing." We must live by faith and faith alone. This is why we can seek, and then we can find; by knocking, it will be opened to us. Our relationship with Christ Jesus is based on faith.

He said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him and eat with him, and he with Me." Intimacy begins with drawing near. We are told again, "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture." Every gate or doorway leads somewhere and allows something in or out. We are instructed to open up, "ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in." But so often we don't take time to pray, to seek out wisdom or understanding. We must learn to put away childish things, go into our room, shut the door and pray to our Father. Our Father rewards those who diligently seek Him. A wide door for effective work has opened, but where are the workers of the harvest field? Yes, we will face many adversaries and trials. But blessed is the one who listens, watching daily at the gate, waiting beside the door that will open. For we can only, "enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."

Do not grumble but put your hand to the plow and don't look back. The Judge is standing at the door. At the same time, pray that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, to all who will listen. "He who has ears let him hear."

"Pray like this: 'Our Father, dwelling in the heavenly realms, may the glory of your name be the center on which our lives turn. Manifest your kingdom realm and cause your every purpose to be fulfilled on earth, just as it is fulfilled in heaven." Matthew 6:9-10 TPT

"So don't be foolish but understand what the Lord wants." Ephesians 5:17 GW

"You need to be patient, in order to do the will of God and receive what he promises." Hebrews 10:36 GNT

Iyar 9, 5783: Sunday April 30, 2023

Lana Vawser FROM BOXES TO BLANK CANVASES

Recently as I sat with the Lord, I heard the Lord say, "FROM BOXES TO BLANK CANVASES."

I then saw many in the body of Christ who felt like they were living "contained". I saw many living in a place where expectations they had placed upon themselves, expectations of others, circumstances, lies they had believed were keeping them "contained". It was very clear to me in this vision that the heart of the Father was for these ones to FLY in this hour.

They were not created to be contained, to be "boxed in", to not "fit in" but they were born to stand out and shine. There was such a strong sense in this vision of this being the time of arising and shining; and shining in the authenticity of who the Lord had created them to be.

There was such a strong sense that this was a time to arise and flourish in their identity in greater ways than ever before, to flourish in their unique expression of who Christ is within them and to walk in greater authenticity.

I could feel the deep weariness that these ones had been walking in as these boxes and containments were sucking the life out of them and who they have been created to be by the Father.

His voice spoke again, "IT IS TIME TO FLY! IT IS TIME TO FLY."

The depth of freedom I could feel in His voice was exponential. This was a breaking of limitations by the power of the Holy Spirit in a way that many had never experienced. This was life-changing deliverance, healing, and commissioning to fly higher on the winds of the Spirit in exponential ways. There was a very strong sense that the Lord was reintroducing HIs people to themselves.

There was such a strong sense in this vision that many have forgotten who they are because of the lingering effects of different seasons they have walked and are walking. The constant battles. Disappointments, expectations, lies, strongholds of fear of man, living under the heavy weights of all these different things had slowly been sucking the life out of them and many had felt like they don't even know who they are anymore. I saw Jesus in this moment, taking these ones by the hand and He was taking them deeper into the season of being reintroduced to themselves — as they were created to be by the Father. The dream of the Father in them, walking in whom they were created to be, unfolding and flourishing in accelerated ways.

I heard the Lord say, "FROM BOXES TO BLANK CANVASES."

I saw these boxes that these ones were living in — Jesus was bringing such deep deliverance and freedom.

These boxes were breaking in explosive ways and where these boxes were, suddenly there were blank canvases. I saw Jesus standing with these ones before these blank canvases and He began to paint and draw, and He was showing them on these canvases how HE sees things and how HE sees them. The sense of realignment and flourishing in original design and identity was exploding all around.

There were so many tears in this moment. Jesus' eyes were filled with tears, tears of joy, tears of love at the beauty of these ones and how deeply loved they are by Him and by the Father. I could feel His heart bursting with love: this was a moment and season of the deepest encounters with the love of Christ and the love of the Father. I was surrounded by the JOY that was set before Him that He endured the Cross. There were so many layers of that JOY that I could feel in that moment and the love of Christ for these ones was so weighty. The sense surrounded me that this was going to be the deepest and most sacred season of knowing His love, being known by and so delighted in by Him. Such flourishing strength and joy was going to explode and blossom within their hearts as they encounter on a deeper level just how loved and treasured they are by Him and so much that has hindered them, would be no more.

At the same time, I knew that these blank canvases were also an invitation from the deep place of intimacy with Jesus into seeing the new landscapes, designs, plans and blossoming in new ways of operating with Him in deeper realms of freedom.

I saw Jesus' painting new assignments, deep wells, new lands that for some were completely unexpected, things never thought of; but contained within these things was the most explosive joy in deep partnership with Jesus and the Holy Spirit and watching His Spirit move. But at the same time, as they partnered with Him in the new ways and what He was painting on these canvases, it was bringing them to life again.

As they partnered with Him, not only was life flowing through them to bring change and transformation to others, but life was flowing INTO THEM, bringing them to life again. There was such joy and such depths of dreaming again with Jesus, all was being restored and more.

There was such a deep sense of new beginnings that the Lord was bringing to these ones. The heralding of His voice thundering over their season, "BEGIN AGAIN," was a declaration that was causing all things that have been out of alignment and crooked, to

suddenly come into divine alignment. Where many felt like so much time had been lost, there was a supernatural extension and expansion of time by His hand, that would see greater fruitfulness in the season than ever before. I was struck again in this encounter that the Lord is not bound by time, time bows to Him and there was supernatural expansion, acceleration and extension happening in these new beginnings for these ones. The intentions of the Lord for their season would be fulfilled in greater ways than they could ever have imagined.

"BEGIN AGAIN" thundered again as the Lord showed me some of these precious ones had laid things down for many different reasons, but the Lord was saying, "BEGIN AGAIN."

The Lord is inviting them into a place of encounter with Him before the blank canvases to see who they are again, to see the new things He has for them in this season, but also, things that have been laid down and dropped, things that felt like they died or failed, that as they are picked up again, as they "BEGIN AGAIN", Jesus is painting a beautiful picture of the increase and fruitfulness that will come forth in the obedience to "pick it up and begin again".

I saw Jesus look at them and smile and He spoke, "It will be different this time so much different."

I then saw on every canvas despite the different paintings, pictures, writing and designs, there was the same imprint deep in the center of every canvas and it was EPHESIANS 3:20, and I knew the Lord was speaking in ALL these deep moments of transformative encounter with Him and His love would burst and flourish forth the promise and declaration of Ephesians 3:20.

"Never doubt God's mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for his miraculous power constantly energizes you." (TPT)

Iyar 10, 5783: Monday May 1, 2023

Gods Spring: By Michael Shuttlesworth

What does spring show us about God's character?

We have all been there, each year, just waiting to see that first robin, or the first bud of the flowers. We know it's coming, but it's just out of reach. The hope of Spring will soon bring warmer days, flowers blooming and bees buzzing. And so, we wait, anxiously looking forward to our favorite time of year!

The coming of Spring is out of our control, and some of us jokingly look to a groundhog to tell us if spring is on its way, but we know that it's really God, who is in control and brings us each new season. God brings newness after the gray of winter. **A new life**. **Spring is the perfect metaphor for the gospel**. It is God's nature to make something new. Not only can we observe many attributes of God in spring, but his gospel plan is plastered throughout creation.



God is Creative. When was the last time you really took a look at the daffodil? What about the bluebird or the spider? God is so creative in nature.

Romans 1:20 For ever since the creation of the universe his invisible qualities, both are eternal power and his divine nature, have been clearly seen, because they can be understood from what he has made.

God is creative in storytelling. No one else has a testimony just like yours. God brings people to himself in different ways. Who would have thought that through death would come life more abundantly? Through the blood and death of Jesus comes eternal life. How creative, the old is gone and a new life is beginning. Spring. **New Life**.

Winter, while beautiful is its own way, can be dreary and cold. After a long winter, when that first green leaf appears, joy explodes. All of a sudden you can see green in other places along with many other colors of Spring. People begin to smile more in spring, have you noticed that?

Once a habitual life of sin is given over to Jesus, joy floods one's soul. It's indescribable! Believers in Jesus see the world differently and with more joy. The gospel transfers a soul from the dark cold gray of sin, into the **newness of life**, just like Spring.

God is Faithful. We know without a doubt that spring will arrive each year. The seasons, after all, are cyclical. Just as we know the sun will rise and set every 24 hours, we know that Spring will come. The God that created all of these nature cycles is faithful to bring them about. God is also faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Many times, we seem to forget this. We try to fix our lives on our own and everything tends to go out of sync and out of the cycle of life. Just a Spring is right around the corner, God is right there also when we mess up. He is ready to give us a **New Beginning** and another chance.

In winter, when looking at brown leaves, we wonder why they had to die and fall to the ground. The leaf had to fall and die, if it didn't then the new leaves would not be able to sprout. In the same way, we must die to ourselves.

If we don't, then the new life God wants for us will never grow. With the death of ourselves comes the Spring of eternal life.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ our Lord.

Amen

Iyar 11, 5783: Tuesday May 2, 2023

Dutch Sheets: The Generational Timeline

In a recent post, I mentioned the cloud of witnesses spoken of in Hebrews 12:1. We owe them a debt of gratitude and honor. In my book, <u>An Appeal To Heaven</u>, I also address the fact that we can agree with their prayers and promises, creating something Holy Spirit once referenced to me as "the synergy of the ages."

The previous chapter, Hebrews 11, also references our spiritual predecessors.

Remember, there were no chapters or verses when the Bible was written; they were added to give us an easy reference to portions of Scripture. The 11th and 12th chapters are connected in subject matter. Chapter 11 ends by saying some faith heroes didn't receive what was promised to them because God wouldn't allow the completion without the participation of those who followed.

The Greek word used for "complete" (*teleioo*) in this verse means to bring something to its goal, completion, or desired end (Strong's 5048). Simply stated, there are plans and activities God begins in one generation, knowing He will not finish them until the next generation picks up the baton. Those in the cloud of witnesses have a huge investment in our assignments; some gave their very lives. We must not only honor this with our appreciation and thanks, but we must also carry on with what they started. We're a link in a holy generational chain.

Our friend, Gina Gholston, addressed this subject recently in a wonderful way. Gina said:

"Recently, I had the great honor of speaking at the home-going celebration of my 90-year-old aunt. Married for over seventy-two years and serving in pastoral ministry for several decades, she and her husband were great role models for me all my life. I felt it would be an encouragement to share portions of the tribute I shared that day.

"I enjoy reading the account of Joseph in the Bible. I am always inspired by his unrelenting faithfulness to God. Regardless of what he faced, Joseph remained true to the Lord; and he found that through it all God was with him, navigating his life to fulfill his destiny. Joseph was devoted to God, and his decision to walk with the Lord affected not only his own life, but powerfully impacted many others. His life still impacts us today.

"On one occasion, while reading Joseph's story, I received the following revelation from the Lord:

'The marking of a true warrior is not their battle scars; it's their sustainability! True warriors do not quit. They are not driven by fear nor distracted by the memory of past battles; they're driven by righteous purposes and the pursuit of the One their soul loves! Yes, warriors have many scars, but do not see themselves as victims. On the contrary, they see themselves as victorious, triumphant overcomers through Christ! True spiritual warriors are also forerunners; their focus is forward, and their passion is for Christ, whom they follow and imitate.'

