Iyar 5785: Dr. Wade Butler
Welcome to the month of Issachar!
The month of gaining understanding of just who Yeshua is!
THE KING OF KINGS, LORD OF LORDS, THE LION OF JUDAH.



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: Adoni our Father, Yeshua the Son, and Ruach HaKodesh the Holy Ghost.

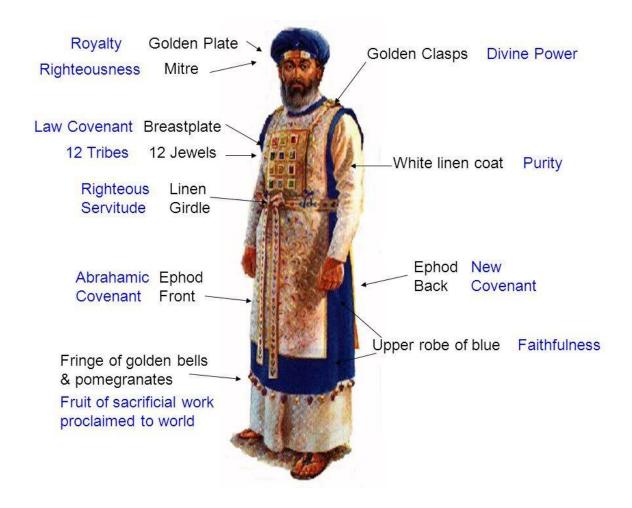
We are GOD'S warriors who stand between the enemy and our promises. We all have been calling out those promises waiting on GOD to do the miracles on our behalf. The truth of it all is HE ALREADY DID. Every day we battle for hope, direction, and relief. Each one is available for us as believers empowered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

Two years ago, in an open vision with the LORD, an international prayer team that I am privileged to be a part of had an incredible experience with Yahweh; we call it an ascension 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, non-stop, 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."** 



In this publication, 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 simply because our Father did not change the seasons, man did. We need to learn about our roots. So, please join us.

The calendar study guide is packed full of new authors, prophecy, 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. Again, God never changed HIS timing, man did. I would rather follow HIM and know what I was adopted into. In these monthly calendar offerings, 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

# He wants to bring all of us into the Light of HIS Glory! Are you willing to realize there is so much more than we know?



Let the light of HIS GLORY shine FROM you!





It is amazing how much Judaism has influenced our world. In every area of society, 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 recent health "crisis" prevented us from shaking hands, so you might have seen individuals use the sign made famous by Star Trek's Mr. Spock, the "Vulcan sign for hello and goodbye." This split-finger greeting actually means, "May the Blessings of the Almighty God rest upon you!" and in parting, "Live long and prosper!" According to Robert Heidler, this was actually an ancient Aaronic Blessing given by Priests.

We are in the season of aligning our harvest for the future. It is also 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 relate 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, or teachings from Chuck Pierce, Robert Heidler, and many other contributing authors which are included. 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."

The month of Iyar is Hebrew meaning *Rosette, blossom.* It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of the Sacred Calendar, and the 8<sup>th</sup> month of the Civil Calendar. The name comes from a Babylonian word. Before the exile in Babylon, the month was called Ziv (see (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 the water miraculously became sweet. God then promised that if Israel followed His ways, "the diseases I have placed on Egypt I will not place upon you, for I am God 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 and 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 of 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 in 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 [by God] 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 add to our list?

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. Have a chocolate, go to sleep, 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 we 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. The Egyptians 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.

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, but I will also 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. In addition, 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 (I Kings 6:1). 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 waters. 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 modern times, 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), with permission from King Cyrus of Persia, Zerubbabel and Joshua the High Priest began construction of the Second Temple.

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 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple 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. Construction was later resumed and was finally completed 21 years later under the reign of King Darius (see Jewish History for the Third of Adar).

# Part 2c: Does God really desire blood sacrifices? A Hebrew Perspective "And He added no more" By Reuven ben Yosef (Bob Koch); edited by Rachel ben Yosef (Remy Koch) Iyar 5785; April 2025

Mixed messages: Did YHVH originally desire sacrifice?

One can point to many verses wherein YeHoVaH (YHVH) extolled certain types of sacrifices offered with appropriate attitude and intent as giving off a "sweet smelling aroma." This phrase is both literal and symbolic. It reflected God's acceptance of the sacrifice when offered with a clean conscience, sincere heart, and faithful obedience. Sacrificial offerings were not meant to be only ceremonial events, but were ritual acts of worship intended to maintain or restore the covenant relationship with YHVH. However, through His prophets, YHVH also spoke of animal sacrifices as being something that he did not desire; they were not his ideal. It is our contention that the verses expressing this attitude toward animal sacrifices define His comprehensive position regarding the entire class of offerings, not solely those offered with insincere motives.

So what is YHVH's real position? It appears the TNK gives us mixed messages: While the sacrificial system is a central feature of the Torah–Pentateuch, the verses offered in this and next month's article will emphasize that God prioritizes righteousness, justice, mercy, obedience, love, a contrite heart, and ethical behavior over ritual blood sacrifices. Some also suggest that sacrifices were not commanded, either explicitly or implicitly, in God's **Ten Sayings** (Commandments) which we will call His **Master Covenant** with Israel. There certainly is no textual evidence they were. Rather, the statutes, ordinances and regulations for sacrifices were supplemental additions, possibly designed to be only temporary. Regardless, our premise is that they are not YHVH's

"ideal" or "ultimate" spiritual solution for maintaining or transforming one's relationship with Him – the Ten Sayings are.<sup>1</sup>

## YHVH spoke the Ten Sayings: "and He added no more."

In Deuteronomy, Moses gives his first-person account to the next generation of Israelites, relating how YHVH spoke the Ten Sayings for all the tribes to hear. His account painted a different picture from the narrative in Exodus 20. Moses stated the following to the assembly after God finished speaking the Ten Sayings:

Deut 5:19 TNK (v. 22 Christian) These words YHVH spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: And He added no more. And He wrote them upon two stone tablets, and gave them unto me.

"And He added no more": This is a very thought-provoking and much debated statement not found in the later third-person account of the same event in Exodus 20. In Moses' personal eye-witness testimony, he wrote that after YHVH spoke the Ten Sayings to all Israel, "He added no more." By telling us that, he emphasized the Ten Sayings (commandments) were complete and sufficient as the foundational Sinai revelation, i.e., God's will was fully expressed in those words. By stating immediately thereafter that YHVH wrote the Ten Sayings on two tablets, an event that took place sometime during the next 40 days, Moses tied the two events together chronologically, thereby confirming the conclusion of YHVH's direct and personal instructions to all Israel. These Ten Sayings are literarily "written in stone;" they are complete and unalterable. That is one reason we refer to the Ten Sayings as the "Master Covenant of YHVH" (henceforth, Master Covenant).

Furthermore, the phrase, "And He added no more" marks a firm boundary between YHVH's foundational moral-ethical torah and the later ceremonial regulations introduced via the Levitical cult. These ritual observances are not even hinted at in the Decalogue. Everything that came before that boundary-line validates the broader idea expressed by YHVH through His anointed prophets, and then later by Yeshua, that God prioritizes obedience and relationship over ritual.

This indicates that God's primary desire is for a people defined by an inner sense of righteousness and justice, like Abraham (Gen 18:19), not relying on rote ritual performance. Later prophetic reprimands, like Hosea 6:6 ("I desire mercy, not sacrifice") or Micah 6:6-8, echo this theme.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If you recall, the Ebionites, who were the descendants of the Nazarenes, the original followers of Yeshua, stated in their doctrine that Yeshua ended the sacrificial system because it was not commanded to Moses in the first place. Their position is documented by Church Fathers writing in the second through fourth centuries C.E.

It is also worthy of note that, immediately following the boundary statement beginning in Deuteronomy 6:1, Moses related that God gave him instructions to teach the new wilderness generation how to implement the Ten Sayings in their personal lives. After centuries in Egypt, this was an entirely different relationship with the Most High than they had experienced in that foreign land over the time frame they had lived there. Moses taught that by internalizing the ten Sayings, they would "prosper" and "live long in the land" they were about to enter (Deut 4:40, 5:33, etc.). That instruction began with the teaching of the "shema," the essence of our emunah (Heb; obedient faith) and bitakhon (Heb; trust) in YHVH, rooted in love:

Deut 6:4 (6.3 Christian) Hear (and obey), Israel! YHVH your Elohim; YHVH [is] One.

5 And you shall love YHVH your Elohim with all your inner being, and with all your life (breath) and with all your power (intense passion, vehemence, i.e., everything), ... et seq. (Our "amplified" version.)

The first *mitzvah* (commandment) Moses taught was to "love" YHVH with everything you are and everything you have. Furthermore, in the traditional Hebrew Masoretic Text (MT) of Deuteronomy, animal sacrifices of any kind aren't even mentioned until chapter 12. This is in contrast to the textual order of the story found in Exodus starting at v. 20:22. In the book of Exodus, presented as a third-person narration, the command to build an altar for sacrifices follows immediately after the giving of the Ten Sayings and a reminder about idolatry.<sup>2</sup>

The point is that no command for animal sacrifices was included in the Ten Sayings. If these sacrifices were so crucial for atonement for sin, why wasn't there even one related command given in the direct words of God to his people? The absence of sacrificial instructions denotes that sacrifices were not part of God's revelation to the people of Israel. The Decalogue's sufficiency proves that YHVHs ideal is a consciousness wherein one's heart and actions are aligned with His expressed will. This was not supposed to be like the systematic pagan appearament of their capricious gods by the sacrificial blood of innocent animals.

Thus, the Ten Sayings are referred to as "His covenant" and "the words of the covenant" and the two tablets on which they were written are called "**the tablets of the covenant**." Accordingly, the Ten Sayings embody **all** the words of the "Master Covenant."

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Prof. Idan Dershowitz, PhD, "*The Valediction of Moses*" (re: the *Shapira* Scroll). This controversial early Paleo-Hebrew version of Deuteronomy has both "the blessings" and "the curses" which are thematically connected to the Ten Sayings. One does not get that insight when reading the traditional MT. Unlike the MT there is no jarring, incongruous 15 chapter "gap" in the story line (Deut 12-27) that disturbs the flow of the Mount Gerizim–Mount Ebal narrative of the blessings and curses. This short book is an exciting eye-opener, and the ancient scroll is the possibly missing link to "the scroll Moses wrote." Link to free book download from author: academia.edu

Ex 34:28b And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant—the Ten Savings.

Deut 4:13 And He declared unto you His covenant, which he commanded you to perform, the Ten Sayings; and He wrote them upon two stone tablets.

Importantly, "...the words of the covenant" in Hebrew at Exodus 34:28b are: 'et divrei habberit. The use of the definite article "'et" specifies that the scope of "the words of the covenant" written on the tablets encompasses **only** "the Ten Sayings."

Following are more verses witnessing some of the many times the Ten Sayings and/or the tablets upon which they were written are referred to as being "**the covenant**" between God and Israel:

Deut 9:9 When I was gone up into the mount to receive the stone tablets, **the tablets of the covenant** which YHVH made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and
forty nights; I did neither eat bread nor drink water. <sup>10</sup>And YHVH delivered unto me the
two stone tablets written with the finger of God; and **on them was written according to all the words**, which YHVH spoke with you in the mount out of the
midst of the fire in the day of the assembly. <sup>11</sup>And it came to pass at the end of forty
days and forty nights, that YHVH gave me the two stone tablets, **the tablets of the covenant**.

Deut 10:4 **YHVH wrote on these tablets** what he had written before; **the Ten Sayings**He had proclaimed to you on the mountain out of the fire on the day of the assembly

(re: the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of tablets).

The tablets are also referred to as "tablets of the Testimony" or just "the Testimony."

Ex 25:16 And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee.

Ex 31:18 And He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, **the two tablets of the Testimony**, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

Ex 40:20 And **he took and put the testimony into the ark**, set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy-seat above upon the ark.

In the preceding verses, the phrase "tablets of the Testimony (*ha-'edut*)" is synonymous with the two tablets containing the Ten Sayings, i.e., the Master Covenant. The term "testimony" is from the Hebrew root 'ud (עוֹד), meaning "to testify" or "to bear witness." Thus, "the Testimony" here signifies something that serves as a witness or evidence of a covenant or truth.

When speaking of the tablets, the ark, the covenant at Sinai and related matters, the term "the Testimony" always refers only to the Ten Sayings written on the two stone

tablets. The Testimony is a witness to the fact that, collectively, the Ten Sayings embody the prime directives of the Master Covenant given at Sinai (Horeb).

The term is also used to refer to the ark (Heb. *aron;* chest) as the "Ark of the Testimony" (*aron ha-edut*) (Ex 25:22, 26:33, 40:30, etc.). The *aron* is also referred to as "The Ark of the Covenant of YHVH (i.e., the LORD)" at Leviticus 4:17, Numbers 10:33; Deuteronomy 10:8 and over 40 other verses. Of course, the two tablets containing the Ten Sayings of the Testimony were stored in the "the Ark of the Testimony" (Ex 25:16, 21; 40:20; Deut 10:1-2, 5; 1 Ki 8:9; NT Heb 9:4). Neither the "book of the covenant" or the "book of the law (torah)" were stored inside the ark.<sup>3</sup> The Jewish commentator Rashi wrote that the tablets are "the Torah" (Ex 25:16) and "a testimony" (Ex 40:20):

העדות THE TESTIMONY — **the Torah** (the Tablets; cf. Rashi on Exodus 40:20) which is a testimony between Me and you that I have ordained the commandments written in it (Midrash Tanchuma, Pekudei 4).4 Emphasis mine

את העדות THE TESTIMONY — the Tablets. Ex  $40:20^{5}$ 

Ibn Ezra concurs while commenting on Exodus 24:12

Ex 24:12 And YHVH said unto Moses: 'Come up to Me into the mount and be there; and I will give thee the tablets of stone, and the law and the commandment, which I have written, that thou mayest teach them.'

Regarding meaning of "the law" and "the commandment," he stated:

However, I believe that **the law refers to the first and fifth statements of the Decalogue**, (The only two positive commandments in the Decalogue) and, and **the commandment refers to the other eight statements**. (Which are negative commandments. Hence Scripture refers to them by two different terms.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> We have no idea what happened to the original "book of the covenant" that Moses wrote overnight and read at Exodus 24:4-7. It is never reported to have been lost or replaced. Moses wrote the entire first-person narrative in the book of Deuteronomy but does not tell us anything about writing down what is referred to as the entire "Law", i.e., Torah, the five books of Moses as we have it today. The "book of the law (torah)" referred to in Deuteronomy and which Moses ordered to be placed "beside the ark" (Deut 28:61, 29:21, 30:10, 31:26) was likely not the entire Pentateuch as we have it today but some form of only the book of Deuteronomy (the Shapira "Moses Scroll"?). It is significant that the supplemental law codes, the Levitical code, the first four books and the last few chapters of Deuteronomy are all written in the third person (e.g., v.31:9, etc.). It's certainly possible these books were written down from oral tradition handed down from Moses and are, thus, "inspired" writings even though there are some obvious interpolations and anachronisms. Even certain rabbinic interpreters were aware of the most obvious problem of Mosaic attribution for the last few chapters of Deuteronomy, e.g. How could Moses' end of life account have been composed by Moses. See *Sifrei Devarim* 357; b. *Baba Batra* 15a; b. *Menachot* 30a.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Rashi commentary on Ex 25:16; Link: sefaria.org

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Rashi *commentary on Ex40:20*; Link: sefaria.org

# Thus, the entire verse deals with the Decalogue ...) <sup>6</sup> Emphasis mine

Research on Grok 3 (AI) produced the following relevant connections to Rashi's comments identifying "the testimony" as "the two tablets" and "the covenant" in other pertinent rabbinic commentaries.

Commentators like Rashi—Ibn Ezra, Ramban, Rashbam, Sforno, and Mizrachi—identify "the testimony" as the two tablets and often the covenant, citing Exodus 25:16, 31:18, 40:20; Deuteronomy 10:1–5. Quotes (e.g., Ramban: "The tablets testify to the bond;" Sforno: "The tablets an eternal reminder of the covenant") mirror Rashi's view. Super-commentaries (i.e., derivatives)—Mizrachi, Gur Aryeh, Siftei Chachamim, Levush HaOrah, Tosafot HaShalem, Divrei David, Be'er Basadeh, and Imrei Noam—defend Rashi's interpretation (e.g., Mizrachi on Exodus 25:16: "Rashi means the tablets not the Torah scroll"), citing the same verses and reinforcing the tablets' covenantal role. Emphasis original

Christian commentators also agree with this interpretation. Following is one of the many Christian comments on Exodus 25:16 and several related verses on the same subject from the Keil & Delitsch *Biblical Commentary on the Old Testament*:

Into this ark Moses was to put "the testimony" (העדת; cf. Exodus 40:20). This is the name given to the two tables of stone, upon which the ten words spoken by God to the whole nation were written, and which Moses was to receive from God (Exodus 24:12). Because **these ten words were the declaration of God upon the basis of which the covenant was concluded** (Exodus 34:27-28; Deuteronomy 4:13; Deuteronomy 10:1-2), these tables were called the tables of testimony (ch. Exodus 31:18; Exodus 34:29), or tables of the covenant (Deuteronomy 9:9; Deuteronomy 11:15).8

Additional support for this conclusion may also come from the Ebionites via the section of the Pseudo-Clementines Recognitions referred to as *The Ascents of James (Syriac)* which scholars believe can be traced back to the original Nazarenes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Ibn Ezra, Commentary on Exodus 24:12; Link: http://sefaria.org

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Grok 3 response searching the question: Which commentators and derivatives thereof are like Rashi identifying "the testimony" as being the tablets and/or the covenant (cites and quotes)?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> K&D on Exodus ch. 25; Link: biblehub.com

In connexion with our claim that the *Ascents of James* is an Ebionite work, three other topics need discussion. First is its view of the law. It is consistent with the patristic descriptions of the Ebionites as distinguished by their observance of circumcision and the Tora. 1.35.2 might be taken to mean that the Decalogue alone is of permanent validity, while the rest of the Tora (i.e., sacrificial system) was imposed by Moses because of the people's idolatrous tendency revealed in the worship of the golden calf (1.35.5-6). In that case, the information that Israel was blessed by God "whenever they observed the law without sacrifices" (1.37.1 Syriac) would have to refer to the observance of the Decalogue alone, the rest of the Law being categorized with sacrifices.<sup>9</sup> 1.35.2 They heard with heavenly sounds the law (Torah) of God, all ten commandments (S).<sup>10</sup> (Emphasis mine)

#### **Conclusion**

Rashi, Ibn Ezra, and many other commentators, along with the Ebionites, agree that the only thing written on the two tablets was the Ten Sayings—which Rashi and the Ebionites both referred as "the Torah (or Tora)." YHVH called the two tablets of the Testimony, "the Covenant" when Moses went up the mountain to receive them after the ceremony at Exodus 24:3-8. God never referred to a "book of the covenant" (which implies a much larger work) that Moses had written. This is not to denigrate that additional book, whatever it actually was or was not, but to point out that what YHVH called "the Testimony" and what Rashi and the Ebionites referred to as "the Tora," (in context) only meant the Ten Sayings of the Master Covenant.<sup>11</sup>

Moses' first-person narrative in Deuteronomy also reported that YHVH gave the Ten Sayings as a direct revelation to all the people as the foundational bedrock: the standalone Master Covenant between Him and Israel. This fact is evidenced by: 1. Moses' statement "And He added no more"; 2. God's writing the Ten Sayings of the covenant on the two stone tablets; 3. The appellation "two tablets of the testimony"— or equivalent terms like "tablets of stone," "tablets of the covenant" and "words of the covenant"— explicitly tied only to the Ten Sayings— are referred to in 17 distinct instances in the Torah-Pentateuch (Exodus 24:12, 25:16, 25:21, 31:18, 32:15—16,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Peter J. Tomson and Doris Lambers-Petry, ed., The Image of the Judaeo-Christians in Ancient Jewish and Christian Literature, The Origen of the Ebionites, by Richard Baukham, Tubingen, Germany 2003 p. 169

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Robert E. Van Voorst, *The Ascents of James; History and Theology of a Jewish-Christian Community*, Society of Biblical Literature; SBL Dissertation Series 112, p. 86, 1989. (S) = Syriac

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Today, the entire Covenant of YHVH (the LORD) is understood in rabbinic Judaism as the foundational **Master Covenant of YHVH** (the Ten Sayings) **plus <u>all</u> later supplemental additions.** These include, but are not limited to laws–instructions (*toroth*), ordinances (*mishpatim*), commandments (*mitzvot*), and statutes (*khuqqim*), including the sacrificial rites of the Levitical cult that make up the entire Masoretic Text (MT) of the Torah-Pentateuch.

32:19, 34:1, 34:4, 34:28–29, 40:20; Deuteronomy 4:13, 5:19 [22], 9:9–11, 9:15, 9:17, 10:1–2, 10:5) ;4. Jewish and Christian commentators agree, equating the two tablets with "the testimony" and "the covenant."

The phrase "And He added no more" has been seen as elevating covenant fidelity above any mechanical or ceremonial observance. For example, Psalm 51:16-17 ("You do not delight in sacrifice a broken spirit you will not despise") aligns with the idea that God's Sinai revelation sought personal transformation, not mere ritual. The finality of that statement could signal that the essence of God's will was already given – faithful obedience rooted in love of YHVH and fellow human beings – rendering sacrifices a provisional, not eternal, requirement.

To sum up: The Master Covenant of YHVH at Sinai included only the words that were written on the two "tablets of the covenant." It did not include the supplemental instructions from Moses' "book of the covenant" added at Exodus 20:22 to 24:33, a book that is not even mentioned in Deuteronomy in the logical time sequence after "And He added no more." In fact, the "book of the covenant" is spoken of only once, and is never mentioned again in the entire TNK (Ex 24:7).<sup>12</sup>

Moses' explicit statement implied that anything subsequently appended to the Ten Sayings was not to be considered part of the God-given Master Covenant of YHVH. The Ten Sayings revealed God's direct will and unchanging desire for Israel: a moral and relational covenant, like those with the Patriarchs, not dependent on a system of sacrifices and offerings like the pagans used to placate their fickle gods.

The Ten Sayings written by the "finger of God" on the two stone tablets were tangible "testimony" of that event – a witness to their universality and unique place in the history of humankind. Those words still hold the mostly unclaimed potential for our personal transformation. This is "the Master Covenant of YHVH."

