

The Month of Elul: Dr. Wade K. Butler



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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 and begin on the new moon each month.**

I often ask myself, do the readers understand how to pray after reading a text of prophecy? 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?

For those who regularly receive this publication, you will note a slight change in the format this month and in the future. I subscribe to over 40 publications each month to draw the latest prophetic word available to pass on to our followers. Due to my shift in assignments through the LORD, a stronger reliance was used from postings from Elijahlist.com this month than previously. I encourage everyone to subscribe to Elijahlist.com and Prophetic art by James Nesbit. This month is heavily loaded with Nate Johnston and Veronika West.

In developing this calendar (blog-prayer guide), prophets are used to bring current words from the LORD*. (See last page.) Each month the contributors change, and some months have multiple contributions from a particular author depending on what they received that month. Many Christians do not have access to publications such as the Elijah List, Judaism 101, or teachings from the many 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.

It's been eight years in June since we started publishing the Prayer Calendar-Blog based on the Hebrew Lunar Cycle, so for anyone joining us for the first time, I want to give some background. In Genesis 1:1 the very first words GOD speaks are "In the beginning," and according to Rabbinical teaching, the very first commandment given to the children of Israel while in Egypt was to sanctify the "New Moon." From that point on, the nation of GOD was to look at the moon for the setting of their days and evenings and as a means to reconcile the times and seasons. The Biblical day begins at sundown and ends at sundown the following day. At sundown, it is known as the dawning of a new day.

Genesis 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. Even history is set into motion as God said that the world may be understood as seven 1,000 days with the last 7th, 1,000 years of days would be the time being the Millennial Reign of Christ.

The Lunar cycle has only 29.5 days or 354 days per year, whereas the solar cycle has 365 days per year. An additional month is added every 3rd year to coordinate with the solar calendar for agricultural seasons. The reason the numerical date may not look like the previous year's is because of this shift. The Month begins with the rising of the "New Moon." The Hebrew year begins in spring every year in the Month of Nissan when Passover occurs. Every month is related to a specific tribe, feast and season.

Nate Johnston: August was a Hinge of History Month! As we finished up the month of August, this powerful word was given by Nate Johnston. August was a confusing month full of spiritual attacks and challenges. Having a better perspective of where you have been gives you a focus of where you are headed. It was a launch month for the month of Elul preparing us for the coming new year. Buckle up; better yet, Amour up. Chaplain Wade Butler



A Creaking Hinge and a Door Swinging Wide Open

As I was praying into August, I kept seeing a vision of a hinge of a door creaking, and then the door swinging wide open.

"After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in Heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.'" (Revelation 4:1 NIV)

I sensed that what I was seeing right away was an invitation to step into a whole new paradigm of Kingdom and victorious living.

The creaking hinge represented the tension, discomfort, and grief that often comes in seasons of change—the inner resistance to the new and the rusty cogs in us that need fresh oil. Yet, the door swung wide open. The word of the Lord to you here is **"There is so much more to come. There is a future and a hope waiting for you!"** And for those who have felt stuck, kneeling, begging at the door, carrying the baggage of a past era, this is what the Lord is saying to you: **"It's time to leave it all behind and step into this."**

Then a quote came to mind that Lou Engle is known for saying: "There are moments in history when a door for massive change opens. Great revolutions for good or for evil occur in the vacuum created by these openings. It is in these times that key men and women, even entire generations, risk everything to become the hinge of history—that pivotal point that determines which way the door will swing."

A Time to Wake Up and Close the Door to Disbelief

So, what if this moment is a macro and micro shift for us, both personally and also in the Church? What if what happens in August affects the outcome of nations for years to come? How will we then approach it? What if what is birthed and released in this month changes the course of history?

What do the prophets say? What do the eagles say? Who will bring forth the word of the Lord and establish it?

What if August is a time for monumental breakthrough in your own life and also in your state and nation? **What if it is a hinge month, where our prayers and voices will close the door on the enemy's agenda and open the door to usher Heaven in?**

As soon as I wrote that last sentence, I heard the passage from Mark 5:40 (NIV), where Jesus was going to pray for the girl who had died, yet He was surrounded by so much disbelief. It says that Jesus had to "put them all out" (those who laughed in unbelief) and shut the door. This speaks loudly on two fronts.

Firstly, what if August is a month of resurrection for those whom the enemy has taken out or taken down? What if it is a month when the Lord is saying over you, "Wake up! Get up! You have been in your sickbed for far too long!"

It's time to shut the door on everything that has been chasing you and lingering around you. The heaviness and anxiety. The fear and foreboding. The words of the critics and narcissists in your life that keep cutting you down. The afflictions, infirmities, and bad reports that are trying to lure you into early death. I hear the Lord saying, **"NO MORE! GET UP! Reclaim your voice."**

Secondly, what if you have to kick out the voice of disbelief? First in your own head and your own words. Get rid of them. Take them captive. Kick out the voices that keep gaslighting your calling. That's right, close the door. Let me say that again: CLOSE THE DOOR.

A Month to Focus and Step into a New Level of Intelligence and Discernment

August is a month where you will have needed to FOCUS! The noise will seem noisier, and the loud and disruptive taunts of the enemy will seem louder, but they will either cause you to cower or rise up and exert your voice that shuts up the voice of the enemy!

Goliath, shut your trap! You are a thief and a liar!

This will be a month where you will have to keep your company true and your circle small. A month to step into a whole new level of spiritual intelligence and discernment.

I keep seeing people coming into a mountain-top clearing with the clouds beneath them. It's a place of authority, representing being over, not under anymore.



The Robber Has Been Found and Must Repay!

I believe in the last few years, especially, many have been robbed, but here is where it shifts. August is when the robber is found out and must repay.

A Time to Advance Boldly

I keep hearing that it's going to be a month to advance boldly and take risks for the Kingdom. Playing it safe won't be the vehicle. Moving mountains happens through an offensive lifestyle of prayer and action, and it's a moment like **Mathew 11:12: "From the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of Heaven has been subjected to violence, and violent people have been raiding it" (NIV).**

Partner with the Word and Break Ties with the Enemy's Lies

August is going to make you where the enemy tried to break you. But you are going to have to partner with the word of the Lord and break ties with any word of the enemy that you have been agreeing with. Shake it off, Church! The voices of the prophets have to rise! Jezebel is being thrown down!

Bringing Forth the Seed of Righteousness

I feel so strongly that this month will birth and bring forth the seed of righteousness that will set nations back on track. It may look small at first, but watch as slowly but surely their course is corrected. It will be a month of much shaking in governmental realms and in the natural.

I keep seeing policies and agendas on a desk marked "August 2025," but they carry death and destruction. The Lord says, "Where are My intercessors? Where are My prophets?"

The door is closing on the years of "kindergarten church," and we must take back the courts and present the blood of Jesus!

"They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death." (Revelation 12:11 NIV)

Where Waiting and Wandering Turn into Hot Coals

Lastly, I believe August is a month where waiting and wandering turn into hot coals. So many have been in a waiting period because of needed healing. Trauma from the past has needed to be broken; tiredness and weariness have needed to be dealt with. But many have been on hold—in a pause—with no appetite for anything, even Kingdom. But there's a fresh unction and message coming... It will begin to bubble forth in August—a weighty, authoritative roar and prophetic fire that have come from your dark night season and battlefield.

(So, get ready, Church. August will be a month of a good kind of change—rapid movement, taking the keys back from the enemy, and stepping through the door. Stepping into the new season of the King is in the field, the war is at hand.)
Chaplain Wade Butler

Scriptures for the Biblical Month of Elul

**Elul stands for Repentance, Mercy, Forgiveness, War, and God's Presence.
It is the time when The KING is in the field!**

Biblical Months fall under the Law Form of YHWH (Yahweh), Father-Son-Holy Spirit, through the revelation of His Word. We are children of Abraham, adopted by Yeshua into the KINGDOM of GOD!

The Month of Elul and Selichot

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- **Significance:** Time of reflection leading up to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur
- **Customs:** Blowing the shofar (ram's horn); asking people for forgiveness; reciting penitential prayers

Elul is the sixth of the twelve months of the Jewish spiritual calendar but at the same time it is the last or twelfth month on the physical calendar. Elul is called the month of repentance, mercy, forgiveness, war, and God's presence. It is the month of *"the King is in the field"* (2 Sam. 10:1). Everyone can approach HIM, and HE shines HIS countenance upon everyone. It is the month of preparation for the High Holy Days. Throughout the year, the king lived in the palace protected by guards, walls and gates. You had to have an appointment to see the King, plus it was required to learn palace protocol and procedures. But on this month the king left his palace and went out among the people, and all were welcome to come before him. It is represented by the tribe Gad who were always in transition.

Elul is a type and shadow picture of our Lord YESHUA (JESUS) coming to dwell with man on earth. John 1:14 "The WORD became flesh and made HIS dwelling among us." The word dwelling means tent or to tabernacle, live among us.

The Jewish month of Elul

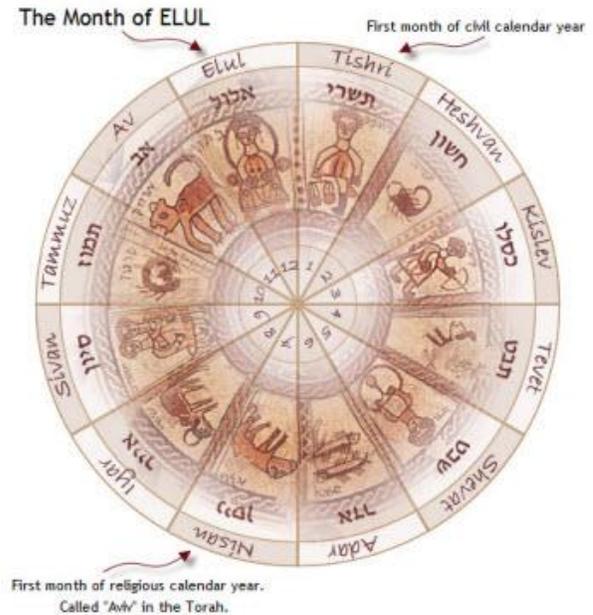
A Month of Mercy and Forgiveness

The month of Elul is the last month of the Jewish civil year. However, according to the biblical calendar, it is also the sixth month, counting from Nisan which is called the **"first of the months" in the Torah (Ex. 12:2).**

Placed as the last of the months and followed by the New Year, Elul invites an introspective reflection on the year that has been. **Elul begins the important liturgical season of Return and Repentance which culminates with Rosh HaShanah, the Days of Awe, and Yom Kippur (1-10 Tishrei). Elul takes its place as an important preparation time for repentance.**

“Elul” Spirituality

Tradition teaches that Elul was the month when Moses ascended the mountain for the second time and remained there for forty days after the incident of the Golden Calf (Ex. 32; 34:27-28). Jewish tradition recounts that Moses spent the period between the new moon of Elul (*Rosh Chodesh Elul*) and Yom Kippur (10th day of the month of *Tishrei*), i.e., 40 days, praying for God’s forgiveness for the people of Israel, only descending when the period of repentance was complete. That Moses did descend from his period of seclusion with God of the mountain, and he did so with the second set of tablets, is seen as testimony to God’s great mercy towards the people (*Bava Bathra* 121a).



The season of Elul

Elul follows the months of Tammuz and Av, both catastrophic months for Israel according to tradition. Tammuz is remembered as the month in which the people of Israel built the Golden Calf (Ex. 32), and Av, the month of the sin of the spies (Num. 13).

The proximity of Tammuz and Av to Elul underscores the penitential mode of this, the last of the months, before the new beginning and spiritual re-creation that is precipitated with the New Year beginning the following month of Tishrei. The Jewish calendar carries the message that in the cycle of life estrangement can and should be followed by reconciliation.

Elul, An invitation. Wisdom through Understanding

During the month of Elul each person and, indeed, the Community of Israel as one, reflect upon the past year, entering, on the first day of Elul, into a forty-day period of introspection.

Elul is a time to grow in wisdom, to reflect with understanding upon one’s standing within the framework of God’s mercy and justice. Spiritual reflection associated with the

preceding month, Av, pictures God as having retreated within a concealed inner sanctum—a reflection, in fact, of human distancing and withdrawal from God. Elul becomes a time to make good, to reflect, to advance in wisdom (through *understanding* [*binah*]), and to begin setting things to rights—the beginning of the “*teshuvah*” process.

The King is in the Field

Jewish mystical thinking encourages the idea that through reflection upon one’s inner motivations and thoughts one is able to engage the “power” of the soul within the body, reshaping the way in which we live and respond—re-orientating our “will” to God and to good.

"And his heart shall understand, and he shall return and be healed" (Isa. 6:10).

A Hasidic Parable

During the season of repentance, and particularly on Yom Kippur, God is envisaged as Father and King. Hasidic reflection sees God as, “**the king in the field**” during Elul, drawn out of “concealment” and approachable. Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi in his *Likkutei Torah* explains the Hasidic teaching of the approachful-ness of God during Elul. The teaching takes the form of a parable.



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A king normally lives in a palace, separated from and unapproachable by ordinary people—this is how our relationship with God seems as we become bound up in the world with its distractions, frailties and concerns. During Elul, however, the king (God) might be experienced as having left the hiddenness of the palace and having entered into the field (i.e., that place where ordinary people are) and so becoming available to his subjects. In this month of Elul, while people continue with their normal activities

they are at the same time aware of the presence of God and are drawn to prayer, reflection and response.

This parable, like much of Hasidic philosophy, invites us to enter a period of personal reflection where our ultimate goal is to uncover the Divine point which is within. This is the holy point (*Yehudah*) within every person's heart—the "living soul," which is partnered with the Divine Eternal and which, in the course of everyday life, becomes covered and hidden. During Elul we are the ones who "come into the field" seeking the King, and it is during Elul that we turn to prayer and seek to draw close to God, remembering the Divine attributes of Mercy and Forgiveness. According to *The Sefat Emet*, it is in our Divine point that God has implanted eternal life in us, and it is this Divine point which we must seek to uncover in order that we might be renewed, released from our sinful and imperfect selves, and "inscribed for life"—that God will inscribe "Life" on our hearts—with the coming of Rosh HaShanah.

Elul — A Month of Mercy and Forgiveness

Elul is called the "Month of Mercy" and "Month of Forgiveness" (*Hodesh haRahamin veHaSelihot*). It is a time for *teshuvah* (return) to God, to renew one's efforts in prayer, Torah study and charity, and to seek forgiveness for transgression, especially against one's fellows. It is the belief in Jewish tradition that God does not forgive sins committed against another person unless one first endeavors to be reconciled with those wronged. During Elul, the last month before the Days of Awe, Jews, mindful of the great sin of the Golden Calf, enter into a spiritual and practical cleansing which will culminate with Yom Kippur.

The custom and association of *The Thirteen Attributes of Divine Mercy* with the forty-day period of Elul and the Days of Awe, culminating on Yom Kippur, is drawn from ancient tradition. The *Tur* in *Orah Hayyim* records a midrash (found in *Pirkei de Rabbi Eliezer*) which recounts that after the incident of the Golden Calf, when Moses re-ascended the Mountain, there began for Israel a forty-day period of reconciliation culminating in the revelation of *The Thirteen attributes of Mercy* to Moses (on Yom Kippur.)

In the Ashkenazic tradition, the recitation of *Selihot* through Elul reaches a climax on the eve of Rosh HaShanah with the inclusion of a collection of *Selihot* called *Zechor Berit*, which invoke the merits of the Patriarchs and recall Divine promises. "Remember the covenant with Abraham and the binding of Isaac."

The Holy City and its regions are turned to shame and to spoils and all its desirable things are buried and hidden, and nothing is left except this Torah. (From *Zechor Berit Avraham, Selihot 42*, composed by Gershon Ben Judah).

Elul and the Shofar

The shofar is sounded every morning after the Shaharit services from the second morning of Elul to the twenty eighth day. This practice, related to the sounding of the horn at Sinai, calls attention to the significance of Elul as a period for reconciliation and introspection. Maimonides described the sound of the shofar in Elul as a “wake up call,” a reminder to those who are “asleep” that it is time to rise up from complacency and travel the pathways of repentance (*Mishneh Torah, Hilchot Teshuvah 3:4*). [Jump to “*The Shofar Speaks*” [below](#)]

Psalm 27

During the month of Elul, the custom is to recite Psalm 27 communally from *Rosh Chodesh Elul* until the middle of the Sukkot, 45 days later. Midrash suggests the first verse: “God is my light and my helper, whom shall I fear?” alludes to the High Holydays. God is “my light” on Rosh HaShanah, and “my salvation” on Yom Kippur; further, “for he will hide me in his Sukkah” (v. 5) hints at Succot (*Kitzur Shulhan Aruch 128:2*).

The Baal Shem Tov instituted the custom of reciting three additional chapters of Psalms each day, from the 1st of Elul until Yom Kippur (on Yom Kippur the remaining 36 chapters are recited, thereby completing the entire book of Psalms)

David spoke before the Holy One, blessed be He: ‘Master of the world, I am sure that you will pay a good reward to the righteous in the world to come, but I do not know whether I shall have a share in it.’ This was because David was afraid that a sin of his might cause his exclusion or cause God’s promise to be unfulfilled. (*Berachot 4a*).

The psalm teaches us that the possibilities that David envisaged, “Had I not the confidence that I would enjoy the goodness of the LORD ...” are so terrible the psalmist does not complete the thought.

Seven key points are made about the month.

1. REPENTANCE — RETURNING to the LORD

And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart, and the heart of your offspring, to love the LORD thy God with all your heart, and with all your soul, that you may live (Deut. 30:6).

Circumcision is a sign of the covenant between God and Israel; "circumcision of the heart" speaks of a total binding of the soul to God. The verse in our quotation, significantly, comes from the Torah portion always read on the last Sabbath before Rosh Hashanah.

During the month of Elul this verse has particular pertinence. It is an invitation and a reminder that *teshuvah* (returning) to the ways of God is the way to LIFE.

2. PRAYER — "Service of the Heart"

I am my Beloved's, and my Beloved is Mine (Song of Songs 6:3).

It has been customary to interpret "Beloved" in this verse from the Song of Songs as referring to God and the close and loving relationship that exists between Israel and her "Beloved." During Elul the connection formed between this verse and the penitential mode of the season becomes an invitation to reflect upon that relationship, "Now is the time that all my thoughts should be directed towards my Beloved (God) then, my Beloved is also to me; my Beloved helps, assists, and cares for me." Elul becomes one way of creating Sacred Time.

3. CHARITY — Justice, justice, you shall pursue. *Each man [shall give gifts] to his fellow and presents to the poor. (Esther 9:22)*

While these acts [giving gifts] constitute acts of loving kindness, they also constitute a response to the Divine mercy and forgiveness which is anticipated and sought throughout the month of Elul. In the story of Esther, the verse is the foundation for the halakhic requirement to celebrate, at Purim, the transformation from grief to joy. The book of Nehemiah (8:10–12), likewise, links the sending of *manot* (gifts) to those who have no prepared food, along with eating and drinking well, to constitute the celebration of the holy day, Rosh Hashanah.

4. TORAH STUDY — "The Words of Torah are a Refuge."

By means of another verse suggested by the acronym, [Elul] becomes a "Refuge in Time," creating space for a spiritual preparation for Rosh HaShanah and the Days of Awe leading to Yom Kippur.

If [God] allows it [the unintentional death], into his hand I will designate for you [a place he may flee] (usually translated, "I will assign you a place to which to flee.") (Ex. 21:13).

This verse comes from the passage in Exodus which speaks of the cities of refuge. Elul, now associated with this passage, becomes a place of refuge [a Refuge in Time] for sinners. In Elul we are invited to take advantage of created refuges in "Time" and "Space."

5. KULO LA-HASHEM — ALL for GOD

One for a burnt offering and one for a sin offering (Lev. 12:8).

The verse "**One for a burnt offering and one for a sin offering**" occurs three times in the Torah but with variations in the order of the offerings. The order "**a sin offering, and a burnt offering occurs twice (Lev. 5:7 and Num. 6:10)**"; the order occurs only in Leviticus 12:8 in connection with the purification rites for a woman after giving birth.

The shofar speaks

The *Pirkei d' Rabbi Eliezer* teaches that on *Rosh Hodesh Elul* [the new moon of Elul] God said to Moses, "Ascend the mountain to me" (Ex. 24:12) and instructed the people in the camp to sound the shofar as a reminder to stay faithful and not to worship idols. In this way "God was elevated through the shofar blast, as the verse states:

God has ascended the LORD with the call of the shofar (Ps. 47:6)"

The sound of the shofar goes up and God ascends (*Elohim*) throughout Elul.

There is everywhere, in all creation, the presence of God, and the proximity of the Divine to humankind is never so accentuated as in the spirituality of Elul. God is both "in the field" and approachable and elevated by human faithfulness. Perhaps Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik's profound observation that "the Shofar melts away God's strict, disciplinary judgment and leaves only His overriding love and mercy and sensitivity."

6. REDEMPTION — "I will sing."

To the LORD, and they said, saying, "I will sing." (Ex. 15:1)

After the miracle of the crossing of the sea, Moses (and Israel) "sing" praises to the Lord.