"As I re-read these words, I was impacted by a strong realization that we've been blessed with many examples of true warriors in our lifetime, warriors like Joseph, who knew God and devoted their all to Him! These heroes of faith may not have considered themselves warriors - they were just living their lives - but they lived purposeful lives for Christ, blazing a trail for us to follow! It wasn't always easy for them, and they didn't hide this, but trusted God and demonstrated His trustworthiness. Their steadfastness and unhidden devotion to the Lord impacted everything about their lives. This devotion shines a light, making us aware of the difference a true relationship with God can make in our own lives. Their faith in God, and their faithfulness to Him, has given us a spiritual inheritance beyond words!

"As I thought about this, I was reminded of these verses in Psalm 145:

'One generation shall praise Your works to another and shall declare Your mighty acts. Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts and declare Your greatness. They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness and shall sing of Your righteousness. They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and talk of Your power, **to make known** to the sons of men His mighty acts and the glorious majesty of His Kingdom' (Psalm 145:4, 6-7, 11-12, emphasis mine).

"These true warriors, whom we have been blessed to know and be impacted by, left us with a living witness to God's faithfulness and incomparable power! Willingly taking their places on the timeline of history, they pioneered movements of truth and powerful demonstrations of the Spirit. The sacrifices they made, along with their fearless obedience to the leading of Holy Spirit, allowed Heaven to invade earth in powerful and undeniable ways, leaving us a solid foundation on which to build.

"These warriors shouted the message of God's goodness and demonstrated the reality of Jesus. Now, we must do the same for the generations that follow us. This may not always be easy, but our faith in God will sustain us, enabling us to see beyond the difficulties. We, too, may receive scars, but we will not be victims! We are victorious, triumphant overcomers through Christ! They taught us this!

"Some of those warriors have now joined the great cloud of witnesses; from there, they cheer us on. I believe their challenge to us would be, 'Run on, warriors! Run hard! It's your turn to be the light for others! Don't waste time! Go! Be the example! Run with undaunted obedience, with your gaze set on Jesus. Give the generations that follow an awareness of their great inheritance in Christ Jesus!'

"We are now extending the timeline. The baton is in our hands, and we must choose whether or not to run the race, carrying this inheritance. And run with it, we must! The generations following will need our faithfulness! We are in a time like no other, and now, more than ever, the future generation needs godly role models, spiritual mothers and fathers who unashamedly shine the light of Christ into the darkness and show them the more excellent way. We must allow a holy fire to burn in us, regardless of the cost, to pass an even greater measure of faith to them. May all who follow see in us the testimony of true warriors. This is our gift to those who labored before us, and it is our calling in Christ, the ultimate True Warrior."

Pray with me:

Father, thank You for those who have gone before us, leaving such inspiring examples. They provoked us to know and follow You. We honor them, grateful for their surrendered lives and the spiritual inheritance they gave us. Because they did their part, we are positioned to do ours. We devote our lives to You and set our focus on Jesus. Teach us, Lord, to wisely invest this spiritual inheritance with which we have been entrusted so that we may pass it along to the generations who will follow. May they find in us true examples that cause them also to burn, producing the continuation of Your original intentions.

Our decree:

We receive the baton of our spiritual inheritance, and we will run with righteous purpose, blazing a trail for those who follow.



Iyar 12, 5783: Wednesday May 3, 2023

Robin Main

As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, most of us have been conditioned to be hypersensitive about moving into "righteousness by works." Personally, I think that the pendulum has swung so far, the other way through "hyper-grace" that we should become sensitive about not being righteous in the way that we think we are.

Let's bring some balance to this righteousness pendulum. First, Scripture tells us that righteousness is not a pendulum, but a plumb line: "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily. Also, I will make justice the measuring line, And RIGHTEOUSNESS THE PLUMMET; The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, And the waters will overflow the hiding place" (Isaiah 28:16-17 NKJV). A plummet is a plumb line. It's a picture of a lead weight attached to a line, which is used to indicate a vertical direction. It's a line directed to the center of our earth to determine if it is true. To righteously plumb something is to measure the depth of it thoroughly with the plumb of Zion to see if it is exactly vertical or true in God's eyes. No wonder that "righteousness" is both the foundation and habitation of God's Throne (Psalm 97:2). Please refer to CLIMBING HIS PLUMB LINE

=> https://sapphirethroneministries.wordpress.com/2013/10/27/climb-the-frequency-of-his-plumb-line-righteousness/.

Now add to that fact that righteous is a title for those operating in the fullness of the Order of Melchizedek to get a hint as to why "righteousness" stirs up so much controversy. It's virtually the essence of establishing the Kingdom of God. BTW – The first Melchizedek is simply a type and shadow for the kings of peace and righteousness that will be made after the Order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 7:2).

The eternal priesthood of the Order of Melchizedek is the predecessor of the Bride of Christ. Each Melchizedek king and priest must lead their own inner fire bride forth. What clothes the Bride? Righteousness. ""Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and HIS BRIDE has made herself ready," it was given to her TO CLOTHE HERSELF IN FINE LINEN, BRIGHT AND CLEAN; for the fine linen IS THE RIGHTEOUS ACTS OF THE SAINTS (Revelation 19:7-8 NASB). Please always remember that the Hebraic root to the word "righteousness" means "TO BE;" therefore, righteousness is all about a Righteous State of Being. Work never proceeds one's righteous state of being. It's an outflow where a person is not a hypocrite. Their actions line up with their words. Even though our righteousness in Christ is 100% in heavenly places when we are seated at the right hand of Father in Christ, Second Corinthians 5:21 tells us that in our earthly condition that we are becoming (or being made) the righteousness of God in Christ. Have you ever considered that Matthew 6:33 would not say seek first His righteousness, if righteousness was not something that we needed to search for?

If Paul declared toward the end of his ministry that he needed to press on toward the goal of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus, it's a really good indication that this is something believers still need to do too. We need to strive to enter His rest, which is fully becoming the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus here on earth, as it is in heaven. When we look at the heavenly position, which is the goal of our upward call, we are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. When each of us look at our own manifest earthly condition in this regard most, if not all of us, currently fall short. In this Kingdom Day, this perfect work of us fully becoming the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus will happen.

Please don't beat yourself up or get into a perfectionist mode. I've seen too many people disqualify themselves from the Bridal Race (course) by them being too tough on themselves. "Perfect" in this context means to set out for a definite point or goal. It's the point aimed at as a limit. That limit is our beautiful Lord of Love, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Let us all embrace the great grace provided by His Blood and climb heavenly heights that will result in our being made into His glorious image.

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Iyar 13, 5783: Thursday May 4, 2023 Fred Mosely J.D., LL.M.

The Law of Love

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away." - 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 KJV.

LOVE NEVER FATLS!

The operative word <u>never</u> fails makes it an absolute. It is a higher law just as the law of lift is higher than gravity, light is a higher law than darkness, good is a higher law than evil and humility is a higher law than pride.

The Law of Love comes under the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus and overcomes but does not abolish the lesser and included laws under it.

It operates in an opposite manner than the lesser and included laws under it i.e.. we must give in order to receive, humble ourselves in order to be exalted, receive strength in our weakness, and we must lose our lives in order to gain.

The Law of Love will prevail in family, in schools, in the workplace, church and even in government.

The scripture says in John 3:16 KVJ ("For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.")

Jesus further says to us in **John 14:15** "**If ye love me, keep my commandments**". And I submit to you that the commandments that we are to abide by is to operate by His grace on the positive side of Kingdom Laws which we refer to as the Laws of Life.

Father, we ask that you reveal to us the power of the Law of Love, because You are Love!

In Yeshua's name amen.

Iyar 14, 5783: Friday May 5, 2023 Johnny + Elizabeth Enlow: The colors of the Seven Mountains

There is power in the colors of the rainbow, and they are reflected in and on the seven mountains.

In the area of culture referred to as MEDIA (how life is reported), we see God as COMMUNICATOR, the color RED. He is LOVE displayed as BLESSING.

In the area of culture referred to as FAMILY, we see God as PAPA, the color ORANGE. He is LOVE displayed as STRENGTH.

In the area of culture referred to as ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT, we see God as CREATOR, the color YELLOW. He is LOVE displayed as GLORY.

In the area of culture referred to as ECONOMY, we see God as PROVIDER, the color GREEN. He is LOVE displayed as RICHES.

In the area of culture referred to as RELIGION, we see God as REDEEMER, the color BLUE. He is LOVE displayed as HONOR.

In the area of culture referred to as EDUCATION, we see God as TEACHER, the color INDIGO/DEEP BLUE. He is LOVE displayed as WISDOM.

In the area of culture referred to as GOVERNMENT, we see God as KING, the color PURPLE. He is LOVE displayed as POWER.





As we look at the seven colors and connect them to their respective mountains be aware that it's not just some new-age concept, but actually scientific. **All colors have their own unique sound and frequency, created by our Rainbow God.**

"Worthy is the lamb that was slain to receive POWER and RICHES and WISDOM and STRENGTH and HONOR and GLORY and BLESSING." Revelation 5:12

We refer to this as the Revelation 5:12 template because it's a template of sorts for us to understand, not just that God loves us, but exactly how He loves us. What does love look like on the seven mountains? God doesn't just love us in theory.

His love is expressed in a nuanced way that is unique on each mountain. It is love in action and it expresses His genuine care for us through practical solutions in every area of our lives and our culture. On each mountain God's love is experienced in a nuanced way. When God's love is communicated through the unique way it was originally intended in each area of culture, it registers on the heart of the recipient as one of these seven distinct attributes of His nature: power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing.

Iyar 15, 5783: Saturday May 6, 2023

It Looks Like We Lost, but We Didn't!"

Andrew Whalen, Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas

[Editor's note: Below are a series of dreams that Andrew Whalen shared during his Elijah Streams broadcast on April 11, 2023.]

The Time of Operation Fury

Prophetic dream received on April 6, 2021:

In my dream, I saw President Trump. He was all wrapped up in the American flag. Suddenly, I saw a red 'cloud' or mantle coming down upon him. I knew, in the dream, that this was an anointing from God that was coming upon him. It seemed like this was a present moment in time or the very near future.

Somehow, in the dream, I was able to jump into the cloud of anointing that had come upon President Trump, and immediately I was hit with the same anointing he was being given. I knew that this anointing was called "FURY."

As soon as the anointing hit me, it was so strong and powerful. The only thing I could do was roar with a supernatural roaring that would not let up. Every vein in

my head was bulging, and every fiber in my being felt electrically charged with fire and power. It was impossible for any human to create this sound or be able to sustain the power of the roar, but it continued to flow through me. In that moment of the dream, I realized that what God was placing on President Trump, no man could conjure up, and I knew it was a manifestation of God's fury, justice and vengeance against evil.

As I stood under the anointing with President Trump, I began to have open visions. I saw that what the world has seen so far of President Trump was the tame version of what God was about to do through him. What we have seen is only a drop in the bucket of the anointing and power of God that is about to be released upon him to do a historical work of justice. I knew in the dream that **the anointing was so powerful that its ability to produce justice would extend throughout the nations of the earth and last for multiple decades.** It was an anointing that I knew evil men and Hell itself were terrified of.