Deut 4:13 He declared <u>His covenant</u> to you. He commanded you to follow <u>the Ten</u>

Sayings, which He wrote on two stone tablets.

Mark 10:17 And as he was going forth into the way, there ran one to him, and kneeled to him, and asked him, good Rab (teacher), what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? 18 And Yeshua said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good except One, God alone. 19 Thou knowest the

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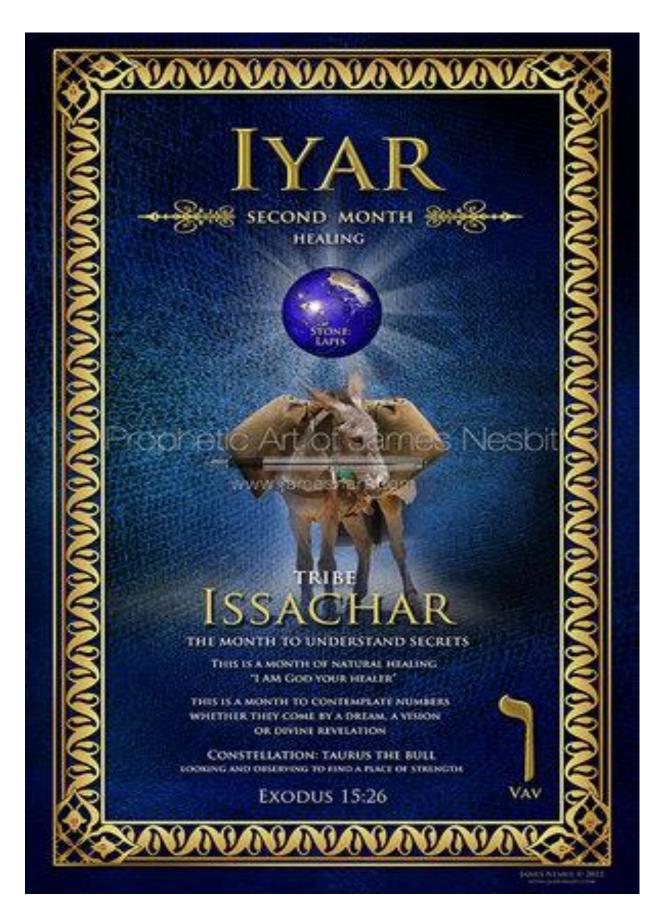
<sup>12</sup> Moses did not mention "the book of the covenant" (hereinafter, "the book") in Deuteronomy, his only first-person narrative in the Torah-Pentateuch. "The book" is said to only contain "the words and the ordinances" Moses wrote down from his conversation with God in the "dark cloud" (Ex 24:3). This was also on the "third day," the same day the Israelites received the direct revelation of the Ten Sayings. His meeting with YHVH likely took only a few hours since Moses returned and had plenty of time to speak <u>all</u> the words of YHVH to the people who agreed to abide by them. Then Moses wrote down all the words, went to bed and "rose up early" the next morning (v. 24:4). After building an altar and setting up 12 pillars, he read "the book" to all of the assembly; they again agreed to obey. Then the covenant was "sealed" with the tossing of ceremonial blood (vv. 5-8).

# <u>commandments</u>: Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor thy father and mother ...

Blessings,

Reuven & Rachel

Next month (YHVH willing): More verses and context to support our thesis.



#### 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 constituted the people of Israel who later became the Jewish people. The tribe was named after the fifth son born to Jacob and his first wife, Leah. 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 Ten Lost Tribes of Israel.

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 God revealed the secrets of the covenant. Dan 2:21-22 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 LORD and 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!

(Rev 7:1–8) "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."

Even though it is a time of planting and for the first harvest to 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 (Omer) counting—the mitzvah to count each of the 49 days between Passover and Shavuot, (Pentecost). 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 [choose to] 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, the flesh, and devil. We will go through this process repeatedly 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 Art Scroll 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 breakthrough that occurred when YHVH's people were together and in one accord:

Acts 2:1–3, And when the day of Pentecost had 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

Iyar is the second of the twelve months of the Jewish calendar. It 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 plows 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 enter 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. 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 (I Kings 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 BC) 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
- **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 the 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 AD) Hebrews 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 was conquered during the Six-Day War. The day is marked in Israel as "Jerusalem Day".
- **28 Iyar** (circa 1012 BC) Death of Samuel the Prophet, marked by pilgrimages to his tomb on the outskirts of Jerusalem.

## Iyar 1, 5785: Tuesday-April 29, 2025

#### **Bruce & Linda Dietler - Kansas**

## An Everlasting, Unshakeable Kingdom

Planet Earth has entered a dramatic season of shaking and upheaval. With magma plumes actively pushing up under the earth's continental tectonic plates, there is a "whole lotta shaking going on." A recent massive earthquake in Myanmar toppled buildings and killed several thousand people; now others are occurring along major fault lines in California, Texas, and elsewhere. Of the world's 1,300 active Volcanos, 45 are continually erupting right now! The U.S. and its territories together have 170 active volcanos, and Alaska is presently being threatened with a major eruption not far from the capitol, Anchorage, which could blanket the city with a plume of toxic gas and volcanic ash. Scientists also continue to express concern about the super volcano which broods under Yellowstone Park, the eruption of which could devastate half the entire North American continent. Couple all this with recent extreme weather events such as flooding, high winds, and very large hail, along with an impending monetary collapse, instability in government, potential wars on the horizon, and other forces seemingly beyond man's control, and many people are understandably concerned, to put it mildly.

## The Search for Stability

Concerning events such as these cause us to seek for stability in life, somewhere, anywhere, wherever that may be found. Though we will not experience an everlasting, unshakeable kingdom in this life until the powers of darkness are totally defeated, and the kingdom of God comes in full manifestation, nevertheless, this is something we can look forward to with great hope and glorious expectation. The word of God provides us this encouragement in Hebrews 12:25-29, as the writer admonishes, "See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, 'Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.' And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved (shaken), let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire."

Let us consider what these verses are saying. **First**, God is speaking, always speaking, to those who will have ears to hear. Our hearts need to be still and attuned to His voice to inquire of Him, "Lord, what are you saying to **me**, your servant, through this shaking? How am I to apply that which you are speaking?" Others ignored or rejected the words of the Lord while He was on earth. Let us not ignore Him now who continues to speak to us from Heaven. **Second**, not all shaking in life comes from forces of nature or from man's making; some shaking comes directly from God for His purposes in the lives of His saints. We must walk in godly discernment to understand the source of the shaking and how to respond, and regardless of the source - whether it be man, nature, or God, we must not blame God for all shakings. **Third**, He has promised to shake things yet again to remove that which is of man's design - man's idols, whether literal, emotional, or mental - such that only that which is of God may remain. When we reach that point, where we allow all that is not of God to be shaken from our lives, where only that which is of God remains central to our lives, we will have entered a place of rest, a "kingdom which cannot be shaken," and regardless of ongoing shakings in the world and in our lives, we will live in a state of reverence and godly (reverential) fear. God is a consuming fire, and He desires that all that which defiles us would be consumed by that fire, that He may have preeminence in our lives.

## **Becoming an Overcomer**

One might say, "That's easier said than done. You don't know what I've been through." Yes, it is labor to enter into the rest of God, but that is where our peace lies, especially during the storms or shakings of life. **Hebrews 4:11** tells us, "**Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.**" Life might seem rough at the moment and appear to be getting only more so by the day, but others have had similar life experiences or worse and have made it through. Trust me in this; I speak from vast experience. This is indeed labor! Now, please forgive me in advance for sharing several personal testimonies, but they do serve to make my point that the shakings of life don't have to destroy us. With the Lord's help, we will survive.

Diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma at the age of 16, the doctor said I would likely be dead before the age of 21. However, following surgery and cobalt radiation therapy, many years later, I am still very much alive, and the doctor is probably dead!

Years later, before coming to trust Yeshua as my personal savior, we lost our two little girls to death within a span of two weeks, one at birth, and then our beautiful Angie, following open-heart surgery, just two days before her second birthday. This devastating and indescribable tragedy broke me, but through Linda's prayers and the

working of the Lord, I came to rest in Yeshua. I now have a steadfast peace and assurance in my heart and soul that the world did not give me, and the world can never take away.

At yet another point in life, I had brought myself and family massively into debt, having bought an expensive house (with a 15 % mortgage rate, I might add) as well as a car the very same day. After all, being a "King's Kid," I deserved this; the used car dealer even said so! Though we had enough money to qualify for the home loan, I had no job, no income, and no way to pay the mortgage or anything else, including buying food for my family. I had done this to myself, but God used it for His honor and glory (Gen. 50:20), as I was forced to my knees in prayer to repent for my terrible missteps and presumption. He brought me to fully examine my heart and to allow Him to burn out all that was not of Him and replace it with a commitment to walk fully after His word. When we were finally delivered, after three very long years of continuous striving and crying out to God, He brought me out completely stripped of any striving in my heart for what "I deserve." I have been through the fire; I have been consumed; idols have been torn down; Yeshua now has the preeminence in my life, and I have entered into His rest.

# **God's Everlasting Kingdom**

In **2 Peter 1:11**, we find further encouragement for maintaining stability amidst the shakings, where Peter describes the Kingdom of God as "an everlasting kingdom." It is a kingdom which cannot be shaken, to which we have been given access through the blood of Yeshua, and that blood never fails. Our election is sure as we hold onto God's precious promises to us. We may be shaken, but not shook; knocked down, but not knocked out, and that shaking will redound to God's greater glory manifested in our lives as we draw near to Him, to the promises in His word, and to the promises and prophecies He has spoken to us personally. As Timothy was encouraged by the Apostle Paul in **1 Timothy 1:18**, " according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;" so too, must we. Revisit those words frequently; put God in remembrance of His word to you; agree with them; speak those prophecies out loud and in faith. His word will never fail, and He exalts His word even above His name (Ps. 138:2).

This present age is an intensified time of shaking, but amidst the shaking, God is at work and committed to bringing us up higher as we draw near to Him and choose to cooperate with Him. He is our loving heavenly Father, and He is a good God! While the terrors and uncertainties of life surround us, whether coming from natural elements, from man's doings, or from God Himself, the hidden things of our hearts are being

exposed to God's light and His consuming fire. As we fully submit our lives to Him, He has promised to work everything together for our good.

Be encouraged today. Our God is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and He is no respecter of persons. What He has done for others, He will do for you. He is the same God who delivered Daniel from the Lion's den and the three Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, and He is faithful to deliver you, as you fully trust Him for the victory!

## My Declaration

I am secure in the Lord and covered by the blood of Yeshua. I am seated with Him in heavenly places far above all principalities, powers, might and dominion and rulers of the darkness of this world. My feet are planted firmly on Yeshua, the solid rock, and I shall not fall when the rains come, and the winds blow. I am in Him, and He is in me. I dwell in the secret place of the Most High and abide under the shadow of His wings. A thousand may fall at my side and ten thousand at my right hand, but it shall not come nigh me. My God is greater than every tribulation, every shaking, and every set-back that may come my way. He will bring me through because in Him I live and move and have my being. He is my rock, my fortress, my high tower, and my deliverer. In Him I am unshakeable, unmovable, and always abound in the faith. I fully trust Him, and my faith in God and in His plan for my life will carry me through anything and everything. I am focused on the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus and am not moved by what I feel or see. Through Yeshua, I am more than a conqueror; I cannot be defeated, and I will never quit. I choose to draw near to God daily as an act of my will, and in Yeshua, I win!

Iyar 2, 5785: Wednesday-April 30, 2025 Roger Waters: Repeated form Iyar 6, 5784

Eight years ago, our friend Roger Lee Waters started this calendar, and the Lord told him it needs to be done by Chaplain Wade Butler. Roger is a regular contributor to the publication, but due to a sever fall, Roger is still in the VA Hospital recovering from hip surgery. This article is one of my favorites of his, and is worth repeating. Please do keep Roger and his wife in prayer as he regains his ability to walk and fully recovers.

# The Month of Healing: by an Angel Named Gary.

I was assigned to watch over this guy who, as it turned out, would fight tooth and nail for whichever side he was on that day. He would stand up today because it was a Sunday, and teach Sunday School, and sometimes teach on Sunday nights, about our Creator, and the creation process, or the love from the crucifixion, and even about the blood covenant, then tomorrow, He would go play with the world.

He never seemed to get it all correct all the time, here one day and there the next. He had a good heart, and always wanted to help people, but as you know, in my line of work, good intentions do nobody any good. Even Gadrael had good intentions when he wanted to be like the Most High, but that was not for him, a created being, to do.

I watched him, and even listened to him as he would practice his teaching at the church he went to. He would stand up on the platform and talk to no one; just go over what he wanted to say, and then, as I was assigned to him, I would hear everything he said, and when he would speak Bible verses, I would write them down on my spiritual note pad. I took everything he said to note - everything.

The problem though, was I also had to take note to when he would not follow the written script, when he would deviate from the course the Creator had for his life. See, here is how it works: From birth, all humans are given a script as to what they are supposed to do – for some it is in sports, others, in building things, still others, spreading the Kingdom, but everyone is given a script written by the Creator.

It is also pre-ordained as to who you are to meet in your life, who your helpers are through your life, and who you are to stay away from. It is even recorded in Heaven when you are to turn from your evil ways, and stand tall for the Creator, but if just once, just one time, you deviate from that script, then you have strayed away from your path, and you have ripped apart what the Creator has put together for you.

Now, all those people you were supposed to run into are (now) gone, changed, and the people who you were not supposed to come in contact with will now make contact with you. You just became a well-intentioned sinner to the Kingdom of YHVH, but still a sinner. His child, His only-begotten son, who died for your sins, has been thrown on the back burner, and the Creator's plan for that person has just been deleted. Now you are out on your own.

This is where I come into play. I have always been assigned to you, but you never knew I was there. That is the gameplan, that I am silent and secret as to who I am and what I do, but sometimes, even that is changed, like what happened to this guy. From

birth, this guy had it horrible. He was given up by his mother, because he was number 11 of 18 children born. He was a ward of the state, but he was also so sick, all the time.

His parents had been married for 4 years now, and his mother to be not able to have children. They wanted a son and had one living with them for almost a year, but then just 4 days before the adoption was to take place, his birth father came and snatched him away from them. She was devastated, heartbroken, and went right down into the dumps. The very day that happened, this guy I was assigned to was born.

Six weeks following this, the state called up these parents and informed them there was a child, a newborn, just 6 weeks old, up for adoption. He was so sick though, and he would need years of medical attention. They agreed, and this little newborn was being taken into a home of love and kindness. He was about to be taken from death and brought into life, although it would be a long and hard road at times.

He went to school, played sports, football being his favorite sport, and graduated high school, and went into the military where, for the next 20 years of his life, he either wore the uniform of his nation, or he worked in law enforcement. He was serving the people in one way or another, which according to the bylaws of Heaven, is a must.

But then a day came when he had an accident. He was always playing the good guy, always in church, and always teaching the very Word of the Creator, but his own heart was not right. His words didn't match up to his own life. He took many wrong turns in life, and he aways came back to where he started, but never to the point where he should have been.

At age 12, he went before the Creator and asked for forgiveness, and he was granted that forgiveness. But then he walked away from it. Now, at age 42, he was about to see the truth, and there was nothing I could do about that. I went before the Throne and asked if I could stop it, and I could, but I was told that he would have to endure it from start to finish. However, following this horrible event, I would then play a huge role in his life, but only if he chose life.

On that fateful day, this guy found out that the human(s) life span can only last a short time. He fell now, not just a small trip, or like a slip-on ice, no, he fell thirteen stories over a small thin waterfall, a straight drop, 128 feet down. This fall was the sight no one like me ever wanted to see, but here I was, watching him fall. He is the one I was assigned to, and now at this specific time, there was nothing I could do, nothing. It was on this day that all about his life would change.

I saw him slip; I watched him lean over the cliff just so slightly, and as he was running forward and slipping, I knew I was going to need help. I summoned others like me, and in an instant, they came to my assistance. They were in position as one on top of the other, guiding this guy as he was falling, protecting his head and back, and even though they could not stop him from landing on this huge flat rock, they protected his vital parts like his head, spinal column, and backbone.

He was laying there with his head in water, and there was this guy there with his child and he had a cell phone. I nudged this guy to pull my guy's head out of the water. He did so, and then he called the rescue squad. I had instructed the others like me to scatter, and all get this going and quickly. They did. I watched the first human show up, a female, and she slid down the hill to this guy. She asked him some questions, and I saw he was still alive, still thinking. The others got there, and they slid down the hill as if it were in a full downpour, rain all over the mountain, and flashes of lightning every few seconds. Not a pretty picture for a human. This is when and where the Creator takes over if the human wants Him to.

When he arrived at the Hospital at UVA, I was there in the operating room, I watched as they prepped his body for the operation. I saw all his injuries, and there were many. He had 36 broken bones, his bladder ruptured like a balloon in 4 places, his right leg was fractured just above the knee, and he had many small fractures on the right side of his face and jawbone. He was a mess.

They operated on him, for  $11 \frac{1}{2}$  hours, in three shifts, the bone specialist, the urologist, and the general surgeon. While on the operating table, he died, and I was to take him to the Creator for judgment. I grabbed his soul as it left his body and led him to the Judgment Hall. There were hundreds of other souls waiting to be judged. He was just one of many. I could only watch as this was being done. Had I failed, or was all this his choice? I cannot make any human do anything; they have to want to do it.

He had smaller angels circle around him; one had a book in his hands, and looked my guy in his eyes, and said, "I looked, but your name does not appear in the book, and that is when the loud voice from the Creator sounded and called his name. I saw these four huge Cherubs come over and grab my guy to take him to be judged.

They brought him to the Throne and dropped him on his knees, just as it is written, every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess. Just as he was looking up at the Creator, I heard the Creator say, "I will have mercy upon him for now, until we see what choice he will ultimately make. Return him back to his body, and you (pointing at me) will now do what you do so well. You have heard him speak from my Word, right?" "Yes, I have, Master." "You have known for some time now about his wants and

desires, right?" "Yes, Master." "Then you do to him what he has spoken to so many others, and guide him to the truth." "Yes, Master."

Two days later, he awoke in his hospital bed. He thought he had made it to Heaven, but the voices he heard were not of those like me, but doctors. Throughout the day, just lying there, he knew what he needed to do, but Gadrael had such a strong hold on him. Finally, around 10 P.M. that night, he gave in to it, and said, "Father, I give up, I am tired of living on the edge. I have done you wrong, I have played the church game, and look where it has gotten me. I cannot do this any longer. They tell me I have less than a 10% chance of making it through the night, and I do not want to die. Please forgive me, I am sorry. I will serve you even if I am in a wheelchair the rest of my life, and I will stand on your Word the rest of my life. This is my oath to you now, thank you Father, amen."

He went to sleep. I could hear the heartbeat though his chest. I could tell it was made strong. I could see in his sleep that the Creator will purpose to heal, to change, and to give meaning and purpose to my guy. Wait, I just got a message from on high, and I will plant it on his brain, it reads, "I have a ministry for you, and it does not require a wheelchair."

Now, the real work begins. Before my guy can train others and be a spokesperson for the Creator, he will have to go through training, healing, and pain, but it is a must for him. His body must be strong once again, and that is now my job description, to train up and send out. Wait, that is what one other guy's name meant as well, the 7<sup>th</sup> from Adam.

When we talked that first day, and I asked him if I could see him every day at 2-3 pm, he said yes, and after I brought him a Bible, and I saw he could not hold it, I held it for him, and read from it to him. The first thing I showed him was from Exodus 15:26, as it reads, "And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I *am* the LORD that healeth thee."

I came back every day for 30 days and delivered another scripture to my guy. Just as I had heard all those many times he practiced in that old church in Staunton, Va., and I heard all those scriptures I had written down, they are now being used on him to restrengthen him, and to heal him. He wants healing, but He must speak it into his own life. That is where everyone's faith comes into play.

The healing is there; it is for you to speak it into existence. Now, just to clarify here, my guy, the one who was assigned to me for me to take care of, to watch over, and to guide and teach, well, he is the very one who wrote all this for you. His ministry isn't to sit back and teach on Sundays, his ministry is to teach by mouth and from writing to you the truth of who our true Creator is. His ministry is within the Republic for the united States of America, and he is helping, and will help others who want the help.

"Why 30 days," you ask? because in the Bible's original language, the Hebrew, the number 3 represents Elohim, the plural - Father, Son, Spirit - and 10 is the number of the Kingdom. 3 tens = 30. When I came to see my guy for thirty days, I was also bringing the number of all the power from the Kingdon down on just him, but still, he had to want it, and he took it, used it, and now teaches it.

Time is of the essence, as you humans like to say. For the time is quickly running out until all things are accomplished. How are you doing right now? This guy who I was assigned to now knows me as Gary. I know him as Victorious, because he stood tall for our Creator, and everyone around him knows as well.

# Iyar 3, 5785: Thursday-May 1, 2025

#### **Veronika West**

# A Warning; "BUT WATCH! FOR THE SERPENT HAS SEVEN HEADS"

Ok, bear with me; So, I just shared about the "Great Eagle Nation dealing a Death blow to the Serpent Spirit of Leviathan." But as I continued praying, I heard the Spirit of Revelation WARN ME Saying; "BUT WATCH FOR THE SERPENT HAS SEVEN HEADS." Now, as soon as I heard those words, I was taken into an open vision, where I was shown, by the Spirit, A seven-headed serpent spirit which came up before me in the realm of the Spirit, and I saw three heads of the serpent falling, and yet, the three heads remained a part of the seven-headed serpent's body. Now, as I looked again, in the Vision I saw four heads still standing high over the Nations.

I heard these words: "Take the arrows," and the King took them Elisha told him, "Strike the ground." He struck it three times and stopped. The man of God was angry with him and said, "You should have struck the ground five or six times; then you would have defeated Aram and completely destroyed it. But now you will defeat it only three times."

#### **Veronika West**

# BREAKING NEWS; <a href="https://www.hiskingdomprophecy.com/pope-francis-dies-88.../">https://www.hiskingdomprophecy.com/pope-francis-dies-88.../</a>

#### POPE FRANCIS DIES 88 YEARS OF AGE ON EASTER MONDAY.

Just a few prophetic insights God shows me concerning the timing and age of the Pope: So, I posted a few days ago the prophetic significance of the next 50 Days, Passover to Pentecost.