Elul and Redemption

The linking between Elul and this verse (Ex. 15:1) connects the month of Elul with Redemption—Jewish interpretation of the verse helps form a bridge between Israel's experience of redemption in the past and the hope of redemption in the future.

From the very moment of miraculous redemption from Pharaoh's army by the hand of God, Israel said "*I will sing.*" Indeed, the moment is recalled in the daily prayers on Weekdays, Sabbaths and Festivals. Just as God was present for the Israelites of old, God too will answer the prayers of the faithful today.

ELUL and the Days of Awe

As the month of Elul draws to a close, the penitential mode which has been developed throughout the month intensifies as people enter the High Holy Days of Tishrei with Rosh Hashanah, *the* Day of Judgment, followed by the days of Awe, and Yom Kippur.

The month of Elul is a time of repentance in preparation for the High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Tradition teaches that the month of Elul is a particularly propitious time for repentance. This mood of repentance builds through the month of Elul to the period of Selichot, to Rosh Hashanah, and finally to Yom Kippur.

"I am my Beloved's and my Beloved is mine," a quote from Song of Songs 6:3, where the Beloved is G-d and the "I" is the Jewish people. In Aramaic (the vernacular of the Jewish people at the time that the month names were adopted), the word "Elul" means "search," which is appropriate, because this is a time of year when we search our hearts.

According to tradition, the month of Elul is the time that Moses spent on Mount Sinai preparing the second set of tablets after the incident of the golden calf (Ex. 32; 34:27-28). He ascended on Rosh Chodesh Elul and descended on the 10th of Tishri, at the end of Yom Kippur, when repentance was complete. Other sources say that Elul is the beginning of a period of 40 days that Moses prayed for G-d to forgive the people after the Golden Calf incident, after which the commandment to prepare the second set of tablets was given.

Customs of Elul

During the month of Elul, from the second day of Elul to the 28th day, the shofar (a hollowed-out ram's horn) is blown after morning services every weekday. See Rosh Hashanah for more information about the shofar and its characteristic blasts. The shofar is not blown on Shabbat. It is also not blown on the day before Rosh Hashanah to make a clear distinction between the rabbinical rule of blowing the shofar in Elul and the biblical mitzvah to blow the shofar on Rosh Hashanah. Four blasts are blown: tekiah, Shevarim-teruah, tekiah. Rosh Hashanah emulates this combination of blasts. Rambam explained the custom of blowing shofar as a wake-up call to sleepers, designed to rouse us from our complacency. It is a call to repentance. The blast of the shofar is a very piercing sound when done properly.

Elul is also a time to begin the process of asking forgiveness for wrongs done to other people. According to Jewish tradition, G-d cannot forgive us for sins committed against another person until we have first obtained forgiveness from the person we have wronged. This is not as easy a task as you might think, if you have never done it. This process of seeking forgiveness continues through the Days of Awe.

Many people visit cemeteries at this time, because the awe-inspiring nature of this time makes us think about life and death and our own mortality. In addition, many people use this time to check their mezuzot and tefillin for defects that might render them invalid.

Selichot

As the month of Elul draws to a close, the mood of repentance becomes more urgent. Prayers for forgiveness called selichot (properly pronounced "s'lee-KHOHT," but often pronounced "SLI-khus") are added to the daily cycle of religious services. Selichot are recited in the early morning, before normal daily shacharit service. They add about 45 minutes to the regular daily service.

A fundamental part of the selichot service is the repeated recitation of the "Thirteen Attributes," a list of G-d's thirteen attributes of mercy that were revealed to Moses after the sin of the golden calf (Ex 34:6-7): Ha-Shem [1], Ha-Shem [2], G-d [3], merciful [4], and gracious [5], long-suffering [6], abundant in goodness [7] and truth [8], keeping mercy unto the thousandth generation [9], forgiving iniquity [10] and transgression [11] and sin [12], who cleanses [13]. Why is "Ha-Shem" listed twice as an attribute? And why are three of these "attributes" Names of G-d? Different names of G-d connote different characteristics of G-d. The four-letter Name of G-d (rendered here as "Ha-shem") is the Name used when G-d is exhibiting characteristics of mercy, and the

Talmud explains that this dual usage indicates that G-d is merciful before a person sins, but is also merciful after a person sins. The third attribute is a different Name of G-d that is used when G-d acts in His capacity as the almighty ruler of nature and the universe.

List of Dates

- **1 Elul** – Moses ascends Mount Sinai for 3rd 40 days (1313 **BC**)
- **5 Elul** – Ezekiel the prophet has a prophecy of the destruction of Solomon's Temple
- **10 Elul** – Noah dispatches raven (2105 **BC**)
- **17 Elul** – Noah dispatches dove (2105 **BC**)
- **23 Elul** – Dove brings olive Leaf to Noah (2105 **BC**)
- **25 Elul** – The 1st day of the world according to the Genesis creation narrative (3761 BC)
- **25 Elul** – Jerusalem Walls Rebuilt (335 **BC**)

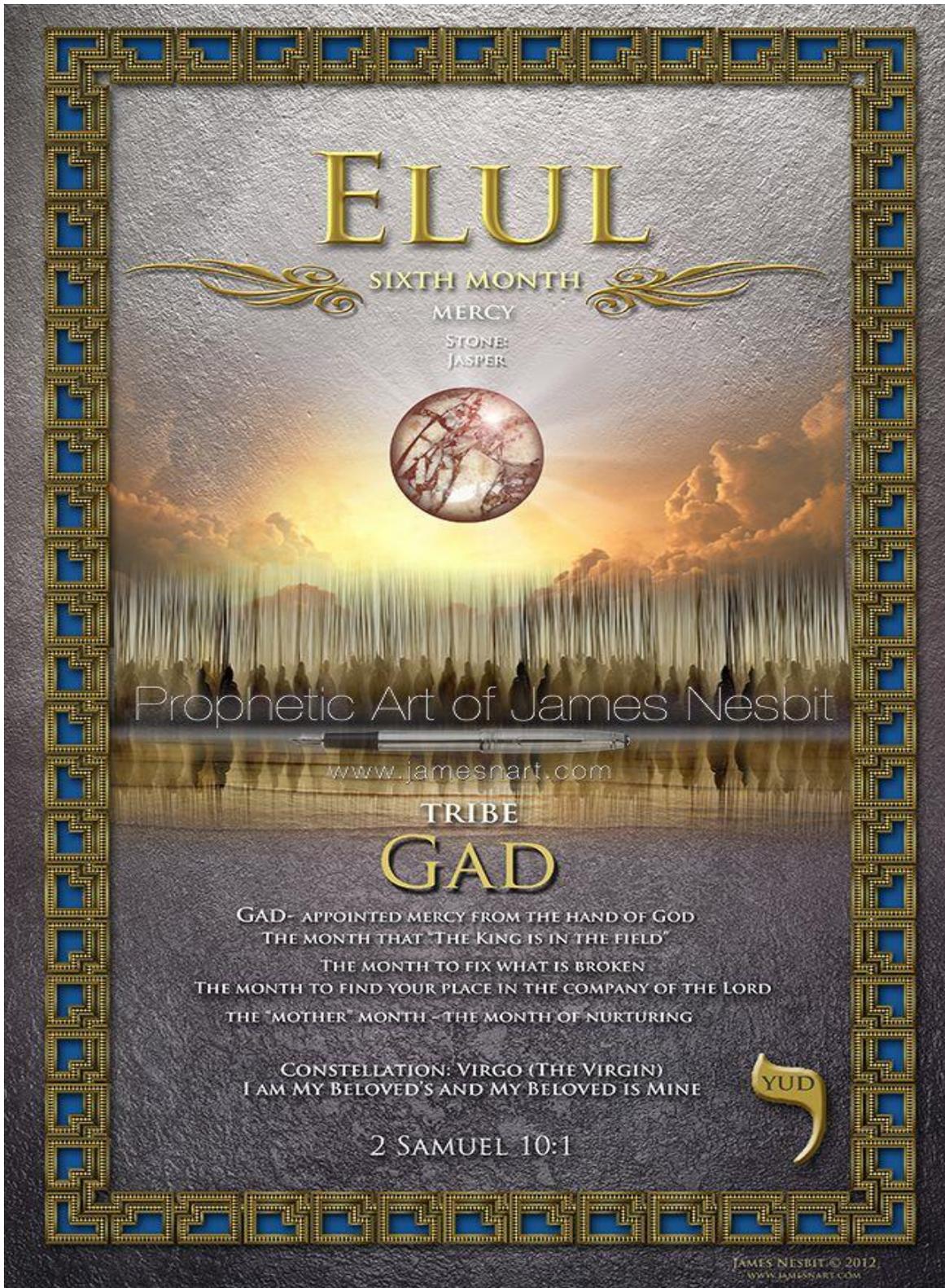
Tribe: Gad

Gad means "camp," as in the verse (the blessing of our father Jacob to his son Gad): **"Gad shall organize [lit. camp] camps [army camps], and he shall return with all his camps" (Genesis 49:19)**. The special talent of Gad is to organize a "company."

The name Gad means as well "good fortune." It is truly the "good fortune" of Israel to be G-d's beloved bride, and this "good fortune" reveals itself through the means of our good deeds, especially those which are intended to rectify our blemishes and beautify ourselves, as a bride for her groom.

The "good fortune" of Gad relates, in Kabbalah, to the thirteen principles of mercy that are revealed in the month of Elul, in order to arouse the soul from its root (its "good fortune") to return to God.

Gad = 7. Gad was the 7th son to be born to Jacob. Mazal, the more common word for "good fortune" = 77. The middle letter of mazal is zayin = 7. When the two letters gimme dalet that form the name Gad (= 7) are substituted for the zayin (= 7) of mazal, the word Migdal, "tower," is formed. The verse states: "A tower [Migdal = 77] of might [oz = 77] is the Name of G-d, into it shall run the tzadik and become exalted." In Kabbalah, the "tower of might" represents the bride, the betulah of Elul, the soul-root and mazal of the Jewish People. The tzadik, the groom, runs, with all of his might, to enter the "tower of might."



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ELUL: The Month of Elul According to Sefer Yetzirah

According to Sefer Yetzirah, each month of the Jewish year has a letter of the Hebrew alphabet, a zodiac sign, one of the twelve tribes of Israel, a sense, and a controlling limb of the body that correspond to it.

Introduction

Elul is called "the month of repentance," "the month of mercy," and "the month of forgiveness." *Elul* follows the two previous months of *Tamuz* and *Av*, the months of the two great sins of Israel, the sin of the Golden Calf and the sin of the spies.

The four letters of the name *Elul* are an acronym for the initial letters of the phrase in the Song of Songs (6:3): "I am to my beloved and my beloved is to me." "I am to my beloved" in repentance and consummate desire to return to my soul-root in God. **"And my beloved is to me"** with Divine expression of mercy of forgiveness.

This is the month that **"the King is in the field."** All can approach Him, and He shines His countenance to all.

Elul is the month of preparation for the high holy days of *Tishrei*. It is the month that Moses ascended to Mount Sinai for a third time for a period of forty days from *Rosh Chodesh Elul* to *Yom Kippur*, when he descended with the second tablets of the covenant. These days were days when God revealed to the Jewish people great mercy.

In "small numbering," *Elul* = 13, alluding to the 13 principles of Divine mercy that are revealed in the month of *Elul*.

Mazal: Virgo (*betulah*, the virgin)

The *betulah* symbolizes God's beloved bride, Israel, the bride of the Song of Songs who says to her groom **"I am to my beloved and my beloved is to me."**

The word *betulah* appears for the first time in the Torah (and the only time in description of a specific woman) in praise of our matriarch Rebecca, before her marriage to Isaac.

In Chassidut the verse **"I am to my beloved and my beloved is to me"** refers, in particular, to the service of prayer of the month of Elul.

The "virgin" of Elul (Rebecca) gives birth (retroactively, with respect to the order of the months of the year) to the "twins" of Sivan (Jacob and Esau, the sons of Rebecca, as explained above). The first tablets, given in Sivan, were broken (because of sin). The second tablets, given to Moses in Elul (the month of repentance) are whole. Repentance is identified in Kabbalah with "mother" (in general, and Rebecca in particular). "Mother" is binah = 67 = Elul.

In Kabbalah, the "mother" remains forever (on the spiritual plane) a "virgin." In a continual state of teshuvah and tefilah her "ever-new" union with "father" never ceases – "two companions that never part." With the coming of Mashiach such will be the state of the lower groom and bride. ("Father" and "mother" correspond to the first two letters of Havayah – "the higher union"; "groom" and "bride" or "son" and "daughter" corresponds to the second two letters of Havayah – "the lower union").

The betulah symbolizes as well the "virgin earth," the land of Israel destined to be married to the people of Israel, as the prophet declares: **"As a young man marries a virgin so will your children marry you [the land of Israel]" (Isaiah 62:5).** Here we see that the children marry "mother earth" who remains "virgin earth."

The earth represents the rectification of action, the sense of the month of Elul, as described above.

Sense: Action

The sense of action is the "sense" and inner "knowledge" that through devoted deeds of goodness one is always able rectify any blemished or broken state of the soul. This is the sense necessary for the spiritual service of Elul, the service of repentance and true teshuvah to G-d. The sense of action is thus the sense never to despair. This is the "point," the yud (of Elul), of Divine service. Without it one can neither begin (an act) or end.

The sense of action is the inclination to fix a broken object (to "save" a situation) rather than to throw it away.

Of the letter yud of Elul it is said: "G-d with wisdom [the point of the yud] founded [rectified] the earth [the sense of action]."

Elul — A Month of Mercy and Forgiveness

Elul is called the “Month of Mercy” and “Month of Forgiveness” (*Hodesh haRahamin veHaSelihot*). **“The LORD! The LORD! A God compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and faithfulness, extending kindness to the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity, transgressions and sin.” (Ex. 34:6-7)**

In the Ashkenazic tradition, the recitation of *Selihot* through Elul reaches a climax on the eve of Rosh HaShanah with the inclusion of a collection of *Selihot* called *Zechor Berit*, which invoke the merits of the Patriarchs and recall Divine promises.

“Remember the covenant with Abraham and the binding of Isaac”

Part 8: Does God really desire sacrifice?

A Hebrew Bible-based Perspective on *khesed* – Divine Mercy

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This article is part of the series designed to provide scriptural evidence that YHVH desires a contrite heart and humble spirit, rather than blood sacrifices for atonement. If you recall the Ebionite series, the Ebionites (descendent of the original Nazarenes) taught that Yeshua replaced the sacrifices with water baptism after sincere repentance. Like Jeremiah (Jer 7:21–23) and Amos (Amos 5:25), they stated that YHVH had never commanded sacrifices—yet, they were protected and forgiven sins without them for 40 years in the wilderness. Moses only allowed them because, after so long in Egypt, the people could not believe their sins would be forgiven without this outward sign—even though the Patriarchs never offered them.

Ps 51 recap: Elements of David’s prayer for atonement and forgiveness

Psalms 51:1-19 (TNK, cf. 1-17 Chr) shares David’s inspired four-step process for non-sacrificial atonement and forgiveness of sin—accepted by YHVH:

Psalm 51:3-8 TNK (cf. 1-5 Chr): Full confession without excuses, sincere pleading for mercy;

51:9-11 (cf. 7-9 Chr): Request for spiritual cleansing, using words, not blood;

51:12-14 (cf. 10-12 Chr; Hos 14:3 TNK, cf. 14:2 Chr): Emphasis on internal renewal, mirroring the Patriarchs’ reliance on faithful obedience;

51:18-19 (cf. 16-17 Chr): Recognizing YHVH’s desire for a “broken spirit” and “contrite heart” over sacrifices, aligning with 1 Samuel 15:22 and Micah 6:6-8.

This model, supported by Psalms 32, 40, 69, 100, and 141, emphasizes repentance and ethical obedience, aligning with the Master Covenant’s Ten Words.

Additional evidence from Psalms for non-sacrificial atonement

Below, we explore five Psalms, citing specific verses and passages to counter blood-centric biases and show alignment with the Master Covenant's (i.e., The Ten Words) ethical core. These Psalms provide compelling evidence that YHVH desires confession, obedience, thanksgiving, and prayer over blood sacrifices, undermining blood-only atonement dogma. Unless noted, the following Psalms are attributed to David.

Psalm 32: Confession-driven forgiveness

Psalm 32:1-5 celebrates forgiveness through confession, not blood: ***Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven. I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity did I not hide, and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.*** This aligns with Deuteronomy 30:2 and 6, which call for *teshuvah*—returning to YHVH through obedient faithfulness, with a “circumcised heart” and confession as the means of reconciliation, not altar blood.

This emphasis on confession's sufficiency for expiation finds further elaboration in rabbinic tradition—symbolized by “the rain fell” (a metaphor for divine blessing or mercy; Ezek 34:26; Isa 30:23, etc.)—seen in Hebrew Grammar Master Malbim's commentary on Psalm 32:5:

“After I agreed to confess my sin to You and did not cover my iniquity, then I was saved from distress, for as soon as I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to YHVH,’ You bore the iniquity of my sin and the rain fell. Thus, confession is beneficial and turns away wrath—Selah, the conclusion of the matter.”¹

Modern scholars echo this, with Brueggemann and Bellinger giving an insightful analysis, also picking up on the “rain-blessing” metaphor:

“The psalm is an affirmation about the miracle of God's forgiveness that requires no penitential discipline: Divine forgiveness resembles a miracle, re-creating life like the first autumnal rain. ...The emphasis is on God's readiness to forgive and the psalmist's simple truth-telling that enables it. ...The verse's three terms — ‘sin, iniquity, transgression’— reflect the psalmist's full disclosure. ...Immediately on confession, YHVH lifts the guilt without rebuke, requiring only unguarded truth-telling, ...forgiveness is at the ready from the God of all mercy.”²

The Psalm's focus on open, complete confession reflects a prophetic call for *teshuvah* (repentance), prioritizing inner transformation over ritual as the path YHVH desires for purification and forgiveness for “sin, iniquity, and transgression.” The enormous impact of this simple formula shines through in two short—but life-changing—sentences recording David's confession to Nathan after the Uriah-Bathsheba episode, leading to his spiritual ‘rebirth’:

David: **"I have sinned against YHVH."**

Nathan: **"Now YHVH has put away your sin." (2 Sam 12:13)**

For those taught that Yeshua's blood is the sole path to atonement, this emphasis on confession and inner renewal underscores forgiveness without requiring a sacrificial system—something Yeshua understood and preached (See his Parables of the Prodigal Son and the Tax Collector and the Pharisee; Mark 1:3 re John's baptism of repentance and forgiveness of sin; Mark 10:17-19; etc.).

Psalm 40: Obedience over sacrifice

Psalm 40:7-9 (TNK, cf. 6-8 Chr) emphasizes obedient faithfulness:

Sacrifice and offering thou hast no delight in; mine ears hast thou opened. Burnt-offering and sin-offering hast thou not required. Then said I, Lo, I am come; ... 'I delight to do Thy will, O my Elohim (God, YHVH); yea, Thy Torah is within my heart.'

This passage reveals that YHVH values inner transformation—symbolized by "opened ears" and the Torah engraved on the heart—enabling the psalmist to "delight" in doing Elohim's will and allowing YHVH to "delight" in the psalmist's willing obedience. Such obedience becomes a metaphorical *zevakh shelamim* (sacrifice of thanksgiving), reflecting a transformed heart, that does not depend on ritual offerings.

The *Steinsaltz Tanakh* commentary captures the *peshat* (plain meaning), explaining how YHVH literally 'digs open' (*karah*) one's ears to hear and understand his word, leading to a heartfelt commitment; i.e., 'delight' (*khafetz, desire*), to doing his will:

When one comes to give thanks to You, he realizes that **You do not desire sacrifice or meal offerings** as expressions of gratitude. Rather, **You have opened my ears** and given them the ability to hear and understand this: **You do not ask for burnt offerings or sin offerings.**³ *Emphasis original*

Despite its unambiguous *peshat* (plain meaning), many Christian apologists claim Psalm 40 foreshadows Yeshua's crucifixion because of the way it's used in Hebrews 10:5-7—specifically the author's creative edit of 10:5: **...but a body You prepared for me; replacing** the Psalm's original wording: **...mine ears hast thou opened** (Ps 40:6). Hebrews 10:5-7 misapplies Psalm 40:7-9 (TNK) to Yeshua ignoring its anti-sacrificial *peshat* in order to insert a later Church doctrine. However, this concept reflects Paul's mystic theology more than Yeshua's Torah-based ethics (i.e., the Ten Words). To the contrary, Yeshua reinforced YHVH's desire for a Torah-centric heart—YHVH seeks obedience, not blood sacrifices and Yeshua's teaching aligns: ***Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of***

heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father (Matt 7:21; Mark 10:17-20; John 5:30, etc.).

The Psalms attributed to David reflect a period when the sacrificial system was active but not centralized (pre-Solomon's Temple). David's statements may signal awareness of ritual limitations, echoing prophetic critiques, e.g., "to obey is better than sacrifice" (1 Sam 15:22). Thus, Ps 40:7-9 (TNK; cf. 6-8 Chr) underscores YHWH's desire for heartfelt, faithful obedience over ritual sacrifice.