While I continued to stand under this anointing and roaring, another vision came to me. I saw an eye and ear upon the American flag. I prophesied in the dream, "Everything is going according to plan. All things have happened for this purpose—that now America can heed the truth. No words spoken by President Trump will fall to the ground. He will be anointed with a spirit of prophecy and favor, in which those in whom He blesses will be blessed, and those whom he condemns will be condemned."

While I looked at the eye and the ear, I knew that multitudes would be awakened to the truth they had not been ready for until now.

Finally in the dream, I said out loud, "We have entered the time of Operation Fury." When I said this, I realized that both the military and the angels of Heaven were working in tandem to accomplish God's fury against His enemies. It was Heaven on Earth to accomplish God's will.

End of dream.

God's Wrath Upon Evil Touching His Children

Prophetic dream received on November 21, 2022:

Lying in bed, I clearly heard the Lord say, "The nations have not understood the structures of witchcraft governing from secret." After a little while of pondering what I had heard, I suddenly heard the Holy Spirit say, **"I am coming to**

destroy the scepter of the wicked for the sake of the children." Then I fell asleep and went into a dream.

In my dream, I had covertly infiltrated a witches' coven that looked more like a fancy hotel with a conference center. None of the so-called witches looked like what I would have thought. In fact, most of them were very polished, sharp and professional.

In the dream, the main witch, who was the 'host' of the hotel, had the whole coven watch a video explaining how they intended to corrupt, defile, and then bring the younger generations of the nations under the spell of their "queen" and "king" (whom I knew to be satanic rulers in the heavens).

In the video, the main thing that was shown and taught to the witches was that the key to putting a spell of control over the young generations was to slowly scrub the internet and libraries and movie vaults of all pure, wholesome and clean entertainment, and only make accessible entertainment that showed some form of witchcraft in an acceptable light—along with subtle imagery and acceptance of sexual perversions.

In the video, they showed a future where people who wanted to find wholesome and pure entertainment to watch with their children could no longer find it, and so had to compromise with subtle allowances of sexually charged and demonicinfused entertainment.

At this point in the dream, I was very upset, as I was thinking of all the children they are seeking to defile! I walked up to the head witch, who didn't yet know I was not one of them. She looked at me, expecting my approval of all that I had just seen, but I looked back and said, "What you don't know is that I have been sent here by Jesus Christ, and now you will suffer His fury for touching His children."

Fnd of dream.

Afterward, I woke up from several alarms on my phone which were "AMBER ALERTS" of children being kidnapped. I knew the Lord was shouting and saying, "It is time to WAKE UP on behalf of the children!"

I believe God is fed up with wickedness targeting our children and the youth. Our future generations hang in the balance! We can no longer wink at this wickedness. It's time for the righteous to be as bold as lions and wage war for the children! Our weapons are not carnal, but mighty through God to pull down every stronghold (see 2 Corinthians 10:4)!

Trump and Military Operations Restoring Government

Prophetic dream received in October 2019:

In a dream, I saw the future and the aftermath of a time when Trump and U.S. military operations were finished restoring government control back to the people. The first thing I saw was a large, blue flag or sign with white stars around the border, and in large letters it said, "Who is Dope Now?" Then I saw a second red flag/sign with white stars and large letters that again said, "Who is Dope Now?" I immediately understood that the signs meant that Trump, his team, and "we the people" had the clout, the power, and control returned to us.

In the next scene of the dream, I saw a file with a chart in it. The chart was removed from the file and shown to me. It was a list of every "hidden" military and presidential operation during Trump's time in office. I didn't see any of them by name specifically, but I did see a list of several military operations that had been used to sweep out the deep state/satanic controllers, etc. I was very excited to see that each of the operations listed had a green check mark next to them, signifying that all operations were completed and successful!

In the next part of the dream, I was walking with President Trump. I knew we were in the future and that the Clintons, Obamas and unknown deep state controllers were gone, and justice had been done. I was watching the military peacefully transfer control and power to the people.

Trump looked at me and said, "The patriots are in control now." I knew that I was walking down a hallway into the future, unafraid and saying to myself, "This changes everything for our nation and world for the rest of my life. We had no idea how much liberty and freedom we didn't have, but now do."

End of dream.

The Round Up of Evil Leaders

Prophetic dream received on June 9, 2021:

In my dream, I was walking by a tall skyscraper. I was not certain if it was Trump Tower, but I wondered if it was. However, I suddenly realized that contrary to what everyone has assumed about Trump's loss of the election, he was justified as the winner of the election. Not only that, but I knew that the Trump allies and military patriots had rounded up all the bad actors/evil conspirators who, for decades, have worked against America.

In the dream, I looked up to the skyscraper and saw that a whole section/multiple floors of the building had been turned into an impenetrable prison, with military-grade security and reinforcement. As I looked at the prison, I saw hundreds of people jammed up against the windows—so many people crammed into one place. Looking down at me and cursing me for praying against them was Hillary and Bill Clinton, the Obamas, Henry Kissinger, George Soros, the British Royal family, and thousands of others whom I knew represented state governments, Hollywood, rogue military/intel agents, and so many more.

In the dream, as I walked by the skyscraper, I saw Bill Clinton pull out a gun to shoot at me. He fired but missed every time. I wondered how on Earth he was able to find a gun, but then I said, "The Clintons have weapons everywhere." However, I knew these last few 'shots' were the death cry of the deep state; they have nothing left!



I continued to walk by the skyscraper, and I suddenly knew that what I was seeing was now becoming public knowledge. The truth was no longer being contained. Everyone was starting to understand the depths of evil and corruption in all sectors of American society and government. Suddenly, people began walking up to me in person and apologizing to me for doubting. Some sent me letters, saying, "We thought Q and the Anon movement was phony, but now we see it was real." Multiple letters showed up in my hands from people, telling me they were sorry for how they had persecuted my dreams and what they'd thought was false. End of dream.

I knew instinctively, in the dream, that this new information would bring great healing to America and the division within.

The Patriots and Trump Will Win!

Prophetic dream received on January 2022:

In my dream, I saw two teams playing football in the Super Bowl. The first team was called the Patriots, and the second team had no recognizable name.

At halftime, a huge military plane landed on the field, and President Trump came off the plane to join with the Patriots. At the beginning of the second half of the

game, Trump gave the kickoff, but it was an onside kick. It looked like the opposing team was going to get the ball, but Trump actually took possession of the football and ran it into the in zone for the touchdown. I saw that this was the winning score, and the Patriots had won!

End of dream.

I believe this dream may be a picture of what stage we are in—'the onside kick.' It looks like the ball is being sent to the opposing team, but it's actually the patriots who will take possession with Trump and win.

It Looks Like We Lost, but We Didn't!

Prophetic dream received on October 28, 2020:

(As a side note, this dream came during a prayer strike I was leading with a small team of twelve people. For eight weeks prior to the election in 2020, we met daily for prayer for the elections/ America. The following dream came *before* the elections.)

In a dream, our prayer team in Colorado Springs was praying for the elections, and for Trump and America. The scene shifted and our prayer team was watching the Super Bowl on the TV. I knew that we were watching a team called the "Patriots" playing against an opposing, unnamed team. We were all watching and rooting for the Patriots. For the whole first half of the game, the Patriots were dominating the opposing team.

During halftime in the dream, my prayer team went to go get a quick bite to eat, and upon returning, somehow, some way, the game (without playing it according to regulations) was just over. And the opposing team had won. The prayer team and I were super discouraged because we couldn't figure out how in the world the opposing team had won. (We knew that it was somehow rigged.)

Suddenly, President Trump, surrounded by military officers, came into the room. Trump looked at me and said, "I know it looks like we lost, but we didn't, and we will win."

End of dream.

This dream gave us so much faith after we saw what happened in the 2020 elections. It still gives us faith!

The Deep State Failed and Trump Is Still President

Prophetic dream received on December 5, 2020:

In my dream, I knew I was somewhere in the present time (December 2020). Trump had just 'lost' the election.

As I stood in a room, suddenly a government agent took me into the future. He brought me into the Oval Office of the White House. When I walked into the Oval Office, I knew I was in a place in time called "the near future." I came up to the president's desk, and Trump was sitting behind it. He looked at me and said, "Andrew, everything the deep state tried failed. The fraud failed—it all failed—and I am still your president." Then I was taken from the room and brought back to the present time.

End of dream.

Iyar 16, 5783: Sunday May 7, 2023

Veronika West

"GOD IS DEALING SWIFTLY AND SEVERELY WITH AN EM-PYRE SPIRIT THAT SEEKS TO BUILD DEFILED ALTARS IN HIS NAME"

The Journey of the Prophets of God into the place of Full Maturity is paved with many pitfalls and temptations these potential pitfalls are often times orchestrated by the enemy but some in my experience have been purposefully designed and even allowed by God not only to reveal a greater depth of the True Character of God ; but to keep us solely dependent upon Him; to confront our heart motives and fleshly desires and to expose the cracks in the foundation on which we are building and if those cracks are not quickly recognized and dealt with the entire structure will become compromised and soon come crashing down round about us.

So Yesterday while I was praying concerning the Prophetic Movement at present suddenly, I heard the Spirit speak these words, "DAUGHTER MANY ARE "EM-PYRE" BUILDING YES! I SAY AGAIN MANY ARE "EM-PYRE" BUILDING FOR SATAN HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES TO THE DECEPTION OF THE DEVOURER THAT IS HELPING THEM TO BUILD WATCH! FOR I TELL YOU THE TRUTH SATAN WILL HELP THEM BUILD ONLY TO WATCH THEM FALL AND NEVER RECOVER LISTEN AND PAY ATTENTION FOR IN THIS NEXT SEASON STRANGE FIRES WILL BURN AND THEIR MAN-MADE EM-PYRES SHALL GO UP IN SMOKE"

As I heard the Spirit speak those words, I felt the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord come into the Room and again I heard the Spirit say, "WATCH! FOR I SHALL DEAL

WITH THE EM-PYRE SPIRIT THAT IS AT WORK IN MY CHURCH NO LONGER WILL I TOLERATE CONTAMINATED WATERS FOR I WILL EXPOSE UNCOVER AND STRIP NAKED THOSE THAT SEEK TO BUILD FOR THEMSELVES EM-PYRES IN MY HOLY NAME"

Note; A pyre (Ancient Greek: πυρά, romanized: purá; from πῦρ (pûr) 'fire') also known as a funeral pyre, is a structure, usually made of wood, for burning bodies as part of a funeral rite or execution. As a form of cremation, a body is placed upon or under the pyre, which is then set on fire.!!!