# See Link; A FIFTY DAY WINDOW OF TIME TO RIGHTLY ALIGN; <a href="https://www.hiskingdomprophecy.com/a-fifty-day-window-of.../">https://www.hiskingdomprophecy.com/a-fifty-day-window-of.../</a>

It is highly significant that the Pope dies aged 88 on Easter Monday. What's highly significant to NOTE and IT'S IMPORTANT: Pope dies at 88 years, 8 Months from his 89th Birthday..(88/8)

Furthermore, He dies on 21st; (777)=21

88 = New Beginnings (expressed TWICE).

We know the number 88 is Symbolic with New Beginnings New Life Resurrection, and Restoration,

88 also symbolizes revival and freedom; it speaks to divine turnarounds and redemption; a redeeming of the times and seasons. Now, as I was reading the Breaking News, I suddenly saw in the realm of the Spirit, A THRESHOLD, and I heard, "WATCH, FOR NATIONS HAVE NOW CROSSED THE THRESHOLD, FOR THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS HAS SURELY BEGUN."

As I heard those words, Holy Spirit quickened to me (KJV) Matthew 24:8, "All these are the beginning of sorrows."

Another translation (CBC); "All these events are the beginning of labor pain."

Note: PLEASE READ THE WHOLE OF Matthew 24. It is a powerful prophetic timeline for what we will begin to see taking place with greater acceleration and intensity as we navigate the next 50 Days and beyond, from Passover to Pentecost (5785-5790)!

Matthew 24:8: Here we also see (888;8); DOUBLE, DOUBLE!

Matthew 24:8 clearly speaks to the "beginning of sorrows." The Greek word for "sorrows" (odinon) is linked to labor or birth pains!

I submit that during this next FIFTY DAY WINDOW OF TIME, it will signal the start of greater and more significant and tumultuous times unfolding in the Nations.

#### **SIGNIFICANT SIGNS**

It's highly significant that the Pope met with JD Vance just hours before his death. I submit, given the prophetic timeline and the window of time (happening within the 50 days, "The Great Eagle Nation" visits the Pope just hours before his death.

## A Sign:

- JD Vance visits Pope on the 20th of April; 20(10x2).
- 20 symbolizes a period of waiting, expectation, a time of completion and divine order;
- 20 is linked to redemption and waiting for God's deliverance.
- 20 Is also symbolic of a boundary between two periods of time or situations!

A sign that the nation of America has crossed over a threshold into New Beginnings, but also, into the beginnings of labor pains."

Also, a sign that nations have entered into a "SECOND EXODUS." A Word to the Great Eagle Nation; Exodus 19:4 "You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on Eagles' Wings and brought you to Myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My Voice and keep My Covenant, then you shall be a special possession to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

**This SPECIFIC 50 DAY window of time IS CRITICAL,** as it will lead us beyond and into the Next 5 Years which will be marked by a series of profound and intense challenges, including new wars, the rise of greater famines, the rise of new and ancient pestilences and even plagues, far greater & stronger earthquakes that will bring devastation and destruction, and sudden volcanic eruptions that will literally shift, rearrange, and change the boundary lines of nations.

I submit, the death of the Pope, aged 88, on Easter Monday; declares powerfully the birthing of a New Kingdom Dispensation in the Earth, the birthing of the New Wineskin and an outpouring of the New Wine. But it also heralds the "Beginning of Sorrows, the beginning of greater labor pains."

Therefore, we will begin to see and experience "birth pangs" in a greater way. We can expect them to intensify and increase in frequency as His second coming draws nearer

by the day. There is no doubt that we are living in a crucial and critical time. WE ARE IN A KAIROS TIME that calls for the rise of the 11th hour prophets to begin to prophesy to the Body to decree divine alignment and order; to prophesy to the true identity and destiny of the Body and to nations in the Valley of Decision.

# See Link; 11Th Hour Prophets Rising; <a href="https://www.hiskingdomprophecy.com/the-day-of-the-great.../">https://www.hiskingdomprophecy.com/the-day-of-the-great.../</a>

It's A KAIROS TIME that calls for a new breed of Warrior Watchmen to arise, clothed and mantled with the Royal Garments of Priesthood.

I hear these words: "Watch and pray for a new breed of Zechariahs 3 royal High Priests shall arise in the midst of the Beginning of Sorrows. Yes! in the days of the beginning of labor pains, I say, Watch as My Zechariah 3 Warrior Watchmen arise clothed in purity and humility, and they shall call upon Me, and I will answer them and show them great and mighty things which they do not know."

Again, I Submit the Next 50 are highly significant for divine alignment and the strategies that we will need to receive, that we may be mantled with wisdom and discernment in order to navigate the days ahead as God's governing Ekklesia in the Earth.

Iyar 4, 5785: Friday-May 2, 2025

#### **Veronika West**

"*T AM"* 

I heard the Spirit saying, "Tell My Remnant, "I Am that I Am."

As the Lord spoke. I found myself asking, "I Am what?"

The Spirit of Revelation showed me that 'I Am' encompasses, encapsulates and fulfills every need, every longing, and every desire. Yes! Every need can be found in that seemingly unfinished name, 'I Am that I Am.' I Am everything you require RIGHT NOW! I Am your strength, your wisdom, your power, your provision, your protector, your peace and your courage. I Am all in all. I Am your ever-present One, going before you, standing behind you, beside you, beneath you, and above you. I Am exceedingly abundant, far beyond anything you could ask, think, or imagine.

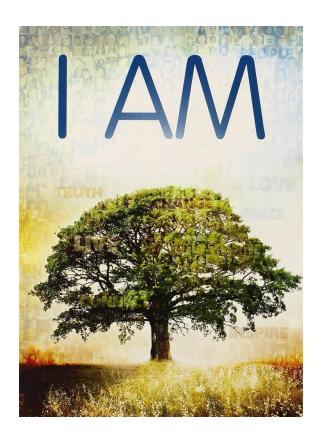
"Beloved, I Am whatever you need Me to be in this very moment, I Am the ram in the thicket, the great and eternal substitute for every fault, failure, and shortcoming. You don't have to strive to be enough; I Am Enough. I Am your Enough. I Am the Eternal resource available to you; all you need to do is acknowledge that I Am, that I Am for everything you may need. I say it again: Let Me be your 'I Am.'

"In every storm, I Am your Calm. In every battle, I Am your Victory. In every tear, I Am your Comfort. I Am the Anchor that holds you steadfast amidst the waves of life. You are not alone; I Am with you, always. Let me show you how to walk in the fullness of My name. When fear creeps in, say, 'I Am, is my Courage.' When doubt rises, proclaim, 'I Am Is my Faith.' When loneliness looms, declare 'I Am Is my Unwavering and Constant Companion.'

"Let your mouth speak of My attributes, and watch as your reality shifts, and changes. Speak, and let My truth transform your perspective and bring a paradigm shift to your heart and mind."

Friends, I hear a call right now, not merely for the acknowledgment of who God is as 'I Am,' but an invitation for active engagement with His covenant promises! Decree, "I will not just know You [intellectually] as 'I Am,' but I will experience You as 'I Am' in every facet of my life." There is a call to surrender our finite understanding to the infinite possibilities of God as "I Am."

He Says, "In your brokenness, I Am your Healer. In your uncertainty, I Am your Guide. In your weakness, I Am your Strength made perfect!"



Iyar 5, 5785: Saturday-May 3, 2025

<u>Dutch Sheets</u>

#### The Visit

It should come as no surprise that the primary place to receive revelation is the Lord's presence. He wants to speak to us, not shout from far away. Spending time with God and His Word allows Him to access our minds, revealing spiritual insights and His wisdom for our lives.

The power of the revelation flowing in Christ's presence can be seen through two meetings He had with some of His early followers. As He was beginning His earthly ministry, Jesus visited John the Baptist, who publicly announced concerning Him, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29, 36). Two of John's disciples heard this stunning announcement and decided to check Him out. One of them was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, who became one of the twelve disciples.

As they followed Him, Jesus noticed, turned to them, and asked, "What do you seek?" (verse 38).

Their answer was interesting. "Rabbi (which translated means 'Teacher'), where are you staying?" (verse 38).

"Come, and you will see," was His invitation to them. They took Him up on His offer and ended up spending the day with Him (v. 39).

If you're content with things as they are, spending a day with Jesus isn't a good idea! Having a private audience with Him for an entire day is going to change you. Radically. The conversation might be superficial at first. At some point, however, you would no doubt ask personal questions concerning yourself and your future. Everyone thinks about purpose. Experts tell us that the desire to know our purpose is one of the strongest desires we humans have.

Did these two men ask Jesus about this? We don't know for certain, but perhaps, because something Andrew heard while with Jesus impacted him so greatly, he decided on a career change, becoming one of Christ's twelve disciples! Destiny flows from days spent with Jesus.

Andrew received another revelation, however, that day, which had to do—not with his own identity—but Christ's. He began the day by referring to Jesus simply as a teacher ("Rabbi"); he ended it by calling Him the Messiah. "He found first his own brother Simon, and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which translated means Christ)" (John 1:41).

On that day with Jesus, Andrew received the two most important revelations needed for a successful life: who *Christ* is, and who *he* was. When those two things are realized, they unlock destiny. The purpose of anything is found in the mind of its creator, not in itself. Self-identity comes from identifying and knowing the One who made us. You'll never really find yourself until you find Him. Andrew found both that day.

# **Resurrection Day - Nisan 17**

At the end of Christ's ministry, two more of His followers had a revelatory encounter with Him. The meeting occurred three days after the Cross; to say their world had turned topsy-turvy would be a gross understatement. To have discovered, lived with, and traveled with Jesus for three years, only to lose Him, would be life's cruelest injustice.

These two men were informed earlier in the day that Christ had risen from the dead. But, really, who would believe two grief-stricken ladies claiming to have been visited by angels (Luke 24:1-12)? As they walked the seven-mile journey to Emmaus, they

discussed this too-good-to-be-true report and all that had transpired over the past few days.

That's when He arrived. "And it came about that while they were conversing and discussing, Jesus himself approached, and began traveling with them. But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him" (Luke 24:15-16).

"What are you discussing?" He wanted to know. They gave Jesus a brief summary, expressing their surprise that He would even have to ask. "What else would we be discussing?" was there inference. It seems everyone in Jerusalem could think of little else than what had transpired with Christ the last few days, since so many of them had thought He might be the long-awaited Messiah. They spoke to Him of their devastation and also of the rumor that He had risen from the dead.

Jesus, His identity still hidden from them, "explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures" (v. 27), including the fact that He had to suffer and die. Though they still didn't know it was Jesus, His words began impacting their hearts. "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us... explaining the Scriptures to us?" they stated (v. 32).

When they reached their destination, the men pleaded with Jesus to stay longer with them, perhaps spend the night. The Lord agreed to do so, and during dinner, "He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him" (vv. 30-31). He disappeared from their site at that moment, and they hurried back the seven miles to Jerusalem with the good news: Christ was, indeed, risen.

I find it more than a coincidence that Christ chose to temporarily hide from these men who He was, in order to release the revelation "in the breaking of the bread" (v. 35). Was the timing His way of saying to them, "Sup with Me and I will reveal to you hidden things?" I believe so. Feed on His words (Matthew 4:4). Eat them. As you do, revelation will come. He will reveal Himself to you, just as He did these two men. And just as occurred with Andrew, He will also reveal to you your purpose and destiny.

Spend some time with Jesus-He is risen!

# **Pray with me:**

Father, there is so much we need to hear from You. Jesus said Your Words are spirit and life (John 6:63). Filled with revelation and wisdom, they give us the insights we need to succeed in life. Remind us, in these perilous times, to take the time and sup with You. As our Creator, You alone know what is best for us and the purpose for which You made us. We want to fulfill that purpose. As we walk with You, You will reveal this

destiny, and Yourself, to us. Help us all to remember that times with You are the most important of our lives.

Open our eyes, just as You did for Andrew and the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. We pray, as Paul did in **Ephesians 1:17-20 (TPT):** 

"I pray that the Father of glory, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, would impart to you the riches of the Spirit of wisdom and the Spirit of revelation to know Him through your deepening intimacy with Him. I pray that the light of God will illuminate the eyes of your imagination, flooding you with light until you experience the full revelation of the hope of His calling —that is, the wealth of God's glorious inheritances that He finds in us, His holy ones! I pray that you will continually experience the immeasurable greatness of God's power made available to you through faith. Then your lives will be an advertisement of this immense power as it works through you! This is the mighty power that was released when God raised Christ from the dead and exalted Him to the place of highest honor and supreme authority in the heavenly realm!"

#### Our decree:

We declare that Christ is alive, and we have been raised to a new life through Him!

#### **Gina Gholston**

Never underestimate acts of obedience to God. Spend time with Him intentionally, and He will equip you with knowledge of His will, His heart, and His plan. He will begin to connect you to people that are necessary for you and you for them. He may guide you to places with instruction for necessary prayer assignments. He may guide you to make very specific career choices, give you business or ministry ideas, lead you to run for political office, start a new job, move to a new location, or maybe something as simple as leading you to go to the grocery store when you didn't intend to go, or call an old friend that you haven't spoken to in years. Whatever the case may be, listen and obey! The people He connects you to may have wisdom or the ability to unlock your next assignment, or maybe you are anointed to speak a word that will awaken something in them that is necessary for their journey. Maybe the prayer assignment will be instrumental in tearing down evil strongholds and shifting the spiritual atmosphere over regions, churches, and territories, and will set things in motion that will transform lives and spark awakening to God in those regions and territories. Maybe the unplanned visit to the grocery store could lead you to a God-ordained meeting with someone that opens the door that you've been needing to open or a door that you were not even

expecting. Maybe your run for political office will be the necessary spark that ignites that calling in other people who were afraid to take the leap of faith, and God will begin to transform cities, counties, school districts, states, and even the nation through Godly political influencers! Maybe that person He instructs you to call is praying for a specific confirmation from the Lord, and your call is the answer to that prayer. That call could be the key that catapults a major God-happening in and through their lives that will impact many other lives.

There is always purpose in His leading. Holy Spirit will order our steps, and as we obey His leading, He will anoint our feet to run with God's Kingdom purposes, igniting and marking this land with the fires of Glory and revival.

Iyar 6, 5785: Sunday-May 4, 2025

**Nate Johnston: SIGNS THAT YOU ARE HEALING** 



Many right now are in a deep healing moment, but while it's intense and consuming, God is not punishing you - He is healing you. He is restoring you from years of suppressed soul trauma and pain from your pioneering journey.

This is what it looks like:

- Pain is coming to the surface pain you forgot was even there.
- Your dreams are stirring up old topics, old wounds, unresolved memories.
- God is bringing back to mind things you had buried long ago.

- You feel like you are in a midlife crisis but it's just a mid calling shift. Out of the old and into the new. You feel deeply resentful of people and people from past seasons—forgive!
- You feel discontent and frustrated with everything you once tolerated.
- Your emotions feel out of control volatile, raw, and unpredictable.
- You have no patience for meaningless conversations and time-wasting activities.
- Surface-level relationships feel intolerable you crave real connection or none at all.
- You feel like you have lost your purpose and passion but it's not lost. It's being reshaped.
- You are in a deep, holy reset.
- Your mind feels messy, unanchored like you're not who you used to be.
- You don't know how to "connect with God" the old way anymore and that's okay.
- You need to talk, to vent, to release and you're not apologizing for it anymore.
- You are done putting a religious spin on pain.
- You just need to do normal things without feeling guilty.
- Kingdom activities that once excited you feel empty and dry.
- Old betrayals, mistreatment, and buried anger are rising the toxins are being purged.
- You have no capacity left for anything fake, performative, or superficial.

This is not backsliding. This is healing. God is not calling you backward - He is calling you deeper. You are shedding old survival mindsets. You are shedding old wineskins. You are making space for a new move of His Spirit in your life. It's messy because it's real. It's heavy because it's holy. It's painful because it's working. You are being healed and re-formed for a new chapter of healing and WHOLENESS.

Stay in the process. Let healing do its work. Let the HEALER do His thing. New life is coming.

# Iyar 7, 5785: Monday-May 5, 2025

#### **Wade Butler**

We have come through Passover which actually means, "To Cover or Protect." We are now in the time of counting the Omer. Which is covered in the introduction to Hebrew. It is a mitzvah to ritually count each day, a practice known in Hebrew as *sefirat ha'omer*. It serves as a daily reminder of the journey from liberation to revelation, mirroring the Israelites' passage from slavery in Egypt to the receiving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, which is celebrated on Shavuot.

The period of "the *omer*" begins the second night of Passover and continues until Shavuot. Literally translated, omer means "a sheaf." It refers to the measure of grain that was once offered at the Temple in Jerusalem. The Torah commanded that seven weeks be counted for the omer. It says:

#### **Leviticus 23:15-21**

- 15. From the day on which you bring the sheaf of elevation offering the day after the Sabbath you shall count off seven weeks. They must be complete.
- 16. You must count until the day after the seventh week fifty days; then you shall bring an offering of new grain to YHWH.
- 17. You shall bring from your settlements two loaves of bread as an elevation offering...
- 21. On that same day you shall hold a celebration; it shall be a sacred occasion for you; you shall not work at your occupations. This is a law for all time in all your settlements, throughout the ages.



**Jonathan Cahn** from The Book of Revelation Decoded: The Beast, Babylon, and Beyond | Jonathan Cahn

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The beast described in Revelation 13 possesses the characteristics of a man, symbolizing the Antichrist. But why is this figure associated with the kingdoms of the world? The reason is that the Beast—the Antichrist—will embody global power and authority.

In this message, we will explore the meaning of the dragon, the Beast, the Antichrist, the image, the temple, the mystery of Babylon, and even the New Jerusalem. We will begin with one of the key symbols we touched on in our last discussion—so significant that it deserves a deeper focus.

#### The Vision of the Lamb in Revelation 5

# If you have your Bible, turn to Revelation 5:6:

"Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing between the throne and the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He came and took the scroll from the right hand of the One seated on the throne. And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song..."

This passage speaks of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, in whom all things hold together. He is the Word of God, and His presence is revealed throughout Scripture. From Genesis to Revelation, the Lamb of God is central to the divine plan.

# The Lamb Throughout Scripture

- In Genesis, when God clothed Adam and Eve after their sin, was it with the skin of a lamb? We don't know for certain, but it was undoubtedly a sacrificial covering.
- Abraham and Isaac: When Isaac asked, "Father, where is the lamb?,"
   Abraham answered, "God will provide the lamb."
- The Passover: The redemption of Israel began with the command, "Take a lamb for each household and sacrifice it. When I see the blood, I will pass over you."
- The Temple Sacrifices: Every day in the Temple, sacrifices began and ended with the offering of a lamb.

The prophet Isaiah foretold the mystery of the Lamb in Isaiah 53:

"He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth."

This prophecy revealed that the Messiah would be the Lamb of God, the One who saves us through His sacrifice.

#### John the Baptist and the Lamb of God

John the Baptist, a Levite from the priestly line, was responsible for identifying and certifying the sacrificial lambs. He was the first to declare:

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

#### This theme continues through the New Testament:

- Acts: The Ethiopian eunuch reads Isaiah 53 about the Lamb.
- 1 Peter 1:19: "You were redeemed not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, a Lamb without blemish or defect."
- 1 Corinthians 5:7: "For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us."

The Hebrew word for Passover, *Pesach*, means both "Passover" and "Passover Lamb." This confirms that Jesus is our Passover Lamb, the ultimate sacrifice for our redemption.

# The Lamb in Revelation: The Center of All Things

While the term *Lamb* appears only a few times in the New Testament, in the Book of Revelation, it becomes the dominant title for Christ. The Lamb is mentioned more times than Jesus' name itself.

## Why? Because He gave His life for us.

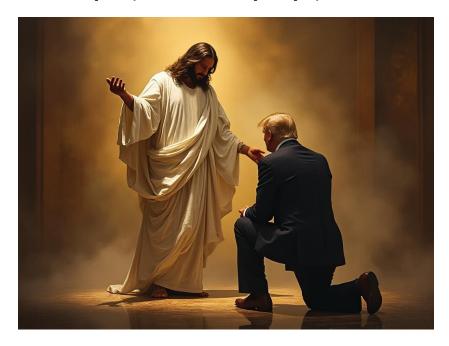
After Christ's earthly ministry, what defines Him more than anything is that He is the Lamb. He is the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords—but above all, He is the Lamb of God who was slain for our sins.

## **Keeping the Lamb at the Center**

The Lamb is at the center of the throne, the Book of Revelation, the Bible, and all existence. Therefore, He must also be the center of:

- Your life
- Your home
- Your marriage
- Your family
- Your career

Never move away from the cross! When churches or ministries neglect the message of the Lamb, they lose their power. The Lamb of God is the heart of our faith—our Redeemer, our Savior, our King.



Iyar 8, 5785: Tuesday-May 6, 2025

# **Terry Friesen: Choose Life by Choosing the Way of the Spirit**

Put no confidence in the flesh. When we walk with confidence in our own abilities, it forms structures in and around us that reflect this misplaced confidence. In like manner, when we walk in the Spirit, Kingdom structures are formed in and around us that reflect the Lordship of Christ in our lives.

We are tempted to draw on confidence within ourselves when we face challenges and hardships. We dig deep with what we know in our old man, and when that old man becomes the house we dwell in, we are pulled into walking in the flesh by the very choices we have just made.

When we humble ourselves and ask forgiveness for putting confidence in our flesh, and turn our confidence toward the finished work of Christ, we start to lay the axe to the old structure. This may take persistence as we re-write our natural bent in favor of our Lord's spiritual ways.

When we face challenges and hardships that are greater than our faith, we are tempted to find ways to deal with the challenge that are not rooted in faith. When we do that, our lack of faith draws on the natural, and then we are subject to the laws of the natural.

When we face challenges with faith, even though we "may" have doubts or fears, our faith will override the lessor as we act out what faith requires. This faith step then releases the supernatural resources required to bring kingdom realities into our circumstances. Faith and Spirit are substances of the age to come, Heavenly reality, and when we walk by them, we then activate and abide in a higher reality by choosing rightly.

Every situation we face presents an option of either life or death, and even though we know that we must apply the cross so something must die, something must also live. So, we must choose life.

By choosing life, we put our full confidence in the finished work of Christ, which atoned for death, every death, and also made way for life, every life.

Deuteronomy 30 is the passage of life and death. Life and death are before us and both Earth and the Heavens are witness of our choices. Heaven and Earth will respond to our choices.