Psalm 69: Praise and thanksgiving are 'better' than bulls

Psalm 69:31-32 (TNK, cf. 30-31 Chr) extols heartfelt worship: ***I will praise the name of Elohim with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. And it will please YHWH better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.*** The psalmist explicitly states that *todah* (thanksgiving) pleases YHWH 'better' than animal offerings. Verse 32 (TNK) reinforces that heartfelt thanksgiving surpasses even the finest sacrificial offerings.

Steinsaltz remarks (vv. 31-32 TNK; cf. 30-31 Chr): "And then ***I will praise the name of God in song and magnify Him with thanksgiving, and may it,*** my meager tribute of song, ***please the Lord more than*** the sacrifice of a full-grown ***bull with horns and hoofs,***"⁴ reminiscent of Psalm 51:18-19 (TNK; cf. 16-17 Chr). Schaefer remarks: "In the end, the poet pledges to an internal disposition which corresponds to the sacrifices (vv. 30-31). ...The song is worth more than the material sacrifice, because thanksgiving, *tôdâh*, is foremost in the liturgy."⁵

These commentaries affirm that *todah* (thanksgiving) and *shir* (song; i.e., of praise) embody a sincere relationship with YHWH—they are reckoned 'better' than the costliest *sacrifices*. They line up with 1 Sam 15:22: ***To obey is better than sacrifice,*** and; Psalm 51:19 (TNK; cf. 17 Chr): ***The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and contrite heart.*** Thus, Psalm 69 challenges blood-centric dogma, prioritizing the *heart's devotion* over ritualistic offerings.

Psalm 100: Thanksgiving and praise as worship

Psalm 100:4-5, referred to in the scribal superscription as 'A Psalm of thanksgiving,' calls for heartfelt worship: ***Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: give thanks unto him, and bless his name. For YHWH is good; his lovingkindness endureth forever.*** The *peshat* equates thanksgiving (*todah*) and praise (*tehillah*) with entering YHWH's presence, replacing the physical thanksgiving sacrifice (*zevakh todah*). Breuggemann and Bellinger note the Psalm's liturgical *todah* message focused on Elohim's goodness (*tov*), steadfast love (*khesed*) and faithfulness (*emunah*):

"Verse 4... calls the community to come into the sanctuary with thanksgiving and blessing of the divine name... In the Hebrew Psalter, to give thanks is to confess or

declare how God has come to deliver... The psalm's concluding verse offers the reasons... YHVH's goodness, steadfast love, and faithfulness."⁶

Medieval Rabbi, commentator and philosopher, David Kimhi (Radak) reinforces this *peshat*: "With thanksgiving. May his grace be acknowledged."⁷ This is a song of praise and gratitude to God, for his goodness and lovingkindness, not the offering of a sacrifice. Similarly, Malbim notes: "With YHVH, you enter his gates with thanksgiving (*todah*), for he has already bestowed his goodness upon you. Through thanksgiving for his goodness, we come to praise, and thus bless his name, for through this we recognize his praises."⁸

James L. Mays, a leading 'Old Testament' scholar, emphasized that the psalms were originally composed for worship as expressions of praise and prayer:

"The two great mottoes of radical monotheism are: "I am the LORD thy God; thou shalt have no other gods before Me" and "Whatever is, is good." The second can be said because the source of all things and the power by which they exist is good (H. Richard Niebuhr, pp. 37-38). Psalm 100 is a hymnic expression of these two great mottoes as praise. It creates a worship that knows who God is and why he is praised."⁹

Psalm 100 envisions enthusiastic worship in the joyful presence of YHVH through gratitude (*todah*) and acknowledgment of his goodness (*tov*), not sacrifices, countering blood-centric dogma promoting that which Elohim does "not desire."

Psalm 141: Prayer as a metaphor for sacrifice

Building on Psalm 100's verbal worship, **Psalm 141:2 redefines prayer and sacrifice**: "Let my *prayer* be set forth *incense* before thee; the *lifting up of my hands* the evening *sacrifice*." The Hebrew *tikkon* ("be established, set forth;" a passive request)¹⁰ and the absence of *kemo* ("as" or "like") in the first and second clause, respectively, are the keys to understanding this frequently misinterpreted verse. It indicates David's request for YHVH to accept his *prayer* (*tefillah*) being **equal to** (not "like" or "as") *qetoret* (*incense*) and *lifted hands equal to* (not "like" or "as") the *minkhath-arev* (evening offering); the Tamid's lamb and grain)—i.e., **metaphors**.

MJC apologist Michael Brown interprets *prayer* not as a metaphor, which is clearly expressed in the text, but as a **simile** for incense which merely suggests a parallel of unequals. (Please see footnote for **simile**¹¹). He states:

"In Psalm 141:2, David prayed, 'May my prayer be set before you like incense.' The meaning is clear: 'Lord, receive my prayers just as you receive the incense burned before you by the priests.' How then can this verse be interpreted to mean that "prayer replaces sacrifice?"¹²

However, **the Hebrew refutes** Brown's editorial insertion of 'like': Without the Hebrew preposition *kemo* or its equivalent *ka / ke* (e.g., Deut 32:2, *kamatar*, *like the*

rain), Psalm 141:2 **equates** *prayer* with *incense* and *lifted hands* (*mas'ath kappai*) with the *evening offering* (*minkhath-arev*). The intentional grammatical exclusion of "like" makes them viable substitutes—equal in efficacy—a **metaphor**. This aligns with Psalm 51:19 TNK (where *a broken spirit* is equal to *sacrifice*) and Hosea 14:3 TNK (where *words* equal *sacrifices*)— **both without kemo (ka or ke; i.e., "as" or "like")**.

Second Temple texts, echoing prophetic calls for non-ritual atonement, reflect a shift toward spiritual worship, notably in Qumran's ideology. The Dead Sea Scroll fragment 4Q174 (Florilegium/Midrash on Eschatology) 1 i 6–7 states: "And he commanded to build for himself a temple of man, to offer him in it, before him, the works of thanksgiving."¹³ This text metaphorically equates the Qumran community (*miqdash adam*, a sanctuary of man) with a temple where "works of thanksgiving" (prayer and praise) serve as sacrifices, without **ke-** (no simile). Similarly, 4Q504 (Words of the Luminaries) Frags. 1–2, Col. VI, 5–6 (Puech Col. XVII) employs a Yom Kippur metaphor: "And now, on this very day on which our heart has been humbled, we atone for our iniquity and the iniquity of our fathers, for our disloyalty and our rebellious behavior."¹⁴ This passage **equates** humbling the heart (repentance / prayer) with atonement, akin to sacrificial expiation on the Day of Atonement, without **ke-**, echoing David's "broken spirit" and "contrite heart" (Psalm 51:19, TNK). Like Psalm 141:2, these texts present prayer and repentance as direct substitutes for sacrifice, reflecting Second Temple trends.

Biblical precedents also demonstrate *prayer's* efficacy: Solomon's dedication *prayer* (1 Kings 8:30; 2 Chron 6:19-21) and Daniel's *prayers* (Dan 6:10) were honored without altars. Later interpretations confirm this shift. Sirach 35:1-3 and Tobit 12:8-9 **equate ethical acts** and *almsgiving* with *offerings*.¹⁵ *MacClaren's Expositor's* concluded "**rather than**" echoing Hosea 6:6 and Matthew 9:13:

"So here this Psalmist says, ...'Here am I with no incense, but I have brought my prayer. I am empty-handed, but because my hands are empty, I lift them up to Thee; and Thou dost accept them, as if they were-yea, **rather than** if they were—filled with the most elaborate and costly sacrifices."¹⁶

Robert Alter similarly observes: "In Psalm 141:2, **the poet boldly equates prayer with the cultic acts of incense and sacrifice**, reflecting a postexilic trend where verbal devotion replaces the physical altar."¹⁷ Schaefer supports this, noting: "**the poet requests that the present prayer be equivalent to the incense offering and the evening sacrifice** (Ps 141:1-2)."¹⁸ This metaphor challenges Brown's MJC blood-focused eisegesis. It affirms that the *prayer* and *lifted hands* of Psalm 141:2 is **equal to** priestly acts, serving as appropriate replacements for animal *sacrifice*.

Conclusion: YHVH desires internal transformation

With Psalm 51:1-19 (TNK, cf. 1-17 Chr), David charted a process of confession, mercy, cleansing, and renewal that secures forgiveness without blood, aligning with the anti-sacrificial thread in the Tanakh (e.g., 1 Kings 8:30; 2 Chron 7:12). This, with the additional Psalms (32, 40, 69, 100, 141), confirms YHVH's desire for ethical obedience, thanksgiving, and prayer over ritual sacrifices as his "ideal": Psalm 32 emphasizes confession, Psalm 40 prioritizes obedience, Psalm 69 redefines sacrifice as thanksgiving, Psalm 100 equates thanksgiving and praise with worship, and Psalm 141 equates prayer with Temple offerings. Together, they echo prophetic critiques (e.g., 1 Sam 15:22, **To obey is better than sacrifice**; Mic 6:6-8; Hos 6:6, etc.) and Yeshua's affirmation of the learned scribe's statement: **To love God and neighbor is more than all burnt-offerings and sacrifices** (Mark 12:33 paraphrased and cf. v. 34). Isaiah 1:11, Jeremiah 7:21–23 and Amos 5:25 reinforce Psalm 51's rejection of blood sacrifices for ethical obedience.

With Psalm 51, David wrote an uplifting and inspirational psalm acknowledging that no sacrifice could bring expiation for his sins, only confession, repentance, and YHVH's mercy, which led to the transformation his inner being and restoration of his relationship with YHVH.

Shalom u'vrackha : Peace and blessing,
Reuven and Rachel

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Kat Kerr: “Acceleration Time”

Father in heaven we declare, we agree with your plan, we receive acceleration, and we plan to run in it. Thank you for opening doors that would never open before, that our finances we need will be tripled, there will be more than enough to fulfill what you’re asked us to do.

We are going to celebrate starting today that we are living in the time of acceleration, and we declare that no man, political party, legalistic, lying, fake news or people can stop it from happening. LORD, YOU are about to run over all of them and release the blessings you have promised. We thank YOU that YOU placed us here for such a time as this on earth to allow us to be a part of this acceleration. We are excited and can hardly wait to see what You are about to do.

Lana Vawser
From November 4, 2018
AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS IN A ROOM IN THE LIBRARY OF HEAVEN
CALLED "NEW WINESKIN"

Recently, I had an encounter with the Lord in the library of heaven. I stood in the hallway, and lined on either side of the hallway were angels holding trumpets. Suddenly, on the Lord's command, they lifted their trumpets and began to blow them, heralding a LOUD invitation to the body of Christ.

I knew straight away that this was an invitation into new STRATEGIES being released by the Lord in the library of heaven. I looked above the door, and it said, "NEW WINE," and then it would change to "NEW WINESKIN".

This heralding of the trumpets so loudly declared that "NOW IS THE TIME" - the Lord is releasing clarity and vision for the new wineskin and for the new wine He is going to release.

Jesus then spoke to me:

"Lana, in order to enter this room, all agendas, all old wineskins and strategies must be laid down. The old wineskins and strategies were not bad; they were breathed on by Me, but now a new era has been entered into and to enter in, My people must come in empty-handed, hearts open and willing to embrace change. For I have been decreeing that these are the days of Psalm 24:7-9. I, the King of Glory, am about to step in and come through My people in a way never seen before, but to see with clarity the new wineskins for this era there must be a surrender to My way, to My changes, and knowing things will not look the same."

My heart was enlarged with excitement and anticipation of what God is preparing His people to carry. So weighty, unlike anything we have experienced before, but there was also a weighty fear of God that I felt to embrace whatever His strategy and wineskin is and to embrace it fully without fear.

Jesus then says to me:

"Lana, it's time to come in"

I closed my eyes and I laid down in my heart all preconceived ideas, positioned my heart in surrender that said "whatever You want, however You want it Lord... I am Yours. It is all for YOU!"

We walked down the hallway in the library of heaven, and Jesus led me to the door labelled "NEW WINE/NEW WINESKIN"

He held my hand, and as He opened the door and we stepped in, over the threshold, I was almost blinded by the light. The GLORY was SO bright. I began to weep as He drew me in. As we walked deeper into this room, I felt my whole body bending forward as the weight of His Glory filled the room. I could feel His tangible Glory resting so heavily upon me. He led me to the middle of the room to a LARGE table. He sat down, and I sat beside Him, and in the middle of the table was the Word of God. He placed His hand upon the Word, and He looked at me and spoke:

"Lana, all the revelation I am releasing for this new era comes from HERE. In this new era where there is a new wineskin and new wine, it is imperative that My people stay deep in the Word and continue to ask for discernment. For many will come with their "revelation" of the new wineskin and it will not be grounded and founded in My Word. Counterfeits will arise, but the true revelation and revelation of the wineskin and strategy for this new era will be found within My Word and My nature."

"Lana, those that embrace the place of surrender and yielding to Me will partner with Me in the rising of a new and pure wineskin. This pure wineskin will be embraced by those who have been in the fire and have come to the place of wanting my heart and My way above all else."

As we sat at this table talking together, I heard the sound of a heart beating SO loudly. I looked to Jesus and He said to me, "Lana, the new wineskin is going to release the sound of My heart like it has never been heard before. My heart beat will sound LOUDLY that will release life, shaking, alignment, increase and pave the way for My Glory to increase and be seen in these Isaiah 60 days."

"There will be a cost in carrying the new wine, but the Glory that will be carried by My people and seen in the earth will far outweigh the uncomfortableness of change."

THE GOVERNMENTAL ANOINTING WILL INCREASE

As I sat with Jesus in this room, my heart was bursting. I could hear every fiber of My being crying out, "Have Your way! Your way alone Lord! Your way, King of Kings! Your way, King of Glory!!"

Jesus grabbed my hand, and He spoke again:

"The governmental anointing and mantle will significantly increase in the body of Christ in this new era over the 5-fold ministry. There is a new paradigm that will be birthed in this new wineskin and the increase of My governmental anointing and mantle will be placed upon many to decree, release and extend My Kingdom and to see My government established upon the earth, bringing transformation and reformation to every sphere of society. The governmental anointing will increase and raise up even greater "influencers" that will go forth empowered by My Spirit to shift atmospheres and bring reformation and revival to many places, even some of the hardest areas of society. You watch how My Glory is going to break in and break forth and change things, and in some places, overnight! There will be miraculous demonstrations of My power to bring rapid overnight turnarounds in many different areas of society and culture. That time, My daughter, is fast approaching, and My people must be ready!"

IN THE NEW WINESKIN AND STRATEGIES FOR THIS NEW ERA, THERE WILL BE GREAT JOY IN PARTNERING WITH ME

As the Lord continued to speak, I could feel many hearts being fearful of the "change" or what the new wineskin will look like, what it will cost them, and what it requires.

Jesus spoke again:

"Embracing the new wineskin and what I am releasing is going to usher My people into their greatest days of partnering with Me to see My Kingdom extended and Glory revealed. They will move in realms of empowerment of My Spirit and power like they have never known. There will be signs and wonders that they could have never imagined. The power of My Gospel will spread further than ever with many coming to know Me. There will be such a mighty demonstration of My power through them, that they will step further into the place of awakening, of being fully alive and filled with My purpose and what I have created them to do. For the enemy would attempt to keep them from partnering with Me in the harvest and greater display of My Glory coming, through fear. This is a time to embrace quickly all I am releasing and not be stubborn and hold to comfort zones and old ways, but to know that I have prepared My people; I have provided all they need. It is a deeper level of trust, but what I am leading My people into is greater than they have ever dreamed. It's such a deep place of joy in Me and seeing Me move. It's a place of embracing My heart and My Word like never before and seeing My

goodness extend across the whole earth. It is time for My people to arise and shine and move in the directions I am moving, in greater ways.

"There is no grid for what I am about to do because it has never been seen before, so it requires living close to My heart and deep in My Word, but oh, the joy that will fill the hearts of My people as they see Me move and step in, in a way that's never been seen, and have "finally" moments of stepping into a greater fullness of what I have written over their lives."

"ASK, ASK, ASK, HERE IT COMES." The room began to shake and Jesus decreed with such authority... "ASK, ASK, ASK, HERE IT COMES."

Suddenly Jeremiah 33:3 was booming all around: ***"Call to Me and I will answer you, and tell you [and even show you] great and mighty things, [things which have been confined and hidden], which you do not know and understand and cannot distinguish."***

The invitation has been released and decreed by the Lord for greater strategy and revelation of the new wineskin. There has been a shift that has taken place and the revelation is now increasing and being released. The books of heaven are open and He wants to share more with His people, but we must yield, surrender and ASK! There will be monumental encounters with Jesus, dreams, visions, and mighty revelation of His Word that will release His strategy, direction and clarity for this new era - His wisdom being released, the revelation of the new wineskins increasing, and the way to steward the new wine.

It's time! It's time! It's time!

Elul 2, 5785: Tuesday August 26, 2025

A Great Storm Beyond the Door

From August 2, 2025 Veronika West



Shipwrecked — but Not Destroyed or Forsaken!

On the 31st of July 2025 I was suddenly caught up in an open Vision wherein I saw a Door open wide in the realm of the Spirit.

As I stood on the threshold of the Door and looked beyond the Door, I saw a GREAT STORM and heard the sounds of the violent Winds that were blowing. The Rain was thrashing down and then hail stones began to fall.

And then I heard, **“Brace! Brace, for in the Month of August through to October and even into November — a month to remember! You shall see Storms of greater magnitude! Political Storms shall rage that shall bring forth New Wars and intensify and expand existing ones — Political Storms that shall bring greater shaking and an Awakening to Nations, and bring many Leaders to their knees!**

“For now, the Winnowing Winds of My Spirit are moving to bring a Divine Distinction between Goat and Sheep Nations. (See Matthew 25:31-46)

“Storms, that shall bring forth even greater natural disasters, tornadoes, earthquakes and greater volcanic eruptions, that shall bring even greater destruction to the landscape of many Nations in the Valley of Decision.

“Yes! Fire Storms and Flood Waters shall rise across The Nations!

“Mountains shall shake and the Waters of the Seas shall be stirred up.

“But Watch! For In the midst of the Season of greater Turmoil and Trouble, I shall teach My Bride how to War and Win in the midst of the Storm.

“I shall Instruct My Remnant through Divine Wisdom and Strategy, how to take Dominion, and how to Overcome the assignments of darkness that seek to weary and overwhelm them in the coming days.

“I say, Listen! For there is an Assignment against your Vision and your Voice in this hour — an Assignment against Ascension — and your Prophetic Decrees and Declarations.”

I hear these Words, **“As you roar in the Storm beyond the Door, you shall see the enemy flee, and you shall arise to claim the Victory!**

“But I say, Watch! — as My Spiritual Storm Riders begin to rise up to Take Authority and Dominion in the Season of Greater Storms to come.

“They shall speak to the Storms — and they shall rebuke the Waves and the Winds that seek to bring great destruction and loss!” said the Spirit of God

I hear these Words, **“Shipwrecked — but Not Destroyed or Forsaken!**

“I say, Watch! In this Season of Greater Storms, My Remnant Eagles MUST Ascend and Rise higher!

“My Eagles MUST enter into the Eye of the coming Storms — for in the Eye, there is an impartation of greater Vision, Revelation and Prophetic Illumination for navigating safely in the days ahead!

“Look — for My Spiritual Storm Riders are rising — as the Fiery Furnace is being turned up!”

Again, I hear The Spirit say, **“As you decrease, so I will Increase!**

“As you go lower, so I will take you higher! For I will resist the proud and the arrogant — and those who are puffed up in their own achievements and accomplishments have no part in Me!

“Beloved, you have a high Calling! You are My Ambassadors, My Representatives on the earth. There is no need to hold onto the honor and recognition that the world bestows, but rather, embrace the Grace that I give to the humble, for a broken and contrite heart mark those who have been

chosen for true greatness. So, lay aside your own abilities, your plentiful resources — and your fierce determination to do things in your might and human power — and let My Spirit bring you guidance.

“Let My Holy Spirit pour into your life like the oil that fueled Zechariah’s lamp-stand. (Zechariah 4)

“I tell you, human weakness and frailty is no obstacle, for My Power is perfected in the face of hardships, times of difficulty and persecution. When you are weak, I AM strong! Let Me free you from your enemies — and not with weapons, armies, horses and charioteers — but by My Power, as The LORD your God! Let My Spirit guarantee you success and Victory in the midst of conflict and chaos!

“I say to you, Fear Not! Do not be anxious about the future, Wars or rumors of wars, the rising fuel prices and the cost of living, what you will eat and what you will wear! Has not My Mercy always made a way where there seemed no way? Has not My Grace always been sufficient for you? And has not My Wisdom brought unexpected answers and timely solutions? My Child, can you think of one time in your life when My Love ran out on you?