SMALL STRAWS by MARSHA BURNS

Ride the wave of breakthrough and victory where you can but be willing to recognize and accept the challenges and difficulties that you can do nothing about. Do your best to be strong and unwavering in your position of faith and righteousness. Your efforts will be rewarded in due season. **Galatians 6:9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.**

SMALL STRAWS by MARSHA BURNS

When you are weary, come to Me to be rejuvenated. When you are uncertain, come to Me for wisdom. When you are weak, come to Me to be strengthened. You are not alone; I am with you always. I am your fortress and high tower, your place of safety and security. Come and be refreshed and renewed, says the Lord. Deuteronomy 31:89 And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed

Iyar 17, 5783: Monday May 8, 2023

Join us for the Banquet Table – Ladies Night

Stand Against the Enemy and Stand for God's Promises"
Katie Barker, Tweed Coast, Australia

As I spent time with the Lord, He spoke the following word to me for this time:

The Roar of the Lion

"Many have been under intense warfare. The roar of the enemy has been loud in the ears of My people. I need My people to know that I am roaring over them and their situations. My roar is louder than any roar of the enemy. My roar is one of fire and power. My roar silences the voice of the enemy. My roar releases My word and will and changes the landscape. My roar brings divine intervention. Have ears to hear My roar and watch all that is removed and moved in the wake of My roar.

The Battle Over Territory

"Many of My people are standing for the promises I have spoken. The stand has been long and the battle intense. The stand has been over territory, for the enemy has tried to steal territory. But they have stood in the gap to hold territory and bring advancement of territory. This has applied to individual, family, regional and national territories.

"The enemy has pushed hard against those standing in the gap for the promises I have spoken. These ones have not left their post but have stood in intercession for the birthing and breakthrough of all I have spoken.

"I am giving My people eyes to see the battle over territory, so they understand the importance of their continued stand. Now is the hour to continue to stand against the schemes of the enemy, and to call forth My promises, intervention and harvest."

Fire Is Falling on the Seeds of Promise

"There has been a battle over the breakthrough and birthing of the seed of promise. My fire is falling on your seed of faith. My fire will ignite the seed and bring the promise to fruition. Now is the time where seed after seed will be ignited; promise after promise will come to life. Continue to stand in faith for the promise, for now is the hour for My fire to fall. Call forth My fire to ignite the seed of promise!

Watch Over and Protect the Promises

"The enemy comes to kill, steal and destroy, but I have come to bring abundant life. The enemy is raging in an attempt to steal, distort and

abort the promise, but I am coming to bring the promise in full — in abundance. I am coming to bring the promises forth in power.

"Many are watching over the promises for their families, regions and nations in intercession. Now is the time to speak protection over the promises, to break off all demonic influence to distort or abort the promise. And now is the time to call in the promises. This is the season for the birthing of the promises.

"Those that have stood like midwives, watching over My word/promise to see its fulfillment, are under heavy attack, as the enemy knows the importance of their stand for the promise. Continue to stand. Have eyes to see. The hour of birthing the promise is at hand!"

"A thief has only one thing in mind – he wants to steal, slaughter, and destroy. But I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect – life in its fullness until you overflow!" (John 10:10 TPT)

Release Your Sound and Use Your Keys of Unlocking

"Release your sound; release your roar; release your decrees on the leading of My Spirit. Prophesy the words I give you and see My Spirit breathe life into that which looks dead. Watch My Spirit breathe life on the dormant seed of promise. Release your sound of worship.

"Use the keys of authority I have given you to unlock the harvest of your promises. The enemy is trying to silence you and cause you to retreat, but now is the time to release your sound, stand firm, take back all the enemy has stolen, and enter the season of promise and harvest."

"I assure you and most solemnly say to you, whatever you bind [forbid, declare to be improper and unlawful] on Earth shall have [already] been bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose [permit, declare lawful] on Earth shall have [already] been loosed in Heaven." (Matthew 18:18 AMP)

Iyar 18, 5783: Tuesday May 9, 2023

Nate Johnston with April Klaassen-Brown



I believe we are in a season that God is dusting off the broken wings of a company of eagles that have faced extraordinary opposition causing them to lose their flight and perch in the valley instead of soaring on the high places. So many have tried to take flight but their wings have been damaged from the endless warfare and their hope dashed.

As we launch into a new year and era of our mentoring, I kept hearing "*It's time to take flight again!"* and It captured my heart and gave me more acute vision of what God is wanting to do this year.

The failed launch attempts. The shipwrecked movements. The stuck destinies. God is brooding over them and the eagles who have lost their altitude and confidence. As I'm typing this I see people that have thrown years of dreaming and blueprints in the trash. Dead dreams. Dead seeds. Barren wombs.

Watch as God breathes upon you this year. Don't lay down another second longer. Go find some people leaving the valley and learn to fly again. Mount up on wings of eagles!

April Klaassen-Brown

"He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him." (Daniel 2:21-22)

"I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted." (Job 42:2)

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10)

Genesis 15:1

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great."

Isaiah 40:10

Behold, the Lord God will come with might, with His arm ruling for Him. Behold, His reward is with Him and His recompense before Him.

Isaiah 62:11

Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth, Say to the daughter of Zion, "Lo, your salvation comes. Behold His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him."

Colossians 3:23-24

Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

Hebrews 10:35-39 KJV Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. 36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. 37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

Luke 10:18-23

18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20

Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. 22 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him."

23 Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; 24 for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it."

Iyar 19, 5783: Wednesday May 10, 2023

Most of us face concerns, frustrations, and challenges beyond our understanding. The only hope we have is keeping GOD focused and KINGDOM minded to be able to overcome the snares, misdirection's and distractions of the enemy. It is all about HIS KINGDOM AND HIS REIGHN.

Wade Butler

"WHAT DO I DO IF I'M NOT SEEING GOD'S PROMISES OR PROPHETIC WORDS FULFILLED?" CRAIG COONEY, PORTADOWN, NORTHERN IRELAND

- 1. Stay faithful where you are. God rewards faithfulness in the small things. In the middle of the mundane, little things matter.
- 2. Keep moving towards the dream. Don't make decisions that take you off track.
- 3. Take opportunities. Doors may open that don't look very attractive, but they are part of God's preparation to get you where He wants you to be.
- 4. Remind yourself of the promises. Keep going back to what God has said.
- 5. Push doors, but don't kick them down. Don't force what God hasn't endorsed.

- 6. Get really honest and ask yourself, "Is there anything in me that is holding me back?" Sometimes God is ready, but we are not. We would not be able to sustain what He has for us.
- 7. Check back in with God—is this definitely what He said? Again, get really honest with yourself. How clear was the promise or word from God in the first place? Was it something you thought of yourself or was it confirmed?
 8. Ask what you can do now to start preparing for then. Is there something you can study, somewhere you can serve, a ministry you can connect to, a course you can take, a skill you can learn? Don't sit around idly while you are waiting.
- 9. Understand that delay is not the same as the process. In the process, God is getting you ready. In delay, there's some sort of obstacle or opposition standing in your way.
- 10. Don't compare yourself to others. It's difficult to see people advancing when you seem to be standing still.
- 11. Get around prophetic voices. Place yourself in environments where the prophetic is flowing.
- 12. Be open to God fulfilling His promise in a different way. Don't get so locked in on how you think things should be done that you miss what He's actually doing.
- 13. Don't expect a promotion if you're violating God's principles. Honor, generosity, gratitude, faith, etc. are all laws in the Kingdom. If you break them, it's difficult to advance.
- 14. Keep looking back at God's faithfulness in your life. I get genuinely overwhelmed when I reflect on my life—even the lowest points—and I see how God was at work. At the time it was painful, it was messy, and it was confusing, but He was right there in the middle of it.

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Iyar 20, 5783: Thursday May 11, 2023

Seven Traits of a Kingdom Influencer" Helen Calder, Melbourne, Australia

Joseph of Arimathea

At a critical moment, Joseph of Arimathea turned from a secret disciple into a courageous influencer.[1] He boldly requested the body of Jesus from Pilate, after the crucifixion. Then, with Nicodemus' help, he buried Jesus reverently in his own tomb, setting the scene for the resurrection to come (see John 19:38-42).

This is a man who stepped onto the stage of history, fulfilling Old Testament prophecy with his character and love for Jesus, inspires us today. Here are seven traits of a Kingdom influencer, inspired by his life:

1. Divinely Positioned

Joseph of Arimathea was a member of the Jewish council—a Jewish leader who did not go along with those who conspired to murder Jesus. We also know he was wealthy and had influence in high places. His wealth and position were a gift from God, and he was in that place of influence for a reason.

When the time came, Joseph of Arimathea was ready to sacrificially offer up his reputation, wealth and position to serve His Lord; for, all along, Joseph of Arimathea was divinely positioned by God.

2. Courage to be Different

Joseph of Arimathea was "waiting for the Kingdom of God" (see Mark 15:43), and was known to be a good and just man. But there was a tension in his life, for he was a secret disciple of Jesus. Perhaps his own conversations with Jesus were like those of Nicodemus (see John 3), and he had learned the way of salvation, and he did not fit into the usual pattern of Jesus' apostles or wider circle of followers; neither did he fit into the community of Jewish leaders he was a part of. John tells us that he was a disciple of Jesus "secretly for fear of the Jews" (John 19:38).

3. Takes Action at the Pivotal Moment

While Jesus was alive, Joseph of Arimathea did not draw the attention of those around him to his faith in Christ, but when the time came to act, he showed no fear of repercussions or exposure. He approached Pilate boldly to ask for Jesus' body.



Pilate expressed surprise that Jesus had passed so soon (see Mark 15:44), which suggests that Joseph had an idea of the time of Jesus' death and acted immediately. So, while he is not listed as an onlooker, he was certainly in the wings, ready to receive the news, and to act.

4. Fulfills God's Purpose

Joseph of Arimathea could not stop the terrible event of the crucifixion from taking place. Still, he buried his beloved Master in dignity, in his own prepared but unused tomb—a wealthy man's burial cave, situated in a garden. And so, Joseph of Arimathea fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy about the Messiah, Jesus: "He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. But He was buried like a criminal; He was put in a rich man's grave" (Isaiah 53:9 NLT).

5. A Heart for Stewardship

It was one of the most unusual gifts you could imagine! But Joseph of Arimathea's tomb happened to be nearby the site of Jesus' crucifixion. It was pristine and unused. This tells us that God chose Joseph of Arimathea ahead of time, and that in the preparation of that burial site, Joseph was moved by the Holy Spirit.

God gave Joseph wealth and influence, and a gift for stewardship. He used it to serve Jesus in the offering of a tomb. And so, the burial place that once belonged to Joseph of Arimathea became a testament to the glory of God—the scene for Christ's resurrection.

6. A Passionate Contributor

In the short time that Joseph and Nicodemus had available, they methodically covered Jesus' body in fine linen strips, along with the spices that Nicodemus brought (see John's account). They had to move quickly, for a sacred day in the Jewish calendar was only hours away. The women were nearby, standing opposite

the tomb, watching to see where they laid Him; for they had their own plans to prepare Jesus' body with burial spices.

The name "Joseph" means "adding," "let him add" or "Jehovah has added" (Strong's H3130). So, Joseph of Arimathea was named for his contribution—and will be known in eternity for the part he played.

7. Outlasts the Crowd

When Jesus was buried, others who had walked with Him were nowhere to be seen. Many disciples had fled into hiding. When it mattered most, Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene, and the other faithful Mary were still present. They outlasted the crowd, and their sacrificial love and faith were rewarded.

The Rise of Marys and Josephs: From Hidden to History Maker

And so it was that Joseph and Nicodemus became the final people to view the lifeless, broken body of Jesus. And Mary Magdalene—who, among others, had watched the activity of Joseph and Nicodemus from nearby—returned on the third day, becoming the first to see Jesus as the risen Savior! (Interestingly, Joseph and Mary were present at His birth, and at His death and resurrection, a different Joseph and Mary were present, becoming a part of the Gospel story).