Jesus always chose life, even when it resulted in death. Did Jesus ever choose death? We think He did, and He did, in the natural sense, but from the spiritual perspective, <u>Jesus chose life, even as He was walking to His death</u> - this was part of His perfection and what He carried.

Adam chose what looked like to him as life, but it resulted in death. It looked like life, in the natural, but it was death, in the spirit, so it resulted in his physical death.

We must choose that which is life in the "Spirit," and sometimes that produces death in the natural. If we are earthly-minded, we won't make the right "life" choices. To make the right "life" choices we must be born again so that the life of Christ in us can make a way for us.

Romans 8: Christ has set us free from the law which leads to death, and in turn He brought us into the law of the Spirit of life. The law of death exists in the flesh, which

represents Adam's disobedience, but the law of life exists in the Spirit, which represents Christ's obedience. When we walk in the Spirit, the whole of who we are walks in freedom; when we walk according to the flesh, we experience death. If we choose death by way of our obedience to the flesh and death, we have shown we do not believe (abide) in the finished work of Christ. The evidence of our abiding is that we choose life, which is to walk in the Spirit according to the finished work of Christ.

Romans 7:6: When we die to what bound us, the flesh, we are released from the law of death to walk in the Spirit - we are released from the "written" code to live by the "Spirit."

If we are choosing to live by what was condemned in the written law, those things which are condemned, that is evidence we are not walking in the Spirit, because how can we claim to walk in the Spirit but yet break the law?

Christ came to fulfill the law; therefore, He walked according to the Spirit in such a way that He did not break the law, but fulfilled it. If we walk according to the Spirit, we will, in like manner, also avoid breaking the law, not because we observe the law "which leads to death," but because we walk in the Spirit which leads to life, and is apart from the law.

We have before us two paths. Which will we walk in?

We start out walking in ignorance as the world walks, then we accept Christ, which brings us into this new and living way of the Spirit. When we are confronted with the world and worldly choices, and if we choose death, we pull ourselves out of the Spirit and begin to abide by the law, which has consequences. The law only abides in the flesh, as it cannot abide in the Spirit, because in the Spirit, it has been abolished, or completed, in Christ.

We come into the life of the Spirit by first accepting the full work of Jesus' death and resurrection as our own, and then by abiding in Christ, or the truths we just believed.

It's this relational connection which produces the fruit of the spiritual life, because apart from Him it cannot be. He is the source, so if we "abide not" how are we still connected to His life-giving flow.

The grace of God, in Christ, covers us and has brought us to a place whereby we can be transformed by our abiding. We are overseen by governors until our full maturity in Christ. In other words, we have boundaries, should we accept them, to teach us and instruct us in the way of Christ unto abiding. In this way, and by His power and very nature, His nature is formed in us. So that what is true in the Spirit is now true and visible in us. We become fully mature sons when what is true in Christ becomes true in us, by abiding in Him, not as a work of our hands or the flesh.

"And since we are his true children, we qualify to share all his treasures, for indeed, we are heirs of God himself. And since we are joined to Christ, we also inherit all that he is and all that he has. We will experience being coglorified with him provided that we accept his sufferings as our own." (Romans 8:17 TPT)

We must accept Christ's sufferings as our own, and not condemn ourselves to death, as that is an act of the flesh, putting our very confidence in the works of our own flesh rather than in His finished work.

So, the mind of Christ, which we have, sees life through this lens, and the words of the Spirit in our mouths reflect these truths. We do not condemn ourselves, but rather put the full weight of our death upon Him, so that we can choose life, every time.

James 1 says that "when our faith is tested". This very statement views the things that come against us as faith tests. Rather than giving sin or the world the power, the power is returned to our hands by choosing the Spirit of Life in every situation. It does not put us subject to the thing, but rather, says by faith the thing is subject to the Kingdom of God because we respond in faith.

Stepping up in the Spirit looks like believing a higher truth by faith, and abiding in that higher truth by faith. Each truth is like a rung of a ladder leading to the very throne of God.

We are seated with Christ in heavenly places, fully complete in Him, but we live in the reality of our heart's condition. To experience more of the freedom we have in Christ, we believe the Word (aspects of Christ's nature and finished work, His very person), and to remain, we abide in the same Word. When a word or truth, or any aspect of Christ's nature is firmly planted in our hearts and we abide in it, it becomes a part of our foundation in Christ from which life flows. Christ's life in us is evidenced by the Word we live by.

So, we come back to the concept of choosing life or death. When we are confronted with a challenge, how do we see it? Does it feel like a death blow, a burden, a weighty opposition, or does it appear as an opportunity to know Christ and see His kingdom power displayed?

It may first appear as an opposition, but as we pray, meditate on the Word, and on the promises of God, in time, we'll see it as an opportunity to know Christ, and to see His handiwork displayed. When the matter is done, and completed in the fullness of Christ, it will appear as a miracle in the midst of contrary circumstances.

We may first take this posture to the world around us where we go through the process of activating faith and seeing God's provision.

Then we may see it in our internal person where thought patterns and lower emotions are eradicated. When a thought or emotion arises within us contrary to Christ's nature, we can bring it before the cross of Christ. He paid for the sin, and He rose again in the provision.

So, in like manner, when something arises that is unsightly, rather than causing discouragement, it will result in faith in action, trusting the Lord's miracle-working power in me to transform and impart His new character for me to abide in.

We become transformed internally and externally by how we face challenges and every circumstance, and also by the very thoughts and emotions we have in the midst of these challenges.

Life becomes a marvelous adventure, where we see the life of Christ on full display.

Learning to resist evil is an important factor in choosing life. The reason we resist evil is, of course, to resist evil, but more importantly, to create room and margin in our lives and souls to choose life. If we are unable to resist evil, we won't have the room to make a different choice.

Once we are postured to resist evil, we have room to make a choice, but how do we make the profitable choice? We may be tempted to choose good, which may appear to be better than bad or evil, but this can also be a deception. Remember, the tree that caused the fall was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which is different than life, or the tree of life.

Life is of the Spirit, and does not flow from the carnal mind. The only one who knows the mind of the Godhead fully is the Spirit of God, who dwells in us.

By way of discernment, not mental prowess, but that which is discerned by our human spirit made alive and in unbroken oneness with the Spirit of God, we have 24/7 access to the Holy Spirit, who knows all things in the Father.

When we resist evil, we make room to discern, by way of Holy Spirit, what life is in a given situation, then we are afforded the opportunity to choose life. Sometimes, even when we discern what life is, we don't have within us the fortitude to choose life. The ability or grace to wait once again creates margin, or space in our lives, to ask for what we need, [that being] grace and divine enablement. We can then, out of our fortified Spirit, choose life.

Sometimes, we become impatient and want to move more quickly, and there are times and seasons when this is required, but when the Holy Spirit restrains us to wait, listen, and create room, we are wise to do so. When we slow down and create margin through waiting, or active dependency on the Spirit of God, we are fortified and built up with what we will need for the next season or period of rapid movement.

Over time, a flow is established deep within us, so we are able to discern by way of the Spirit what is life, and then exercise our God given, and grace-fueled capacity to choose life. Often, when we encounter circumstances or spiritual opposition that we have not walked through, we are once again in a position whereby we need to know what life looks like, and waiting is again the capacity we need to exercise.

It's important to note that when we choose life in this way, we are not then striving to produce life within our natural faculties. Choosing life, by way of discernment, involves not only the choice, but the Life that gives it life.

We choose life by way of discernment, and now we know what choice to make, but we also need the flow of the Holy Spirit in our lives to fill this life-giving choice with the substance of life. Once we know the right choice, then by way of discernment, we must determine if the life required to produce life is present and ready to flow, or flowing. If not, then wait and exercise prayer and/or God-inspired, and grace-filled capacities to draw on that life so that it flows into the choice of life.

Sometimes, we are to exercise faith to step out even when we do not discern the substance of Life is ready to flow. When we do that, we step out by faith, and at the same time incline our inner-man to be on the lookout for that Life flow we need and desire. An example could be a relay runner, stepping out and getting moving, then

extending their hand behind them ready for the baton so they can fulfill their leg of the race.

Choosing life, and walking, or running, in the spirit is a lifelong pursuit; one that will produce an abundance of fruit beyond measure. It is akin to laying up treasures in heavenly places, as we seek the greatest portion. Choosing life, discerning the Spirit of God, are functions of a deeper relationship with the Godhead. We cannot choose this direction without growing deeper in an intimate dance with the Lord. This is the practice of knowing Him in the 24/7 active living of the life we have been given. By choosing His life again and again, we are becoming one with the ways of our Lord, who presents us blameless before the Father.

When we start to trust God and embrace the posture of asking and waiting, a type of slumber, or passivity can enter our waiting. Remember, we are learning, and our souls are being trained to walk according to the Spirit and not in the flesh, so there is nuance in both.

We need to learn what it is to be active in our waiting, and waiting in our activity. There are pitfalls on both sides.

In the waiting, we can become passive, and in the activity, we can cease to "wait," or start to walk according to the familiar or a confidence in something other than Christ. We can't assume we know how to do this without learning or being trained, so this means we'll likely dip on both sides of the road as we grow and mature in what this looks like.

We are being called into a higher reality of faith, whereby we abide in the truth of who Christ is in us. This higher reality chooses life every time and remains in the faith-activated confidence of what Christ has done, releasing kingdom resources to meet the needs our circumstances present. No matter the high mountain peak we scale or the deep valley we walk through, our eyes are fixed on Christ, from whom life flows. I have seen Christ operate in the fullness of His freedom in the heavens, and also in the darkest of earthy realities, not because the circumstances don't exist, but because His victory and the glory of that victory surrounds Him. We can walk in the fullness of that same freedom by abiding in Christ.

Recently, I was brought into an encounter that demonstrated this abiding freedom. I started in worship, and felt the glory of God increase around me. I was in the Spirit before the Father's throne and was invited into a dance before Him. As I danced in the

Spirit, He put a sword in my hand, and I continued to dance with the sword. I felt the Spirit was leading me to maneuver the sword in a way that was very awkward and hard to do. As I tried to obey, the sword disconnected from my grasp, and somehow, I started to direct the sword by the Spirit and not my hand. I had never done this before. Then a multitude of swords appeared all around me, and I found myself directing this multitude of swords by way of the Spirit. I don't know how this worked, except the Holy Spirit was leading me, teaching me how to operate.

Then a stack of arrows fell in my lap, and they started to move in response to my Spirit man as I moved with the Holy Spirit. At the end, I was seated, focused by way of the Spirit, and 40-50 swords and arrows flew around about me in response to Holy Spirit flowing through my Spirit. It was about focus, but not control. Much of what took place was in response to sounds and frequencies as I worshipped, and the Holy Spirit flowed through me.

It was very much a conscious reality, or an intent. I do believe this will mature into a subconscious reality, so my focus can be on the Father, communion, and the activity around me will remain.

# In this moment I heard very clearly from Holy Spirit, "It's time to activate the glory around you from a presence to an action!!"

We can be witness to His glory, or we can be an active participant moving in His glory with Him as He moves. We can do this together as He shares His glory with us, so that we become one with Him, in the action of what we do "together." This is in reference to the tangible glory presence of His nature, not the "glory," "honor," or "credit" that is due Him. Our Lord, and only our Lord, will always receive the "glory" or "credit" due His name.

The Father wants us to move in unison with Him, and as His glory flows in and around us we won't be able to distinguish where He starts and stops, or where we start and stop. We are to be one in how this works out through us to the point that those around us recognize God's activity, but they can't tell what's Him and what is us.

To us, it is obvious it is God, but from the external it will appear to be a mystery of sort, one that cannot fit into a formula or dimension that can be discerned by our intellects. We will look like Jesus when He said, "if you've seen Me, you've seen the Father." It was a mystery. Could anyone tell them apart as He moved? I think not because they were one.

# This is full Sonship.

We have been, and are being trained with boundaries of obedience and choice, to abide in Christ continually, without ceasing, so that He abides in us in like manner. Christ is being formed in us according to His finished work, so that we can be like Him and operate as He operated in this world. We are being prepared to carry His glory as Christ carried the Father's glory. It is time for this glory to now be activated, so that the word of God comes alive, not just in us, but in the atmosphere that surrounds us.

We are being called to abide in this activated glory to fully occupy and transform that land that we steward.

Choose life, every time, and by doing so, posture yourself to abide continually in an atmosphere of the Lord's activated glory.

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Iyar 9, 5785: Wednesday-May 7, 2025

# Dutch Sheets Important Lessons from Nehemiah

We are in a season of restoration and rebuilding in America. The book of Nehemiah is a great guide, and it reminds us that restoration takes God-given vision, unyielding faith, and perseverance. Let's review a few of Nehemiah's important lessons today.

#### **God's Heart**

Perhaps the most important leadership advice I could give someone would be: Ask God to reveal and impart to you His heart regarding those you influence, lead, or minister to. Seek and identify with His desires. Become a true friend of Jesus. Nehemiah allowed God to impart His heart to him when he heard how badly the work of restoration was going in Jerusalem.

# "The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been burned. When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven" Nehemiah 1:3-4 (NLT)

True intercession is born out of love. God's love is poured out through His Ekklesia as we connect with His Heart for America and the nations. "For God so loved the world" (John 3:16). I labor in prayer for America, as Nehemiah did for Jerusalem, because God has broken my heart for our nation. As the apostle Paul stated, His love constrains me (2 Corinthians 5:14). We intercede daily for America because the love of Christ compels us to do so. He wants to reap a harvest of millions here, and a billion souls among the nations. Our motivation to transform America is NOT out of anger or political partisanship; the Love of Christ motivates us.

It was said of General William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, that he carried God's heart for the poor in the slums of England. Leonard Ravenhill recounts a story regarding Booth, highlighting the need to minister from God's heart:

"In my twenties, during a period of pastoring, I loved to go past the Salvation Army building, which was the largest one outside of London. There's a huge memorial at the front. Chiseled in one stone is, "William Booth of the Salvation Army opened this corps," and then it gives the date of 1910. On a second stone it says, 'Kate and Mary Jackson, were officers in this corp.'

"It was in this poor city, where they spin and weave cotton into cloth and the whole town was on the poverty level, that Kate and Mary Jackson labored for a couple of years, and nothing happened. Those girls worked diligently and went to bed exhausted at night.

"So, they wrote William Booth: 'Would you kindly move us to another station? We're so tired and disheartened. We've tried everything that we've been taught to do. Please move us to another location.'

"Booth sent a telegram back with two words: 'Try tears.'

"They did, and they saw real revival come. The girls entered into travailing prayer; not just prayer, but travailing prayer, prayer with anguish in it.

"The road to revival is often paved with tears and brokenness."(1)

Let's ask Holy Spirit to impart the Father's heart to us, just as He did for those girls, and Nehemiah.

#### **Battles will Come**

Nehemiah also teaches us that genuine Kingdom restoration causes much conflict from the enemy. **Nehemiah 4:1, 8:** "*But when Sanballat heard that we were* 

building the wall, he was angry and in a great rage, and he ridiculed the Jews. And they all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem, to injure and cause confusion and failure in it" (Amplified Bible Classic Edition). How appropriate for today! Have you ever seen or heard as much hatred, anger, rage, and ridicule toward another administration as that directed toward our President, his team, and his agenda? Despite the outrage and attacks of the enemy, however, Holy Spirit calls us to follow His leadership and enforce Christ's victory on Calvary.

We must keep at the forefront of our thinking that we are on the winning side. Be confident of Christ and His victory. Colossians 2:15 (Amplified) says, "[God] disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display and public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him and in it [the Cross]. "Matthew 28:18 (NKJV) reminds us that "All authority has been given to [Christ] in heaven and on earth." Revelation 1:17-18 (NKJV) states, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death." And Matthew 16:18 (NKJV) declares, "I will build My church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." Our confidence grows as we learn how to intercede and decree from the place of victory!

# **Three Important Reminders from Nehemiah**

In Nehemiah 4:14, this great leader told the people, "*Don't be afraid of our enemies*" (Nehemiah 4:14). What a powerful reminder for the Ekklesia. We must NOT magnify the enemy by focusing overly on his schemes. His tactics of wrath, fear, and deception are predictable, BUT he is defeated. Jesus is Lord over the earth, is building His Ekklesia, and the gates of hell are NOT prevailing!

This great verse continues, "Remember the Lord, who is great and powerful!" Worship! Magnify the Lord! A key to our victories is to remember how great and powerful our God is. And the verse concludes by saying, "You must fight for your brothers, your sons, and your daughters! You must fight for your wives and your homes!" We must fight! Yes, we "fight" on our knees to release Kingdom power and victory on earth, not with carnal weapons. We extend God's Kingdom through our prayers, intercession, and decrees. But we must fight!

# **God Is Frustrating the Plans of His Enemies**

I love Nehemiah 4:15 (NASB): "When our enemies heard that God had frustrated their plan" Today, as we pray for President Trump, his cabinet, Mike Johnson, Congress, etc.,

we can be assured that God is actively restoring America and frustrating the plans of the enemy.

## Pray with me:

Father, we ask that You impart to us Your heart for America and the nations. We refuse to be motivated by politics and the political spirit. We purpose to be motivated only by Your purposes and desires.

Our adversary, the devil, opposes us in our efforts to turn this nation and evangelize among the nations, but we stand in Your victory. We are neither surprised nor intimidated by his anger, hatred, or attacks. We refuse to fear, but will war for our children, families, and fellow citizens. And as we do, You will frustrate the enemies of Your Kingdom.

We know that America shall be saved, and that all the nations of the earth are the inheritance of Christ. As we war, we do so from this position of victory. And it's in Jesus' name that we ask and declare these things. Amen.

#### Our decree:

We declare that God will frustrate satan's plans and fill the earth with His glory.

# Iyar 10, 5785: Thursday-May 8, 2025

#### **Brian and Candice Simmons: An Invitation Into the Innermost Chamber**

## **Draw Me Into Your Heart**

The call of God, burning in your heart today, is more than just a desire to "do something" for God. It is the uncontainable, unstoppable, passionate longing to meet with the Lover of your soul and hear His heartbeat for your life. Here is the prayer of awakened desire:

# "Draw me into your heart. We will run away together into the king's cloud-filled chamber..." (Song of Songs 1:4 TPT)

The Shulamite in the verse is asking to be drawn away in sacred intimacy with the king - drawn out of her comfort zone, drawn away from sin and self, into the loving arms of her beloved.

**You are the one who is loved by Jesus in this story.** Be careful not to miss that and assume the lyrics of this love song are for someone else, somehow excluding you. You are the Shulamite, while Jesus is the King.

Nothing else can satisfy the thirst she feels for her lover. She is ready to make a break from everything else to follow him alone. In spite of her weakness, she longs to be drawn to him and to be taken away from all that is unclean and impure. She has tasted his spirit-kiss and the fragrance of his anointing, but she longs to be drawn with even greater power and glory. Is this your cry today?

When we ask to be drawn after the Son of God, we are asking that He be exalted to the highest place in our hearts. The maiden recognizes that spiritual growth is a response to God's drawing love as it tugs at her heart. None of us seek God apart from His tender influence on our spirits first drawing us toward Him. His touch draws us to His heart, as He longs for us to know Him as He truly is.

"The only way people come to me is by the Father who sent me—he pulls on their hearts to embrace me. And those who are drawn to me, I will certainly raise them up in the last day." (John 6:44 TPT)



Do you have a longing to be close to Jesus today? He will draw you so close that it breaks every chain that holds you back, every weight that holds you down. Even if He has drawn you a thousand times in the past, ask Him to draw you again. Cultivate a friendship with Him. See yourself as His partner, His companion, the one He wants to be with. He will be more to you than you can ever think or imagine. (*Photo via Pexels*)

Jesus draws us into His chamber for our eternal inheritance. He will "take us

away" from our self and ambitions so that we will run together with Him.

# **Running After Him**

Running with Jesus with all your heart is the only proper response when He draws you with His tender mercy and compassionate love. It is an act of holy zeal. To

run after Him will eventually bring us into His arms. We will become holy partners, touching others with this love that flows from His heart. We are drawn into intimacy so that we will be His partners in ministry.

Passion for Jesus always results in compassion for others. Jesus is on a mission, and He wants to include you in that mission. He is changing the hearts of people with the power of His love. The Son of God is longing for a bridal partner, not just a girlfriend. He is looking for one who will run with Him to do the Father's business.

**Running represents obedience in action.** We must hurry to do His will - not with a striving heart, but resting at his side. We don't stop running the first time we get hurt or discouraged. We don't stop running when others fall at our side or when we are persecuted and misunderstood. This race we run is a destiny that is already sealed in our hearts. Nothing will stop us from running when we set our eyes on the Beloved and our hearts on pleasing Him.

Jesus will have a bridal partner at his side who will run with him to touch the nations. As we sit at his feet long enough, we will be willing to get our feet "dirty" in serving this world. If we will continue running with Jesus, our panting soul will find him and he will bring us to his secret place, fully and ultimately.

# An Invitation to the King's Chamber

# "...We will run away together into the king's cloud-filled chamber...." (Song of Songs 1:4 TPT)

The King's chamber? Would Jesus really take me into the dwelling place of the King? This divine, celestial chamber room is where God carries us into special experiences of His grace. This is His secret, private chamber where He discloses Himself to the seeking heart; it is the treasure house of His heart. He does not bring us merely into the courtyard but into His chamber, where we experience personal encounters with our King and fresh impartations of the Spirit in the secret place.

The meaning of the Hebrew [word for *chamber*] is actually "a chamber inside of a chamber," referring to the innermost chamber. This is where the King dwells, and this is where the King draws us. The Holy of Holies was actually a chamber inside of a chamber. This holy place is where Jesus wants to take you and me. We run into His heart and enter into His cloud-filled chamber.

Only Jesus our King can bring us into the chamber room where He alone dwells. We enter not by our striving or maneuvering; He must bring us in by redeeming grace. Jesus is the Shepherd who carries the lamb over his shoulders into His chamber (Luke 15:4–5). Still, we must pray and ask Him to take us in and reveal His glory to us. (*Photo via Creative Commons*)



The chamber of His heart is open to us. What sacred mysteries He reveals in His chamber! Do you hear His invitation? Do you see the open door (Revelation 4:1)? Can you trust Him to bring you in? Surely, one so holy, one so beautiful as He, would have better friends than us. Yet it is to us that this invitation is issued.