“NO! For did I not promise to never, no never, no never ever to leave you or abandon you? (Hebrews 13:5) But look! Though the Storm Clouds are gathering — fear not! For the Light of My Glory lines every dark cloud on the horizon, and My Grace flows beneath every crosscurrent.

“For surely, I tell you, even the contrary Winds will only accelerate you closer to the Divine Destiny I have for you. Stop leaning on your own understanding and thinking you know what is best. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

“Every obstacle on your path, and every valley on your journey only propels you higher and takes you deeper into the Place of Promise and greater Prosperity that has been prepared for you. (Jeremiah 29:11)

“I only give the greatest battles to My Strongest Warriors. I AM purposeful and deliberate in all that I do in your life. Seasons of testing and trials are inevitable — though I understand you may seek at times after a life of ease and comfort.

“I know that this would counterproductive — even destructive — to the Destiny I have for you! My Ways may seem harsh and My methods

controversial — and even contradictory to the ways of the world — but I AM more concerned about your Character, Beloved, than I AM about your comfort and ease.

“A True Disciple is what I AM fashioning and forming within you — one who will see the violent winds and the raging waves but will fearlessly and courageously step out of the boat to walk on the waters with Me! One who has no fear of man and will walk into the Fiery Furnace with Me. One whom I can trust to manifest My Glory on the Earth.

“Beloved, so, be patient! Hold fast, though the days are getting darker, the Light of My Glory is getting brighter — and Know that sufferings and afflictions are all working towards a consuming Glory — a Glory that shall diminish the darkness. Therefore, lift up your voices — not in complaining or in unbelief — but in high Praises coming from a heart full of Hope, Expectation and Faith!

“Rejoice in the Victory promised but not yet seen! Celebrate in advance — for the Triumph that is already yours! Listen! For your Battle Cry shall become a Victory shout in the storm beyond The Door! Listen! Let the sound of a New Song fill and shift the atmosphere of doubt and fear.

“Satan cannot stand in the presence of Praise — his demonic assignments are cut down and his evil deeds are dismantled and demolished.

“Finally, Beloved, My Mighty Overcoming Ones — let this day not be a day of lethargy and passivity, regrets or complacency, but let this be the hour when you arise as My Spiritual Storm Riders.

“As you place your life under My Loving Hand, I will lift you up and strengthen your bones. (Isaiah 41:10) Only believe that I have formed and fashioned you for higher things — to Rule and Reign from Heavenly Places, that you may take the land I have allotted to you as your Kingdom Inheritance!

“I say, ‘Take it! Take it now — and occupy till I come!’”

An Understanding of Doors -- Trap Doors, Open Doors, Back Doors and Secret Doors. Julie A. Smith, Managing Editor, The Elijah List.

I so enjoyed the Elijah List cruise in the Caribbeans this past week -- it was an awesome week of spending time in God's presence on the open seas. As I woke up yesterday morning, the Lord started downloading an understanding of doors - past, present, and future. He spoke to me about trap doors, open doors, back doors and secret doors.

Here is what He shared:

Trap doors - "There were doors in the past that were trap doors I didn't open. They would have trapped you out of your destiny and trapped you into a life I never called you to."

Open doors - "The doors I'm opening into your future will be so wide and expansive that there is no doubting they are from Me. Those doors are about to open before your very eyes."

Back doors - "I will open up your eyes more to see back doors. These are back doors the enemy would try to get in and hinder you in any way. You will see them immediately and be able to shut them and trap the enemy in his own plans."

Secret doors - "I will open secret doors into Hidden Treasures, revelations, creativity, and ideas for blessing and prosperity. These doors I have saved for you to prosper in abundance in every way."

"These doors and the understanding of them are a gift from Me to you."

Two scriptures about these doors were highlighted: **"I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden wealth of secret places, so that you may know that it is I, The LORD, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name."** Isa 45:3.

The Lord highlighted the word "see" in ***Rev 3:8: "SEE, I have placed before you an OPEN DOOR that no one can shut."***

Yes, the Lord will let us SEE these doors, recognize which ones they are, and walk through the open doors and secret treasures He has for us!

I pray this encourages you as we get to watch the Lord open and reveal the doors set before us! It's going to be a spiritually hot summer!

Elul 3, 5785: Wednesday August 27, 2025

Lana Vawser: taken from, I HEARD THE LORD SAY, "MY SONS AND DAUGHTERS, DO NOT BOW TO THE GIANTS AT THE GATE." Lana received this word at a women's meeting, yet I believe it is for all of us; therefore, I inserted "sons" where I thought to be appropriate.

In July 2024, at a private meeting that I was part of with Chuck Pierce, he prophesied, "The Battle will be at the Gates." The advancement of the Kingdom is at hand, so armor up and be prepared to take the gates. The giants will fall, now is the time, today is the day, decree and declare, *Rev 3:8: "SEE, I have placed before you an OPEN DOOR that no one can shut."* WB

As I leaned in and listened to the Lord's heart, I heard:

`My sons and daughters do not be distracted by the giants at the gate. Do not be distracted by their loud voices and their loud roars, as you continue to stand and contend to move into what I am calling you to step into. The battles you are facing are not a sign that you are moving in the wrong direction, they are the very sign that you are FOLLOWING ME. I say unto you, fear not the giants that are roaring loudly at the gates. Keep your eyes on Me and continue to stand and declare that which I have spoken to you.

`For I say unto you, that this is the hour for you to take flight. This is the hour for you to arise out of the ashes, and this is the hour for you to apprehend in greater ways that which I have promised you. I say unto you that not only are you moving across thresholds in the spirit into new areas that I have for you, but I say unto you, that I am causing you to arise and take flight and TAKE BACK the lands and the areas that the enemy has chased you out of.

`I say to those of you who have felt that it is too late to redeem and reclaim that which the enemy chased you out, that I am bringing you full circle. I say unto you, I am bringing you into a divine BEGIN AGAIN to APPREHEND that which I have promised you and that which I have called you to do and the lands I have called you to co-labor with Me in. I am giving you back the grounds that I called you to tend that the enemy chased many of you out of – through fear, intimidation, accusation, infirmity and weariness.

`I say unto you, that you have entered an hour of being matured into your authority in Me, unlike any other. I say unto you that I am teaching and training you in levels you have not experienced before to walk in your authority in Me. Where you have abdicated

your authority, I am calling you to repent and take back the authority that you have in Me, by abiding and living in Me and My victory.

'I say unto you, do not be intimidated by the battles you are facing and the giants that have been guarding the gates. For I am leading you in faith and My divine strategies to arise and overcome that which has been attempting to keep you from the places that are yours in this season. In the battles you are facing at these gates, I say unto you that I am strengthening you in faith. I am teaching you to walk in faith in greater ways. And I am increasing your discernment as you seek Me in humility and reverence to see what is happening in the spiritual realms at the gates. For there are some of you who have been looking to the natural for explanations of the battles, but I say unto you that as you look to Me and seek Me, I am revealing the spiritual reality of what is taking place at these gates.

'As you lean into Me and listen, and seek Me in humility; you shall receive My wisdom and strategy, you shall be led by My Spirit in prayer, intercession and declaration to align with My Word to OVERCOME that which has been attempting to overcome you. I say unto you that this battle at the gates that many of you are facing is attempting to stop you from moving into that which I have for you. But it is bigger than you realize. The enemy has been attempting to keep you from moving through the gates because the enemy is terrified of you walking in your authority. But I am also raising you up in this hour to see Me come through you, as the King of Glory (Psalm 24), in ways you have never seen.

'I say unto you, My sons and daughters, do not bow to these giants. Guard your gates. Guard your eyes, guard your mouths, guard your hearts, guard your minds. For the enemy is seeking to come and to shake you, sift you and cause you to run from that which I am calling you to. I say unto you, be aware of the schemes of the enemy coming against you with intense fear. I say unto you, that where a spirit of fear has been coming against you strongly in this hour, I say unto you, that I have not given you a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind (2 Tim 1:7). And in this hour, as you continue to lean into Me and sit at My feet, I am raising you up in a spirit of boldness and strength that you have not walked in before.

'I declare over you today, that your days of hiding, your days of intimidation, your days of insecurity are being done away with in this season – as you continue to lean deeply into Me and into My heart and I continue to awaken you to who you are in Me. For the enemy has come ferociously against your identity and he has ferociously come against what you carry. But I say unto you, I am healing you, I am strengthening you, and I

am causing you to arise in your original design in Me and your purpose and assignment with boldness in Me.

'I say unto you, do not stay silent at the gates. Now is the time to use your voice in greater ways. Do not stop speaking that which I am speaking. I say unto you, do not give the enemy a foothold through the words you are speaking and aligning with. I am raising you up in this hour to use your voice and to recognize My voice and My authority through you. I say unto you, as you arise and speak to the giants at the gates, you are going to begin to see them be shaken and removed by My Word through your mouth.

'Watch the power of My Spirit manifest through the declaration flowing from your mouth that is full of My Word. Speak and pray My Word and do not move, and you will see the giants moved. Do not entertain the insecurities, the lies, the accusations that have come against you so intensely, but rehearse My rhema and what I am speaking to you. Do NOT be silent at the gate.

'I say unto you, you are moving into a time of greater convergence. I say unto you that you are moving into a time of greater convergence in Me; of reclaiming, repossessing and occupying the new that I have for you. I will cause you to move into new pioneering pathways, while reaping the spoils of the previous battles and occupying the territories again that the enemy chased you out of.

'I say unto you, where the giants have come against you for season after season that has seen many of you feel like you cannot go on – some have run and hidden, some have given up, some have remained but are weary – I say unto you, My fresh wind and second wind is blowing over you to refresh and restore you. And I say unto you, that where the giants came to try and kill you, I am now raising you up as My GIANT KILLERS. My daughters, I am bringing you further into the place of understanding and manifestation of living in ASCENDED AUTHORITY.

'Do not bow to the giants. Arise! You're coming up higher in understanding of what it is to live in ascended authority - above the noise, above the storm, above the natural realm – FROM your seat. These gates that the giants are guarding are the gates into new places and what I have for you in this season that will see you truly arise in your governmental authority in Me in greater ways, to see My Glory and Kingdom come. Watch the increase of My Spirit through you to heal, deliver and set free. Watch My Gospel go forth through you, and signs and wonders accompany you as you believe (Mark 16:17).'

Elul 4, 5785: Thursday August 28, 2025

**Veronika West: From Weaklings in Battle to Mighty Warriors
Trained for War**



"Let Me Train Your Hands for War"

As weaklings we go into battle, but as mighty warriors we emerge for war.

"Beloved, let Me train your hands for war and give you fingers skilled for battle!"

Recently, I found myself in a cold doctor's office, seated beside one of the most remarkable women I know, a woman of valor, who has faced sickness and adversity that would overwhelm most people in two lifetimes. Yet there she sat, receiving a cancer diagnosis that would terrify even the fiercest of fighters... *but God!*

As we held each other tightly after the news, the road ahead suddenly loomed very dark and beyond daunting. Another fight for her life was about to unfold, not just for her but also for those of us who love her so deeply.

In that heart-wrenching moment, as I watched tears roll down her face, I felt utterly helpless and overwhelmed. I cried out to the Lord, looking for a word of comfort and strength for us both. Then, I heard Him say, "As weaklings you go into battle, but as mighty warriors you emerge for war. **Beloved, LET ME train your hands for war and give you fingers skilled for battle.**"

"Becoming" Through the Flames of Affliction



Reflecting and meditating on those powerful words, the Spirit of Revelation began to show me that it is only through the crucible of conflict and despair that we "BECOME" by the flames of affliction. If we will choose to yield to the searing fire and heat, our lives will be tempered and transformed in order to truly reflect the One who controls the furnace dial.

As we navigate through the valley of the shadow of death, let us choose trust over fear. Amidst the turmoil and tempest, the Holy Spirit will empower us to wield our worst fears as mighty weapons of warfare. **Our doubts will be transformed into fearless courage, enabling us to confront the fiercest storms with unwavering and unshakable hearts.** If we keep our eyes fixed on Him, we will arise victorious! *(Photo via StockCake)*

The shadows of despair and death in this valley may seem frightening and overwhelming, but we do not walk by sight; we advance by faith. The light of His love and glory will always pierce and penetrate the veil of the darkest of places, illuminating the supernatural strength and power to prevail that dwells by His Spirit within us. From the fires of adversity and from the ashes of conflict, if we will LET HIM train our hands for war and our fingers for battle, we will emerge not merely as survivors but as mighty warriors of divine purpose and destiny. Equipped and ready, we will forge ahead into uncharted waters and claim the land of promise, where the giants become our bread!

Equipped for Every Trial and Test

Remember, in this journey of supernatural transformation and spiritual metamorphosis, we are NEVER alone. **The Lord Himself walks beside us. His ever-present presence is a constant companion, equipping us for every fiery trial and testing ahead.** If we will LET HIM train our hands for war, every mess will truly become a message of redemption, restoration, and greater transformation. Every setback will become a divine setup for reaping the spoils of gold and silver and greater blessing.

In the midst of our hearts breaking and our spirits aching, the Potter's wheel is turning as He gently begins to reshape and remold our greatest fears into fierce and immovable resolve.

Take heart, dear friend, if you have been thrust as a weakling into battle. **Remember, the battle will not define you, but it will refine you!** FOR THIS BATTLE IS THE "BECOMING" OF A MIGHTY WARRIOR TRAINED FOR WAR!

An Unbreakable Legacy as Warriors



Yes! We may find ourselves stumbling, and we may feel like we are crumbling, but like the phoenix that rises from the ashes, as we wait on the Lord, we will rise up on wings like eagles to soar high above the valley of the shadow of death. With every tear shed and with every desperate prayer whispered, we are

being meticulously crafted. Our legacy as warriors will be unbreakable, unstoppable, and filled with divine purpose. And in those quiet nights when doubt and fear creep in, and the shadows of death fill the room, let us remember the promises of God etched by the finger of God in our hearts. *(Photo via StockCake)*

With every breath we will declare faith, radical hope, and healing! And with every step, we will reclaim what the thief came to rob, kill, and destroy. **When the enemy comes in like a flood, trying to convince us of our weaknesses, we will arise with the sword and shield and with the belt of truth to declare that we are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus.** His strength is made perfect in our weakness, and we rise not in our own might, but in His.

I know the battlefield may seem endless, but we are not without hope. He is a light in the tunnel. Every fight for the warrior is not in vain, but it is a divine opportunity to become part of a sacred tapestry, woven with golden threads of supernatural resilience, faith, and courage. Each battle fought and won is by the Blood and by the power of our testimony, to the glory of God and to the power of His unyielding love and faithfulness!

So, friends, today we will lift our heads high, with our hearts bold, and declare, "I am a mighty warrior of war!"

We will take up the armor of God and wield the sword of the Spirit to claim victory over every giant that stands in our way. As mighty warriors, we march onward—unafraid and unashamed—knowing that with God as our Commander, victory is not just a possibility, but a God-given covenant promise to fulfill our destiny.

Elul 5, 5785: Friday August 29, 2025

Lana Vawser: RECENTLY I HEARD THE LORD SAY 'GUARD THE GATES'

August 6, 2025

Recently I heard the Lord say, 'Guard the gates.'

When the Lord spoke these words, I could feel an intense shaking in the spirit. It was a greater awakening call from the Lord's heart to guard the gates of our eyes, our hearts, our minds, our homes, our families, the areas the Lord has called us to watch over within our assignments and our nations.

As the voice of the Lord went forth, it was a call to 'GREATER ATTENTION'. It was not from a place of striving or a place of fear, but I could feel the urgency in the spirit as He spoke that we must be ALERT and WATCHFUL right now more than ever before – FROM living close to His heart and listening to His voice.

Again, the Lord showed me that the enemy has come against many with weariness, discouragement, and intense warfare to attempt to cause them to give up, to sleep and to withdraw from the gates. This attack of weariness that has come against many for so long has been relentless and I could see the eyes of the Lord upon them in this season to strengthen and refresh them. What struck me was as Lord was speaking those words, 'Guard the gates,' I could hear and see the wind of the Spirit blowing fiercely. As I leaned in and asked the Lord about this wind, I heard the Lord say. 'It's My second wind; it's My second wind.'

As I continued to lean in and ask the Lord about this weariness, I heard the Lord say, 'As My people stand at the gates with a resolve to not move or be removed, I am strengthening them with a second wind. Where others have fallen at the gates in discouragement, weariness, or have fallen asleep at the gates, My voice is going forth to call them, "AWAKE, AWAKE," and My second wind is coming upon them. For I call not My people to stand at the gates and guard the gates in their own strength, but I call them to stand at the gates in and from intimacy with Me and in My empowering strength, and guard the gates.'

As I continued to lean in and listen to the Lord, I heard:

`The enemy is at the gates and has been roaring at the gates for a long time. Many have had the enemy at many different gates in their lives and in the nations with great force. But I say unto you, I am calling you deeper into My presence to listen to what My Spirit is saying – as My Spirit is shining light on where the enemy has been given access through the gates in the lives of My people and in the nations. I am raising up the sound of repentance and the roar of intercession louder and louder in the lives of My people and the nations to EVICT THE ENEMY! I am raising up and awakening My people to the power of My shed blood, the power of My blood to evict the enemy, to break his power, to cover, to protect and to bring LIFE.

`I say unto you, My people, ***"PREPARE THE WAY! PREPARE THE WAY! PREPARE THE WAY, for I the King of Glory am coming in!" (Psalm 24)*** I am coming in! I am coming in! I am coming in; in ways you have NEVER seen. In your lives, in your homes, in your cities and nations like you have never seen. I am moving, I am shaking, I am awakening. I am moving swiftly, but you have not even begun to comprehend My Glory that shall be revealed in your midst. The darkness shouts, but My Glory shall be seen and declared in the earth. I say unto you, that the earth will be filled with the knowledge of My Glory as the waters cover the sea (Habakkuk 2:14)

`Arise and awake at the gates! My Spirit wind is blowing! Arise and awake at the gates! I am bringing forth greater intel and intercessory strategy to stand, declare and pray. I say unto you, do not be distracted by the roar of the enemy at the gates, but ARISE and stand in the revelation and manna that I am releasing to you. Open your mouth to declare that which I am speaking, for I say unto you the tidal wave of My Spirit is coming! The momentum has begun. The rumbles of the rising waters are tangible.

`The enemy is attempting to lull many to sleep at the gates through weariness, intimidation, fear and the fear of man. I say unto you, come deeper into Me, come deeper into My Word. Repent for complacency, repent for any agreement with the enemy, and watch the awakening breath of My Spirit come heavily upon you, and the baptism of My fire come upon you and cause you to stand and guard the gates in ways you have not experienced before. My Glory is coming! My Glory is coming! I am calling you, My people, get ready! Get ready! Do not entertain or dance with the enemy: arise and stand in consecration unto Me, for I am coming.

`I say unto you that there is harvest at the gates. There is harvest at the gates. I say unto you that you will see the harvest of what has been sown at the gates. There will be a greater revealing of what has been allowed in and through the gates, and there will be an even greater revealing and reaping of what has been sown. I am dealing with gates in a greater way right now, and I am calling you, My people, listen to My voice

and allow My Spirit to reveal what is being let in and through the gate. I am increasing the fire of My purification upon the gates in your lives, My people. I am bringing a greater awakening to what you are allowing into your lives and bringing you deeper into the place of holiness and consecration unto Me.

'I say unto you, I am preparing you for a mighty move of My Spirit and revealing of My Glory like you have not seen before, but you must yield to the workings and leading of My Spirit. I say unto you, as you continue to yield to My ways and embrace My purifying fire – in the place of deep intimacy and living in My Word – I am increasing your discernment in this hour in unprecedented ways to guard the gates of your lives, cities and nations. As I increase discernment in this hour, draw deeply into Me and allow Me to disciple you in this discernment and to teach you in greater ways, how to pray.

'I am raising up warriors. I am raising up an army who will stand at the gates and guard the gates. I say unto you, AWAKE! AWAKE! AWAKE! Lean into Me and ask Me to reveal to you what I am revealing to you now about being a GATEKEEPER of your inner world, your homes, your families, cities and nations. The enemy has come after you as a gatekeeper, but I say unto you, that his efforts shall fall to the ground as you lean in and listen to My voice and the leading of My Spirit and follow Me as I walk you by My Spirit through My Word and take authority over his schemes.

'I say unto you, continue to bind the spirit of distraction that attempts to keep you from guarding the gates. Bind the weariness, bind the confusion and discouragement and receive My second wind blowing upon you. I say unto you that I am bringing national change. I am bringing national change in this hour as My people arise and stand in and upon My truth and PRAY. I am bringing forth the birthing that I have promised. I am calling you to further attention, My people. There is an increase in intel to guard the gates. Remain focused and stay steadfast. For not only will you see greater victories as you guard the gates, but you are making way and preparing the way through your intercession for My Glory to come in.'

**'So, wake up, you living gateways, and rejoice!
Fling wide, you eternal doors!
Here he comes; the King of Glory is ready to come in.'
(Psalm 24:9 TPT)**

Elul 6, 5785: Saturday August 30, 2025

Bobby Haaby: Your One Mission



Turning Human Understanding on Its Head

Have you ever felt insignificant, weak, or foolish? Take heart, for these are precisely the qualities God seeks when choosing His vessels. In a world that often celebrates outward appearances and achievements, the divine perspective turns our human understanding on its head.