Mary Magdalene also became an unexpected influencer, being the first evangelist to bear the Good News after Jesus' resurrection. This is a reminder that Jesus delights in raising up those whom the world least expects. Likewise, you also have been chosen by God for His purposes.

What Joseph of Arimathea did was in secret, but it has been made known to all throughout history and recorded in Scripture! It's a reminder that Heaven's viewpoint is different from ours. He became an unexpected influencer who was central at that historical moment. Henceforth, Joseph of Arimathea's tomb would become known as "the empty tomb."

So, what happened to Joseph of Arimathea? And what did he make of the events surrounding Jesus' resurrection? His tomb—his property—became the focus of a scandal and an investigation. His life may have been endangered, with pressures to come.

Did he see Jesus after the resurrection? Was Joseph of Arimathea present on the day of Pentecost? We are not told these things in the New Testament, but we can glean a great deal from this snapshot; for his story is recorded not only to complete the Gospel, but to describe the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. His story is

there for us, and I believe the Lord is highlighting it right now, because **He is** raising up many 'Josephs' and 'Marys' in our day. For God is calling His unexpected influencers out of hiding, and they are going to shake the world.

This Is Your Season of Resurrection

Finally, I believe someone is reading this who has sought to be faithful to the legacy God has given you. There are some dreams and a ministry you thought you had left behind, but they will come to the forefront; you will see how the pieces fit into place.

The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ was the most powerful event in history...and here, hidden at the heart of it, is a humble yet bold influencer. Perhaps you have felt that the past disqualifies you, or you have felt hidden away; or, you may relate to being stuck in a prolonged season of reset. God wants you to know that you are not 'on the shelf.' He is preparing you for unexpected influence. This is your season of resurrection.

(Notes: [1] Further study: Matthew 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; also, John 3 (Jesus' conversations with Nicodemus give us an insight into His relationship with Joseph of Arimathea, a peer, and likely friend, of Nicodemus.)

Iyar 21, 5783: Friday May 12, 2023

"God Says: Can You Hear Me Knocking?" Sylvia Neusch, Round Rock, Texas

Can you hear Him knocking? Jesus is standing at the door of many hearts in this hour, and He is patiently, but intently, knocking. His knocking is a compelling invitation. He knocks and waits for our response.

Jesus is inviting us to go with Him into the new. It is a time of leaving the past behind to lay hold of the new.

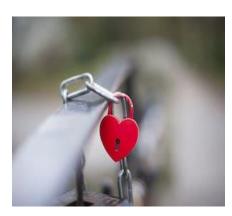
A Call to the Altar

When Elisha received his call to follow Elijah, he was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen. Elisha kissed his mother and father goodbye, slaughtered his yoke of oxen,

then burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and give to people (see 1 Kings 19). He made a clean break from the things that might hold him in the familiar in order to fully step into the new with a whole heart.

Some believe that Elisha's burning of the plowing equipment represented an altar. **God is calling us to the altar in this season.** The altar is a place of sacrifice. The altar is a place where we give up and release those things that would keep us from fully embracing His call on our lives. The altar is a place where everything that is not of Him is burned up and consumed. He is a consuming fire.

Jesus is knocking, that we might welcome Him in. He wants to come and make Himself at home in our hearts. He is cleaning house, rearranging things and bringing upgrades.



Unlocking Hearts

"My beloved reached into me to unlock my heart. The core of my very being trembled at his touch. How my soul melted when he spoke to Me!" (Song of Songs 5:4 TPT)

Yes, Jesus is longing to unlock hearts in this hour. He holds the keys to every heart, and His touch leaves us forever changed, longing for more intimate encounters with Him.

Things may feel unsettled for many. Issues are coming to the surface requiring a response. Will we cave into the comfortable and familiar, or will we allow Him to have His full way? It is easier to stay broken than to do the hard work of healing unto restoration and wholeness, but the latter will yield fruit and benefits for generations to come. Jesus paid the price for everyone's wholeness, and He longs for all to step into their inheritance with Him.

Transitions are underway, both big and small. It is a time to keep our hearts in check, not passing judgment on the movement of others. We must keep our gaze forward and our eyes on Him. It is not the time to judge the path of another, but trust that our Father is big enough to guide their steps as well.

"Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all you ways." (Proverbs 4:25-26 NIV)

It's Time to Open the Door

Can you hear Him knocking? Even His knock speaks of love. It is not a time for hesitation. It is not a time for excuses. There is an urgency in His knocking. The time is a kairos time. It is an appointed time. There is an encounter with Him waiting for us. There is oil for our lamps. It is a time to gather oil. It is a time to trim our wicks.

"I slept but my heart was awake. Listen! My beloved is knocking: 'Open to me, my sister, my darling, my dove, my flawless one. My head is drenched with dew, my hair with the dampness of the night.' I have taken off my robe—must I put it on again? I have washed my feet—must I soil them again?" (Song of Songs 5:2-3 NIV)

Those who open the door to Him in this hour will dine with Him. He has a banquet table awaiting those who will enter in with Him. It is a time to buy from Him gold refined in the fire. There are white clothes to cover our shame and salve to open our eyes to see (see Revelation 3:18).

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with Me." (Revelation 3:20 NIV)

A Moment of Surrender

This is what I hear the Spirit of God saying:

"Can you hear Me knocking? I am knocking and waiting for you to answer. I am not looking for a tentative answer but a whole-hearted response. Will you go with Me wherever I might lead you? It will not always be easy, and the way not always clear, but I am with you.

"As you open the door and step through, know that it is a moment of surrender. It is a death to self and it is a life-filled path that will also lead you to join in the fellowship of My sufferings, but it is also the only path to hope, joy and great fulfillment. Yes, I have new realms to reveal to you, and treasures mined from the dark places that have sought to take your life. But, LIFE I give to you, My child. Ever-unfolding, ever-joyful, abundant and eternal life is yours. (*Photo via Flickr*)

The Awakening Alarm

"I am issuing an awakening alarm. It is time to rise from your slumber, being watchful and mindful. It is time to be ready, dressed in your battle armor, awaiting your marching orders. You have been trained and equipped, and it is time for forward movement; but first, renew your heart before Me. Receive again My cleansing, healing and refreshing waters to wash away the dirt and grime from the former seasons.

"My grace covers you, My child. My grace releases to you everything you will need. As I said to the twelve, 'Follow Me.'

"Will you open the door and come with Me?"

Iyar 22, 5783: Saturday May 13, 2023

This is more of a commentary than a word yet it is important to know the times and seasons we are in. Wade Butler

Will The Discovery Of The Ark Of The Covenant Soon Be Publicly Revealed

to The Entire World? <u>April 2, 2023</u> by Michael Snyder

When the discovery of the Ark of the Covenant is finally announced by the Israeli government, it will be the greatest archaeological bombshell in the history of the world. Authorities in Israel have known where it is located for a long time, but trying to remove an object of such immense importance from deep under the Temple Mount was always going to be complicated. In fact, when the Israelis finally unveil the Ark they may not even admit where it was hidden all this time due to conflicting claims of jurisdiction over the Temple Mount. If the Israelis openly admit that they took the Ark from under the Temple Mount, it could potentially set off riots all over the Islamic world. This is such a sensitive topic, and it really will be a miracle when the discovery of the Ark is finally revealed.



But it will happen.

In fact, I believe that the announcement of the discovery of the Ark is most likely to happen on or near a major Jewish holiday.

So, every time another Biblical festival rolls around, we need to be on high alert.

In case you did not read <u>my last article on the location of the Ark of the Covenant</u>, I want to review one very important point.

In the western world, our "scholars" have come up with all sorts of weird theories about the location of the Ark, but the truth is that over in Israel they have known where it is resting for many years.

In fact, <u>on their official website</u> the Temple Institute actually admits that they know precisely where it is located.

The Ark of the Covenant is one of the most fascinating of all Temple-related subjects. There are many theories about what happened to the Ark of the Covenant, and speculation abounds as to its actual location. Some people think it was taken to the Vatican, together with other Temple vessels, such as those depicted on the Roman

monument, the Arch of Titus. There are many authentic, ancient historical chronicles, and even more popular legends, that attest to many sacred vessels having been taken away to Rome. However, this does not apply to the most holy feature of the First Temple, the Ark.

While some claim to have evidence that the ark is in Ethiopia, and of course, moviegoers were treated to a fanciful version of the story in "Raiders of the Lost Ark," in reality, the expression "lost" ark is not an accurate description for the Jewish people's point of view — **because we have always known exactly where it is**. So the Ark is "Hidden," and hidden quite well, but it is not lost.

Tradition records that even as King Solomon built the First Temple, he already knew, through Divine inspiration, that eventually it would be destroyed. Thus Solomon, the wisest of all men, oversaw the construction of a vast system of labyrinths, mazes, chambers and corridors underneath the Temple Mount complex. He commanded that a special place be built in the bowels of the earth, where the sacred vessels of the Temple could be hidden in case of approaching danger. Midrashic tradition teaches that King Josiah of Israel, who lived about forty years before the destruction of the First Temple, commanded the Levites to hide the Ark, together with the original menorah and several other items*, in this secret hiding place which Solomon had prepared.

This location is recorded in our sources, and today, there are those who know exactly where this chamber is. And we know that the ark is still there, undisturbed, and waiting for the day when it will be revealed. An attempt was made some few years ago to excavate towards the direction of this chamber. This resulted in widespread Moslem unrest and rioting. They stand a great deal to lose if the Ark is revealed – for it will prove to the whole world that there really was a Holy Temple, and thus, that the Jews really do have a claim to the Temple Mount.

Of course, knowing where it is and getting it out are two entirely different things.

The area under the Temple Mount is riddled with at least 45 major tunnels, and not all of them are stable.

Any effort to do more digging could cause one or more of those tunnels to collapse, and if any of the structures sitting on top of the Temple Mount were damaged that could cause an international incident.

And as investigative archaeologist Harry Moskoff <u>has pointed out</u>, getting approval from all of the necessary authorities would be exceedingly complex.

Now, about those subterranean tunnel entrances. Even if one would theoretically obtain all the permits from the Israel Antiquities Authority, the Jordanian WAQF, as well as the halachic permission from the Chief Rabbis of our day, it is simply too dangerous from a spiritual, as well as physical perspective to enter into these tunnels (which I delineate in my book). Further, the Ark seems to have this profound ability to sense who is around it, and if they have permission (as it were) to be there. And if not, the consequences have been proven to be lethal! Why take the risk? After all, even Moses wouldn't enter the Tabernacle (that he himself built) to speak with God without permission.

So who would be worthy today?

Personally, I believe that God will keep the Ark hidden until the perfect moment.

And so it will continue to rest under the Temple Mount until the proper time.

Moskoff is <u>entirely convinced</u> that the Ark is located directly behind a colossal 570 ton stone that was specifically placed there to protect it

Moskoff took CBN News to the spot where he believes the Ark really lies.

He believes a key clue lies behind a 570-ton rock and says high-tech search tools give credence to his theory.

"Two years ago, there were tests done by the University of Nebraska, sonar testsusing electromagnetic waves. They actually found what's called a storage space across from here," said Moskoff.