Imagine what this King could reveal to you if you spent time in His chamber, where only trusted friends are allowed to enter, exchanging friendship with a King. Wisdom, knowledge, and all the riches of Christ may be found in the beautiful gallery of the King's chamber. The maiden cries out for kisses of intimacy and promises to run with Him. He responds by leading her into the chamber-room experiences of deeper revelation.

Every one of us must have a secret history in God, a hidden life in His chamber. **This is where the Lord develops us and matures us in preparation for running with Him.** Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us, and that place is His chamber room full of power, revelation, and love. It is the hiding place prepared for you.

The King's chamber is open to every seeking heart. Don't think you must wait until Heaven to be drawn into His chamber. Ask Him to bring you in today. Search for the chamber of the King, and you will find Him within the veil.

Iyar 11, 5785: Friday-May 9, 2025
Helen Calder: How to Trust God When You Feel Unprepared



Novices in the New, Not Experts in the Old

Have you ever stepped into an unexpected, new season? It may have been a role or situation you didn't plan or feel ready for.

Lately, I've been reflecting on this insight: God wants us to be novices in the new, not experts in the old. I believe this is a prophetic reminder for many today.

Many of us long for clarity before we move forward. Yet God calls us before we feel ready, even when we've waited a long time! This is the nature of stepping into something new.

Below are some key insights I've reflected on recently:

**Prepare Your Heart Rather than Perfect Your Plans** 

"...you have not passed this way before." (Joshua 3:4 NKJV)

A new season comes with no familiar road map or experience. So, how do we prepare for something we've never done before?

Joshua gave a simple, yet profound, answer: "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you" (Joshua 3:5 NKJV).

As we scramble to perfect our plans, God calls us aside to prepare our hearts.

Here are some approaches that have helped me:

- Position yourself in surrender, humility, and faith.
- Read the Bible with fresh eyes (I return to the Psalms during times of reflection).
- Release regrets, hurts, and offenses. Forgive and receive God's healing (journaling helps).
- Surrender the need for control and trust God's leadership.
- Express your hunger for him.
- Expect the Holy Spirit to move, even when you don't see how everything will unfold.

Trust Him Before You See the Full Picture of the New Season

When God called Abraham, He didn't give him a step-by-step plan. He simply said, "Go to the land I will show you" (see Genesis 12:1).



Similarly, when God leads us into something new, he rarely provides the road map in advance! But the Father's invitation is to trust him before we see the full picture. (Photo via Unsplash)

"[F]or we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7 ESV)

Look for Where God Has "Prepared a Table"

A new season does not always come with immediate clarity and confidence. Sometimes, it can feel like a battle as we wrestle with inadequacy, doubt, and exhaustion.

In the spiritual realm, the enemy is resisting our progress. But in that uncertain place of new beginnings, God has already prepared everything we need.

The Lord spoke to me again through this passage recently: "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies..." (Psalm 23:5 ESV).

I felt anticipation and joy! But then He added, "There's a table I have laid for you that you will only partake of as you obey me in this."

Suddenly, I had a change of perspective! Though I was reluctant to step into the new, I realized that if I didn't move forward, I would miss out on the portion God had prepared for me.

Naturally, we want feelings of confidence or satisfaction in work well done, or we look to our hearts for a sense of faith. But the feast isn't found in our feelings; these come and go.

The true feast is the Father's delight, as He takes joy in our faltering yet faithful obedience. This feast is in his supply of grace and his Spirit with us. The banquet is in the stories of those impacted and the fruit of lives transformed. The feast is found in the fresh revelation of who Jesus is to us, right now.

We may stumble in the unfamiliar ground of the new, but as we keep moving, God gives us glimpses of what lies ahead.

**Embrace Being a "Novice in the New"** 

We often find ourselves thrust into a new season before we feel ready. There may be a disruption we didn't expect, a door that opens suddenly, or a call that requires immediate obedience.

Like a baby bird pushed out of the nest, we flap awkwardly, finding our wings as we go. In a sense, this never stops; each new opportunity brings a fresh learning curve! (Photo via Unsplash)

#### And this is powerful:

- You are dependent upon God's grace and power.
- Realizing you don't "have it all together" fosters humility, and that's a good thing!
- Dependence upon God pulls you back to prayer.

You may not have sought change, but it hasn't taken God by surprise.

Realizing the Unfamiliar Is Humbling, but It's Where Miracles Happen

A new season often brings challenges. We may have to learn new skills because our old methods are outdated. What if, right now, God is calling you into something beyond your expertise?

This can be unsettling, honestly, and really humbling:

- Maybe we don't have all the answers.
- We face the temptation of picking up something we used to do.
- We feel vulnerable and unprepared.
- Perhaps we are stepping into visibility before we feel ready.

I imagine Peter experienced this when he stepped out of the boat. He started strong, but as soon as he focused on the wind and waves, he sank. Yet Jesus immediately reached for him (Matthew 14:29–31).

Even when we falter, God delights in our obedience. He doesn't expect perfection, he desires faith, and that's where the miracles happen.

Reflection for Your New Season

If you relate to this, here are some questions for reflection:



- 1. Where is God calling you to trust him in this season?
- 2. Is there a step of faith you've been hesitating to take?
- 3. Do you sense him preparing a new path, even if you don't see the full picture?
- 4. What promise from his Word can you hold on to as you move forward?

Iyar 12, 5785: Saturday-May 10, 2025

Daniel Pontious: Protecting Your Seed from the Birds of the Air!



What Are the Birds of the Air?

"Protect your seed from the birds of the air!"

One morning as I awakened, the Holy Spirit spoke the phrase above to me from the Lord Jesus, downloading it into my spirit. Bear with me as I unpack it for you.

"A Sower went out to sow seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the TRAVELED PATH AND WAS TRODDEN UNDERFOOT, and the birds of the air ate it up." (Luke 8:5 AMPC, emphasis mine)

While the "birds of the air" could represent angels, demons, or even just regular birds (depending upon the reference being used), we know that these "birds" are demons because of Jesus' interpretation in verse 12.

"Those along the traveled road are the people who have heard; then THE DEVIL COMES AND CARRIES AWAY THE MESSAGE OUT OF THEIR HEARTS, that they may not believe (acknowledge Me as their Savior and devote themselves to Me) and be saved [here and hereafter]." (Luke 8:12 AMPC, emphasis mine)

#### The Hardness of a Well-Traveled Road of the Heart



While we know that there's absolutely nothing wrong with the seed of the word itself, the issue with receiving that word comes from the hardness of a well-traveled road of the heart. (Photo via Pexels)

That well-traveled road has gotten hard because of the effects of being constantly walked upon by the issues and the circumstances of this life. This

happens because of other people, circumstances, and the general difficulties of our existence that we often face on a daily basis.

So, even when we receive a prophetic seed (word) from the Lord (good or otherwise), the ground of our hearts is sometimes too hard for that seed to penetrate, go deeper, grow, or actually mature in us. So, the prophetic seed stays upon the surface of our lives, exposed to those "birds of the air," who try to immediately steal it as soon as it is spoken. If our hearts are prepared for that word, then it is able to penetrate the soil of our lives, where the birds can no longer see it or find it.

There are two primary things you can do to prepare your heart for the prophetic seed that God gives to you, especially if you're dealing with a hard-heart issue: "SOW for yourselves according to RIGHTEOUSNESS (uprightness and right standing with God); REAP according to MERCY AND LOVING-KINDNESS. Break up your uncultivated ground, for it is time to seek the Lord,

to inquire for and of Him, and to require His favor, till He comes and teaches you righteousness and rains His righteous gift of salvation upon you" (Hosea 10:12 AMPC, emphasis mine).

# **Sow According to Righteousness**

If you're consistently sowing according to righteousness and reaping according to mercy and loving-kindness, then your heart will never get hard in the first place, but if it is hard, then you need to break up the uncultivated ground of your heart through surrendering those things that have hardened you in the first place.

Seeking the Lord through repentance and forgiveness will help to tear up those hard places, root out anything else growing in there that shouldn't be, and remove the rocks and the hard places that restrict the growth of the seed itself!

The second thing that'll help is the former rain from the Holy Spirit: "Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord, your God; for He gives you the former or early rain in just measure and in righteousness, and He causes to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain, as before" (Joel 2:23 AMPC). (Photo via Unsplash)



That "former rain" is a *teaching rain*, and it comes during the planting season (or before it), in order to prepare the soil of our lives to not only receive the word of God, but to help that word grow in us, mature in us, and eventually bear the fruit of the Spirit in each one of our lives unto maturity in Jesus Christ!

Don't allow those demonic "birds of the air," who work for the "prince of the power of the air," to steal your seed or rob you of any of the promises that God has given you!

All of God's promises are "yes" and "so be it," if we will only allow them to be planted deeply enough within the soil of our hearts to where the enemy cannot take them away from us.

Keep your heart guarded from bitterness, resentment, fear, or anything else that would try to harden it toward whatever the Holy Spirit might try to plant in it! Submit yourself unto God; resist the devil and he will flee from you!

Iyar 13, 5785: Sunday-May 11, 2025





I was driving in my car on a Saturday when the Lord spoke this Scripture to me. It was a Scripture I was familiar with but had not visited it in quite some time.

# "Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days." (Ecclesiastes 11:1 ESV)

The Amplified says, "Cast your bread on the surface of the waters, [be diligently active, make thoughtful decisions], for you will find it after many days."

# A Prophetic History with God and Numbers

I've always seen repetitive numbers everywhere—on the clock, license plates, mailboxes, etc. But a lot of my church members are seeing repetitive numbers right now for the first time or like never before. I first started seeing numbers when I was believing for a child over twenty years ago.

The numbers I saw, mostly, were 111, 1111, and 711. So, I looked up all the Scriptures that were correlated with those numbers and wrote them down. I also saw 333, 444, 555, 1023, 1234, etc. I still do! It never really stopped!

People often ask me what this means. I tell them God is always speaking, and we will hear him, if we are listening. He is trying to quicken us to his voice. Showing us numbers is just one way he does this. The same numbers could speak different things to different people.

When I would see 111, I was drawn to Ecclesiastes 11:1 and took it to mean that believing in something was not a waste of time, for the blessing would be returned to me in time, in *exchange* for my faith.

# The Cost of Casting

In the writing of this Scripture, it is believed by some that Solomon was referring to ships he sent out full of goods to trade with other nations, and they would return filled with treasure (1 Kings 9:26–28; 10:22).

During their journey, they would have faced insurmountable odds. Can you imagine the storms and strong waves? Maybe even attacks... theft? Were there "pirates" back then? The sailors would have been persistent and fought through these things. (*Photo via Flickr*)

They may have been gone for days or even weeks, but when they got home, it was hoped that the ships would be filled with the reward of their journey. To Solomon, this was an investment. He didn't know what the return would be or how difficult the battle would be. It was a risk.

# What Is Coming to You in Exchange for Your Faith?

In all practicality, in the natural, when you cast your bread upon water, it seems impossible for it to come back to you. Once it's gone, it's gone. Have you ever thrown bread in the water and watched it drift off? I used to feed the ducks at the lake, and you knew when they were full, because they would just let the bread go where it may. I would watch it get farther and farther from shore. **This Scripture means to invest according to your** *faith*, even in seemingly impossible times, believing for a great outcome but not knowing what that looks like.

Solomon had to sow his ships in *faith*, not knowing when, or if, they would return to him - if they would return empty, or bring back a tremendous harvest. I'm sure many ships were sent out in that day and did not return at all.

He had to carry on in the waiting and not doubt or fear what would happen.

If you skip down to Ecclesiastes 11:4–5 (AMPC), it says: "He who observes the wind [and waits for all the conditions to be favorable] will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap. As you know not what is the way of the wind, or how the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a pregnant woman, even so you know not the work of God, Who does all."

Let me repeat what stands out in this Scripture: If you "[wait] for all the conditions to be favorable..." We can't allow our "now circumstances" to create fear and stop us from fulfilling our God-given purposes and seeing our promises come to pass.

The Lord told me many of us are in the *middle* of the Red Sea. We have not reached the other side. Imagine how uncertain the Israelites felt standing in the middle of parted waters. I'm sure they felt very fearful and just wanted to get to the bank on the other side. You can't stand and ponder and let uncertainty rule you in that moment... You just keep pressing forward, believing you will get there sooner or later. *You keep walking*. The Israelites knew they could not turn back—neither can we. *(Photo via Pixabay)* 

Skip back to verse 3 (AMPC), it says, "If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth;" this represents the storms of life. Then it says, "if a tree falls toward the south or toward the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie." So, if storms come our way and a few trees fall in our path, will we just stand and fret? Or will we step over the trees and keep moving on?

Though circumstances may look bleak or uncertain to a lot of people right now, this is not a sign of what God is doing in the spiritual realm, or an indicator of the future.

It's important not to try and read into the "natural realm" or the *appearance of our circumstances* as a sign of what is coming, just as we are not to rely on our emotions! Our emotions can lie!

Verse 6 says, "In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening withhold not your hands, for you know not which shall prosper, whether this or that, or whether both alike will be good."

We need to be casting our bread upon the water in pure faith right now, giving of ourselves *and* our resources to sow not only into that which we believe is coming, but also that which we have right now! Don't let fear, negative emotions, and the signs of the times keep you from blessing that which is right before you. Speak blessings over what you have! In time, our investment will return to us. Our bread will return to us.

# You Will Reap If You Do Not Lose Heart

A former church member, who moved away, messaged me and said, "The church is tired of hearing what God is going to do. We are just ready for Him to do something." I think we can all relate on some level! Hope deferred and spiritual fatigue can set in easily. We've been hearing over and over about this great revival and glory that is coming. And we believe it when we hear it! But we can't sit around moping if it hasn't come yet. (*Photo via Unsplash*)

I have a friend who teaches an anti-rapture message all over the world. At first, I thought this was a waste of time, but he says so many churches in other nations believe a rapture is imminent, so they just sit around doing nothing. (Friends, there is much to do!) He says the message isn't so much about the rapture, as it is a message of making much with what you have.



Look at all the Scriptures on the mustard seed. We don't have to have everything figured out, because God will grow our mustard seed much better than we can grow it by trying to reason it all out in our natural minds.

Also, let's look at 1 Corinthians 1:27 (ESV): "But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong."

Let's not doubt what the Lord is up to! He is lowering the "look at me" church and is raising up the "look at God" church! This may seem foolish to some, as that scripture says, but those who have the Spirit of God within them understand this

and know it's been a long time coming. God is cleaning house, rearranging, and regrouping to prepare us for what is coming! As many others have already stated, He is going to use the nameless and faceless and those who surrender their own agendas to accomplish His purposes alone! All glory goes to God, not to any leader, not in a building, not in programs, and not in our fleshly exploits.

I'll end with Galatians 6:9 (AMPC): "And let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint."

# Iyar 14, 5785: Monday-May 12, 2025 "INVEST IN WHAT IS PRECIOUS AND CONSTANT" BERNICE SCHEIDLER, MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS

God says, "Invest in what is precious and constant."

(Prophetic word given March 29, 2025)

I had been praying on and off through the night, and I had a dream in the early hours of March 29.

In the dream, I was touring a potential investment property with an agent. As I walked through each room, I looked not only at its current value and beauty but also thought through how to increase its beauty and value to bring a return on the investment I would be making!

I was taken outside and was surprised to see a stunning pool that wrapped around the entire back of the property, with fountains and water features everywhere. As I stepped back into the house, it was as though I stepped into the future, as though I already owned the home. I watched the thoughts and ideas I had for increasing the home's value come to life in front of my eyes, as I saw a construction crew already at work, removing old, low ceilings and replacing them with tall, vaulted ones. Outdated finishes were being torn out, making room for new, beautiful finishes.

As I awoke from the dream, I heard the Lord speak into my spirit. **He said, "Invest in what is precious and constant!"** 

Homes often symbolize our life, calling, vocation, or ministry in dreams. I believe the Lord is speaking about investing our time, talent, and treasure into what is precious and constant, not only to us but also to Him.

As we do, we will see an exponential return on our investments in our lives. The definition of *precious* means *valuable*, *beloved*, *worth the sacrifice*. The definition of *constant* means *steady*, *unwavering*, *and faithful over time*.

The Lord is highlighting three key rooms in our lives to invest in:

1. Purpose. Invest your time, talents, and treasure into what God has called you to do. Let go of distractions to focus on what is truly precious: His purpose for your life.

Proverbs 24:3–4 (NKJV): "Through wisdom, a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge, the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches."

2. Relationships. Invest in God-ordained relationships, those who are loyal, faithful, and supportive. Let go of connections that drain, distract, or dishonor you. Make room for relationships that build and bless.

Proverbs 17:17 (NKJV) "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."

- 1 Samuel 18:3–4 (NKJV): "Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. And Jonathan took off the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, even to his sword and his bow and his belt."
- 3. Finances. Invest your finances with the kingdom in mind. Align your giving and resources with heaven's priorities to produce lasting impact and eternal reward.

Matthew 6:19–21 (NKJV): "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

I decree and declare that your investments will align with God's heart and that you will be abundantly blessed in Jesus' mighty name!

Iyar 15, 5785: Tuesday-May 13, 2025
Praise Ye the LORD!!!!

April Klaassen Brown: *Ministering From the Gates*Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:15-20

15 And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them and was raised again. 16 So from now on we regard no one according to the flesh. Although we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold, the new has come! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's trespasses against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Lord speaks to me in numbers, and a recent hotel room I was in was #201. I have learned to send the Angelic ahead to make all preparation and reservations for me, so I knew this was the room assigned for me. I was advised to look up this number in Strong's Concordance; below is what this showed me.

Strong's Greek: 201. ἀκροατήριον (akroatérion) -- Audience, hearing

Strong's Lexicon 201

akroatérion: Audience, hearing Part of Speech: Noun, Neuter Transliteration: akroatérion

Pronunciation: ah-kro-ah-TAY-ree-on

Definition: Audience, hearing

Meaning: auditorium, recitation hall, court room (for hearing cases).

Word Origin: Derived from ἀκροατής (akroatēs), meaning "hearer" or "listener." Corresponding Greek / Hebrew Entries: While there is no direct Hebrew equivalent for "akroatérion," the concept of gathering to hear teachings is present in the Hebrew Bible, such as in the assemblies for reading the Law (e.g., Nehemiah 8:1-8).

Strong's Hebrew: 201. אוֹמֶר (Omar) -- Omar

Strong's Lexicon 201

Omar: Omar Name Masculine Definition: Omar Meaning: Omar

Word Origin: Derived from the root word אָמֵר (amar), meaning "to speak" or "to say." Corresponding Greek / Hebrew Entries: There is no direct Greek equivalent for the Hebrew name Omar in the Strong's Greek Dictionary, as it is a proper noun specific to Hebrew genealogies.

Usage: The name Omar means "eloquent" or "speaker." In the Bible, Omar is a personal name used to identify a descendant of Esau, the brother of Jacob. It is a name that signifies the ability to articulate or communicate effectively.

The Spirit of God currently has me on a trip, and what this trip is about is 'hearing, listening' for the Father's instructions and strategies and praying/speaking these out, not only for myself, but for those within the body of Christ at this time. Our Nation needs the LORD's intervention more than ever. The Holy Spirit said there would be an audience with the King at the Gate.

How did this trip come about? Tuesday, March 18th, an individual who was speaking in one of the prayer groups the Holy Spirit has permitted me to be a participant in, was sharing his heart for Canada. After the call, in spending time with the LORD, the question for the LORD was what can I do for You, Lord? aside from what He has had me doing, which is intercession. Immediately, the Spirit of God spoke and said, 'I want you to fast and pray in the Gateway of Parliament'. In response, my next questions were how long and what type of fast would you like me to do? The instruction was Isaiah 58 for 40 days to spend listening, hearing on how to pray specifically for our Nation. We have a Federal Election coming up, and this is an important moment of time. The Holy Spirit led me to listen to a particular teacher online, and these two links are being posted below with great information and instruction.

Posting a link here: **Building a Kingdom Enterprise** by Timothy Bence. One can read about this man of God in the video description.

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This portion of what Timothy is speaking about was really highlighted to me. The LORD created me to be a literal person. What He says, He means, and over the years, I have learned to say 'yes' and been all the better for it. In the portion below, I've italicized what really stood out to me in this teaching.

"I'm over here just trying to do Church, wanting Him to inhabit that, and so I realized that my prayers were a little bit off. I was asking Him to help me do ministry thinking that that's supposed to be building church or preaching or teaching or doing all the things that the typical five-fold Ministry would do, and then He kept putting me in business, not because it was an in-between stage or because I wasn't doing a good job of the other, but because it's part of the Kingdom. It's what He's been building all along, you know, so it really, what really blew my mind is this would go back to the mid-90s. I went to Jerusalem, and my birthday is on October 7, and that year I found myself going to Jerusalem. And it was the first time that I had gone there for the Feast of Tabernacles. I was just barely exploring out how to even do the Feast of Tabernacles. I kind of get Pentecost Sunday and I kind of get Easter Sunday, but I had never done Tabernacles, and so I was asking Jesus, "Why do I need to be in Jerusalem this year? This is my birthday, you know; I'd rather be spending some time with my kids or with my friends. I don't mind doing anything you ask, but why are we going to Jerusalem." I was like, "Can't I wait until later, you know, the next week after this would be better for me." and suddenly, He stopped me, and He's like, "Why are you grumbling?" I'm like well, 'because it's my birthday. I just wanted to spend some time with some friends and family.' and He says, "I'm your King, and I'm going to be in the city, wouldn't you want to have your appointment with me even if it was on your birthday?" I went, "So, explain that, Jesus, 'how is the Feast of Tabernacles an appointment with you as a King?" He said, "because I'm telling you to come up and join me for a festival that's going to be a party in the streets for a week celebrating my goodness in your life, and I'm going to be in the city, and you don't know when you're going to get your face to face with me **but you got to be onsite to be full of my** insight". I'm not saying you can't celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles somewhere else, but if God leads you to go to a certain place because He wants to meet you there and you don't go, then you're going to miss your appointment with the King. Or, if you go when you want to go and you don't go when He's there, you're still going to miss your appointment with the King. Or, if you follow in a calendar that's secular, and you think that that's a good thing and it's not the one that He's keeping, then you're going to show up at the wrong time to have your appointment with the King."

Now, I know that this individual is speaking specifically about the Feast of Tabernacles, but he has a point. When God calls and wants to meet us somewhere, we best be there.