Consider this profound truth: God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, the weak to shame the strong, and the insignificant to nullify the things that are. This isn't meant as an insult, but rather as a liberating revelation. It means that no matter how unqualified you may feel, you are exactly the kind of person God wants to use for His glory.

Why does God operate this way? So that no one can boast before Him. He wants to make it abundantly clear that our worth and effectiveness come not from our own merits, but from His power working through us. This understanding frees us from the exhausting cycle of performance and self-promotion, allowing us to rest in God's unconditional love and purpose for our lives.

A Pivotal Moment

The day of Pentecost marked a pivotal moment in this divine strategy. It was the day when God's empowering presence, once reserved for select individuals, became available to all Believers. Picture 120 people gathered in an upper room, waiting in anticipation for ten days. They didn't know exactly what to expect, but they knew something extraordinary was about to happen.

And then, suddenly, it did. The Holy Spirit descended, filling each person with divine power. This wasn't just a temporary spiritual high or an emotional experience. It was the fulfillment of Jesus' promise that His followers would be "endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49).

Power with a Point

But here's the crucial point: This power wasn't given for personal gain or to make the recipients feel special. It was bestowed for a specific purpose—to be a witness for Christ "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). **The empowering presence of God was meant to fuel a world-changing mission.** *(Photo via Pixabay)*



This brings us to a vital truth for our lives today: We don't have a power problem; we have a knowledge problem. Scripture tells us that God's "divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3). Everything we need is already within us through the indwelling Holy Spirit. The key is accessing this power through "the true knowledge of Him who called us" (2 Peter 1:3).

Too often, we live far below our spiritual privileges, unaware of the incredible resources at our disposal. We strive in our own strength, forgetting that we have been made complete in Him. We look for external solutions when the answer lies within—in the person of the Holy Spirit who resides in every Believer.

Our Singular Mission

This indwelling power is not just for spiritual activities. It's meant to infuse every aspect of our lives—our work, our relationships, our daily decisions. Whether you're a business owner, a stay-at-home parent, or an employee, your primary purpose remains the same—to lift up the name of Jesus in everything you do.

When we align ourselves with this singular mission, we tap into a supernatural flow. Suddenly, our efforts are no longer fueled by mere human energy but by divine empowerment. This is the secret to avoiding burnout and maintaining spiritual vitality. Instead of trying to make things happen in our own strength, we learn to yield to the Holy Spirit's power working through us.

This shift in perspective changes everything. **No longer do we measure success by worldly standards—wealth, status, or popularity. Instead, our focus becomes simple: *How can I make Jesus famous today?*** This singular focus cuts through distractions and brings clarity to our purpose.

His "Super" on Our "Natural"

It's important to note that this power isn't about becoming superhuman or never facing challenges. Rather, it's about having the supernatural ability to navigate life's ups and downs while consistently pointing others to Christ. It's about demonstrating His love, grace, and transforming power in both word and deed.

Remember the story of Moses, whose face shone after spending time in God's presence? This wasn't just a neat special effect. It was a physical manifestation of the glory that comes from intimate communion with God.

While we may not experience a literal glowing face, the principle remains: the more time we spend in God's presence, tapping into His power, the more we reflect His glory to the world around us. *(Photo via StockCake)*



As we embrace this truth, we must also be mindful of a common pitfall, confusing our natural abilities with God's anointing. While God certainly uses our personalities and talents, we must never rely on them as our primary source of strength. Our "driver" (our natural motivation and skills) is meant to serve the anointing, not replace it. True effectiveness in God's Kingdom comes when we learn to yield our natural abilities to His supernatural power.

6 Ways to Walk in These Truths

So, how do we practically apply these truths? Here are a few suggestions:

1. Regularly remind yourself of your completeness in Christ. You don't need to strive for God's approval; you already have it.
2. Start each day by acknowledging your dependence on the Holy Spirit's power. Ask Him to flow through you in every situation.

3. Simplify your mission. In every role and task, ask yourself, "How can I lift up Jesus through this?"

4. Be attentive to the "foolish" and "weak" around you. These may be the very people God wants to use powerfully.

5. When facing challenges, resist the urge to rely solely on your own strength. Instead, tap into the divine resources within you.

6. Encourage others to recognize and utilize the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. We're called to stir one another up in faith.

As we embrace these truths, we'll find ourselves walking in a new level of spiritual vitality and effectiveness. We'll be less prone to burnout and more attuned to God's leading. Most importantly, we'll fulfill our ultimate purpose, making Jesus famous in every sphere of influence He's given us.

Let's commit today to aligning ourselves fully with God's purpose, tapping into His indwelling power, and lifting up the name of Jesus in all we do. As we do, we'll discover the exhilarating reality of living empowered by the Spirit of the living God.

Elul 7, 5785: Sunday August 31, 2025

Dutch Sheets ·

Experiencing the "Abundant Life" Jesus Promised

In a previous post, we talked about an important Greek word used in the New Testament in the context of prayer. The word is *dei*, which means "that which is necessary, even binding, as in a legal sense; that which is right, proper or necessary in the nature of a case; that which is prescribed by law, duty, custom, etc.; from a sense of duty, one must." This word is used in Luke 18:1 to tell us prayer is absolutely necessary (*dei*) in order to overcome in life.

Another important passage using this word is **Matthew 16:18-19: "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."**

“Bind” (*deo*) is a different form of this same word. Jesus, King of the Kingdom of heaven, is referencing the spiritual authority He would give His Ekklesia (the church) to carry out His will on earth. An Ekklesia, of course, was a legislative assembly. The footnote in the Passion Translation makes this clear: **“This is not a religious term at all, but a political and governmental term that is used many times in classical Greek for a group of people who have been summoned and gathered together to govern the affairs of a city. For Jesus to use this term means He is giving the keys of governmental authority in His kingdom to the church.”**

The meaning of *deo*, the word for bind in verse 19, is consistent with this legal spiritual authority Christ gave His Ekklesia. *Deo* speaks of rulings that are “legally binding;” they must be honored. This is why some translations, including the Passion Translation, use the word “forbid” to translate *deo*. The Amplified Bible uses the words “forbid, declare to be improper and unlawful.” We have the right to forbid demonic powers from interfering in our lives and in the spheres of authority God has delegated to us.

We can also do so in broader areas of shared authority, such as natural government. The fact that government is a “shared” authority means that the will and authority of others come into play. This is why it takes longer and requires the prayers of more people to shift governments through prayer. Nevertheless, we have the authority to bind or forbid the powers of darkness from affecting us and our family. And the corporate body of Christ has authority to bind and forbid demonic powers from ruling their nation.

There is still another important and fascinating verse regarding prayer that uses the word *dei*. Romans 8:26 makes the point that we don’t always know how to pray as we “ought” (*dei*). The verse is stating that we don’t always know what is “legally right or necessary” spiritually speaking, in order to see some situations change. For example, we may not be aware of all the spiritual strongholds that control an individual for whom we are praying. We may not be aware of the “legal” ground the person has given to evil spirits, giving demons the “right” to operate. We may not know whether it is a demonic spirit controlling a person or their own fleshly appetites. When praying for a person’s healing, the sickness is at times caused by an evil spirit. (Matthew 17:18 and others). If this is the case, we would need to pray differently.

When praying for our government, we obviously don’t know all of the details of how to pray; we don’t know “what is necessary, right or proper in the nature of the case” (*dei*). This wonderful passage in Romans 8 says Holy Spirit will help us overcome this weakness by praying through us. He alerts us to pray, gives us insight as we pray,

brings Scriptures to mind and releases revelation regarding the situation. His supernatural help is what causes the working together of all things for our good, mentioned in verse 28.

In her book **Prophetic Intercession**, Barbara Wentroble shares the following testimony of Holy Spirit's help:

"My mother-in-law was sitting in her living room at 9:30 AM. Suddenly, she felt a sensation of fear, accompanied by an urgency to pray for her son (my husband), Dale. "After asking the Lord to reveal to her how to pray, she felt a deep impression that Dale was in danger. She prayed for several minutes and then felt the 'burden' lift. Later that night, she called our home to ask Dale what he had been doing at 9:30 in the morning. 'Oh, that's easy,' he replied. 'I remember because I looked at my watch. Another man was talking to me while we were standing out in the plant at work. There had been some remodeling in the plant over the past several weeks, and we were discussing the progress. All of a sudden, I felt an urgency to move from the place where we were standing. We quickly moved to another spot about 20 feet away. Just as quickly as we moved, a large steel beam fell from the ceiling and landed in that very spot where I had been standing.'"

That is Holy Spirit help when, apart from Him, we wouldn't know that prayer was needed, or what was necessary in the prayer.

In summary, Jesus said it is required of us, it is absolutely necessary (*dei*), that we always pray and not lose heart (Luke 18:1). He said we have authority to enforce what is legally right (*dei*), spiritually speaking (Matthew 16:18-19). And He told us that when we did not know what was legally right (*dei*), spiritually speaking, Holy Spirit would help us (Romans 8:26-28). These are just a few of the ways we experience the abundant life He promised (John 10:10).

Pray with me:

Father, You told us to pray and never lose heart. You delivered us from the authority of darkness, translated us into the Kingdom of Christ (Colossians 1:13), and told us we could forbid satan and his demonic forces from influencing our lives. We can stop him from causing us harm, stealing from us, and hindering our success in life. And You told us that Holy Spirit was always available to help us in our prayers. Therefore, in the name and authority of Jesus:

We forbid demonic attacks against our families from succeeding.

We forbid diseases caused by demonic forces from affecting our bodies.

We forbid demonic forces from stealing our finances.
We forbid spirits of fear from overcoming us in our minds.
We forbid powers of darkness from controlling our government.
We forbid spirits of murder from taking over our streets.
We forbid spirits of division from continuing to divide races in our nation.
We forbid spirits of perversion and confusion from overtaking the children of America.
(These are simply a few examples of things to pray. Let Holy Spirit lead you.)
We ask, Father, that You would increase revelation in the church regarding the authority given to us in Christ. We ask that the Ekklesia be taken to her highest level of functioning in Christ's authority as we represent Him on earth. And again, all of this we do and ask for in His name. Amen.

Elul 8, 5785: Monday September 1, 2025

**Pastor Jim Gregory: A word for today for those who stand
with Veronika West**

We are walking this out for the weight or heavy Glory that is manifest as Yeshua in us for all the world to see! Nothing else matters but Abba the King and HIS Kingdom.

However, we possess this precious treasure [the divine Light of the Gospel] in [frail, human] vessels of earth, that the grandeur *and* exceeding greatness of the power may be shown to be from God and not from ourselves.

2 Corinthians 4: 8-18 ⁸ We are hedged in (pressed) on every side [troubled and oppressed in every way], but not cramped *or* crushed; we suffer embarrassments *and* are perplexed *and* unable to find a way out, but not driven to despair;

⁹ We are pursued (persecuted and hard driven), but not deserted [to stand alone]; we are struck down to the ground, but never struck out *and* destroyed;

¹⁰ Always carrying about in the body the liability *and* exposure to the same putting to death that *the Lord* Jesus suffered, so that the [^[a]resurrection] life of Jesus also may be shown forth by *and* in our bodies.

11 For we who live are constantly [experiencing] being handed over to death for Jesus' sake, that the [^b]resurrection] life of Jesus also may be evidenced through our flesh which is liable to death.

12 Thus death is actively at work in us, but [it is in order that [^cour] life [may be actively at work] in you.

13 Yet we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, I have believed, and therefore have I spoken. We too believe, and therefore we speak,

14 Assured that He Who raised up the Lord Jesus will raise us up also with Jesus and bring us [along] with you into His presence.

15 For all [these] things are [taking place] for your sake, so that the more grace (divine favor and spiritual blessing) extends to more and more people *and* multiplies through the many, the more thanksgiving may increase [and redound] to the glory of God.

16 Therefore we do not become discouraged (utterly spiritless, exhausted, and wearied out through fear). Though our outer man is [progressively] decaying *and* wasting away, yet our inner self is being [progressively] renewed day after day.

17 For our light, momentary affliction (this slight distress of the passing hour) is ever more and more abundantly preparing *and* producing *and* achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory [beyond all measure, excessively surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and transcendent glory and blessedness never to cease!],

18 Since we consider *and* look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting), but the things that are invisible are deathless *and* everlasting.

For we are at this suddenly, the moment when that which stands opposed to us is suddenly cut off because we stand where conventional wisdom says man shouldn't stand. The iron curtain and the sword of affliction shall be removed from all mankind this day!

Joshua 3:16 ¹⁶ Then the waters which came down from above stood and rose up in a heap far off, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those

flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt [Dead] Sea, were wholly cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho.

Veronika West

A NOW WORD; "Rule, Reign, Subdue, Take Dominion. Adam, where are you?"

"Listen, Creation itself is groaning for this hour. The Kingdom mandate is echoing once more through the ages, 'Rule, Reign, Subdue Take dominion. Adam, where are you?' Adam, Where Are You?"

July 2, 2025 Veronika West; <https://www.hiskingdomprophecy.com/adam-where-are-you-2/>

"I say again, "Adam, where are you? What has caused you to lose your seat of power and authority? Adam, why is your throne unoccupied? Adam, why are you not ruling, reigning and subduing the nations of the earth? Adam, where are you? Why are you hiding? Why have you relinquished The Crown of Kingship? Adam, where are you?"

"The Groaning of Creation"

Now, as I heard The Spirit of Revelation speak those Words, it was as if I was hearing those Words like a loud and piercing cry echoing through the ages — from the very beginning of Creation in The Garden of Eden, to this very present day! And then it was made known to me by The Spirit, that this was a cry to The Remnant, to the Sons, "Adam, where are you?"

I saw many idols sitting upon that Altar, and I saw Eve reach out her hand and take a piece of fruit from The Altar of "The Knowledge of Good and Evil," and she ate of the fruit of the Altar, and she gave the fruit to Adam — and he also ate! Suddenly I heard these Words, **"When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining Wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it — then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves."** (Genesis 3:6-7)

As I heard those Words in the Vision, again it was as if those Words were being echoed through the ages right back from The Garden of Eden to this very present day!

Then suddenly the Vision shifts, and now I am seeing not only The Glory in The Garden of Eden lifting, but I am seeing how The Glory has lifted off the present-day Church.

“Two Altars, Two Trees”

I am seeing Two Altars rising! I am seeing The Altar of Elijah vs The Altar of Baal — rising up over The Nations! And I am seeing a Divine Confrontation of Altars unfolding over The Nations! Then I heard these Words, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If The LORD is God, follow Him! But if Baal is god, follow him!”

“The Vacant Throne”

I am now seeing how The Glory has departed, and I am seeing how many in the present-day Church have become partakers at The Altar of The Knowledge of Good and Evil. Many have eaten the fruit of the Altar of the serpent spirit — and their eyes have been opened — and the spirit of deception and rebellion has been released — and their vision has become distorted. No longer does The Glory cover them! Stripped naked, they no longer see themselves in their true Kingdom Identity as Sons! As The Light of Glory has lifted, so a veil of darkness has fallen upon their eyes. The spirit of deception and rebellion has distorted their vision and sight. A mighty power-shift has taken place over the present-day Church! No longer do they carry the power and authority to take dominion; The Throne of True Sonship has been made vacant - Sons no longer occupying their rightful place as kings, having full dominion in the earth! And I hear these Words again like the sound of a thousand waterfalls, “Adam, where are you” It’s time to arise and take your place!”

Blessings to you all.
~ by Veronika West

Elul 9, 5785: Tuesday September 2, 2025

Andrew Towe: You Will Prosper Through the Prophetic Word of the Lord



A Supernatural Anointing on Your Mouth

The Spirit of the Lord spoke to me and said, "**Be careful what you speak. Your words hold immense power.** Refuse to partner with the enemy by speaking your current circumstances; you must speak by faith the words that I have decreed. Though it may seem like nothing is changing, I am moving behind the scenes and have ordained a divine shift.

"Do not sabotage your prophetic promises by coming into agreement with your adversary and speaking words that contradict My purpose. Your tongue gives life or death to your destiny. There is a supernatural anointing coming on your mouth to shift the atmosphere of your life."

Guard Your Tongue

While I was in prayer about August and the approaching fall months, I felt a strong conviction from the Lord regarding my speech. I've always been mindful of my words, knowing the significance of the prophetic anointing on my life, but I sensed a heightened call to be more diligent in guarding my tongue.

It's all too easy to let thoughts escape our lips without careful consideration, but in this season, we must choose our words with intention. **Remember, our words have the power to change everything!**

A Wrecking Ball Against Your Mountains

I had a vision from the Lord of a person trapped behind a massive barrier. As I approached, it became clear that this barrier was a towering mountain.

Living in the Tennessee Valley, I understand how immense mountains can appear from the valley floor, and that's the best way to convey what I saw. *(Photo via Pexels)*



The individual began to speak, and I witnessed their words soaring forth like a wrecking ball, breaking apart the mountain with each declaration.

The Lord communicated with me, saying, **"This is what I am doing in this season: I am empowering My people to proclaim My word, causing the obstacles to shatter and fall away."**

"What are you, O great mountain [of obstacles]? Before Zerubbabel [who will rebuild the temple] you will become a plain (insignificant)! And he will bring out the capstone [of the new temple] with loud shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!'" (Zechariah 4:7 AMP)

Get ready to shout "Grace, Grace" to every mountain in your life! This month, you will begin to see obstacles fall flat as you start to decree God's Word and experience the miraculous power of God.

An Anointing "To Finish"

Moreover, there is a fresh authority coming upon God's prophets to prophesy solutions to His people, and it will release prosperity through the prophetic word of the Lord.

Just as Zerubbabel thrived through the words of the prophet Zechariah, you too will break forth and rebuild from the ashes of what had been torn down. There is an anointing "TO FINISH" coming upon you.

Could it be that sometime in the past you began a good work only to quit during the progression of it? Not again! This time you will finish the work God has given you to do, and you will prosper. God's grace is equipping you with endurance and stamina.

"Moreover, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you." (Zechariah 4:8–9 KJV)

Supernatural Shifting and Acceleration

This fall marks a time of great shifting. As you begin to partner with God and reject the lies of the enemy, you will experience the Lord's realignment on your focus, relationships, priorities, visions, and finances. Just as a car will shift into a higher gear to enhance speed, this shift is ushering in God's acceleration in your life.

In answer to the prophet Elijah restoring the altar of God—which had fallen into neglect and disrepair, representing the decline of genuine worship and their disobedience to the covenant they had made with Jehovah—God revealed His mighty power by sending fire from Heaven. Soon after this, the Lord bestowed supernatural acceleration upon Elijah, enabling him to outrun Ahab's horses and chariot. *(Photo via Pexels)*



This coming shift is breaking the chains of delay and ushering in a season of supernatural speed for His people.

Prospering Through the Prophetic Word of the Lord

Recorded in 2 Kings 3 was the story of the rebellion of the Moabite king against Jehoram, the king of Israel. Faced with this opposition, Jehoram asked Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, to join him in battle. The plan was to go the way of the wilderness of Edom. It turned out it was a huge mistake. They spent seven grueling days in the unforgiving wilderness, where they ran out of water. They were in a dire situation. Jehoshaphat acted first. Understanding the power of a prophetic instruction, he sought out a prophet to inquire of the Lord for direction, and Elisha prophesied to him.

"And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches.

"For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts.

"And this is but a light thing in the sight of the LORD: He will deliver the Moabites also into your hand." (2 Kings 3:16–18 KJV)

Elisha gave them a prophetic instruction, "Make this valley full of ditches." **Essentially, God instructed them to PREPARE for what He was about to do.** Moreover, the Lord announced, "Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain." In essence, God was declaring to them to get ready for Him to release supernatural resources for His people. You may not be able to see how

God can work in your dilemma either, but be encouraged, for God will move for you supernaturally too!

Elul 10, 5785: Wednesday September 3, 2025

Tim Sheets & Dutch Sheets: The Oil of Joy - Strength for the Season



Intro from Dutch Sheets: Holy Spirit has given my brother Tim a very encouraging word regarding restoration and renewal coming to the Body of Christ. As always, it is powerful, and I believe it will minister to you greatly. Tim's title is "The Oil of Joy: Strength for the Season."

**"The Oil of Joy: Strength for the Season"
By Tim Sheets**

I believe this is a season in which the Lord desires to bring deep healing and renewal to our souls, positioning us to reign victoriously with Christ in the fullness of His promises. Just as the Lord, our Shepherd, restored David's soul in Psalm 23, He desires to do the same for us.

I recently heard the Lord say, **"This is a season in which I will give beauty for ashes in amplified ways.** My transforming anointing will destroy yokes of oppression, hopelessness, and resulting bondages. It will be poured out in great measure. 'Soul strikes' will be healed, bringing full recovery to My people. I will give the oil of joy for mourning and garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

Come to the Holy Place of Exchange

As I prayed and reflected on this, Holy Spirit brought to my mind a prophetic word from several years ago and added fresh insight.