"So actually, there was a purpose for putting this giant stone, this massive slab here. One of the reasons, in my opinion, is to protect whatever it is on the other side. And according to my theory of where the Ark was actually buried by King Josiah, I think it was 568 BC – in back of these boulders, these massive stones," he said.

Time will tell if Moskoff is correct.

Decades ago, there were multiple attempts to get to the chamber where the Ark is.

In fact, it has been reported that Rabbi Yehuda Getz was actually "within 40 feet" of the chamber.

Rabbi Getz believes that in 1982 he was very close, within 40 feet, to finding the cave in which the Ark resides. He was conducting a search in an old tunnel that had been filled with the debris of centuries, which runs perpendicular to the Western Wall and under the Temple Mount. However, when the Moslems discovered that there were diggings being conducted under the Dome of the Rock, they threatened a general riot and the diggings were stopped. The rabbi explains that, for the sake of maintaining peace with their Moslem neighbors, the Israelis had to reseal the entrance to the tunnel, and it remains blocked up to this day.

After all this time, it will take something really spectacular to get the Ark above ground again.

Could it be possible that God will supernaturally intervene in order to make it happen?

We shall see.

Once the Ark is finally revealed, it will send spiritual shockwaves <u>all over the planet</u> Many hold that it is only a matter of time until the whereabouts of the ark will be revealed. The Temple Mount faithful certainly believe that its discovery will be accompanied by the coming of the Messiah and the building of the Third Temple. Others think that its detection will connect Moses and the contemporary Jewish nation once and for all. They believe that it will forge a permanent, indissoluble bond between the State of Israel and the Temple Mount, in other words affirming the right to settle in the land of Israel. Thus, we see that the Ark of the Covenant is not only a religious symbol, but a political tool as well.

As I discuss in my book entitled <u>"End Times"</u>, the revelation of the Ark of the Covenant will be a critically important prophetic sign.

And once it happens, nothing will ever be the same from that point forward.

I know that literally nobody else is talking about this right now.

But I am going to keep talking about it, because eventually this will be a story that will throw the entire planet into a huge uproar.

Let's pray that HE does allow it to come forth, DNA test and all.. Wade Butler



Iyar 23, 5783: Sunday May 14, 2023

Inspiration Ministries: Proof

"He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time."—1 Corinthians 15:4—6 NASB

No one seemed to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead—not even His mother or brothers. Even His disciples seemed to have forgotten that, at least five times, He said He would rise from the dead. When Mary Magdalene and other women came to His tomb, they came to anoint His dead body. But not only had Jesus told them He would be crucified and rise again on the third day, He also told them where to meet Him after the resurrection!

What changed their minds to believe? Simply this: They became eyewitnesses to the resurrection! They saw Him, talked with Him, and even touched His nail-scarred body. At one point, the resurrected Christ appeared to more than 500 people.

These eyewitness experiences convinced them that Jesus had risen! They knew what was true, and the truth radically transformed their lives!

We can read these accounts and know that Jesus rose from the dead! But the greatest proof comes to those who have a personal relationship with Jesus, who have experienced the power of His resurrection, and who know the risen Savior.

How real is Jesus to you? Are you sure He rose from the dead? If the resurrection is real to you, you are an eyewitness. What a joy to share that truth with others! The proof? It is what He has done for you and what you know. Commit yourself to spread this Good News.

Reflection Question: How has Jesus' resurrection changed your life?

Prayer

Father, thank You that Jesus rose from the dead. May others see the proof of His resurrection through my changed life. In His name, amen.

Today's Bible Reading

1 Corinthians 15

Iyar 24, 5783: Monday May 15, 2023

Bruce & Linda Dietler - Kansas

Get Up and Run, Now!

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31



It is said that those who turn out to run a marathon race have already won compared to those who never show up! It is certainly understandable to think that the most difficult part of any race is the actual running of it, but that is not always the reality, as can be seen by looking at the lives of four such individuals.

One young boy and his brother had been responsible for starting the coal stove in the schoolhouse each day before his teacher and the other students arrived. One morning the others arrived to find the schoolhouse ablaze. They dragged the little boy out just barely alive, unconscious, and terribly burned over the lower half of his body. He had lost all the flesh off his knees and shins and all the toes on his left foot. The doctors told his mother he would surely die; then later, that since the fire had destroyed so much flesh off his legs, they should be amputated as he would be a cripple and it would have been better if he had died! But the boy resisted, so his parents would not allow it.

Finally released from the hospital, the boy had set his mind that he would *NOT* die and that he *WOULD* walk again, though his legs were lifeless and without feeling. Confined to a wheelchair and now two years since the accident, his life seemed hopeless until one day his mother wheeled him outside for some fresh air. On this day he deliberately threw himself out of the wheelchair and dragged himself across the yard to the picket fence, where he struggled hard to pull himself up to stand on those helpless legs. From there, with great effort, he pulled himself along stake by stake, literally dragging his legs behind, all the while resolving to walk again. He began to do this daily until he wore a smooth path along the fence all the way around the yard.

Daily leg massages by his mother, along with untold hours of physical therapy, accompanied by his iron will and indominable determination, finally allowed the boy to

stand unassisted, then later to walk haltingly, then eventually to walk by himself, and finally, to run! He began to walk to school, then to run to school. In college he made the track team. Glenn Cunningham, this young man who had been expected to die, or at least never walk normally, and certainly never run, appropriately nicknamed "The Iron Man of Kansas" for his iron will, later won eight Olympic medals as a middle-distance runner and in 1934 ran the world's fastest mile at 4:06.7. A devout Christian, his favorite Bible verse was Isaiah 40:31, noted above. His life as an overcomer was a strong testimony of the dunamis power of the word of God energizing the heart of man.

Cunningham's unachieved goal was a four-minute mile, a goal attempted and unmet by many other runners until Roger Bannister succeeded in 1954. Bannister, too, had his struggles while contending for the goal, as studying for a degree as a medical doctor allowed him only about 45 minutes per day to train, and due to his studies, that was inconsistent. His world record ultimately lasted only 46 days before being broken.

A third young man started running because, as he said, "I couldn't do anything else. When you're cut from the church baseball team, the junior high basketball team, and you can't make the junior high track and field team. I'd go to bed at night, and I'd say, 'Dear God, if you've got a plan for my life, I'd appreciate it if you'd show up sooner or later because it's not really going very well."" He explained that he found himself trying out for the cross-country team and running two miles even though he had never run that distance before. He did make that team, and in 1964 as a junior at Wichita East High School, this young man, Jim Ryun, became the first high school athlete to run a mile in under four minutes, though he only finished in eighth place in a historic mass finish! Three years later, as a college sophomore at the University of Kansas, Ryun set the world record at 3:51.1, a record which remained unbroken for eight years.

A fourth young man ran a very different type of race. As a highly educated religious zealot from Jerusalem, he had set his goal to live in the strictest manner of his religion, a Pharisee, and to do much damage to the name of Jesus of Nazareth and to those who chose to follow him. Many such followers he shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, he gave his voice against them. He punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, he persecuted them even unto distant cities until one day he was blinded by a great light, fell from his horse, and was out of the race for good.

Saul of Tarsus had now met this Jesus, whom he had persecuted, and a new race was on, but not the race of his choosing and certainly not one without its own severe trials.

His new race was to minister to the Gentiles, to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of satan unto God. Three times he was beaten with rods, once stoned, three times suffered shipwreck, along with drifting for a night and a day at sea. Saul (now called Paul) later reflected upon this race by saying, "For necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me. Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain" (1 Cor 9:16,17,24).

As Paul subsequently purposed to journey to Jerusalem, he called for the elders at Ephesus, and when they arrived at Miletus, he told them that the Holy Ghost had told him that bonds and afflictions awaited him. He continued, "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24). His race ended several years later outside of Rome, reportedly by beheading at the order of Emperor Nero. Paul's final testimony to Timothy would be, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7).

The Race is On!

Each of us, likewise, has a race to run in this life. Ours may not seem as flashy or as dramatic as these, but regardless, the race is already on. It may be one of our own choosing or not; we may struggle from the starting line, during the race, or even just before the finish. We may have found ourselves, as did Jim Ryun, cut from every team we ever tried to join and without any discernable giftings or abilities. It matters not. God has a plan for each of us, and He will make it known if we ask (see James 1:5).

Many will say, "But you don't know my background; how hard my life has been or the losses, struggles and warfare I've been through. I've been abused by others, knocked down by the world and the church, rejected and betrayed by those who I thought supported me, and no one knows or cares that I even exist." Perhaps not, but God knows and cares deeply; the race is on, and the Lord is saying to you, "Get up and run, now!" Your background may indeed be tragic, but it could not possibly be worse or your or hardships greater than what Glenn Cunningham or many others, much less what Jesus endured. You may be knocked down, but you're not knocked out, so get up and run, now! Yeshua has gone before to show us the way. He finished the work which God gave Him to do, and so can you!

How are we to run? Run, as Paul encouraged Timothy, with the prophecies you have received from the Lord. Run with the vision, dreams, giftings or abilities, or the desires God has placed within your heart. Run with the strategy He puts into your heart, even if nobody else has done it this way, and even if it is contrary to what the world (or the church world) would direct, *run*. Some might start fast out of the gate but fade at the end. Others might run in the middle of the pack until partially through the race and then turn up the pace and sprint through the finish line. It does not matter whether we come in first, eighth, or even last, as long as we finish the race. Run with his timing for you. The object is to finish the race, and to finish with our best effort and with joy.

The writer of Hebrews 12:1,2 states, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience (endurance) the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Notice that the verse says to "lay aside every weight". In Latin, the word "weight" is *impedimenta*, meaning "heavy baggage". Lay aside all the "junk" from the past (or from the present) that weights you down, whatever that may be – condemnation, unworthiness, insecurity, fear of failure, unforgiveness, or any other limitation. Lay it all down. Drop it! The Lord is restoring the soul, healing the hurts of the past and giving new strength to strive to finish well. *Get up and run, now!*

That great cloud of witnesses in the heavenlies is cheering us on to victory. Listen to the roar of the crowd! "Run, run, run. You've got this!" Know too, that God always causes us to triumph through Christ Yeshua (see 2 Corinthians 2:14), always! So, get up and run, now!

In Romans 8:37, Paul proclaims that we are *hypernikaō*, more than conquerors – we win a surpassing, decisive victory - and thus, we must run to win. Your race may be in one of the seven mountains of society or as a homemaker, or just as an encourager of others, but for the Christian, the ultimate prize is not fame, fortune or anything the world holds dear. Our prize is the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. There is only one champion in this race, and that is Christ Yeshua. He is our pursuit. We are to look to Him. He is the One calling us to run this race. Again, He is the author and finisher of our faith, and the coach of our race, too! We will be winners as we look to Him, set our hearts on following Him, and discipline ourselves to become more like Him daily.

Our life is a marathon, not a sprint. We may not excel in every race, but at the end of life's race, we will win if we faint not. Paul encouraged the Corinthians by saying, "We

must discipline our bodies and keep them under control, lest we should be disqualified" (1 Corinthians 9:27). Sir Winston Churchill famously said, "Never, never, never quit." Don't quit no matter how impossible it may seem or how tired you may get. We must trust God, who has promised to renew our strength, and *His* is the strength we are to run in. At the end of your race, whatever it is, no matter how trying it may have been, if it has been a disciplined life well lived for Him, you will receive a crown that you will be able to place at the feet of Yeshua, giving Him the glory, honor, and praise.