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Here is another short snippet from *Pt. 2 , Ministering From the Gates* - Timothy Bence *This portion spoke loud to me.* 

"...now this is the part of the Kingdom that I think we've not understood very well because we've not been looking at the blueprints in every city. There's a spiritual design; you can't always see it in the natural, but in the spiritual, there are spots in the city that God would consider spiritual Gates. All government decisions in the Kingdom with the King of Kings are made in a Gate. All Judicial decisions are made when the Judge sits on His Throne in the Gate. This is why we put Courthouses, usually in the City Square. The original design of a city when it's birthed is also why we put municipal buildings in that same area because we learned, somewhere way back though, that even secular *decisions are supposed to be made in the Gate of a City*. But then we grow and we forget that, so we put a church anywhere we want, and we put our home anywhere we want, and then we forget sometimes that God might need us to come and sit in a Gate. We would rather pray in our house, or pray in our church, or pray in our office, and we might have to get up and go over to a different part of the city if we need to function as a minister. Now, when I'm functioning as a believer, I can do that anywhere, as long as I'm just seeking God and being led of the Spirit, but when He wants me to shift to decision making time, that the King is **going to do**, I've got to learn how to have the characteristics of a minister that He chooses, and then *I've got to learn to sit in the Gate, because that's where He* is right now. Almost across the board, all over America, the body of Christ is praying for a move of God, and many churches and Ministries are praying for a Revival or an Awakening to break open, and they're believing God because He's prophesying that He's going to do that, and then they're asking Him how to do it and where to do it, but for the most part, they're defaulting to what they already understand. They want the King of Glory to come into their Sanctuary or to come into their Ministry or to come in their City and let them lead it. A minister doesn't do that, a minister sits in the Gate and lets all of the Glory go to the King and then gets out of His way as soon as He makes a decision. They go carry out the decisions, but they're not trying to have the preeminence on the stage, they're trying to just listen clearly and agree with the King and come into agreement with all of his judgments. They also,

you learn, that **Judgment is a good word** because **God never makes bad** decisions. Every decision is a judgment, and He never makes bad Judgments or bad decisions. Judgment, sometimes, for the body of Christ, sounds like a bad word because we think it means God's destroying something, **but it's a decision from** the King of Kings, when He decides to do the very best thing possible to bring **people into Covenant and Knowledge of Him.** All right, so that said, if I'm going to make that shift, here's what happened to me. I think this actually might help a lot of people to know this because I'm not trying to say we're not doing it, I'm just saying that a lot of people I know are praying the right prayers, but they're not always praying it the way a minister would, okay? I had to choose to make a decision that was very hard for me, where I love taking care of widows and orphans and the poor, and doing projects that helped them. I've been working for a long time on trying to understand how to release the storehouse on a massive scale instead of just an offering that is very limited. About the time I finally got a lot of that stuff figured out, God's saying "okay, now we can do that," He asked me, "Would you be a minister now and come and sit in the Gate?", well does that mean I'm fired from all of the other stuff, no. It means that faithful stewards have to do it, other people can do that, and you can participate in it when I tell you to, but when I need to make some decisions on behalf of your city, that's not as important as sitting with me at the Gate, because I want you to be near me when I'm making a decision. He said, "Look at your prayer list, how many things you have prayed, and where you prayed them at, and look at how many things I've answered. I went down a long list of my prayer lists, I said, "Wow, there's a lot of things you've done, Jesus; there's a lot of things that I'm still praying that I haven't seen you done. He said, "Now I want you to understand something: all of those prayers you have prayed sitting in your house, sitting in your office or sitting in a spot that I sent you to, that was related usually to Ministry. Yeah. Some of those prayers I did not answer because **you did not pray them in the Gate.** He said, you prayed the right prayer, but you didn't pray on the right spot, sitting with me as the King.

This is the reason for this trip, to listen, to hear, and come into agreement with the King's decisions, judgements for His Land and Nation, and His Nations within our Nation.

Iyar 16, 5785: Wednesday-May 14, 2025

Nate Johnston: God Is Turning Museums of Hurt Into Sanctuaries of Glory



The Museum of Christian Hurt

I had a chilling dream recently. In the dream, I was invited to a friend's house. This friend, to me, represents someone who has been through deep spiritual abuse, someone who's constantly carrying that weight to the point where it now shows outwardly.

This friend has a heart to serve God, is anointed, prophetic, and marked by the fingerprint of God. What the Lord has done in and through them is magnificent. And yet the spirit of religion has always tried to bind them, tried to weigh them down, use them, and abuse them.

In the dream, I was walking through what they said was their house. But it was cluttered, filled with photos, emblems, and items from different movements, events, eras, and seasons of their life.

They led me on a tour, excitedly pointing out all the amazing things God had done. They spoke with joy, telling me about the different assignments they were part of, the things they were blessed to do, and what they had laid down for Jesus.

But beneath the surface of joy, I began to feel something trembling, something painful... Each memory - though it reflected service to God - carried layers of spiritual

abuse, gaslighting, narcissism, and a deep sense of being put down, alienated, and isolated.



I could feel it. The pain ran deep. The trauma had never been healed. The heart had never been delivered.

Suddenly, I yelled out, "This is a museum of Christian hurt!" (*Photo via Unsplash*)

My friend looked back at me. "What did you say?" they asked.

I repeated it: "This is a museum of Christian hurt, and it needs to be cleaned out!"

They stared at me, shocked. Then they broke down. "Yes... yes, it is hurt."

I asked, "Why have you been ignoring it?"

### It's Time for the Hoarding to Stop

This person replied, "Because I don't want to dishonor. Because I don't want to cast a stone. I don't want to feel like all of it was in vain."

I said, "It wasn't in vain. God called you, but man tried to mess it up. You've been carrying many seasons of hurt, and the Lord wants to clear it all out."

Then I heard myself say, "It's time for the hoarding to stop. It's time for the Lord to clear out the past seasons, redeem them, and start a new chapter in your life."

My friend fell to the floor and cried, "Jesus, I surrender. I give you my past."

Instantly, things began to disappear off the walls. Light began to break through. And then I woke up.

# **Letting Go of the Soul Clutter**

I believe this dream is speaking to many right now. There are believers, especially forerunners, who have been carrying trauma, pain, and "Christian hurt." They're walking through and living inside a museum of shrines to the past. Yes, God moved. Yes, those seasons were sacred. But the pain wasn't dealt with.

And now they're depleted spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and even physically because of all the soul clutter they've been carrying. God is trying to start something new, but they're stuck in what was. The Lord is inviting them to let go, to clean house, and to be made whole. (*Photo via Unsplash*)

As I share this, I feel so strongly that this is especially for God's forerunners. The enemy has tried to take them out through religious service, twisting what was good into something that has robbed them of life.

"Give Me Your Museum of Hurt"

If this is you, hear the Lord saying today, "Lay it all down at my feet. Give me your museum of hurt, and I will turn it into a sanctuary for my glory. My glory will shine through your pain. The suffering you've endured will now become the testimony of my goodness."

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." (Romans 8:18 NIV)

I prophesy this over you today: you are shifting from trauma and pain back into wonder. In this hour, God is turning around the places in your life and heart that have endured heartache and abuse. He is healing you. He is making you whole. He will use you to bring healing and wholeness to others who have been through what you've been through, in the name of Jesus!

Iyar 17, 5785: Thursday-May 15, 2025

Lyn Packer: A Season of Recalibration



**Intro:** The time at the New Zealand Council of Prophets gathering and Behold Conference was amazing. It was a privilege to be able to release the prophetic word which the Lord gave me during that time. Here is the transcript of that word.

# **Tearing Down to Build the New**

We are in a Joshua 1:10 time, where God is tearing down in order to build the new. Nehemiah had to clear the rubble and reset the foundations to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. If we want the new, we must be willing to have wrong foundations exposed and torn down so we can have a solid, stable foundation to build the new on.

We are in an intensified time of shaking that is causing exposures within individual hearts, churches, theologies, systems, and governments. Amid the shaking, God is at work, committed to our wholeness and righteousness, and he's exposing all that is working against that in our lives. (Shaking and sifting, in the Bible, are usually associated with separating the goodness of the wheat from the chaff for the purpose of setting free and liberating the goodness of the wheat!)

# God is showing us the hidden things of our hearts, the things that have shaped us and that we live from.

It is a season of paradigm shifts, and it's a time of God-gifted opportunities for true repentance through the kindness of God (Romans 2:4). It is a season where we are invited to embrace the renewal of our mindsets (or repentance) joyously, running toward it with open arms, knowing that it is God's kindness and his love for us that calls us to repentance—to a greater place of seeing truth and having the mind of Christ established in us. This repentance will bring a change of one's mind and result in a foundational and stable change in an individual's life, which will be followed by a positive rebuilding.

It is a realignment, a deconstruction, and reconstruction, leading to reformation (personal and corporate), to bring us into alignment with the covenant Christ established through his life, death, and resurrection.

As promised in Romans 8:27–29, God's plan is to make all things work together for good and to fulfill his plan from the foundation of the world—the restoration of all things—reconciling all to himself and reinstating mankind into the fullness of his original plan for us, that we might become like Christ.

#### A Fresh Call to Christo-centrism

We the church, as a whole and as individuals, are being recalibrated, measured against God's nature and character—his standard of righteousness, wholeness, and truth—to determine where we have deviated from that standard, ascertain the proper correction factors, and act accordingly. In this, we must be humble and allow him to challenge our thinking and renew our mindsets, to bring healing where needed, and to adjust our character and the mindsets from which our behavior flows.

Over the next few years, I believe there will be an increased focus on seeing through a Christological lens. This will cause many questions to be raised and many long-held, Western, evangelical church beliefs to be challenged in the light of newly gained understanding of what Jesus and the earliest church fathers believed, and how they lived as a result of that.

We must look back in order to see the path that leads forward more clearly. Jeremiah 6:16 (NIV) says, "...Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it..." Jeremiah goes on to tell us the consequences of not walking in that way.

This questioning and the corresponding mindset shifts will be based on solid research into Scripture and early church beliefs. It will lead to Scripture being interpreted in the light of Christ's work, not just on someone's subjective revelation.

This paradigm shift is and will continue to cause tension within the church globally, as mindsets and theologies are challenged, causing many to take

# sides. We will need to guard against the religious spirit that would want to bring division within the church.

There is an ongoing call to walk in humility with one another and to lay aside human-based judgments. We are called to see one another through the Spirit, not the flesh—to see them as Christ sees them. As we humble ourselves and see people as God sees them, it will allow for open and vulnerable dialogue to take place, especially in disagreements.

# The Gospel of the Kingdom

There will be more emphasis on the gospel of the kingdom and how it is outworked in the earthly realm. Along with this, there will be a renewed emphasis on discipleship (without the legalism of previous moves), and what it means to live as disciples of Christ and ambassadors of the Kingdom of Heaven. Christianit will become more Christ-centered, less denominational-belief-centered, and less worldly minded.

That recalibration will reform the way we approach life, church, ministry, and our interactions with society. It will result in increased wholeness and effectiveness as sons, daughters, and ambassadors of God's kingdom! This will have a flow on effect into society, as the children of God have societal, reformational impact in every sphere of society. (*Photo via Unsplash*)



# A Shift in How Church Is Expressed

There will continue to be a decrease and shift away from viewing church attendance as being the measure of our Christianity, and an increase and shift toward us *being the church*. By their fruit you shall know them (Matthew 7:15–20).

Alongside this, our focus will increasingly shift toward recognizing the value of there

being a variety of ways that the ekklesia can meet and operate from as their base.

Any places where we have made our Western evangelical form of church an idol, or our ministries an idol, there will also be exposure and repentance needed. Remember, part of the reason Christ came was to set mankind free from religion that held them bound by rules, regulations, and traditions of man. No one in the

body is exempt from this. Many of us have had our wrong mindsets exposed, and we've needed to repent and ask God to lead us back to the ancient paths.

# A Shift Away from Seeking Personal Significance Through Gifts and Ministry

There is an increased focus on representing the King and his kingdom in an authentic and healthy way. Within that, there is a shift away from seeking personal significance through gifts and ministry to representing the significance of *Christ* through gifts and ministry.

The Lord is calling "TIME'S UP!" on the days of searching for significance through having a ministry. We have fallen prey to this subtle ploy of the ego, encouraged by the enemy of our soul, whose desire is to lure us away from the simplicity of following Christ.

There is a call to come back to operating from true identity and godly character as much-loved sons and daughters of God and healthy, mature ambassadors of Christ—not just operating from giftings. God is dismantling celebrity Christian culture, bringing us back to simply being followers and disciples of Christ, led by the Spirit of Truth, in life and ministry.

#### The End Result

All the above is a glorious and positive work of the Spirit that will result in a "from glory to glory" growth within the church, and a more authentic representation of Christ within society. This, in turn, will have a huge impact on how the church interacts within itself and with society, leading to godly, positive, foundational shifts and changes within the church and in elements of society—and in how we treat each other.

Iyar 18, 5785: Friday-May 16, 2025

Veronika West

"SPIRITUAL KISHONS SHALL RISE TO DEAL WITH THE PROPHETS AND ALTARS OF BAAL, IN THE DAYS AHEAD"..!!

I heard the Spirit say in a time of prayer, "Watch! For I am now raising up spiritual Kishons in this hour (KISHON means: the place where many streams meet), where the manifestation of the spirit and power of Elijah shall come upon My 11th hour prophets, and they shall drive the prophets of Baal into the dry river bed to be slaughtered, and the rain of restoration shall fall, and the rivers shall rise, and the prophets and altars of Baal shall be carried away!"

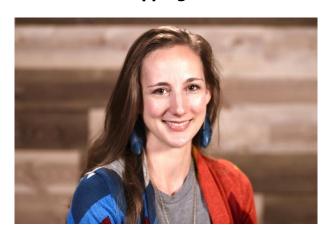
Then Elijah commanded them, "Seize the prophets of Baal. Don't let anyone get away!" They seized them, and Elijah had them brought down to the Kishon Valley and slaughtered them there (I Kings 18;40). In this season, I declare that spiritual Kishons shall arise, places where many streams will come together, streams of those anointed and appointed to confront the demonic altars of Baal that have been erected in the nations, and even that in the hearts of God's people! These Kishon places shall be marked places, built, established and occupied by a marked people that will war for divine restoration; a remnant of righteous warriors that will be mantled with boldness and a spirit of might and power, they shall stand united as one against the rising tide of compromise and deceit, and they shall declare, "The Lord, He is God!"

For now I see the Spirit of Revelation and Wisdom revealing the hidden places where the false prophets have spoken, and where the whispers of Baal have seduced many into complacency and apathy. Listen, I hear the sound of thunder and the roar of mighty rushing rivers. The sound of the abundance of rain, the rain of restoration is coming; the waters of the Seven Spirits of God in the Valley of Kishon are beginning to rise and come forth. Get Ready! A new move of Word and Spirit is rising, a new move of the Seven Spirits of God that shall sweep through the valley to bring forth the destruction of the altars of Baal and their prophets and to bring to birth a reversal of the curse and to revive and restore what has been lost and stolen.

I hear the Spirit say, "Watch! The 11Th hour prophets in the Valley of KISHON shall wield the sword of the Spirit, exposing darkness, shattering the chains of bondage, and calling My people back to repentance and purity! They shall not fear the demonic opposition or persecution, for I have equipped them with the boldness and authority of the spirit and power of Elijah. Look! Behold, a great cloud is forming; a cloud the size of a man's hand is rising over the nations in the Valley of Kishon, a cloud that shall bring forth the rain, the rain of revival and restoration.

"Even as Elijah prayed fervently and the heavens opened, so shall My 11th hour prophets in the Valley of KISHON pray with fervency and with great power, and the heavens shall come down in response. Watch! for this is the hour of great awakening and outpouring, for My Spirit shall flow forth in great power to heal, to restore and to reform the nations. I say, in the Kishon Valley My 11th hour prophets shall war and bear witness to the clash of kingdoms, as the altars and prophets of Baal are uprooted and torn down!"

Iyar 19, 5785: Saturday-May 17, 2025
Sara Whitten: Slipping Out of Old Yokes



**Good and Bad Yokes?** 

"In that day their burden will be lifted from your shoulders, their yoke from your neck; the yoke will be broken because you have grown so fat." (Isaiah 10:27 NIV)

This is a time of changing yokes. I feel the Lord saying, "New season, new yoke." But how do we identify our yokes?

Yokes are not always a bad thing. Biblically, we see yokes used both negatively and positively. Detrimental yokes are those not ordained by the Lord; they are systems or alliances that can seem unavoidable, or even advantageous, but ultimately steer us away from where the Lord wants us. They can often be sneaky in their nature because they can feel normal, like that's just how things are. Independence from them seems dream-like, or even vulnerable. At their core, however, we recognize the disharmony between the ways and words of the Lord and the ways and leadings of these yokes.

Good yokes are divinely appointed alliances that lead to walking in harmony with the Lord and for his purpose. Sometimes, they are for a season, or sometimes much longer. There is a discipleship nature to these yokes and a momentum that comes when the Lord's people are moving in unity.

### **Examining Our Yokes**

During this season, the Lord is calling our attention to reevaluate what he is doing with our yokes; some will be changed, some will be broken, some will no longer fit, and some will stay. We are to be HolySpirit-led as we allow God to restructure what we are "pulled" by.



We can take a look at our yokes by examining how they operate in our lives. Though there are many uses for yokes in the biblical world, all uses stem back to two purposes: pulling something heavy or plowing something hard. (*Photo via Flickr*)

In order to identify our yokes, we must first partner with the Holy Spirit by asking, "Lord, what have I joined with in this season to help me with the hard?" A yoke can help two oxen pull more than one ox can alone. In the midst of our "hard,"

we often find ourselves being yoked to help share the load.

Secondly, we can ask, "Holy Spirit, what have I joined with in this season to plant? What have we let speak into our soil? What have we sown into? What have we allowed to sow into us or graft into our fruit?" Again, these things can be both good and bad. We rarely plow hard ground alone. We tend to gravitate toward yokes. The question is, are we joining with the yokes the Lord has for us?

Ultimately, this is so important because what we are tied to trains us.

Lamentations 3:27 (NIV) reads, "It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young." This reference speaks to the old practice of yoking younger or more inexperienced oxen with older ones for the purpose of learning or training.

All of our "yoke experiences" train us, both for good and bad. We see, biblically, how both yokes of oppression and yokes of the ways of the Lord served to shape and instruct the people of God, because he wastes nothing. He never wants us in yokes that he hasn't chosen for us, but he does promise to work all that has passed for our good

(Romans 8:28). New yokes for a new season invite us into new learning, new training, and new discipleship.

#### The Yoke Will Be Broken

This verse from Isaiah 10 caught my attention because the Lord began unfolding two reasons for old yokes not fitting. Isaiah 10:27 (NIV) reads, "In that day their burden will be lifted from your shoulders, their yoke from your neck; the yoke will be broken because you have grown so fat."

"The yoke will be broken because..." The phrase that follows "because" is translated in diverse ways in different translations. Most often, it either reads something like "because your neck will be too large" (BSB) or "because of the anointing oil" (KJV). The original word in Hebrew is *shemen*, and means "grease, liquid, richness" according to Strong's concordance (Strong's H8081). You get two pictures, both of which illustrate why old yokes are sliding off in this new season.

First, old yokes won't fit because you've GROWN. Some old yokes won't fit anymore because the Lord has grown you!

With negative yokes, this means oppression tactics of the enemy that used to work on you no longer work, as God has further trained and discipled you. They aren't a "fit" anymore! The enemy may try to put you under that bondage again, but it simply won't fit.

For yokes that were actually God-ordained for a season, it may mean that you have trained up under or gleaned from that partnership what was needed, and now the Lord is calling you into new alignments or new training. The old yokes, in this case, aren't bad; they just don't fit anymore! (*Photo via Flickr*)

Second, old yokes won't fit because of the ANOINTING on you from the Lord. The "grease"

in the Hebrew "shemen" is the skin that is has been greased up and made slippery by the anointing oil. Some old yolks will slide right off because of the anointing.

For negative yokes, this is a breaker anointing that is by HIS power, and renders the old things that we were slaves to ineffective.

For positive yokes, it may not make sense in the natural, but you may find yourself not feeling the same traction with things that used to "move" you, even though they are very godly things. There is just a different anointing on you this season. Avoid the temptation to make things stick that the Lord is loosening.

Of course, for every season there is always an invitation to one yoke we will never outgrow, the one yoke that will never change. In Matthew 11:28–30 (NIV), Jesus invites us: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

#### **Receiving the New Yoke**

Steps for receiving His yoke are simple. First, come to him. That means taking the time to ask him about what you should come alongside in this season and what needs to break loose. Second, learn from Him. Ask the Holy Spirit how each alliance in this season is being used to train or sharpen you. Ask, "Jesus, what can I learn from you in this?" Finally, step into rest. When we lean into God's yoke for us, we let the force of His Spirit help pull us along and multiply our efforts. We don't drive or strive; we submit to His leading and find rest in His strength.

Lord, right now we ask for you to rearrange us. May you shake loose any yoke that isn't meant for us, anything we've outgrown or that doesn't have your anointing for this season. May we receive with joy your yoke and your training and discipleship for us in this time.

We humble ourselves under your leadership, and we thank you that you have yoked yourself with us, and you help us through our "hard" with ease and help multiply our planting. We receive your anointing. We are ready to learn new things from you, Lord. In Jesus' name, amen.

Iyar 20, 5785: Sunday-May 18, 2025

Lana Vawser: I HEARD THE LORD SAY 'THE WINDS OF MY SPIRIT ARE INTENSIFYING, BRINGING FORTH AN INCREASE IN MY DIVINE INSIGHT FOR INTERCESSION'

Recently, I heard the Lord say, 'The winds of My Spirit are intensifying, bringing forth an increase in My divine insight for intercession.'

As the Lord spoke these words, I could hear and see a mighty increase in the wind of the Holy Spirit ushering in an increase of divine insight for the purpose of intercession. The depth of insight, solution, and divine strategy that the Lord was inviting His people into was deeper than I have felt in the last year. There was an intensity of the winds of His Spirit increasing, and at the same time I could feel a stillness in the spirit. As I leaned into the Lord and asked Him what He was saying, I heard the Lord say:

#### 'IN STILLNESS THERE WILL BE SOLUTIONS AND STRATEGIES.'

Immediately, the knowing came to me that the Lord was inviting His people deeper into stillness and listening prayer and waiting upon Him to speak. In the stillness, the Lord is bringing forth a greater level of insight, revelation and discernment right now to see and perceive the strategies He is releasing in prayer; to bring forth His solutions and a greater partnering with Him in prayer to see His Kingdom established in a greater way. There was such an invitation I could feel from His heart into the stillness, into the quiet places, to listen to what He is speaking and revealing: a greater level of divine insight, to pray as HE leads and co-labor with Him in intercession to see His purposes and plans manifest on the earth.