Here is that word: "A supernatural time of exchange has now come to fullness, which will liberate My people to live in the freedoms I intend for them. Move into and live in the reality of that which I have promised. Move into the power dimensions I have provided. Leave the ashes your enemies used to stain your soul and darken your times. Leave the burning, singing soul-grief brought by the spirit prince of heaviness.

"Wrap yourself in new garments, created from the promises your Prince of Peace has made to you. Live in the realities of My revealed identity for the joint heirs—My nature and life within you. Live life as a child of God. Live the God life in your natural life, filled with Holy Spirit life.

"Come to the place of awesome exchange. Is not My altar the holy place of exchange? Your sins for My forever life. Your chains for My freedom. Your guilt for My pardon. Your shame for My innocence. Your condemnation for divine approval. Your weakness for My strength. Your futile works for My grace. Your defeats for My victory. Your fears for My boldness. Your failures for My success. Your sickness for My healing.

"Come unto Me, all you who are weak and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Understand anew the supernatural favor I placed upon you. You are marked for supernatural favor. Understand the exchange privileges, the promises that are faithful, true, watched over, and performed for you. Move into the reality of My great exchange. Give Me your ashes; I'll give you beauty. Give Me your grieving; I'll give you joy. I'll pour soothing oil over you. Give Me your heaviness, and I'll give songs of thanksgiving. Give Me your burial clothes, and I'll give you garments of praise. Receive the anointing pouring forth from Heaven. Participate in the supernatural time I am providing. **Receive and enjoy the benefits of the great exchange.**" *(Photo via Pexels)*



A New Measure of Joy

As I began to reflect on this prophetic word, the Holy Spirit drew me to Isaiah 61. As I read it, I knew the passage was a *kairos* word, a *now* word, and a fresh word breathed on the Body of Christ, carrying fresh wind, fresh life, and fresh power.

I heard the Spirit saying, "A new measure of the joy of the Lord is being poured out in this season. I am pouring out the oil of joy." Nehemiah 8:10 reminds us that the joy of the Lord is our strength. When joy comes, strength is activated. This means the opposite is also true: despair weakens us.

There is a surge of joy being released by Holy Spirit to strengthen sons and daughters, making them joyful warriors. They will be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Joy is always available to us, but there are times when Heaven releases an intentional wave of joy that produces strength. This is one of those times.

You Are Renamed

Isaiah 61:1–3 (The Message) says, **"God sent me to announce the year of His grace—a celebration of God's destruction of our enemies... give them bouquets of roses instead of ashes, messages of joy instead of news of doom, a praising heart instead of a languid spirit... [He will] rename them 'Oaks of Righteousness,' planted by God to display His glory" (brackets added).** This passage tells us the brokenhearted will be *renamed*. The bound will be *renamed*. **Those who are mourning and in grief will be *renamed*. God is calling them His strong ones, His oaks of righteousness.**

The Father never calls you His weakling. You may feel weak because of circumstances that have knocked you down, but Heaven is pouring out joy to make you strong like an oak tree. We don't make it through life without some misfortune. But experiencing problems doesn't mean we're in unbelief or that we've sinned. It simply means we've encountered an unexpected storm. We may not have seen it coming, and we may not have caused it, but when it arrives, we must overcome. As born-again



sons and daughters, we have a promise of victory alive within us, and we trust God—He will turn things around! *(Photo via Pexels)*

He Knows How to Restore

Romans 8:28 declares that "**God works all things together for the good of those who love Him**" (BSB). That doesn't mean everything will return to the way it was; some things will never be the same. But the promise is that God knows how to make life good again. He knows how to restore or replace what was lost. He knows how to change what needs to be changed. He knows how to give beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

There is a story recorded in *Lee: The Last Years* by Charles Bracelen Flood. After the Civil War, General Robert E. Lee was traveling through Kentucky on horseback and passed by the home of a woman, clearly upset about what the ravages of war had done to her property. She pointed out to Lee a great shade tree that had been mangled and broken by artillery fire, expecting Lee to condemn the Union troops. Lee knew, however, that it was time to heal, and simply said, "Cut it down, madam. Cut it down and forget it." Then he rode on. (1)

You may have suffered greatly from the enemy's artillery fire, and, yes, some of it is undoubtedly devastating, but I believe God wants to give you grace to move on from losses, abuse, and attacks of the past so that you can stop reliving the "soul strike." He will enable you to lay the ax to the root of despair, no longer controlled by the effects of the enemy's artillery fire. **Plant your hope in a new season. Plant your faith for a new harvest. Press forward into the future God has in store for you.**

This is a season when God is bringing fresh strength, fresh hope, and fresh joy. Receive the oil of joy and let Him make you strong, an oak of righteousness, planted to display His glory.

Pray with me: *Father, we are grateful that You have promised to restore our souls. We thank You for this season of supernatural exchange. Thank You for the promise of Isaiah 61, that You give beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Lord, today, we choose to trust You, anchoring our hope in You, knowing that You don't disappoint. Cause joy to arise in us, producing strength for this season, so we may live as joyful warriors, strong in You and the power of Your might.*

And, Lord, we pray for this refreshment, restoration, and strength to be poured out on our leaders. They are on the frontlines of war, not only in America but the entire world. Give them strength-producing joy, faith-sustaining courage, and fruit-producing wisdom. We pray they not grow weary in doing what is right so that they may reap in due season (Galatians 6:9). We pray this especially for President Trump. Give him supernatural strength to finish his race well. All of this we ask in Jesus' name, amen.

Our decree: We decree that beauty is replacing our ashes, victory is replacing our sorrows, and our futures are filled with the goodness of God.

(Today's post was contributed by my brother, Tim Sheets. You can learn more about Tim at TimSheets.org. To watch this full word, [click here.](#))

1. Charles Bracelen Flood, *Lee—the Last Years* (Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin, 1981).

Elul 11, 5785: Thursday September 4, 2025

Barry Wunsch

Given on August 11 at 9:50 AM ·

**Prophetic Word: Special Ops Intercession / Child & Human Trafficking
Rescue Teams / Deconstructing Organized Crime**

While I was in Kelowna, at the Gathering of the Prophets at the Eagles nest in Kelowna hosted by the Kelowna Blessing, I was up early praying, and the Lord spoke to me. Here are my notes from that day, and I released this in that gathering.

Here it is:

I heard the Lord say, he is going to raise up and upgrade Special Ops Intercession Teams here in Canada, not only out of this region but across Canada. It will look much different as these special Ops teams will have governmental pathways for the word of the Lord through vetted secure channels to advance the Kingdom of God and His purposes in Canada and the Nations. This shall be much more covert than the structures in place right now.

They will steward the word of the Lord for His Glory, not their own. The existing large intercession teams and groups in Canada have in some ways given access to the enemy by elevating things into the spirit realm that have given the enemy access to

information that has been used against them and opened doors for the enemy to attack at will with great success.

These platforms that men have built and boasted in are coming through a refiner's fire right now, and there will be many that will emerge and advance out of them at the speed of their humility. God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. What the Lord is doing shall be for the advancement of His Kingdom and not the platform for men and women to build their own empires.

The Lord also showed me that there are those in the Kelowna area and region that the Lord has called and is calling to help in the stopping of child and human trafficking. There is a back door opening up like the underground railway to bring victims out of these dark places into freedom, liberty, healing and deliverance and will make them new - they will be equipped, educated, and launched into Kingdom purposes to fulfill their destiny and bring life and hope to others. Likewise, I felt the Lord impress upon me that He is going to do the same thing with addicts.

There will be a strategy of heaven that will come in a dream with a blueprint. I also saw that there was a "King Pin" that the Lord will bring in and he will help marshal the work that needs to be done – almost like an undercover guy for the Lord. He will be radically saved and delivered, and the Lord will use him to rescue those caught in addiction. And along with that, he will be instrumental in the deconstruction of gangs and organized crime not only in Kelowna but into other regions of the Nation.

Join us in prayer, word, action and deed as we advance the Kingdom of God in the Nation of Canada driving out the kingdom of darkness. Canada shall not be forfeited!

Most Sincerely,
Barry Wunsch
The Canadian Hammer

Elul 12, 5785: Friday September 5, 2025



Nate Johnston: You're not Crazy, You are a Threat

Dear pioneers, forerunners, and radical remnant,

This is a prophetic word and a letter from my heart doused in the heart of the Father for you today.

When you are on the front lines, you take a lot of hits. More than others do, right?

Would it be safe to say that most of the time, you feel like many wouldn't understand the level of battle you face or be able to handle it themselves?

Because yes, it's true. Pioneers attract the most insane warfare that they can feel crazy even talking about it!

I have been contacted by so many people in the last few days, telling me what they have been facing and also the critical assignments God has given them.

Of course, the enemy is afraid of you and is throwing everything plus the kitchen sink at you! You are a triple threat!

Apathy and silence will lead you to the road of least resistance and living comfortably, but you just don't take down any giants. It's not worth it.

I can't even talk about half the strange and bizarre things that we come up against, firstly, because I just don't want to give the enemy any props, and secondly, because you would think we are crazy.

But there are so many people right now standing before unusual giants and impossible odds. It's nonstop arrows and fires, BUT it's also a guarantee backfire because if you stay in the secret place, it FUELS THE FIRE!

Our trip, just getting to Sydney a few days ago, was one of the biggest opposition moments in recent years, yet when we arrived, I was ready to battle. It draws the David out of you if you will let it.

So, this is a word for you movers and shakers - those who God has positioned as pillars of this fresh new thing He is doing - this won't kill you or rob you in the end, it's not breaking you, but it's MAKING YOU!

I keep seeing the Lord seating you at His table in this season and anointing your head with oil in front of your enemies - THE ENEMY.

I see the word LEGACY over you because what you may not know is that this call you have accepted is beyond the movement or step of faith you think it is. It's for the sake of legacy and extending the kingdom in ways others have forfeited.

And I see the Lord fighting for you today. There are angelic forces and armies around you that you don't even see, but God is covering and protecting you and reminding you today that He has anointed you for this, and you will be victorious.

And watch God extend your borders in the process.

And Pioneers, let me end by saying this - when David walked out onto the field that day, he would've had to block out the noise of Goliath and focus only on the Lord.

He would have had to focus on all the years of worship that he'd been cultivating in secret so that he could effectively engage in that moment and take down the giant that was in front of him.

I believe we're in another moment right now like that. I believe this is a holy and sacred moment for the Lord is saying to you, "Are you allowing the noise to unsettle you, to rattle you, or are you going to close your eyes, focus on me, and let me take you through a new threshold of victory into a place of overcoming like you've never seen before?"

I believe we're in that moment right now.

Look down for a moment, David, at the stones on your hands. Insignificant. Overlooked. But carrying something most won't see. But you do. Hold fast to them now and go finish the job you were given.

So, shake off the lies today that you must have missed it because you couldn't be more on track, and get back your worship. Shut out the noise and praise Him!

Because this mountain in front of you - it's going to move in Jesus' name.

"No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me," declares the LORD." (Isaiah 54:17)

Elul 13, 5785: Saturday September 6, 2025

**Dutch Sheets ·
Advancing the Culture of Life
by Kelsey Bohender**

I'm the executive director of Zoe's House Adoption Agency in Kansas City. I am honored to bring you today's Give Him 15. Today, I bring you an update on abortion since Roe v. Wade was overturned—and a call to action for the body of Christ. When the Dobbs decision returned abortion policy to the states, we rejoiced. Roe v. Wade was dead. We knew some states would cling to abortion, but we hoped others would drive numbers down. Yet three years later, abortions haven't decreased—they've shifted. Our strategy for life must follow. Informed intercession is critical. When our prayers align with action, they become "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen" brought into reality.

My husband, Randy, and I launched Zoe's House ten years ago as part of our response to the culture of death that had taken root in the forty years following Roe v. Wade. As an adoptive family, we believed we could champion life by raising awareness and helping other families adopt. Our vision was also to treat expectant mothers with dignity and the love of Jesus. We saw adoption as a prophetic witness to the day Roe would fall – and it still is. Adoption remains a powerful answer to abortion, a living testimony that life is always the better way.

While adoption stands as light in the darkness, the landscape has changed. The Guttmacher Institute estimates 1,038,000 abortions in 2024 – the highest in recent years. Though twelve states enacted total bans after Roe’s reversal, national abortion rates have actually increased. How? The truth is, abortion hasn’t ended; it’s shifted to regional hubs, drawing women from states where it’s restricted.

In Kansas, which chose to protect the “right” to abort, nearly 16,000 out-of-state residents came to the Sunflower State for an abortion last year. North Carolina and New Mexico saw similar trends; Illinois nearly doubled that, performing over 35,000 abortions for women from other states. Roe may be gone, but abortion has concentrated into epicenters – bigger clinics, busier schedules, and a steady stream of women traveling in.

Meanwhile, medication abortions are surging through telehealth and online pill orders. With both travel and medication abortions rising, the battlefield has changed – and when it changes, so must our strategy. This is why strategic intercession and targeted action matter more than ever.

Intercessors speak the language of battle, so hear this: a “beachhead” is a foothold wrested from enemy hands, a place where the tide begins to turn. It is not the war’s end, but it is sacred ground, claimed and held, from which the next great advance will rise. Stand firm. Strengthen the lines. From here, light breaks through. As Isaiah 58 promises, ***“If you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.”*** This is the promise for God’s people who stand for the vulnerable – light in dark places, victory on contested ground.

For the pro-life movement, adoption has always been a crucial beachhead — a strategic foothold where conviction becomes undeniable action. Adoption doesn’t end abortion, but it ignites a movement to defend the value of a child, protect the sanctity of a mother, and celebrate the beauty of a family. Zoe’s House is one such beachhead. From the ground gained over the past ten years, we have been able to launch in multiple directions, advancing the cause of life.

Families who open their hearts to babies and children through the spirit of adoption also become a beachhead on the pro-life front. Like Isaiah’s parents, they said yes to this precious, non-verbal, autistic 2-year-old boy with no hesitation when his birthmother decided that she wanted a family for him who could care for his needs. Isaiah spoke his first words as he became a part of their family, and his birth mom receives regular

updates in this open adoption. It's a beautiful story. The courage and compassion of this family give them equity in the fight for life. In the Church, Isaiah and his birth mom are not statistics; each life is sacred with a future worth fighting for. We should never be content with merely saving a heartbeat, but investing in the futures of these children and in the dignity of their mothers.

Ground is not held simply by caring for children. In the pro-life movement, holding ground means valuing the futures of both child and mother. Some women, when they choose life instead of abortion, do so out of deep love for their child and a desire for a better future. Others may not yet have that vision for their child—but they still need to know that their own life is worth investing in. The Church must see both. This means asking hope-filled questions: *"What could your life look like five years from now? What would it take to get there?"* It means walking alongside her with real help – healthcare, job training, education, safe housing – so that her life, too, can flourish. This is where conviction becomes action, where life advocacy becomes life provision. When the Church champions both the child and the mother, it stands firm against the tide of cultural opposition, holding ground so that hopelessness cannot sweep them away. And from this foothold, we move forward – not only to prevent death, but to provide life in all its fullness.

The pro-life mission continues long after a child's first cry. If adoption of babies is a beachhead in the fight for life, then stepping into foster care is advancing that line. Across our nation, thousands of children in foster care are waiting not just for shelter, but for stability, belonging, and love. Over 36,000 of these children are legally free for adoption right now. Many have been moved from place to place, carrying their lives in a trash bag, wondering if anyone sees them. Stepping into adoption from foster care means claiming new territory where the enemy has sown abandonment, neglect, and despair, and replacing it with safety, healing, and hope. Every home opened, every heart willing to mentor, every church that wraps around foster families - these are forward movements in the campaign for life. We have the opportunity to expand the foothold we've gained, not only defending the unborn but also in defending the born who are still waiting for a permanent seat at a family table. When the Church steps into foster care, the mission of life becomes complete. We move from simply saving lives to transforming them.

The battle for life is fought wherever children are protected, mothers are cherished, and families are made whole. From the womb to the foster home, from the prayer closet to the frontlines, this is the campaign for life. We've prayed for abortion to end, for children to be safe, for families restored, and Jesus is raising up churches to be the

answer. Not everyone can adopt, but every believer can serve; be a surrogate aunt or uncle, driver, babysitter, or cook, wrapping around families so they thrive. Informed prayer strikes with precision, and tangible steps bring those prayers to life. As Isaiah 58 reminds us, when we champion the vulnerable and fatherless, His light breaks through, healing quickly appears, and the glory of the Lord will be our rear guard. Darkness cannot stand.

We are not bystanders in this story – we are the ones who plant the flag of hope, hold the ground, and press the advance until every child thrives, every mother flourishes, and every family is whole.

If you have further questions about adoption, please visit our website at <https://zoeshouseadoptions.com>. And if you'd like to see a snapshot of children in foster care who are legally free for adoption and waiting for families, go to <https://adoptuskids.org/?r=u>

Look at them, and let their faces be more than images, let them be a call to action.

Pray with me:

Father of the fatherless and defender of the vulnerable:

We thank You for the gift of life and the dignity You give to every person. Grant us clear minds to discern the times, courageous hearts to do what is right, and generous hands to carry the burdens of real families. Strengthen weary parents, protect waiting children, empower women to give life, and make our churches places of refuge and belonging.

Forgive us for words without deeds, and teach us to love with compassion, honoring the vulnerable and carrying the load together. May every child find a home, every story find hope, and may our lives reflect Your steadfast love.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Elul 14, 5785: Sunday September 7, 2025

Will Meier: Birthing a New Breed: 3 Kingdom Witnesses



The Firstfruits of a Joshua and Caleb Generation

In a vision during worship, I was suddenly immersed in the imagery of a birth in the context of my firstborn son; it wasn't merely biological, but the Lord was pointing to something much greater. What I saw was not a woman laboring but Christ Himself presiding over a birthing process—a holy travail. What gripped me was the blood. It wasn't the crimson of crisis but the radiant, royal blood of the Lamb. His blood wasn't incidental; it was intentional. It flowed deliberately like at Calvary; this time not for death but for life.

Jesus' lifeblood stood present, overseeing the emergence of sons and daughters from the womb of His heart. His blood covered the entire process, sanctifying it, protecting it, and driving back every demonic assault that sought to abort what God was bringing forth. It wasn't just protection. It was preparation for enthronement. What stood out even more was His love over what was being birthed—so strong and pure—filled with joy over what was coming forth.

Formed to Carry Presence

This is not a new idea by any means. Watchman Nee stated, "The future of the Church rests not in individual greatness but in the ability of spiritual fathers to raise sons who will carry the life, not just the work."

This is what Jesus was midwifing, in a sense—not mere followers, but carriers of His very DNA and life. The sons being born in the Spirit were not appendages to a movement; they *were* the movement. They were not being formed to carry programs; they were born to carry presence.

And what He was bringing forth was not random, it was royal. His eyes locked on the firstborns; those marked for a double-portion inheritance to build and bless the families. These were not ordinary children; they were spiritual firstfruits, born for governance, for influence, for generational impact. **They bore the imprint of Kingdom responsibility, the mantle of leadership, and the fragrance of the Father's delight.** The joy of the Son was fierce, radiant, uncontainable. This was not just a birth; it was a royal commissioning.

T. Austin-Sparks once said, "The Church is not a school for the transfer of information but a womb for the birth and formation of sons unto glory." And in this vision, I saw the womb of birthing sons and daughters expanding with divine purpose. The contractions weren't chaos; they were Kingdom. This birthing wasn't about increasing numbers; it was about unveiling heirs. Heaven was focused on formation, not just conversion.

The Holy Spirit made it clear: this birthing is not producing another wilderness generation of rebellion and unbelief. **This is the hour where God is bringing forth the kind of leaders He originally intended to emerge from the Exodus—a Caleb and Joshua company, marked by courage, faith, and unwavering alignment with Heaven.**

The deliverance from Egypt was never meant to produce wanderers; it was intended to usher in warrior-leaders, Kingdom visionaries—those who see the fruit and not the giants. It was a firstfruits offering to raise up a people who live from the throne room, not the wilderness of doubt. The Passover was a blood-soaked doorway—not just salvation that was later delayed due to unbelief, but into dominion, authority, and assignment.

True Leadership Multiplies Maturity, Not Dependency

We are not measured by how many follow us but by how many are empowered to lead. **True leadership multiplies maturity, not dependency.** Sons are not trophies; they are arrows, launched with precision into nations.

Smith Wigglesworth declared prophetically, "God is raising a generation that will not only know His acts but His ways. The sons must go further than the fathers in both purity and power."

These sons are not repeating history; they are advancing destiny. They are going further. They are rising in purity, rooted in covenant, and anointed for global

impact. They are not defined by institutional structures; they are refined in the fire of intimacy and trained in obedience to please the Father.