It should be noted that neither Glenn Cunningham, Roger Bannister, Jim Ryun, or Paul of Tarsus ever won an Olympic gold medal; they all lost races along the way, yet each finished his race in style with their best effort as a testimony to the world. Cunningham passed away in 1988 at age 78. He had earned three college degrees, and his life's work was the Glenn Cunningham Youth Ranch in Kansas, where he and his wife helped over 10,000 needy and abused children. Roger Bannister became a leading neurologist and college professor. Knighted by Queen Elizabeth in 1975, he passed away in 2018 at age 88. He declared his proudest accomplishment to be not his running, but rather, his contribution to academic medicine through research of the nervous system. Jim Ryun, even now, 50 years after his running career ended, still holds several world records at various distances. He served the State of Kansas for 10 years in the United States House of Representatives, was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom on July 24, 2020 by President Donald Trump, and was named by ESPN as the best high school athlete of all time, beating out luminaries such as Tiger Woods and LeBron James. Since 1973, Ryun and his family have hosted running camps every summer for promising high school aged runners.

Let us set our hearts to imagine what each of us will be able to accomplish as we purpose to show up, stand up, and run the race set before us! So, **get up and run**, **now! Get up and run**, **now!** We will see you on the winner's platform.

Iyar 25, 5783: Tuesday May 16, 2023

Roger Waters: A Conversation With Gary My Angel of Light

And God said, "Let there be light", and Christ said, "I am the light of the World" So what is light, I thought. This was the question I had while lying in my hospital bed at UVA in June 1995. I was wandering about this God that had allowed me to live, and the one

friend I had at the time, named Gary, who started coming into my room every day right at 2 pm. He had been with me at that time now for two days.

Today, Friday, June 16, 1995, I knew we were going to talk about light, its properties, and its range, we were going to actually look at light, but from a biblical perspective, and I was excited. I looked at the clock, 1:58 pm, no Gary, where is he? 1:59, still no Gary, I hope nothing has happened to him, I know down in the OR it can get pretty crazy at times.

2:00 pm, still no Gary, what was up. The doctor came in and told me that I had to go for X-rays in a few, and they gave me some Demerol, a pain killing drug that put me to sleep every time. I must have gone out for a while, because when I woke up, I was back in my room, in my air bed, with Gary sitting at my side.

I asked him, "When did you get here?" He said, "About 10 minutes ago." I looked at the clock, it was almost 3 pm, and now I was sad, Gary had to be down in the OR at 3. I asked him, "You gotta go?" He looked at me and said, nope, I came here to see you, and I am here for at least another hour, I mean we have to have our chat, right?" I smiled and looked straight up to the tiles on the ceiling.

Gary asked me if I knew anything about light, I told him I know you flip the switch, and boom, let there be light. He smiled and said, "OK, so now you know the very basics, but you don't know how it started do you?" I thought, how it started. I looked at Gary, then asked him to get my bible and let me look it up in Genesis.

I opened it up to Genesis 1, and Gary told me something right then. He said, "I know you know that light was created first, but do you know why?" OK, now the guy is asking me questions I can't answer, so I responded with a, why? (Notice to all), Unless you want to know the answer to things you know nothing about, don't ask the question.

Gary said, "Light is the purest form of energy. It came from the creator's spirit, his soul, his inner parts, it a part of him, and from the time he said, Let there be light, nothing could ever have been created, because everything he created was made with purity, clean, perfect, and solid. Light in the physical form has electromagnetic charges in it that come and pass through things in waves, like sound does. Sound and light go together, you can't separate the two, that is when it became matter, when they become stuck together."

I know I was looking at him with a bit of confusion in my eyes, then he went on, he said, "When light and sound come forth together, it makes up sounds, vibrations, what you call words. What I am speaking right now."

I looked at him and asked, If light had to come first, wait a minute, I thought the light was made to distinguish the night from the day?" He said, "It did, but the sun wasn't made until the 4th day, we are only on the 1st day." He looked at me and asked me, "Why do you think you are alive right now?" I said, "Because God allowed me to live, right?" He shook his head no and said, "You are alive because the light of the world has clamped his hand around you, he has protected you from your birth, and he will never let loose of you, except if you say you want to be let loosed from His hands."

I had a tear in my eye, he saw it, and then quickly said, "You have nothing to worry about, I know about you, I know where your name is, and I know what is in store for you, and you will like it, but you are not used to it, but you will learn. The Creator is smiling right now because He sees the big picture, you only see it one second at a time."

I looked at my arms, still all black and blue, then my metal fixator drilled into my hips, my right leg that didn't work, and I wondered, How, how will I ever be any good to anybody, especially God, if all this doesn't work right. I never said it out loud, I just thought it. Gary grabbed my Bible, and he started to turn the pages, then stopped, and he gave me my bible, and told me to read Exodus 15:26.

"If thou wilt diligently harken to the voice of the Lord thy God, (Elohim), and will do that which is right in His sight, and will give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon thee which I have brought upon the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, (Elohim) that heals thee."

Then He said, "The light that came from the Creators mouth went into your body, your nervus system has a spark in it, where do you think that came from, the dirt? Your brain gets activated by a spark, it sends cells and electrical magnetic charges through your nerves, which causes a response either in your muscles or mouth, and in that case, a word will come out. Once that word is out, it is picked up in the heavens, and the angels carry that word to cause and create something to happen based upon what word you said."

I said WOW! He then said, "what did this verse say again, you have to do four things right?" I said right, He said, they are, Harken to the voice of the creator, because he will talk to you and tell you where and how to go. Then you must do what is right in His sight, meaning to stay on the right path, the straight and narrow path. Then comes the hard ones, you must give an ear, or listen to, learn about, and understand the commandments and all his statutes, and you must keep all his statutes, meaning things like the Feast days, then, you will get and keep your healing."

He looked at the clock, then back at me, and said, "I will have to go now", as he looked down the hall through the crack in the door and wall, then said, "You remember what I said, I will be back tomorrow afternoon, I have you down on my list to see you again, but only if you want me to come back and see you, do you?" I said "Oh, yes, I need this", then Gary said, "I was sent here to be with you, to teach you, and to start your path of wisdom and prudence, but I can only teach and show those who want to be shown and taught."

I looked at him with my mouth dropped down onto my chest, then I saw it, a flash of light, quick and strong, then back to normal. I rubbed my eyes, and took a second look, he was gone, nowhere to be found or seen. What happened to him, how did he do that? I looked down at my bible, it was opened to Psalms 34, and verse 7-8 was marked. I just got this bible yesterday; this was my first time I had opened it.

I looked at verse 7and 8, it said, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them. O taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the man that fear Him."

I laid my head down on the pillow, my body was at a restful peace, no pain, just relaxed. I knew I just had an encounter with someone very special, someone who would teach me what I need to know, but just who is this Gary anyway? I guess I will find out, but I knew one thing for sure, this God had just sent me someone who was pretty neat, and he had a passion for talking about God. I just wanted to be like that, to have that same kind of passion.

That is what I want, Father, give me that passion to teach your word, in light, and in truth, for the enemies against us are many, but you and your Word are greater. No man has the power unless you give it to them, and I want that power, so teach me Father, show me your ways, and prepare me for what lays ahead.

As it turns out, there were 28 more days having Gary coming into my room sharing things with me, teaching me and preparing me for spiritual warfare. He taught me scriptures, and how to learn them, recite them, every day. He showed me that people can know and recite stat for stat on their everyday baseball players, but they claim to be Christians and can't recite more than 3 scriptures.

I needed healing, and I needed personal power of the Word, and I needed it now, but I had to personally speak it, I had to put it out there to create my healing. I had to speak the Word so it is out in the air, called Shammah, or the Firmament, where the clouds roam also known as Heaven. The angels will hear that vibration put out there, grab it,

and carry out the task spoken because all they know is that it is a Word spoken by the Father, and they do what that Word says.

My healing came because Christ took the stripes before he was crucified, for me, and for you, and understand that the healing is done, performed, it is completed. You do not have to ask for it, because it is right there in front of you, all you have to do is claim it with your mouth, believe it in your heart, and speak it. What I found out is a simple truth. The Bibles tells the truth, which means that God is telling the truth, and it is His Report I will believe.

Roger Waters

Iyar 26, 5783: Wednesday May 17, 2023

Prophesy and 'Speak Life' Into Dead Situations!" Ella Onakoya, London, United Kingdom

Dream of Raising the Dead

On the 7th of March 2023, the Lord gave me a very profound dream. In the dream, whilst I was praying for people who needed healing, I heard an urgent message that someone had just died. I felt in my heart that I needed to raise this person from the dead.

As I got to the place where the dead body was, I was shocked that it was not the normal, intact body I was expecting to see, but one that had been dismembered. In the dream, I had faith to resurrect the body of a person that had died, but not a dismembered one.

I started to wonder how I could have faith for such a resurrection when I remembered a testimony shared by a preacher at a conference I attended in real life, where he had shared about how the Lord used him to raise a dead person whose body was in a similar condition. That preacher had testified about releasing the resurrection power of God over the body, and how every part of the body he prayed over came together, and the person was resurrected!

In my dream, my faith started to increase as I remembered that testimony, but just as I was about to resurrect the body, I woke up!

This dream was so vivid in its intensity that I woke up surprised it was a dream. I believe this message in the dream is not just for me but for many of us. I believe the dream is rich in its depth, with layers of interpretation. Here are some of its interpretations below:

A Stretching of Faith Beyond What We Can Imagine

I believe the Lord is preparing and encouraging us to get ready to be stretched in our faith in the season we are in, as impossible situations will become possible through the power of the Holy Spirit within us. The stretching of your faith in this season is necessary to train you for the seasons and times ahead. Seasons the enemy has earmarked to be times of defeat will see the emergence of God's triumphant ones.

Recently, in my school of ministry of deliverance and prayer, the Lord spoke to me about seemingly unmovable monuments that will shift by faith and the power of prayer. So many ungodly government policies and unrighteous policies will experience a shift through the power of prayer.

Using strategic keys of prayer that I taught in my school, some of my students prayed to dismantle the policy of the compulsory vaccine mandate for visitors arriving in the USA. (This policy had made it difficult for unvaccinated visitors to reunite with their loved ones. It had also hindered visiting ministers of God, who had no desire to be vaccinated, from entering the USA to do their mission work.)

Within a few days of my students praying, there was an announcement on February 8th that the U.S. House of Representatives had voted to end the vaccine requirement for foreign visitors! By May 11th, we believe that this mandate, in addition to other emergency mandates, will completely end. I do not believe it was a coincidence that this happened, but that faith and the release of strategic prayers had moved this seemingly immovable monument.

There are ungodly monuments in the nations that the Lord wants us to speak into. He wants us to stretch our faith and speak into threats of wars, evil policies concerning transgenderism and so much more. These mountains and monuments will move as we release our faith and pray, believing for God to do His will on Earth as is in Heaven.