#### As I continued to seek the Lord's heart, I heard:

'As you sit at My feet and lean in and listen, I am bringing you up higher in divine insight. I say unto you, do not disregard the divine insight and intel that I am releasing that you do not yet understand. I say unto you, wait on Me and wait before Me: for not only am I releasing divine intel in greater increase right now, but I am bringing you deeper into stillness to wait upon Me for the understanding. For I say unto you, that I am taking you to a deeper level of intercession. I am bringing you deeper into the place of seeing and perceiving that which I am speaking. For I say unto you, there are great moves of My Spirit which are coming forth and will come forth in the earth that you have not seen before, but you must come deeper into the secret place to wait on Me to listen to that which I am speaking.

'For I say unto you, that I am shifting the way many of you pray. I am bringing you into a deeper place of intercession, being led by My Spirit in how to pray through the divine intel that I am releasing to you. For I say unto you, I am teaching you to pray in greater ways. And as you pray, led by My Spirit in a deeper way in this hour – listening to My voice for the strategies of how to pray – I say unto you, there is an intersection of intercession into the natural realm in greater ways than you have seen, which is coming forth to bring breakthrough.'

As the Lord spoke these words, I could see an arrow hitting the center of a target, and I heard the words, 'Your prayers will hit the mark.' This phrase was repeated over and over, and over again.

'For I am revealing and releasing hidden mysteries and secrets to you as you wait upon Me for the strategies of My heart of how to pray and what to pray into, which is going to see your prayers hit the mark like never before. I am calling you deeper into the Matthew 6:6 place: 'But when you pray, go into your most private room, close the door, and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.' I am drawing you, My people, deeper into the hidden place to pray, and in the stillness, there will be solutions and strategies for intercession that are on levels that you have not walked in before. But as you WAIT UPON ME, I will give you the WISDOM in how to pray through what I am releasing you to.

'To those who are hearing and perceiving the wooing of My Spirit deeper into the stillness and into the secret place to wait on Me – to come deeper into colaboring with Me in prayer and intercession – I am giving you greater increase in insight to HEAR and PERCEIVE what My Spirit is doing and where I am moving.

There is a mighty upgrade of UNDERSTANDING being given to those who will wait; those who will come before Me in humility, come deeper into the place of intercession to hear and receive the secrets and burdens of My heart and pray it through with Me, as My friends.

'In the coming days, as intel and insight will continue to significantly increase, I say unto you: I am establishing greater hubs of communities to meet together — as I lead you to share, to pray through the intel I am releasing — where you shall see the power of agreement in prayer manifest in mighty moves of My Spirit that

you have not yet seen. There are greater depths and the unveiling of greater insight that I am releasing as you meet together.

'I say unto you, that there are many busy building and there are many busy building for Me but have become distracted from being WITH Me, and I am calling you to RETURN to Me. There are many who have elevated the building and the platform on which they are building ABOVE the place of intercession. There are many who are willing to stand on a stage, but not willing to come deep into the hidden, unseen place of intimacy with Me – to hear My voice and to carry My heart and My burdens for intercession, to partner with Me to see some of the greatest moves of My Spirit in the earth that have ever been seen.

'I say unto you, RETURN TO ME! Return to Me! For many have become so distracted, and forgotten the place of prayer and forgotten the place of intimacy, and I am calling you to RETURN. For I say unto you, the fruit that you shall see in the move of My Spirit in your lives and in the earth from the hidden place of intercession is UNPRECEDENTED. I say unto you, that you will miss much of what I am doing in this hour if you continue to move in busyness, building, and forsaking the place of stillness and prayer to partner with Me in intercession in this season. I say unto you, that where the prayer room has been traded for focus solely upon the public space, you will miss the move of My Spirit in this hour.

'Watch and see in this hour, My people, how I am now increasing divine intel and insight for intercession, and the level of wisdom and understanding that I shall give you in teaching you and leading you how to pray. I am bringing you into a realm of governing and a realm of understanding your authority in Me in ways you have not understood or seen before. Watch what I will do as you come deeper to hear and receive that which I am speaking, and watch repeatedly how I will awe you with My power and the power of prayer.

'In the days ahead, as shaking swiftly intensifies, as the plans of the enemy increase, I am increasing My people in divine insight and intercession. You are not warring from a place of being underfoot. You are interceding from the place of victory, and I am bringing you deeper into the offensive style combat of intercession. Watch more and more in the days ahead the insight and intel I am releasing to not only shut down the plans of the evil one, but also to partner with

My Spirit in all that I am doing and will do amidst the gross darkness in the earth. Watch and see how My power will be demonstrated in greater ways, as you pray.'

# Iyar 21, 5785: Monday-May 19: 2025

### A Fifty Day Window of Time! Veronika West

April 14, 2025 Veronika West

#### I heard these Words:

"Watch! for a fifty-day window of time — from Passover to Pentecost — from resurrection breath to revival fire — from the valley of dry bones of Ezekiel 37 — to the seven spirit rivers of Ezekiel 47 — that flows forth from My throne!

Again, I say — Watch! for a fifty-day window stands open before the nations — from Passover to Pentecost!

I tell you, come up here! Come up higher — and I will show you what must now take place!"

As I heard the Spirit of Revelation say those words, it was quickened to me that God was revealing a prophetic timeline of what will begin to unfold as the remnant moves through this window of time!

I am shown a sacred scroll now being unraveled, and as the prophetic timeline is revealed, it will bring forth divine strategies that will bring us into perfect alignment for our Kingdom assignments for the next prophetic cycle!

The Holy Spirit then quickened the following Word and Vision. This speaks to what is now unfolding — and we must begin to come into agreement with Heaven!

#### The Beginnings of a Manifestation of Resurrection Power!

The Beginnings of a Manifestation of Resurrection Power, Purifying Fires, The Ruach Breath and the Rain of Restoration in the Nations.

# See January 9, 2025 HKP Word: "The Beginnings of a Manifestation of Resurrection Power!"

# **Prophesy to the Breath!**

An excerpt from January 25, 2024 HKP Word: "Golden Calf Altars of Aaron are Rising in The Valley of Decision!"

In a recent encounter, I was standing on a great ship. I knew the ship spoke of the nations, and the ship was being violently tossed to and fro upon the high seas. I knew again by revelation, that there was a greater shaking, turmoil and trouble before the nations, and as I stood upon the deck of the ship, a thick and heavy fog began to rise from the depths of the sea.

The first thing I noticed about the fog was a foul smell — a putrid odor — that immediately began to fill my nostrils.

The fog also brought with it a strange heaviness, and the smell that filled my nostrils translated into a bitter taste in my mouth.

The fog was heavy and thick — so thick that it soon became impossible to see anything before me!

I knew by revelation that the rising fog was powerfully demonic and designed to bring blindness, confusion, depression, disorientation, fear, intimidation, and heavy demonic oppression over the nations!

When suddenly, I heard the Spirit say, "Come up here! Come up higher! Now, prophesy to the four winds!"

Now, as soon as I began to rise up higher above the thick fog, I heard the Spirit say again, "Come up here! Come up higher! Now prophesy to the four winds!"

As I heard those Words, I saw four Cherubim (angels) come up and go forth upon the nations, and I saw their faces — the face of the ox, the lion, the eagle, and the face of a man.

Then I heard the Spirit say, "Now prophesy a mighty manifestation of the four faces of God into the nations of the Earth!

# **Prophesy to the Four Winds!**

"Prophesy a manifestation of the four faces over the nations of the Earth!

"Watch — as the winds of the Eagle bring forth revelation, and the mysteries of My grace.

"Watch — as the winds of the lion bring forth the roar of Judah to awaken the deep sleepers.

"Watch — as the mighty winds of the ox bring forth strength and power to prevail and to rebuild the righteous altars in the Valley of Decision!

"And Watch — as the Winds of the man bring forth light in the midst of deep darkness to expose and uncover what's been hidden!"

Then I heard the Spirit say, "Now, prophesy a manifestation of the release of the Kingship Anointing and Authority on the Earth.

"Through the face of the lion — prophesy the rise of kings on the earth! Prophesy the reformation of the five-fold ministries!

"I say, prophesy a manifestation of the divine nature and glory of God through the face of the eagle!

"Prophesy the rise of the fathers — that the hearts of prodigal nations will be turned back in true repentance!

"Prophesy a manifestation of the divine nature and glory of God, which brings revelation and wisdom concerning true identity!

"Again, I say — prophesy a manifestation of strength, power and humility of the mantle of the ox.

"Prophesy the rise of a royal priesthood for the rebuilding and restoration of righteous altars that will counter the power of the altars of Baal, and the idols that sit upon them.

"Prophesy a continual presenting of your bodies as living sacrifices upon the righteous altars that are now rising.

"Son of man, prophesy a manifestation of the divine humanity of Christ in the midst of the nations.

"Prophesy! Arise! Shine! For My Glory has risen upon you!

"Prophesy a manifestation of light in the darkness — divine revelation and wisdom, supernatural signs wonders and miracles on the Earth.

"Beloved, listen. For it's not enough to ascend the mountain — but My prophets must prophesy to the four winds.

# "Prophesy to the Breath!

"My prophets must decree at the gates and declare a mighty manifestation of the four faces within the four winds, to lift and shift the demonic fog that has blinded the nations and lulled many into a deep sleep!" says the Spirit of God.

# **Prophetic Notes**

- Prophesy to the four winds of the four faces: wheel within a wheel.
- Prophesy a manifestation of the four faces in the nations of the earth.
- Face of the lion lion the king mantle of kingship The lion speaks to royalty, Genesis 49, Jacob/ Israel describes his 4th son, Judah, as a "lion's cub," and the tribal symbol of Judah is a lion. The road of royalty carries the sound of the roar/sound of distinction that breaks the power and influence of Delilah's lullaby and the demonic distortion that has brought blindness through deception over the nations.
- Face of the eagle eagle mantle of fatherhood the eagle (Son of God)
  revelation; soaring in the Spirit, God's protecting care; access to the deeper
  things of God, hidden mysteries of His glory and grace; divine gifts, prophetic
  gifts, eagles' wings that bring forth swiftness of divine operations in the earth

"As an eagle stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, He spread His wings to catch them; He carried them on His pinions," **Deuteronomy 32:11** 

- Face of the ox mantle of priesthood; the ox (humility); The ox is a creature of great power, yet humbly submits to the authority that tames and directs it. The suffering servant; sacrifice, sin bearer, burden bearer; firmness, endurance, strength; harvest ox —- priesthood Righteous altars are built and established with the priesthood mantle.
- Face of the man The Prophet; the man (humanity) The human face of God in Jesus: God with us; intelligence, wisdom, compassion, empathy, divine intercession.

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the FACE of Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6)

### **More Prophetic Notes:**

Elijah built an altar to shift the Baal culture of the prophets of Baal influence that was over the land, air and waters.

The Ekklesia must ascend the mountain, to be mantled with the spirit and power of Elijah and begin to legislate on the earth.

# Iyar 22, 5785: Tuesday-May 20, 2025

# "What does Heaven look like?" From the book, "The Heart of a Seer." By Wade Butler

People have asked me, "What does Heaven look like?" My response often surprises them when I say, "What earth was supposed to look like?" The incredibly gifted young Christian, artist Akiane Kramarik, depicts Yeshua and Heaven better that anyone I have ever seen. The colors of Heaven are far more vivid than anything we have here. Everything is alive. We nervously laugh about "Lexa" as someone alive in our house. Well, when I say everything in Heaven is alive, I mean everything. When Yeshua (Jesus) walks by, every tree sways as if the wind has blown through their branches, flowers trumpet and make sounds like bell choirs, the animals talk like in the movie, "Narnia." It is beyond our mind's capacity, until you experience it. On several occasions, Yeshua invited Frances and me to HIS home. It is bigger than the largest Biltmore Hotel, and more beautiful than the Fairmount Banff Springs Hotel in Alberta, Canada.

HE loves to entertain, and His banquet hall contracts or expands to as large as he wants it to fit for the number of those invited. His garden out back cannot be described. The patio overlooks the mountains. A river, complete with a waterfall behind His Mansion flows into the crystal sea.

An angel led Frances and me to sit with Yeshua on HIS patio and discuss what was on our hearts and minds. I was on His right and Frances on His left. He talked to us each via our minds, answering questions as animals great and small wandered throughout His backyard forest. The largest eagles I have ever seen flew overhead. In a break in our discussions, I asked Frances what we were doing. She tearfully replied, "We are sitting on His patio in chairs He made, and He is holding our hands. He is talking to us." "Yes!" "Do you see HIM?" "Yes! but I cannot look at HIS face." It was her first time seeing the LORD. She was always sensitive, but could never see. Her ability to scribe is the reason many of these visions are included. HE allowed us to look across the crystal sea to one of the thrones of the Father on a point just at the edge of New Jerusalem.

Father has many thrones, which is a chapter for the future.



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#### Once again we stood at the waterfall behind Yeshua's garden.

Recently, during an ascension with the LORD, our group of intercessors were brought to back to the waterfall below Yeshua's mansion. We had seen it before, yet at the same time, each experience is always different. On this occasion, Frances and I stood at the edge of a waterfall enjoying the refreshing mist around us when He called us to come forward to join Him on His back patio. We were taken by Him and escorted out to our own handmade seats to dine at His table. The chairs were hand-hewn and carved exquisitely by the Master Carpenter Himself. The table was a crosscut from an ancient tree whose rings wove throughout the tabletop. Each represents an age of the past, present and future.

As we sat down, our chairs hugged us with comfort beyond words. I asked, "Is the table living?" and HE laughed and said, "Of course it is." At that, the table spoke to me, "I live. I was hewn by the Master's hands, and now I am more beautiful than ever before plus, I am used by my LORD to entertain HIS children." It caused me to set back in amazement. When I put my hands on the table, a flash of light came from my fingers and embedded in the lines like a speck of light. The table said, "Everyone who dines here leaves their code of life in my veins."

Immediately, we all heard the sound of footsteps and beheld angels with trays of heavenly food which were placed before each of us. Every person had their most treasured foods in the proper portions before us. Yeshua beckoned us to eat and enjoy.

My mouth watered as I took the first bite to the last. I looked at Yeshua and said, "LORD, you always have multiple meanings and intent in what you present. What have we really eaten?" HE looked at me and laughed again, saying, "You have dined on what you need, just as food provides what your body needs, my food provides what your spirit needs. The question is, what did you come here to ask me for?" I said, "Wisdom." He said, "You are correct, and you have eaten Heavenly Wisdom for what is about to take place in your life." Each of us had come inquiring of the LORD something that we desired or needed. Some wanted revelation, others more of His presence. All of us dined with extraordinary joy and fulfilment.

He is inviting all of His Children to dine at His table and delight in what has been prepared, and all of us left filled and satisfied.

Soon thereafter I was part of a group of five intercessors who had an incredible experience with the LORD, an accession onto the back side of the Mountain of the LORD. At first we thought we were going to the waterfall again due to a mist that filled the air and the forest around us.

To say it was Glorious would be an understatement. We were ushered onto the mountain above the snowline. At first, a mist surrounded us and obscured our vision. I spoke up and asked, "Where are we LORD?" Immediately the mist cleared, and I could see the seven mountains below us. We were on **The MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD!** 

The **voice OF ADONI** led us down a path through a pristine forest to a beautiful lake. **On that lake a PILLAR OF FIRE danced**. Again, I asked, "Where are we LORD?" He said, "**You are on the Mountain where I dwell."** I said, "LORD, are you not on the

Throne?" "Have you not seen MY SON manifest many times? Who do you think taught HIM? He has a mansion to dwell in; I have a MOUNTAIN! This is where my SPIRT dwells.

As we looked on the lake, the mist lifted, and a **COLUMN OF FIRE** appeared before us. I asked, "Is this YOUR presence?" and HE said, "**As with Moses, I AM.**" The fire evaporated the water, only to have the water go into the column and come up again. Each time, it was as if the droplets were made of diamonds and gold. Before I could even ask, HE said "**This is the bowl of tears and prayers of MY sons and daughters that come up continually before ME; I know every prayer, every tear by heart.**" Once again, I asked a question of HIM "Is this the prayers of the church?" He said, "**No, only MY sons and daughters. Enter into the fire.**" The thought of whether we could walk on water or endure the fire never crossed our minds, it was just, ENTER IN.

So, we did the only thing that mattered, we stepped on the water and into the FIRE OF GOD.



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As we entered into the presence of our LORD, HE flowed through us, peeling off layers of hurts, unresolved curses, pain, and tears from trauma, all melting into the lake of prayers below us. We were lifted up over and over again as we were washed by the tears of millions that have lifted their tears in prayer. Our tears and the tears of ages washed us over and over again. Just as we were lifted up, we found ourselves standing on the shore by the lake. We did not want to leave the fire or come down from the mountain. **Suddenly, we realized we were back on the path stepping into the** 

mist and back to our earthly reality. The vision will forever be a part of our lives.

HIS LOVE was overwhelming, HIS MERCY beyond understanding.

#### Iyar 23, 5785: Wednesday-May 21, 2025

### Dutch Sheets

#### **Our Prayers Release God's Power**

Over the past weekend, I watched a portion of *The Bible*, a television miniseries released in 2013. In this production, they included the account of Peter healing a lame man in Acts 3. I was fascinated, as I always am when meditating on this event. Here was a man, Peter, who had denied knowing Jesus just a few weeks prior - and doing so while cursing, mind you - being used to perform one of the greatest miracles of healing in Scripture. Peter's words stuck out to me, as they always do, "such as I have, give I thee." (Acts 3:6). What exactly did Peter have?

Ephesians 3:20-21 gives us the answer:

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and forever. Amen." (NASB)

Today, you're going to get Professor Sheets, so put on your student hat and follow along with me:

The phrase "exceedingly abundantly beyond" is difficult to translate. It is actually one compound word in the Greek text: *huperekperissou*. This word isn't found in older Greek literature but shows up in biblical writings. In other words, a new word was coined to describe God's power. The root word, *perissos*, in and of itself, means "superabundant;" in other words, more than abundant, or more than enough. The added prefix *huper*, however, gives the word another "beyond" or "more than." His power is even "more than more than enough!"

If that weren't enough (pun intended), *ek* added to the word strengthens it further! This new word, *huperekperissou*, literally means: "superabundantly with more added to that," or "beyond more than enough," or perhaps "more than more than enough, and more!"

It is so important that we understand the incredible strength of this word. Here is the breakdown once more, using **W. E. Vines Greek Dictionary** to help us:

- *perissos*, the basic word which conveys the sense of an amount beyond the normal measure; in other words, abundantly.
- huper added to it (huperperissos), strengthens it to "exceedingly abundantly."
   (This form of the word is used only in Mark 7:37 (NASB), where it describes the astonishment of people at Jesus' healing of a deaf and dumb man using His saliva. The Passion Translation translates the word in this verse as "beyond measure.")
- adding ek to the word huperekperissou strengthens it still further, requiring yet another modifier to indicate its superiority above even "exceedingly abundant."

Translating this word is almost impossible. It would literally be something along the lines of "very extremely extraordinarily abundant!" Bullinger, in his **Companion Bible**, simply translates it as 'infinitely.' Well, that works!

In this verse, Paul, describing God's infinite power at work in us, essentially says, "God has enough power to do superabundantly beyond - with even more added to that - what we can even ask or think." Finite human language can't describe our infinite God!

#### This Power Now Dwells In Us

But this isn't the end of the verse! The last half of Ephesians 3:20 tells us God is going to do this "more than, more than enough" through the power that works "in us." Not just in heaven - **IN US!** This infinitely powerful God has taken up residence in us!

An **Expanded Translation of the New Testament** by Kenneth Wuest is the most literal and exact translation of the New Testament I know of. In this passage, Wuest mentions this infinite, superabundant power of God, but also makes clear that it operates in and through us:

"Now to the One who is able to do beyond all things, superabundantly beyond and over and above those things that we are asking for ourselves and considering, in the measure of the power which is operative in us." (Ephesians 3:20)

God certainly does operate *from heaven* in response to our prayers, releasing His power. At times, however, His power flows from Holy Spirit *in us* as we speak His words. When Peter was used to heal the lame man in Acts 3:6, he said, "*Such as I HAVE, give I thee.*" It was obviously Holy Spirit's power, but this power was released from him.

#### **Our Prayers Release This Power**

James 5:16 says, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (KJV). Again, Wuest gives us added insight, translating it this way: "A prayer of a righteous person is able to do much as it operates." The Amplified translation reads, "The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [is dynamic in its working]." Notice the word "continued;" Wuest and the Amplified Bible capture the present-tense meaning of the verb - continuous action. This is why Elijah, when producing the provision of rain this verse in James is referencing, continued to pray and release the power of God - seven times. His prayers continued to release power each time he prayed.

I am certainly not implying that we can release God's power at our will and pleasure. We must be led by the Spirit in this regard, as Peter and Elijah were, and release His power as He directs us. Nevertheless, we must do so, commanding His Kingdom will and power into situations, just as Jesus told us to do in Matthew 16:18-19. The entire point of James' passage, in fact, is that Elijah was human, just as we are, yet was able to do this. If he can do it, James says, we can!

In my book, **Intercessory Prayer**, I tell the story of going weekly, for a year, to pray for a young girl in a coma. Each time I went, I prayed for an hour or so. After a year, she was completely healed. I am confident that I was releasing the power of the Holy Spirit every time I prayed. Finally, enough power was released, and the miracle occurred.

As you declare God's Word and promises over your situation, know that His power is being released. No word from Him returns void, without accomplishing its purpose (Isaiah 55:11). Each time you declare that the power and authority of satan is broken over your family member, his hold weakens. Every time you declare the power of the Cross over an unbeliever, more of that power flows to them. Don't stop! Persevere!

#### Pray with me:

Father, we thank You for Your desire to save and deliver. You desire to open the eyes of unbelievers, setting them free from satan's control. We thank You for Your grace, mercy, and love. This past weekend, we celebrated Your great redemption of us through Christ. The result of this redemption was that we became the temple of the Holy Spirit once again; He and His infinite power abides in us. Teach us to operate in/release this power, as Peter did at Beautiful Gate (Acts 3:2). Teach us to do as Elijah did, releasing Your great power until the rain comes.