So, we declare: *This is not a season of survival. It is a threshold into promise, inheritance, and spiritual authority. It is not the birth of orphans; it is the revealing of heirs.*

The Three That Testify: Heaven's Birthing Agents

"This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness in Heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the Blood; and these three agree as one." (1 John 5:6–8 NKJV)

This Scripture unlocked the vision like a key in a hidden door. The Spirit, the water, and the Blood are not passive symbols; they are living witnesses and active agents in every holy birthing of the Kingdom. They were there when Jesus was baptized—the water. They were present at the Cross—the Blood. And they are present now every time something sacred is born in the Spirit, the Spirit orchestrating. The Spirit hovers, breathing identity, boldness, and spiritual DNA, just as He did over the waters in Genesis. The water cleanses and prepares, renewing the mind and pushing us through the womb of the Word. The Blood seals, protects, and declares ownership, inheritance, and legitimacy.

"According to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit." (Titus 3:5 NKJV)

These three don't just point to Jesus; they surround us in every threshold moment. They are the divine force of destiny, present in every breakthrough, just as every natural birth is attended by water and blood.

These sons and daughters are not just emerging; they are being commissioned. They are not projects of man but prototypes of a new wineskin. They carry the flame of intimacy and the foundation of truth. They are forerunners who will not be tamed by culture or contained by religion. They are carriers of fire and foundation, revealed in the earth for such a time as this.

This is a divine convergence. Heaven and earth are in agreement. Jesus is birthing destiny through His intercession. The Spirit is hovering, covering, and creating.

The Father is smiling. The angels are watching. And the womb of sons and daughters is groaning with contractions of promise.

The Red Sea: A Birth Canal of Deliverance

The story of Israel's exodus is not just history; it is a prophetic blueprint.

When the children of Israel passed through the Red Sea, it was far more than a dramatic escape. It was a birthing out of bondage and into identity. Egypt had been their place of oppression—a spiritual womb, growing a people in the dark. But when the appointed time came, God opened the waters to press them through a narrow place into something entirely new.

"Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided." (Exodus 14:21 NKJV)

The east wind (symbolic of the Spirit) and the rod of Moses (symbolizing delegated authority) created the conditions for divine passage. The Red Sea became a prophetic birth canal, and the labor pains were the groanings of deliverance. The Red Sea was like a spiritual birth canal.



Israel didn't walk into liberty; they were pushed into it by God's Spirit. They emerged as a people no longer known by Pharaoh's whip but by Yahweh's covenant. What came out of that sea was more than refugees; it was a nation of priests delivered by the hand of God through water, wind, the blood, and Word. **And just as it was then, so it is now: God is birthing a people, a priesthood, and a Kingdom family whose identity is forged not in ease but in the crucible of divine transition.** (Photo via StockCake)

Claiming the Destiny of a Nation

Before Israel could walk through the waters of deliverance, they had to be marked by the blood of the covenant. God wasn't merely shielding them from death—He was claiming them for Himself and making a covenant with His Kingdom priesthood.

"For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you." (Exodus 12:23 NKJV)

In that night of terror, the blood became the line between judgment and mercy, between bondage and belonging. God claimed the firstborns as His own, and in doing so, claimed the destiny of a nation. The blood on the door was more than a sign of protection; it was the seal of purpose.

This act of deliverance was never meant to culminate in wandering. It was a holy initiation of being baptized into His Body as a holy nation. God's desire was to raise up a people who would not just be free, but govern as sons, minister as royal priests, and walk in intimacy with Him.

"Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure 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." (Exodus 19:5–6 NKJV)

This was Heaven's intention—not just to rescue a people, but to reveal a royal priesthood consecrated for communion, carriers of glory, and administrators of His dominion on earth. The Passover was not the finish line; it was the blood-soaked threshold into identity, intimacy, and governance. The same is true today. The blood of Jesus is not just for salvation and escape from sin but for entrance into sonship—into a mature, governing partnership with the Father.

A Journey Prolonged: Mindsets That Delay Destiny

And yet, despite all this divine setup, Israel stumbled. What was destined to be a few-day crossover into promise became a forty-year delay in the desert. The problem was not with God's provision, but with the people's perception.

"So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief." (Hebrews 3:19 NKJV)

They were physically out of Egypt, but Egypt was still embedded in their thinking. They had been delivered but not yet disciplined. They had experienced the acts of God but not discerned His ways.

"He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel." (Psalm 103:7 NKJV)

Moses leaned into God's nature—His patterns, His motivations, His voice. The people, however, were fascinated by miracles but unmoved by His heart. This lack of depth led to fear, which gave birth to disobedience, which matured into delay. God had delivered a people, but they had not yet matured. They carried freedom on the outside but still lived like orphans within. The promise was available, but their mindsets disqualified them from possessing it.

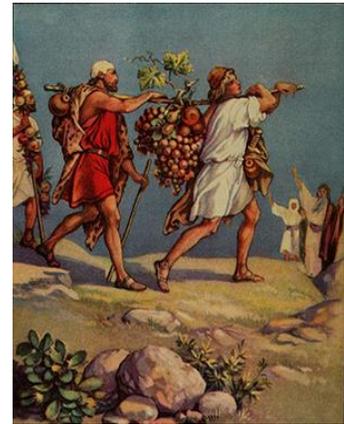
The Caleb and Joshua Generation: Eyes on the Kingdom

In the middle of that murmuring, unbelieving multitude stood two men, Caleb and Joshua, who saw differently.

They didn't just see the land; they saw the Kingdom.

"Then they told him, and said: 'We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.'" (Numbers 13:27 NKJV)

They were not blind to the giants, but they were fixated on the fruit. Where others saw impossibility, they discerned inheritance. *(Photo via GetArchive)*



"Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, 'Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.'" (Numbers 13:30 NKJV)

They didn't view the future through the lens of fear, but through the eyes of the throne room. Their minds were not shaped by second-heaven warfare, but anchored in covenantal reality. Caleb and Joshua discerned that they weren't grasshoppers in enemy territory; they were sons on assignment. The same giants that caused others to shrink became fuel for their faith.

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

They had what God is birthing now, *a different spirit*—a spirit not of fear but of power, love, and clarity (2 Timothy 1:7). They were prototypes of the new breed of sons and daughters who lead not by status but by sight—Kingdom sight. They were governed not by the report of men but by the reality of God's Word. They lived in the dimension of promise, moved by the King's decree, not the crowd's fear. They were not built for circles in the wilderness but for territorial transformation.

The Father's Delight in the Birthing

What I saw in the vision was not just protection; it was profound pleasure. The Father was radiating joy over the sons and daughters being born in the Spirit. His gaze was fixed, His heart wide open. This was not a clinical delivery; it was an encounter of affection. Love surrounded the womb. Joy crowned the process. Glory hovered over the threshold.

These are not orphans, wanderers, or survivors of a system; they are firstborns in the Spirit to build God's household, marked with the seal of Heaven, forged in the furnace of divine love, and anointed with the double portion of inheritance. They are not merely being born; they are being revealed.

"For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God." (Romans 8:15–16 NKJV)

These sons are born of the Spirit, covered by the Blood, and formed by the Word. They are not products of religious systems. They are the offspring of intimacy. They carry a royal lineage. They are destined to walk in deep communion, territorial inheritance, and strategic influence.

"'Shall I bring to the [moment of] birth and not cause to bring forth?' says the Lord. 'Shall I who causes to bring forth shut the womb?' says your God." (Isaiah 66:9 AMPC)

God is not just birthing individuals; He is birthing nation shapers. These sons and daughters will infiltrate every domain of culture—government, education, business, media, family, religion, the arts—as emissaries of another realm. They carry the culture of the Kingdom and the fragrance of the throne. They will not just speak truth; they will embody it. They are the living answer to creation's groan for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Step Into the New

If you find yourself in a season marked by pressure, contradiction, or intense inner travail, don't rush to escape it. Pause. Discern. Lean in. What feels like

warfare may, in fact, be the contractions of birthing. This is not destruction; it is divine transition. *(Photo via GetArchive)*

And if it is birthing, then hear this with the ears of your spirit: Jesus is present, not watching from a distance but standing beside you as your advocate, intercessor, and acting as a type of midwife. He's applying His blood to every place the enemy has tried to defile or delay. His hands are steady. His gaze is locked on your promise. His voice is releasing permission to emerge. His blood is speaking louder than every accusation, louder than your past, and louder than the voice of delay. It speaks, "Mine. Chosen. Protected. Commissioned."



The Father is delighting, not merely observing, but rejoicing over you with fierce joy. His eyes are ablaze with fire, and His heart beats with desire. He's not frustrated with your process; He is enthroned within it.

The Spirit is hovering, brooding over the chaos, ready to breathe life over the waters of your destiny, just as He did in the beginning. He is stirring identity, awakening memory, and activating the blueprints written in your scroll before time began.

So, hear this now: Beloved, you are not stuck. You are not lost. You are not delayed. You are in divine transition. You are not just crossing into something new; you are crossing into the fullness of who you are in Christ. This is not about mere calling; it's about emergence. This is not just your next season; it is your appointed unveiling.

You are stepping over a blood-marked threshold into Kingdom visibility, spiritual maturity, and apostolic authority. You are rising as a revealed son or daughter, ready to release Heaven on earth—not by striving, but by simply being who you were always designed to be. Cross the threshold. Heaven is waiting. Earth is groaning. The time is now.

Big Takeaways

Jesus is birthing a new generation of sons and daughters who are not being birthed into survival but into sonship, dominion, and visibility. This is not incidental, it's divine intention.

The Spirit, the water, and the Blood are Heaven's birthing agents. They do not passively observe; they testify, cover, cleanse, and commission every Kingdom son and daughter crossing into purpose.

You are not stuck; you are in divine transition. What you've called "warfare" may be the contractions of spiritual birthing. Discern the moment and step through the threshold.

The Red Sea and Passover are prophetic blueprints of identity, priesthood, and purpose, sealed in the Blood and empowered by the Spirit. These were not just events; they were thresholds into governance and glory.

God's intention was never to birth wanderers. The Exodus deliverance was designed to produce Calebs and Joshuas—faith-filled, fruit-focused, throne-room-aligned leaders, carrying the double portion.

This is a threshold moment. You are not simply receiving a calling; you are emerging into maturity, mission, and mandate. This is the unveiling of heirs, not the maintenance of orphans. You are being revealed, not hidden. This is your hour of Kingdom visibility, apostolic maturity, and cultural influence. You were born to shape nations and steward generational legacy.

Heaven is converging with earth. The Father delights, the Son commissions, the Spirit hovers, and the Blood declares: "This one belongs to Me."

Elul 15, 5785: Monday September 8, 2025

Lana Vawser

I HEARD THE LORD SAY, 'DO NOT ALLOW PRESSURE COMING AGAINST THE STRATEGIES AND MY WISDOM THAT I HAVE GIVEN YOU CAUSE YOU TO COMPROMISE YOUR OBEDIENCE TO THEM, FOR ABUNDANT FRUIT IS ABOUT TO BURST FORTH'

When the Lord spoke these words, I began to see a 'tightening' of strategies. He is securing His strategies in the lives of many right now. There is a call to even deeper focus on His ways, His strategies and His wisdom in the lives of His people right now. I saw an even greater narrowing of focus in this hour, and in the narrowing of focus, looking at Him and not being distracted, there was a greater enlarging of vision.

I began to see the hand of the Lord tightening these strategies in clarity, insight, confirmation and direction. I began to see in the tightening of these strategies by the hand of the Lord – that there were some things that had to be laid down and let go of in order to embrace the tightening of the Lord’s wisdom and strategy. As the Lord was tightening strategies He had given His people, I began to see that there are also new strategies and the revealing of His wisdom being released from His heart.

The sense was so strong in this encounter to really lean in and be quiet to hear and receive and perceive what the Lord is speaking and where He is leading, and to posture ourselves before Him in humility and adoration to hear the strategies and wisdom being released. The Lord showed me there is a great increase of His boldness and empowering strength to obey the strategies and wisdom of the Lord that ‘go against the grain’ or are opposite to what you were expecting or how you thought you would do things. There is great boldness and empowering strength to lean in and to OBEY HIS WAY!

I then began to see PRESSURE surrounding these strategies and the wisdom of God being released into the lives of many right now. This pressure was manifesting on many levels. Some of the areas of pressure I saw were: pressure from people, pressure from the crowds, pressure from fear, doubt and fear of man, fear of rejection, their own will, financial pressure, discouragement, disappointment, fear of failure, and warfare. The volume of the pressure was SO loud in the spirit. I could feel the pressure for some from one area, then for others; multiple areas of pressure were pressing up against their hearts and up against their obedience to the Lord’s ways.

I could hear the Lord’s encouragement to not allow the pressure that is coming against them – and for many, from many sides – to cause them to compromise in their obedience to God’s ways. As I continued to lean in and seek the Lord’s heart I heard: ‘Do not compromise My way. Remain in My way. For there are destiny thresholds that I am leading many of you through in this hour. That as you walk in My strategies and My wisdom, I am preparing, positioning and making room for you to move with Me where I am leading. Do not bow to the pressure, for My empowering strength and grace is greater than any pressure that may come against you. Stay close to Me, stay tied to My heart in intimacy and in My Word, for I will sustain you in all that I am asking you to do. For I am bringing you deeper into My ways for this hour. And though it looks different – and for some, does not fit within your human understanding – I say unto you, TRUST ME and TRUST MY WAY! For I am leading you into pastures that are filled with life and the move of My Spirit.

'For I say unto you, do not allow the pressure to cause you to compromise; for abundant fruit is about to break forth as you walk in obedience to My strategies and wisdom. For there has been great warfare against many strategies and My Wisdom that I have released to you; and this warfare has increased significantly, because of the bursting forth of fruit and fruitfulness that shall be seen as you walk in obedience to Me. You will see great fruitfulness and the powerful move of My Spirit bring such significant turnaround and healing and restoration and revival to the dead and dry places, as you follow in My ways in these areas that the enemy has been contending against and where other pressures have been deafening.

'I say unto you, come deeper into the secret place. Continue to feast on the manna that I am releasing to you. My Word and My voice shall lead you, strengthen you, and My Spirit shall carry you. You will walk upon my Word as your foundation - My Word that does not change - for I am the living Word and you shall see great victory.

'For I say unto you, that where the enemy has come with much opposition to attempt to cause you to be misaligned from My wisdom and My strategies – as you continue to remain steadfast and in obedience to Me and My ways – these areas where he has tried so hard to bring a misalignment, these will be areas of MIRACLES!!!!!!

'For I say unto you, that I am infusing you with hope and strength to step out further into My ways, My wisdom and leading. Leave behind the bags of the past that have tried to keep you bound in hopelessness, fear, despair, disappointment, grief and insecurity; and step forward in bold trust in Me, knowing that I have gone before you. I have prepared the way; and where you walk in My ways and My strategies, I am bringing forth abundant fruitfulness. Oh, the move of my Spirit that is before you and upon you.

'As you continue to follow My ways, My strategies and wisdom – and pressure is all around – I say unto you, lean even deeper into Me. Trust Me and look to Me and meditate upon My Word. Do not exalt the pressure; and know that as you walk through and overcome these areas of intense pressure, I am bringing you forth as the overcomer that you are in Me. Through this process of abandoning and shaking off all that would attempt to hinder you from moving in obedience to Me and My ways, I am healing and delivering you and bringing you further into freedom to follow Me in radical abandonment.

'I say unto you, ARISE AND DECIDE! ARISE AND DECIDE that you will not allow the pressure to move you from where I am leading you and calling you to walk in My ways.

Give NOT EYE or EAR to it. Guard your gates. Meditate upon Me and My Word and know that in My ways, My wisdom and strategy – followed in obedience – you are coming into a place of seeing greater fruitfulness and the move of My Spirit in greater ways.'

"Trust in and rely confidently on the Lord with all your heart, And do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know and acknowledge and recognize Him, And He will make your paths straight and smooth [removing obstacles that block your way]." (Proverbs 3:5-6 AMP)

"I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you." (Psalm 32:8)

"Listen to My counsel, for my instruction will enlighten you. You will be wise not to ignore it." (Proverbs 8:33 TPT)

Elul 16, 5785: Tuesday September 9, 2025

Terry Friesen: Our King and His Kingdom

There is such a propensity, when we are in a state of the unknown, to find a way forward that connects to what we know. We seek to know the way forward, so we look intently, we pray, we seek. The mind wants to attach to what it knows, or what our emotions feel, or what we discern by the spirit. None of these is wrong and indeed can be the way the Lord leads us through most seasons.

But we are in an unusual season. We are in a time frame when something new is coming forward, something we have not seen before. How can we pull from what is already in and around us when it is something new.

The Lord always seeds our hearts, prepares the soil of our hearts. So, it does make sense that some of the new that is coming has already been seeded into our hearts, but the way forward must be of the Spirit.

In recent days, I have received some tremendous revelations, strategies, and insights, and as quickly as they come, they seem to lose their luster. Not because what the Holy

Spirit is revealing is unimportant, but because even the greatest revelations of the past seasons will pale in comparison to what is about to be revealed in the new.

As I worship and pray, I have the insatiable desire to see a way open in the spirit that does not originate in me, but in the Lord Himself. It has no frame of reference in this world, otherwise I would try to perform it or try to cause it to come about in some way. It must originate in Him, the high and exalted one.

We have tried everything we know, even in the life of the spirit, but now we ask You Lord, to make a way of Your design and Your choosing, one that only You can make. We desire a way forward that is truly supernatural, a way that is worthy of Your kingdom and Your Kingship.

There is something deep within our heart and spirits that has always longed for a supernatural way forward. At times we've come to the place of needing a miracle doorway in our lives, and the Lord has indeed met us at these times and in these places. But this is different. In this season we seek not just an answer to a prayer, a miracle for a pronounced need, though this happens and we are thankful when it does.

In this season, we seek a doorway in the spirit that opens to a supernatural dimension of living, that once we enter, we never retreat from or go back to what was prior. We seek to enter a dimension of living that reflects the beauty and majesty of our King, one that is worthy of our King.

There is something about the coming new season that has to do with our King's majesty, His glory. There is something so profound about who He is, that as He causes His nature to move in our direction, that humanity, all of creation, cannot remain the same.

The Lord has been talking to me in recent days about His advancing Kingdom, but we cannot experience a greater reveal of His kingdom, without encountering the King. Stepping into greater dimensions of His kingdom means that we come into proximity of the King. Or should I say, as the King draws near, in the greatness of His majesty, we experience His kingdom coming upon and around us.

I am eternally thankful for my relationship with my Lord and who I know Him to be - the frame of life He has given me - but I desire Him more than what I currently know. I am willing to step out of the frame of what has been, and into the frame of what is now becoming. Will you join me?

It is the same kingdom we've know and the King that has always been faithful to us in past seasons, but like John in the book of Revelation, we will be undone when we see Him as He is.

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. (Revelation 1:17-18 NIV)

For about 20 years, the Lord has been teaching me to stand in His glory, to walk in and operate in His glory. Since I encountered His glory over 30 years ago, I have never been one to fall out in His presence. I remember the day when He said to me, you must learn to stand in My glory, to move in My glory, to function in My glory. At times I have felt the mighty weight of His glory come upon me, and I've drawn on His strength to stand.

Two nights ago, I had a dream. In that dream I was in a simple worship service in the front row, and I could feel His glory cover me and surround me as I sat during the worship. The Lord encouraged me to stand, which I did, and open my hands to receive His glory in a greater way into the service. As I did, the glory of the Lord landed so heavy upon me, I fell like a "sack of potatoes" on the ground. I remember lying there in the spirit for an extended period of time overcome with wave after wave of His glory washing over me.

I was defenseless in the midst of His greatness. Indeed, the season ahead will be different, it will be greater. Prepare your hearts as we enter this fall season, and seek Him in Spirit and in Truth. Don't accept a lesser version, one of our own design. As the Lord said to me recently, now is the time to swing for the fences – hold nothing back.

Lord, we ask you to make a way, one that originates in who You are. We seek Your kingdom in this season, but even greater, we seek You as the high and exalted King, to come on the scene and make a way that only You can make.

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Elul 17, 5785: Wednesday September 10, 2025

**YOU WILL JUMP INTO YOUR PROMISE!
BERNICE SHEIDLER, MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS**

It's time to jump!

I had a dream where I was preparing to skydive. A leader stood near me—calm, confident, like he owned the plane. He carried authority, overseeing every detail. As I got ready to jump, I saw in a vision my parachute—it looked like a rainbow being carefully packed into my pack, 'like a promise' waiting to be released when I stepped out. I knew that when I jumped, my parachute would open, releasing a big rainbow into the sky!

This dream isn't just for me—it's a word for many of you:

YOU WILL STEP INTO YOUR PROMISE AS YOU STEP OUT!

You're standing at the edge of something unfamiliar... maybe even terrifying. What's ahead feels bigger than you. Maybe it's not what you expected, or even what you wanted, but it's what God is asking you to step into. Your promise is waiting on the other side of your obedience. It won't come from staying in your comfort zone. It will take faith. But you're not stepping into this alone.

God is going before you and positioning the right people around you—leaders, mentors, and voices of wisdom to help steward what He's calling you into. Just like Peter stepping out of the boat (Matthew 14:28–29), your miracle requires action. The breakthrough is on the other side of your step of faith. It's time to jump. And God has already prepared your parachute.