An Ezekiel 37 Moment

I believe we are in an Ezekiel 37 moment, where many are being strategically placed in valleys of dry bones. Ezekiel heard the voice of the Lord: "Can these bones live?" (see Ezekiel 37:3). In these Ezekiel 37 moments, there is a clarion call from Heaven to prophesy and speak life over the dry bones in our lives, churches, governments, nations and families.

A few months ago, one of my students who had suffered several miscarriages in the past became pregnant again but had a recent scan which detected no heartbeat for the baby. She contacted me and she told me of this distressing situation. I reassured her that God's resurrection power would reverse all enemy attacks of death against her baby. I commanded life into the baby and decreed for the heartbeat to return. I encouraged her to continue to speak life over her baby, and within a few days, she had messaged me with a testimony, praising the Lord that her baby was alive! She even showed me an image of a new scan of the baby, now showing a heartbeat!

Situations that are dead or dying are waiting for our life-giving words.

Hear the voice of the Lord declaring through the ages: " .'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, "O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: 'Surely; I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD'"" (Ezekiel 37:4-6).

Speak and release creative miracles into sick bodies and the supernatural move of God into the nations. Prophesy over the dry bones of the unsaved, speak life through the preaching of the Gospel, and watch as an exceedingly great and mighty army of the Lord arises as these souls become saved.

Unity and a Global Awakening of the Saints

This dream had many more layers of revelation that can be shared in this article, but one of the keys that is of great importance is that of the unity of the saints and a global awakening, which I believe is on God's heart and agenda.

In my dream, the body I saw was dismembered instead of being whole. Today, in many ways, we see a disjointed Body of Christ, separated and divided by policies, cultures, disagreements and so much more.

I see parts of the Body that are unknown and look different from the rest of the Body. They are different because they are uniquely made by the Father. Some of them are newly saved with broken backgrounds and should not be looked at with hostility or distrust. They need mothers and fathers to love them and heal their wounds, helping them step into the maturity that Christ has for them.

Recently, the Lord told me in a dream that some of the others, who also need to arise and take their place in the Body, are women. I believe the heart of Jesus is longing for every person and facet of His Body, whom He has made for His glory, to take their place in the Church, of which He is the head.

Jesus, during His time on the earth, spoke on the glory of unity and prayed earnestly to the Father, "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me" (John 17:22-23). Jesus prayed for the release of the glory that would bring unity. Pentecost happened in Acts 2, when a united Body came together to pray and wait on the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. May we pray in this global awakening of unity of the saints.

Speak Life: Today, in the name of Jesus, I speak life over dead situations in our lives and nations. I speak forth life and resurrection to the physically dead who have died prematurely, where it is the Father's will for them to be raised up. I speak and echo the prayer of Christ – for the manifestation of the glory in us, His saints, that will speak of unity and bring it. **I speak forth and decree that we, as the Body of Christ, would come together and take our place in God's plan for a global awakening, so that the name of Jesus will be glorified. Amen!**



Iyar 27, 5783: Thursday May 18, 2023

Pieter Kirstein

THE BATTLE RAGES Julie Whedbee

I was praying for more understanding as to why it is so relentless. These are the words He spoke to me after communion on April 13, 2023.

Oh, My child, peace, be still. Be still and know that I AM is here and with you. I realize how difficult it is for you to understand the reasons behind all this evil, and why I am allowing it to continue. The battle is raging, yes. It is an epic battle unlike any other in your history.

There has never been such a frenzy by satan and his dark kingdom as what is being experienced now.

Think of it this way. If you were given an assignment that meant life or death, and a period of time to complete it, and the deadline was closing in, would you not stop everything else as the deadline was rapidly approaching, even at the door?

Would not satan do the same, knowing the end is here, putting all his resources into completing what he believes he must do, to kill and destroy as many souls as possible, as he also knows that I am here now in My people and about to be fully manifested through them.

He knows the time for My great move is upon you and he is desperate to destroy as many souls as possible before that moment.

You, as My remnant army, however, cannot be harmed. I walk at your right side with you, and the battle is Mine, not yours. I go before you, and I am your Rear Guard. I have insulated you with My presence, and you are under My anointing, and although you walk through the darkest part of the storm yet, and thousands are come against you, you will not be touched.

Remember your positions in My Kingdom. As heirs to My Throne, you are already seated in Heavenly places with Me. You are My untouchable, unstoppable ones, the ones I have chosen from before time to be here now because of your obedience and faith in Me.

Each time the enemy comes against you, you have an opportunity to increase in your faith and walk in the power and authority you have been given from Me.

Do not forget who you are and why you have come. You are here to stand, when all you can do is stand, and hold the line, anchoring My love here until the moment I fully manifest through all of you.

Having been chosen as heirs, My kings and My priests to rule and reign here is a weighty matter indeed, yes, a very serious position to hold. But, I knew of your obedience and allegiance to Me and sent you knowing I would have the victory for you and that you would learn to master what I have taught you in order to walk out your assignments here.

So, each time you encounter evil, see it as an opportunity to apply what you have learned, to over-come, knowing you could and will not ever lose. I give you My strength to walk this out, and My peace, a peace that cannot be found outside of Me, a peace that will allow you to see what I am speaking about from My perspective.

It is then that as you respond, you will not be wearied by all the attacks, but rather stand up to your position and wield My sword of the Spirit, My Word as you work together to hold the line here in this realm, consistently and with boldness and courage, as I have told you to not fear or be afraid of anything the enemy can send your way.

I am here My army, as the Commander and Captain of the Hosts. Be still and know that I Am has you in the palm of My hand. YAHUSHUA

Psalm 46:10Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Rev. 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Iyar 28, 5783: Friday May 19, 2023



A WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL FROM SYLVIA GUNTER

Face To Face With God

Did you ever notice how many people encountered God face-to-face in their desperation? Think of Abraham at the altar with Isaac, Moses at the burning bush and at the Red Sea, Jacob before meeting Esau, Joshua before a walled city, Gideon before

a hostile army, Jehoshaphat before three hostile armies, and David in great trials of every kind. Listen to God tell you how He wants to meet you and show you more of Himself, His will, and His ways in your present circumstances. In all your life, look for Him. He is there.

What happens when God shows up and He is totally other than we expected? What happens when we encounter God? Face-to-face with God, we are always aware of His total "other-ness." He is infinitely beyond anything we can imagine, and he is especially beyond being manageable. How does life change when it runs head-on into an extraordinary God? We get some clues when we study what happened when biblical characters encountered God, worshiped Him, and responded to His strong presence.

When we encounter God, He will disclose a heart not right with Him.

When God comes walking in the garden of our hearts, we may try to hide behind the fig leaves of our own righteousness if our hearts are harboring sin or unbelief (Gen 3:7-10). Before our sin, Jesus went to the cross to enable us to receive the mercy and grace of God.

When we encounter God in worship, we will surrender completely to God to put our "Isaacs" on the altar. Worship precedes surrender.

Abraham told his servants, "(The boy and I) will worship and then we will come back to you" (Gen 22:5,9-10). When they reached the place where God directed, Abraham built an altar and prepared the wood on it. He bound Isaac and laid him on the wood as the sacrifice, and he took the knife to slay his own son. At that moment, Abraham revealed his fear of the Lord. Then God revealed Himself in a new dimension, Jehovah-Jireh, the One who provides the Lamb.

When we encounter God in worship, we will have his courage to go against overwhelming odds and see Him do what only He can do in delivering those in rebellion.

God said to Gideon, "Have I not sent you? Surely I will be with you" (Judges 6:14,16). In the strength of that promise and at God's instruction, Gideon pared down his initial muster of 32,000 men to 300. Fresh from worshiping God, he confidently told the men, "Get up! The LORD has given the Midianite camp into your hands" (Judges 7:15). With the unconventional weapons of pitchers, torches, and trumpets, God provided His deliverance which only He could give.

When we encounter Him in our sorrow and broken dreams, He will come to us to open the Scriptures to our hearts.

Walking away from their disappointment, two dejected disciples met Jesus unawares (Luke 24:13-32). As they talked with Him, He explained Scriptures they had never understood. Likewise, God will come to us with comfort and understanding in His Word when we think all hope is lost. There are truths in His Word that we will understand only when we bring our hopelessness to Him.

When we encounter Him in worship, we will be assured of His presence, go in His authority, and make disciples who in turn will repeat the process.

When the disciples saw Jesus after the resurrection, they worshiped Him. Jesus said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations. And surely, I am with you always" (Matt 28:17-20).

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"HELP OUR UNBELIEF"!!

We miss it daily, for all have fallen short of the Glory, not a moment goes by where we are not totally reliant dependent and fully surrendered to His Grace and Mercy. Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit says the Lord.

Oh, but if not for His Love and His Grace and His Mercy How could any of us stand. We go lower, we go lower as His Grace takes us higher. His Righteousness makes us worthy to Come. To run BOLDY before the Throne of Grace to receive Mercy.

My heart cry is, "Holy Spirit Make known to me the Ways of the Father, the Ways of the Son and the Ways of the Spirit make me to KNOW Your Ways, Help my unbelieving heart to believe".

The greatest challenge I believe in the Body of Christ today, is "UNBELIEVING BELIEVERS" and yet the only language the World truly understands is POWER. Motivational Speeches have most certainly replaced a demonstration of Supernatural Miracles; WHY??? Because the Body has substituted the Presence of God with knowledge and eloquence of speech, hence the Body has become so deficient to the point of complete decay good for nothing True Identity in Christ has been distorted by

compromise and a quest for fancy living, comfort and ease, the standards of the World have invaded the Church and the Church has bowed its knee.

My heart Cries "OH GOD I PRAY FIRST FOR MY OWN UNBELIEVING HEART, BUT I WEEP FOR THE UNBELIEVING BELIEVERSLET YOUR FIRE FALL ONCE AGAIN UPON THE ALTARS AND LET OUR HEARTS BE CONSUMED AND SET ABLAZE WITH YOUR GLORY AND POWER THAT A SICK AND DYING WORLDMAY ENCOUNTER THE LIVING GOD, LET THE WEIGHT OF YOUR PRESENCE CRUSH OUR PRIDE AND NEED FOR KNOWLEDGE THAT ONLY PUFFS UP, LET YOUR SUPERNATURAL POWER INVADE OUR LIVES ONCE AGAINI CRY FATHER, OPEN THE BLIND EYES OF THE UNBELIEVING BELIEVERS, ACTIVATE THE GIFT OF FAITH IN OUR HEARTS, THAT YOUR WONDER WORKING POWER CAN BE FULLY DEMONSTRATED AND MADE MANIFEST IN THE MIDST OF GREAT PAIN AND SUFFERING"



"Study to show yourself approved."

I want to encourage everyone to read the WORD of GOD daily and set a goal to read through the Bible every year, "Study to show yourself approved".

<u>2 Timothy 2:15</u> Study *and* be eager *and* do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing *and* accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.

CONCLUSION

I encourage everyone to go to the Elijah List website as well as each author to see a complete list of the works of each contributor. The Prayer Guide is just that, a daily devotional consisting of the WORD OF GOD as well as prophetic insight from multiple contributors reposted for HIS Glory. The Republic and Chaplain Wade Butler do not make or receive any compensation for this publication as this work is just passing on the great insight of so many contributors.

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Blessings and enjoy, Dr. Wade K. Butler, Chaplain