We pray for those who do not yet know You. We bind every strategy of satan and his demons who hold them captive, and we release Holy Spirit's power to save and deliver

them. Rain down Your infinite power on our nation and the nations of the earth. Demonstrate Your love and power with great miracles. Awaken multitudes to Your redemption, and free them from spiritual darkness. All of this we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

#### Our decree:

We decree that the power of God is being released through us, destroying strongholds of darkness, and setting captives free.

Iyar 24, 5785: Thursday-May 22, 2025

# Veronika West April 13 at 5:21 PM

### "COME AND LET MY LOVE FULLY ENCAPSULATE YOU IN AN HOUR OF GREAT SHAKING AND UPHEAVAL!"

I hear the Spirit say, "Maybe you thought you could run and hide, but My eyes see you. I see everything; nothing can be hidden from My Sight, even the darkness is light to Me.

"Surely, I know when you sit and when you rise, for I am behind you, in front of you and beside you. My thoughts are constantly about you. Every moment of every day I am thinking about how to bless you, and the ways in which I can reveal the greater plans and purposes I have for you, Beloved. Today, let My Love fully encapsulate you. Open your heart to Me. Don't give thirty, or fifty, or even ninety percentage; I want All of your heart. You see, for you to know and truly grasp and understand the fullness of My love, I must be given permission to inhabit every part and place in your life. Yes! Completely and unreservedly, you must surrender to My presence, or else the magnitude and power of My love will be diminished and short circuited.

"If only you knew the depths of My love for you. I tell you, there is no mountain high enough to keep you from My love, and no ocean ever deep enough to flood it. Oh, how the world has distorted the true meaning of love. My Love is pure and undefiled, unconditional and unwavering. My Love is fierce and divinely jealous. It's constant, unconditional, and unchanging, and when fully embraced, it brings freedom and births true identity, divine purpose and destiny.

"My love does not wait for you to become well-deserving or worthy of it. NO! For My grace bypasses all your failures, fears, shortcomings and weaknesses, I loved you even before you knew Me or had the capacity to recognize or respond to My love. Beloved, if you are lacking or deficient in knowing and experiencing the depths of My love for you, it is not because I have been unwilling or even slow to demonstrate My love to you, but rather, because you have resisted Me, and you have refused to make room for My Love, for those who ask most of Me will be given more liberally by Me; no limitations, but all access without restriction!

"How I take great pleasure in a heart that is fully open to Me, a heart that is faith-full and trusting. This is My delight, and My greatest desire is to have a heart that is postured towards hearing and understanding My heart.

"My Child, don't let your mind play tricks on you. Thoughts of inadequacy and guilt will cripple your faith and paralyze your hope, and will only create higher walls that will block My love from reaching you and ministering through you to others. I am looking for yielded vessels, those that will not wait to feel ready or qualified, but those that have fully embraced My love and accepted My grace. My unmerited favor is the only requirement and source of empowerment in which to bring meaningful change into the world. I need sons and daughters that will simply give Me their YES! and I will do the rest!

"Yes, it's true, in love I do chasten, but this is needed, it is vital in order to guard and protect you, for My chastening love prevents calamity and unnecessary suffering, If I were to remain silent, you would surely fall into the hidden traps and snares set for you by the hands of your enemies. So, embrace My loving discipline and correction, and let it keep you from stumbling and being taken off course. Let My truth and peace keep your feet firmly grounded and established on the Rock. Do not be like the heathen that harden their hearts to instruction and wisdom, but be a lover of My truth and let it keep you free, and walking in faith and victory. Again, I say, make room for Me; yield and relinquish all to My grace. Allow Me permission to love you, even if it brings confrontation and discomfort to your flesh. Give My love the liberty to correct you and reveal your areas of weakness and your blind spots. My Child, this is not to harm or condemn you Beloved, but rather, to mold and shape you into a greater leader in the true likeness of My divine nature and redemptive character.

"So, be flexible and not rigid. Let My loving hand bring a greater conformity to the design of your divine Creator within you. As you yield and fully submit to My way and My will, watch! for I will dazzle the world with the beauty of who I am in you. So, Let me display My glory through you, that all who see you will behold My wonder-working power and majesty in the earth. Listen. incline your ear, for My great love is drawing you out and bringing you into My heart in this moment. I am waiting eagerly for you to forsake everything else just to be with Me, for the more you give to Me, the more I can give of Myself to you. Beloved, know this day that My love for you is everlasting, and with strong cords that cannot be broken, I have bound you to My heart. So come; fear not! Come up here and draw closer. RUN TO ME AND NOT AWAY FROM ME, AND YOU WILL SEE MY GLORY AND BE CHANGED!"

Iyar 25, 5785: Friday-May 23, 2025

# The Elijah List "EARTH-SHATTERING MOVES" JOE JOE DAWSON, TEXARKANA, TEXAS

Early one morning in prayer, the Lord spoke to me so clearly and said, "Earth-shattering moves." I searched up what this term, "earth shattering" meant, and it means something of extreme importance or monumental. The more I prayed into this word that the Lord gave me, the more excited I got. The morning I received this word, my family and I went for a walk and spent time together discussing ministry, business, and all kinds of ideas to build and expand the Kingdom of God, and I realized that we were discussing earth-shattering moves.

This is a building season, and you can discuss, plan, and talk about the earth-shattering moves you want to make, but are you going to actually build and create them? **James 1:22 (ESV) says, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."** Now is the time to commit yourself fully to what the Lord wants you to build, and be a doer of the Word, not just a hearer.

**Proverbs 16:3 (ESV) says, "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established."** When you build something and commit it to the Lord, failure is impossible. There should be zero fear involved when you are stepping out and creating something God has placed on the inside of you, because the Word says that it will be

established. God has placed "earth-shattering moves" on the inside of each and every one of us, but who will step out and do them? God isn't looking for the most qualified or the most talented, he is looking for someone who is willing and fully surrendered to the call placed on their life.

Isaiah 41:10 says, "[F]ear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Do not be afraid to step out and go after your God-sized dreams, because the Bible assures us that God is with us every step of the way. Remember, "earth shattering" means monumental, so the dreams God has placed inside of you may seem impossible or intimidating, but nothing is too big or too hard for God. Attach your faith to what God has called you to do, and refuse to back down until you see it come to pass. This is the season to produce "earth-shattering moves" and build to expand the kingdom of heaven.

Iyar 26, 5785: Saturday-May 24, 2025

**Craig Cooney: Raise Your Expectations in This New Move of the Holy Spirit** 



**How Is the Holy Spirit Moving?** 

In these days, the Holy Spirit is moving in ways that I haven't seen or experienced in thirty-five years of following Christ and twenty years as a church leader.

Here are a few of my observations: It's not dramatic or sensational. There's not a lot of falling over, strange manifestations, big crusades, or Christian TV cameras. It's simply characterized by people turning to Christ, recognizing their need for God, leaving their old life of sin behind, and coming in repentance and faith to Jesus.

There's no well-known pastor or leader heading it up. It's happening in local churches and ordinary places across the globe. **There's only one main attraction: Jesus.** 

God is calling his people back to the basics: holiness, reverence, a fear of the Lord, prayer, worship, the Word, baptism, communion, authentic community, compassion, and reaching the lost.

There's no particular place or movement at the forefront. It's not like Toronto or Pensacola where everyone congregated in one place. It's happening in local churches, family homes, high schools and colleges, small communities, beaches, Bible studies, sports clubs, etc.



#### The Water Level Is Rising

The water level is rising slowly. The manifest, tangible presence of God is gradually increasing. Like the vision in Ezekiel 47, we are moving from ankle deep to knee deep to waist deep. Soon we will be fully submerged in the Spirit. (*Photo via Unsplash*)

"As the man went eastward with a measuring line in his hand, he measured off a thousand cubits and then led me through water that was ankle-deep. He measured off another thousand cubits and led me through water that was knee-deep. He measured off another thousand and led me through water that was up to the waist. He measured off another thousand, but now it was a river that I could not cross, because the water had risen and was deep enough to swim in—a river that no one could cross." (Ezekiel 47:3–5 NIV)

#### A Righteous Shift in This Generation

There's a particular shift happening among younger generations, especially young men. They are looking for more than this world offers. They want a challenge. They want absolutes. They want more than shallow pleasure. They want a cause to live for and even to die for.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." (Matthew 5:6 NIV)

We shouldn't be too quick to define or label this current move of God. If we try to control it, we are going to miss it. Let the Holy Spirit lead. And we definitely shouldn't be too quick to write it off or criticize it. Just because it doesn't look like what we have

experienced in the past, or what we expect "revival" to look like, doesn't mean it isn't God.

We like to talk about God doing a "new thing," but too often we expect it to look like the old thing. **Throw away all of your preconceptions.** 

"The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." (John 3:8 NIV) (Photo via Unsplash)

#### "Open Your Eyes and Look at the Fields"

It's leading to significant growth within the church. Almost every church I know has seen a marked increase in salvations, baptisms, and weekly



attendance at worship services. In the past, this was mostly transfer growth. While there's still some of that, there's definitely much more conversion growth. The lost and prodigals are coming home.

"Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." (John 4:35 NIV)

God comes where he is wanted. It seems that the only precondition for God moving is a hunger and desperation in our hearts and a dissatisfaction with church and life as usual. The religious and self-satisfied simply won't understand what's happening and will probably seek to diminish it.

Raise your expectations. It's easy to become a little cynical when we hear about a fresh move of God. Like many others, I've been praying for revival for decades. In that time, there's been a lot of disappointment, and even disillusionment. **However, we must remember that seeds faithfully sown over many years will eventually produce a harvest.** God's law of sowing and reaping never fails. Wouldn't it be such a travesty if we missed what God is doing now because our faith is tainted by disappointments from our past?

"The seventh time the servant reported, 'A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising from the sea'..." (1 Kings 18:44 NIV)

#### Iyar 27, 5785: Sunday-May 25, 2025

# Lana Vawser I HEARD THE LORD SAY 'GUARD YOUR TRANSITION WISELY'

Recently, I heard the Lord say, 'Guard your transition wisely.' As I leaned into the Lord and listened to His heart, I could feel in the spirit the MAGNITUDE of the transition that many were in right now, and it was imperative that the transition was guarded wisely.

#### I then heard the Lord say:

'Guard your transition wisely. I say unto you that your transition is not for public view and for public entry. For what I am birthing through you right now is something that must be kept in the hidden place and not publicized to the world. I say unto you, that there are many who are allowing the confusion they are feeling in the midst of transition to lead them to share their transition with many; and I say unto you, that great wisdom – My wisdom – is needed in the guarding of this transition. For I say unto you, that MANY of you are in the GREATEST TRANSITION of your lives, and you must be in the secret place with Me; allowing ME to lead you and guide you and give you My wisdom to navigate the transition that you are in. (James 1:5)

'I say unto you, My people, draw closer to Me. Draw near to Me. There is great tension in the transition taking place right now, and many of you ARE ABOUT TO BIRTH. Do not allow hindrance to come to the birthing by allowing MANY into the birthing room. For I say unto you, that the opposition of the enemy right now to hinder that which I am birthing through you is fierce. But I say unto you, that YOU ALREADY HAVE THE VICTORY IN ME, but you MUST be led by Me in MY wisdom and how I am leading you to partner with Me in seeing the birthing come forth.

'I say unto you, that the magnitude of the birthing is greater than you have anticipated, and this requires greater wisdom to carry and walk in that which I am leading you into. I say unto you, that also within the tension of transition, I am bringing forth MY FIRE upon your mind. I am exposing and uprooting the victim mentalities, and I am calling you deeper into the place of renewing the mind (Rom 12:2) and living with great hope,

expectation and faith in Me – living FROM the victory that is yours in Me. Oh, the deep awakening I am bringing forth to MY VICTORY which I am bringing you deeper into. 'I say unto you that I am calling you, My people, deeper into the secret place with Me in this significant transition moment: to lay everything down in surrender and humility to Me and allow My Spirit to examine EVERY area of your lives (Ps 139:23-24), as by My Spirit I make room and bring divine order to all things, to see this birthing come forth in My way and to make room for that which I am birthing to grow and flourish.

'I say unto you, My people, that there are shifts and changes that I am making by My Spirit as the birthing is coming swiftly. Be quick to obey that which I am speaking, for I am bringing forth a move of My Spirit in your midst unlike anything you have seen before, and there are things that I must remove, shift, change and realign. I hear many of you saying to Me, "How much more realignment and change, Lord?" I say unto you, My people, trust Me. I am good and perfect in ALL My ways. Although the transition has been difficult for many, I am with you, and My grace is upon you, and My grace is sufficient. I am uprooting all that must be uprooted to make room for that which I am about to bring forth.

'I say unto you, I am uprooting now the hidden places where the enemy has been hiding in your lands that I have called you to tend and build in, in this hour. For where I am expanding your lands, where I am transitioning you into new spaces and places within your assignment and moving you into new assignments, there have been areas where the enemy has been hiding – where he has been attempting to feed you false narratives and hinder your direction.

'I say unto you; I am not a god of the "TO AND FRO." I am the God who secures. I am the God who strengthens. Many of you have been living in such deep confusion and "to-ing" and "fro-ing" in this season of what I have called you to do, confusion that is above and beyond the turbulence of transition, and it has been leading you to despondency, discouragement, and for some, depression. I am now EXPOSING where the enemy has been hiding and where he has been releasing these false narratives into your ears and into your lives.

'I say unto you that I am bringing you deeper into a place of greater expectancy and hope WITHIN the transition place. I say unto you, that where I am exposing where the enemy has been hiding and releasing these false narratives, some places will be unexpected, but I say unto you, that I will give you the strategy by My Spirit to sever these hiding places of the enemy within your lives.

'There has been SUCH an intense assault against many of you in this hour and against your DIRECTION that you have felt like you were dying in despondency and hopelessness creeping in, in the area of direction that I am leading you and flourishing in what I have called you to put your hands to. But I say unto you, as you draw closer to Me in the secret place right now, I am bringing forth vision and strategy in ways you have not seen before.

'Significant changes and shifts will need to be made by you, following the lead of My Spirit. But I have empowered you, and I am leading you, and Oh, the joy you shall find in Me that you have not known before in this deeper place of dependence and surrender to Me. Oh, the level of My Glory that is about to burst forth. Make room, make room, for you have not experienced the weight of My Glory that I am about to bring forth in what I am birthing in you and through you.

'I say unto you, "You are about to give birth." Put your head down and stop looking around. You must lean in and focus on Me from the place of surrender. Block out the noise and watch what I am about to bring forth. I say unto you, that you will see that APRIL will be a month of GREAT VICTORY for many as you hear the cries of new life and the birthing of My Spirit BURST FORTH.

'My people, listen to My voice; the narrative of your past seasons is about to SWIFTLY change. Where many of you have felt like multiple seasons of your life have been marked by opposition, heavy trials, despondency, darkness, hardship, pain, grief and trauma, I say unto you, WATCH how by My mighty hand, I am changing the narrative of those seasons through that which I am bringing forth in you and through you – NOW. I say unto you that I am breaking off ALL effects and words that have been lingering over you from seasons you have endured, as you draw close to Me. There are SUDDEN moments of transformation that are taking place right now as you burrow deep in My presence and My heart. I am bringing you deeper than you have ever been. 'I say unto you, raise your faith and expect SWIFT transformation. Do not fear the transition that is taking place; do not fear the shifts and changes that are taking place – SUDDENLY. For as you lean in, listen and obey, Oh, the level of My Glory that is coming in the mighty birthing which I am bringing forth that will leave you FOREVER CHANGED.'

Iyar 28, 5785: Monday 26, 2025

### We are in the season of the Manifestation of HIS Glory. What is it and can we walk in it at all times? Wade Butler

# THE GLORY OF GOD IS THE INVISIBLE QUALITIES, CHARACTER, OR ATTRIBUTES OF GOD DISPLAYED IN A VISIBLE (OR KNOWABLE) WAY

Moses requested of God, "Now show me your glory" (Exodus 33:18). In His response, God equates His glory with "all my goodness" (verse 19). "But," God said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live" (verse 20). So, God hid Moses in "a cleft in the rock" to protect him from the fulness of God's glory as it passed by (verses 21–23). No mortal can view God's excelling splendor without being utterly overwhelmed. The glory of God puts the pride of man to shame: "Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust, From the terror of the Lord And the glory of His majesty. The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, The haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, And the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day" (Isaiah 2:10–11, NKJV).

Often, in the Old Testament, the manifestation of God's glory was accompanied by supernatural fire, thick clouds, and a great quaking of the earth. We see these phenomena when God gave the law to Moses: "Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the Lord descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently" (Exodus 19:18; see also Deuteronomy 5:24–25; 1 Kings 8:10–11; and Isaiah 6:1–4). The prophet Ezekiel's vision of the glory of God was full of fire and lightning and tumultuous sounds, after which he saw "what looked like a throne of lapis lazuli, and high above on the throne was a figure like that of a man. I saw that from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire, and that from there down he looked like fire; and brilliant light surrounded him. Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord" (Ezekiel 1:26–28).

In the New Testament, the glory of God is revealed in His Son, Jesus Christ: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). Jesus came as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of [God's] people Israel" (Luke 2:32). The miracles

that Jesus did were "signs through which he revealed his glory" (John 2:11). In Christ, the glory of God is meekly veiled, approachable, and knowable. He promises to return some day "on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory" (Matthew 24:30).

Isaiah 43:7 says that God saved Israel for His glory—in the redeemed will be seen the distillation of God's grace and power and faithfulness. The natural world also exhibits God's glory, revealed to all men, no matter their race, heritage, or location. As Psalm 19:1–4 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech; they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world."

Psalm 73:24 calls heaven itself "glory." Sometimes Christians speak of death as being "received unto glory," a phrase borrowed from this psalm. When the Christian dies, he or she will be taken into God's presence and surrounded by God's glory and majesty. In that place, His glory will be seen clearly: "For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face" (1 Corinthians 13:12). In the future New Jerusalem, the glory of God will be manifest: "The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp" (Revelation 21:23).

The dictionary definition of "glory" often describes it as great praise, splendor, or honor. The glory of God is the splendor that comes from Him. Psalm 19:1 states, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork." Here the word glory is used in parallel with "handiwork" or His power or greatness.

Psalm 106:20 speaks of the "glory of God" in this way as well, saying, "They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass." Here, the glory of God is the greatness of who He is. Proverbs 25:2 adds, "It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out." Again, this glory is God's greatness or splendor.

In the New Testament, Jesus speaks of the glory of God, sharing, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it" (John 11:4; also verse 40). In this context, Jesus spoke of resurrecting Lazarus from death. This act would bring glory to

God and glorify Jesus.

In Acts 7:55, Stephen looked into heaven just before his death and saw the glory of God. In this context, it referred to the greatness of God in heaven.

In Romans, the phrase "glory of God" is used three times. Romans 3:23 says all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 5:2 speaks of the glory of God in the sense of His greatness. Romans 15:7 shares, "Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." In this passage, the glory of God is used in the sense of honoring God.

The glory of God is emphasized in several places throughout Paul's other writings. In particular, he notes in 1 Corinthians 10:31, "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." Here again, the glory of God refers to honoring God with one's life.

Hebrews 1:3 uses the phrase in another way, sharing, "He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power." The author notes Jesus as the radiance of God's glory.

Revelation expresses God's glory in three clear passages. First, Revelation 15:8 speaks of the sanctuary being filled with the glory of God. Revelation 21:11 notes the glory of God coming from the New Jerusalem. Revelation 21:23 adds that the glory of God serves as the light for the city.

Overall, the glory of God is used in a variety of ways in Scripture. It can refer to God's greatness, His honor, His beauty, His power, and His light. In every case, the glory of God acknowledges the Lord's supreme strength and our need to both acknowledge and serve Him. It is the fullness of HIM!

#### Iyar 29, 5785: Tuesday 27, 2025

# Veronika West ENOUGH IS ENOUGH ....

I see a catch-up wind of the Spirit beginning to blow - the weary are being lifted and carried forward, and that which the enemy had assigned to your life to hinder and delay your advancing will now be used to bring supernatural acceleration and greater ascension, for the hour of spiritual translation and promotion is HERE.

I hear the Spirit say, "I am calling My warriors to rise, shine, soar and roar in this hour; I say, the contending ones must dig their heels in deeper and defend their field of inheritance. Ask of Me, and I Shall rebuke the devourer on your behalf; Yes! the devouring spirit that comes to draw you back into cycles of destruction and more delay. Time to declare with a victory shout: Enough! Enough! Enough! Enough! Enough! Enough! Enough!



The LORD has said, "Enough."

#### **Robin Robinson Bohlin**

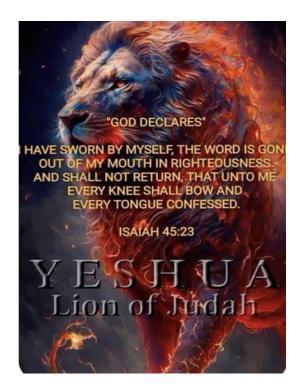
HE is saying to us, "Live in perfect peace today. The mind stayed on Me stays in perfect peace. Perfect peace allows your body to live in a healthy and peaceful state. Speak to your body from the mind living in perfect peace. It must line up and do as it's told because of the mind of Christ that is in you. Live in the peace that passes all understanding today and thrive!"

Isaiah 26:3 (ESV) "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you."

#### **Pam Jackson**

"You didn't blow it. Don't you know by now that there's nothing you can ever do that would make Me stop loving you? Stop beating yourself up over it; you are forgiven. I don't remember it, so why should you? The enemy likes to remind you of your past; you need to take a breath and stand in MY authority that's been yours all along. Don't give an opportunity to the enemy. 25, 25 (new beginnings, blessings and a call to action)."

Luke 10:18-20 (MSG) "Jesus said, 'I know. I saw Satan fall, a bolt of lightning out of the sky. See what I've given you? Safe passage as you walk on snakes and scorpions, and protection from every assault of the Enemy. No one can put a hand on you. All the same, the great triumph is not in your authority over evil, but in God's authority over you and presence with you. Not what you do for God but what God does for you—that's the agenda for rejoicing."



IN 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



"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.

Additionally, pay attention to 2 Chronicles 20:20. Amplified Bible, Classic Edition:

<sup>20</sup> And they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe in the Lord your God and you shall be established; believe *and* remain steadfast to His prophets and you shall prosper.