"For we walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7 NKJV)

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Elul 18, 5785: Thursday September 11, 2025

**SUDDEN COURSE CHANGES!
ANGIE STOLBA, SOUTHERN MISSOURI**

**"A man's heart plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps."
(Proverbs 16:9 BSB)**

YOUR NEXT CHAPTER

As previously spoken, many have found themselves in transition and are quickly shifting into their next chapter. **For many, there has been the onset of a significant event, something that has truly set many other events in motion. This is nothing to fear, for the Lord is with you. He is holding you together with His mighty right hand!**

SUDDEN COURSE CHANGES.

I hear the Lord saying, **"Be open to sudden course changes! Be open to My leading! I am taking you in a completely different direction than you have previously anticipated. Trust My guidance and leadership. My thoughts and ways are higher than yours."** **'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,' declares the LORD. 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.'** (Isaiah 55:8–9 NASB)

"So, they reported to him and said, 'We came into the land where you sent us, and it certainly does flow with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. Nevertheless, the people who live in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And indeed, we saw the descendants of Anak there! Amalek is living in the land of the Negev, the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites are living in the hill country, and the Canaanites are living by the sea and by the side of the Jordan.'

"Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, 'We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we will certainly prevail over it.'" (Numbers 13:27–30 NASB).

"Fear and doubt have no place in this new chapter. This is truly a season of victory and overcoming! My goodness and faithfulness are about to be put on display in your life. Though at times it has been very difficult, you have been obedient and not deviated from the path that I have placed you on. I am about to reward your tenacity and your faithfulness! Continue to keep your eyes solely on Me and do not be swayed by the opinions of others amidst these changes. I will guide you even with My eyes upon you!"

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." (Psalm 32:8 NIV)

"Be watching, for sudden breakthroughs will come! Watch, for I will open up what has previously been closed! Follow Me through the open door that I am placing before you, and see with your own eyes what goodness awaits you!" says the Lord of the full harvest.

"They did not conquer the land with their swords; it was not their own strong arm that gave them victory. It was your right hand and strong arm and the blinding light from your face that helped them, for you loved them." (Psalm 44:3 NLT)

Elul 19, 5785: Friday September 12, 2025

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The God of Peace is warring on your behalf.

It's time to walk in victory, power, and dominion. Every demonic assignment, every generational curse, every spirit of delay, sickness, fear, and defeat is about to meet the heel of God's justice through your obedience, your worship, and your authority. The enemy thought he had the final word, but he forgot... you carry the crushing power of Christ inside of you. The dust is rising, the serpent is writhing, and your foot is about to fall with Kingdom weight.

Romans 16:20 isn't just a promise... it's a prophetic war cry.

STOMP. CRUSH. RISE.

"The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you." (Romans 16:20 NIV)

Elul 20, 5785: Saturday September 13, 2025

Veronika West

"CAN A NATION BE BIRTHED IN A DAY?"

I heard the Spirit say, "You say, "Can a Nation be birthed in a day?"

"I Say, Yes! For I can bring forth in but a moment, in but the twinkling of an eye for surely what man could not conceive in a lifetime.

"In just a day, I can shake the Foundations of Nations; I can Overturn Princes and their Thrones. I can Reorder and Realign Global Leaders and their Governments, I can Awaken a people to the Glory and Manifest Power of My Name.

"But Listen, Beloved, for surely, I Tell you, the Birthing of a Nation is only the beginning for the piercing Cry of a newborn babe; it is not the sound of maturity and Sonship, but it is the Announcement of greater Spiritual Accountability and Responsibility. For only in the Womb of the Upper Room will the Sound of deep travail give way to True and transforming Revival. But in the cradle of Revival is divine Stewardship and a Clarion Call to more than simple Discipleship. It's a demand for Apostolic Fathers and Mothers to Arise and to Raise up Sons marked by Holiness, Humility, Purity and Power. Many Speak of Revival, and Many more Cry out for Revival. Will you not only Cry for Birth, but are you willing to bear the weight of growth and the Burden of Fatherhood.

Are you Ready, are you Prepared to Host My Presence, to Carry Revival night and day and not merely for a fleeting Season, but for a Generation that is going to Hell?"

I Say, Watch! For True Revival It is not birthed to glorify man's platform or zeal for position and promotion or for a Name on the Door, but to Enthroned Me as King of Kings in the hearts of My people.

For surely, I Tell you, the Way of the Cross is to be carried daily, or True Revival cannot be sustained...Watch and Pray - Prepare the Way, for My Glory is now looking for a Resting place among the Nations.

So, Beloved, Yes! I Say again, A Nation can be birthed in a day. But My Eyes are looking to and fro across the Earth Looking for a people who will die daily, who can steward Revival beyond the day of Birthing into a Kingdom Legacy of Sheep Nations that will Rule, Reign and Occupy till I Come!"

Elul 21, 5785: Sunday September 14, 2025

Kathi Pelton: Clear the Room!



The Bride's Heart

Five years ago, I had an encounter with the Lord where I saw Him knock on the door of His Bride's heart. When she opened it to answer Him, He saw that it was too cluttered to come in. To my surprise, her heart wasn't cluttered with carnal things, but rather, with what we'd call "spiritual things." There were books, binders, papers, and journals filled with teaching notes and materials. There were many calendars that spanned years of different days marked with meetings, conferences, etc. There were spiritual tools such as flags, shofars, prayer shawls, and more. **His Bride was surrounded by spiritual things, but there was no room left for Jesus to enter.**

In this visionary encounter, I saw the Lord ask her if she was willing to make room for Him, and she eagerly responded with her "yes."

She asked Him, "What do You want me to remove to make room for You to enter?"

He answered her by saying, "Remove it all."

She was baffled by this, because all of these things were good, but her many possessions *about* Him had left no room *for* Him. It took a long time to clear it all, for these things had deep attachments within her heart and mind. When the process was done, she stood in the empty room (of her heart) and felt a chill and

sense of loss, because she had become so accustomed to being surrounded by all of the things that represented her spiritual life.

Welcoming Him In

Then she looked at the door where Jesus was waiting, and she asked Him to come in. **He entered, bringing with Him a small wooden table, two chairs, a cup of wine, and some unleavened bread. He said, "This is all you need."** He placed the cup and the bread on the small table, then proceeded to sit in a chair at the table. As He sat down, He invited her to join Him. *(Photo via Unsplash)*



That was the end of the visionary encounter, but it was the beginning of a process of God clearing out my heart. It needed to be emptied of all the things that had cluttered it so that He could come in and commune with me.

Clutter Is a Robber

Though I believe that the vision was for more than just me, I had to first allow the Lord to do it in me. I had no idea how cluttered my heart had become. And I had no idea how much it was robbing from me. It has been five years of being emptied, five years of removing one thing after another, five years of realizing that my identity was attached to many of these "things"—true things, but still just things. All of the clutter had the potential of becoming idols, because they were displacing Him for things that made me feel like a good Christian. **The many things about Him could not fill what only He could fill.**

In my vision, Jesus was not upset about His Bride's longing to know Him more or to be involved with so many things, but they were taking up room that He was jealous to inhabit. What began as sincerely wanting to know Him and do what was right became more about following a blueprint of what I felt people wanted me to do or possess. For each of us, the clutter for one may be different than for another, but there is an invitation to make room for "Christ in us" (Colossians 1:27) to become what fills our hearts.

This vision isn't intended to tell anyone to throw out all of their Christian materials, because it isn't about that; it is about the state of the Bride's heart. It is speaking of the clutter that has robbed her of the

simplicity of pure devotion to Him. For me, it is about understanding that seeking Him first is to put Him first, not putting all the lists of "things to do for Him" first.



I needed to be completely emptied and then allow Christ alone to fill my heart. I needed to return to first love. I especially needed to be emptied of those things that defined my spiritual identity more than Christ Himself and His deep longing to commune with me. *(Photo via Piquesels)*

Quite honestly, it's been a spiritually hard five years. My mind had a very hard time understanding what the Lord was doing or if it was actually Him doing it. I wrestled more than I've ever wrestled in my life.

Simplicity of Devotion to Christ

Being emptied can feel like loss and going backwards, but His end desire has been to simplify my life by being filled by the truth that comes from the crucifixion and resurrection. I am having to return to the grace by which I was saved, because that is where I began.

"But I am afraid that, even as the serpent beguiled Eve by his cunning, your minds may be corrupted and led away from the simplicity of [your sincere and] pure devotion to Christ." (2 Corinthians 11:3 AMP)

This is one of the verses that helped to bring me understanding of what was happening and that Jesus was bringing me back to the simplicity of my sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

May we clear the room and allow the simplicity of Christ to bring us back to the place of pure and sincere love and devotion to Him. May it restore in our hearts His deep desire for us. May the truth of the cross and His resurrection that gave us new life burn again in us. And, as He finds room in our hearts, I believe the grace that we once knew will also fill our hearts and bring peace.

Elul 22, 5785: Monday September 15, 2025

Bruce & Linda Dietler - Kansas

Manifesting the Heart of God in Your World

The Prophet Jeremiah, known as the Weeping Prophet, ministered in the southern kingdom of Judah during Old Testament times, right before the nation ultimately fell to Babylon and was led away into captivity in 586 B.C. He prophesied for 40 years, through the reign of four successive wicked kings, of the coming destruction of this sinful, crumbling nation, warning them of the tragedies that would befall them if they did not return to God with their whole hearts rather than depending on the temple ("the establishment") as their source of deliverance. And nobody heeded to his message.

During his ministry, Jeremiah found himself abandoned by his family who threatened to kill him; he was beaten, jailed for preaching treason against Judah, put into stocks, was ridiculed, was cast into a deep dry well, and suffered many other indignities. Through it all, with a breaking heart, Jeremiah continued to call for repentance of the nation and its people. And though he both prophesied and subsequently lived through the awful destruction of Jerusalem and its Temple, still he prophesied hope if the nation and its people would return to God.

One of the most oft-quoted verses in the Bible, **Jeremiah 29:11**, has offered hope to believers for centuries: ***"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."***

To fully appreciate this verse, however, we must understand the full context which is presented in verses 12-14. ***"12Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. 13And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. 14And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive."***

Jeremiah manifested the heart of God for His people and continued to minister from that pure heart unflinchingly until his death in 570 B.C.

Gettysburg

In 1863, several months after the Civil War battle of Gettysburg, President Lincoln was invited to be a secondary speaker at the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery

(now Gettysburg National Cemetery). The three-day battle of Gettysburg, which had ended on July 4th, had proved to be the Civil War's deadliest, resulting in more than 50,000 Confederate and Union army casualties. Lincoln polished his short dedication comments during the train ride from Washington. His heart was broken for the suffering of the nation, and he was keen to promote reconciliation and reunification with his address by citing the Declaration of Independence to inspire understanding of the equality and brotherhood of all men, Union and Confederates. The keynote speaker's oration lasted over two hours, while Lincoln's lasted less than two minutes, and the entire speech, "Four score and seven years ago...", was fewer than 275 words long. Nobody remembers either the name of the featured speaker or his eloquent words, but Lincoln's words have gone down in history as among the greatest ever spoken. Lincoln's remarks manifested the heart of God for the reconciliation of the nation and its people, and it continues to resonate with the heart of the people yet today.

How Long Can This Go On?

During an early morning thunderstorm several years ago, the Lord greatly burdened my spirit with the cry of His heart, which I believe still reverberates for our Republic in this hour. As you consider the horrors of Gettysburg, *hear the cry of the Father's heart* as you digest the following words. Selah.

Warfare is raging. Lightnings and thunder. Wounded and dying all around . . .

Through strife and contention, distrust, condemnation

The army is killing all its own . . . The army is killing all its own.

Refrain: Now How long? How long? How long can this go on?

How long? How long? How long can this go on?

How long can this go on?

Quadriplegic, living yet dying, the body is lying on the bed . . .

With atrophied muscles, and joints not supplying

Refusing instruction from the Head . . . Refusing instruction from the Head.

Refrain

Our hearts are so hardened, insensitive, selfish, saying, "But what's in it for me?"

Yielded only to sensuous pleasures,

Not crying at what the Father sees . . . Not crying at what the Father sees.

Refrain

This world is so desperate, searching for answers in horoscopes, love, and therapy.

Jesus shed His pure blood. Life in Him is the answer.

Will they see His pure love in you and me? Will they see His pure love in you and me?

Refrain

What *IS* the Father's Heart?

As seen through the life of Jeremiah and others of the Lord's prophets as well as with Abraham Lincoln and many of our contemporaries, God's heart is for **reconciliation** within the body of Christ; not condemnation, not rejection, not casting others aside because they do not totally line up with our current mindsets or intellectual doctrines. **John 13:35** encourages, "***By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.***" In **1 Corinthians 13:4-8**, we are shown how that love is to be manifested: "***Love suffers long, and is kind; love envies not; love exalts not itself, is not puffed up, does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil; rejoices not in evil, but rejoices in the truth; Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails...***" The world is truly waiting for the unveiling, the manifestation of the sons of God (Rom 8:19). Are they seeing it through me? Are they seeing His love manifested through me as I deal with others, especially my brothers and sisters?

What is to be My response?

It must be to mimic the Father's heart. "***Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children***" (**Romans 5:1**). "Followers" here being *mimētēs* (Strong's G3402): an imitator. Our lives are to hallmark the attitudes and attributes of Christ, i.e. "the mind of Christ." In **Romans 5:20** we are reminded, "***Now then we are ambassadors for Christ...***" An ambassador represents the kingdom which has commissioned him as

their spokesperson. As ambassadors of Christ, how are we representing the kingdom of Heaven? Can the world see Yeshua in you, in your words, in your actions and/or your reactions to various irritating stimuli? Do we walk with compassion, forgiveness, caring and love for even the ungodly? Remember, Christ died not only for "us and our house," but for them and their house too (see Romans 5:8)! You had better believe, the world is watching you. It has been said that "You may be the only Yeshua the world will ever see." Would the Lord be pleased with how we are representing His family to others?

The Ministry of Reconciliation

An inherent desire of most people is fellowship, that is to draw others into our company, be it our church, our fellowship, the Republic or whatever other group we participate in. In that regard, it is vital that we be vigilant of the danger of offending others by our judgmental attitudes. We may not like tattoos, purple hair, shredded jeans or ballcaps worn backwards on unclean folks, but Yeshua died for them too, and if you want your organization to grow as it should, there are many folks out there looking to become part of something greater than themselves. Believe it or not, of America's 350 million inhabitants, not everybody is like you or shares your particular background story or all your idiosyncrasies, points of view, personal tastes or convictions, etc. Yeshua reconciled us to God, and we likewise are to be ministers of reconciliation to others (see 2 Corinthians 5:18). This we do by living Yeshua before them at a personal level they can relate to.

On a visit to Israel several years ago, we travelled by bus up the winding, narrow road from Jericho to Jerusalem. What an experience! At the time, we were reminded of the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:30-37. A traveler going from Jerusalem down to Jericho fell among thieves who proceeded to rob and beat him, leaving him for dead along the roadside. The "religious" ones would not help or touch him; only a Samaritan came to his aid. Jews and Samaritans were to have no contact whatsoever, yet this Samaritan took care of the wounded man, bound up his wounds and poured in the oil and wine for healing, put him on the Samaritan's donkey, then took him to Jericho and even paid for his stay until he recovered from the beating. It would not be a far stretch to imagine some in our day of not just ignoring the man, but of throwing him off the roadway to the abyss below! Obviously, this is not the spirit of God in operation. The Samaritan exhibited the heart of God as we are to do.

Manifesting the heart of God in our world must take precedence over our likes and dislikes, any perceived injustices suffered by us, or our desire to maintain power in our little kingdom by holding closed the door of the ark so no one not of our personal

persuasion can enter in. This is God's kingdom, not ours, and that recognition must be kept to the forefront in our minds. Our hearts must be attuned to the Father's to seek the coming together of all peoples and the development and well-being of others for the greatest good of all. Let us therefore press forward together toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus that He might be glorified in all the earth.

Pleasing the Father and manifesting His Heart in our everyday contacts must be our utmost passion in life. Let us therefore make the Father's heart glad.

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Nate Johnston

TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN STUCK IN THE WAR ROOM - ITS LEVEL UP TIME

On the second or third night of being voiceless, I lay in bed, my whole body numb and trembling. And I sat there, struck with fear, not knowing what was going on, and after many hours of praying and crying out to the Lord, I asked, "Lord, what is going on? What has happened to me?"

JEZEBEL'S HOUSE

In the first part of the dream, I found myself in a cold, uninviting house. It was a castle or palace of sorts, but it was just not a nice place. It felt dark. Instantly, I hear this voice echo through the halls, "How dare you try to shake my kingdom?" "Who is that?" I thought. "How dare you shake my kingdom?" it said again. And I instantly discern what I'm hearing is the voice of Jezebel yelling at me. "How dare you?" And I said, "God's given me authority." And this voice said, "Not without a warrant, you don't." And

I remember being really confused by that statement. I wake up out of the dream, and I remember sitting there thinking, "What I experienced was coming into a region that has come into agreement with this spirit, but I didn't come with a warrant. I'd come trying to call this thing out of its house, but I didn't come with a warrant.

Jesus said in Matthew 17:21, "This one only comes out by prayer and fasting."

I instantly discerned that what I'd experience was the backlash from not coming prepared and not rallying the church to pray or fast. I needed to awaken the church to what they'd come into agreement with that allowed this thing to stay, and I could tell that this had been there for a very long time. After I had this dream, I then fell asleep again and went into another dream...

THE DREAM OF THE SECOND HEAVEN

When I fell asleep, I entered a dream where I watched angels and demons fight. I was in some kind of warfare realm where there was just chaos everywhere. It was not hell, but it felt dark. It felt like I couldn't feel the presence of God there.

And there was this battle taking place, as if it were the kingdom of darkness versus the Kingdom of Light. And I remember thinking, "Where are the Christians?" And then suddenly my eyes looked, and I saw them - not outside of this realm, but sitting on top of it, almost like a spectator's booth, but definitely sitting in the same realm.

It was like a VIP box at a game.

And I saw what I knew to be the whole body of Christ, and they were in this high-up kind of place within this realm. And they were shouting down at what was taking place in this fight, like it was a show. It was a game of sorts. And they were shouting down, "Do this! Do that!" But it wasn't accomplishing anything, and I couldn't understand why.

Why was the church in this kind of place, and why wasn't it accomplishing anything? It didn't make sense to me. And I began to really get frustrated. There was no authority. The demons weren't even paying attention to the Christians there.

I remember thinking, "Is it because we're in their territory? Like, because we're in their territory, we're not a threat to them?" And then the phrase came to me: **"We have sunken low instead of ascending high."**

And I wondered if these demons were not reacting to the body of Christ because we weren't coming from a place of authority, we were on their level, and we were shouting at them.

Then, suddenly, I began to feel like the Christians within this area were beginning to get afflicted. They were beginning to come under the spirit that was reigning there. They began to yell out in rage. I began to notice all these demonic themes within this group of people.

And the whole time I'm trying to process it in real time, because I knew something was off. Then I had this moment where I began to say, "This is not where you belong, Church. You're called higher than this." But I couldn't see any higher at the time. I remember thinking, "How do I break out of this? How do I get into another realm?"

But I felt the Lord wanted me to sit, wait, and watch what was about to take place. I remember thinking, "Where is the Church that's called to evict and tear down principalities and powers? Where is the Church that's meant to walk on scorpions and snakes, and nothing can harm them? Where is the Church that carries the Spirit of God that raised Jesus from the dead? Where is the head and not the tail, above only, and not beneath?"

And I began to notice more and more, as I looked around this room, these Christians were shouting scriptures and shouting all this religious knowledge, but they were manifesting the same spirit of what they were warring against. This was clearly fighting fire with fire, but the whole ruse was the fact that the Church had played into the game of Jezebel.

The Church had played into the game of all these demonic principalities and powers, simply because they didn't know who they were, and they didn't understand the authority of the realm they were meant to occupy.

Suddenly, when I saw that, in my spirit, I said, ***"Church, ascend. It's time to level up in this season so we don't fall prey to the enemy's devices. We must come up higher."***

Instantly, I shot up, high up in the heavens, in this other place I knew to be the glory realm. It was thick all around me, like honey. The air felt like honey is the only way to explain it. It felt sweet. There was a fragrance all around me, and suddenly I was looking down, and I could see that realm. I could see that other place where the Church was, and I began to call them higher.

And instantly, in the glory realm, I discerned the fullness of my authority. I understood the fullness of what I had to dispense against that particular fight and that situation. And suddenly, as I was in there, the Lord said to me;

"My Church needs to come up higher so they don't play into the game of the enemy, and they don't die before their time."

And I instantly discerned that even in my particular situation, the Lord had used it to reveal this to me that even though I had the message, and the boldness, and the authority, and the anointing to tear down some of these principalities and powers, there were some areas of this particular battle that I'd entered into when I arrived in Australia that I hadn't appropriately discerned.

He said to me, "There are some battles you need to strategize before you release."

And I said, "What are the strategies for us here in Australia, for instance?"

And He said, "There needs to be a rallying of the Church to evict the deep-seated principalities that have been in regions for a long time. This is not something that you go and try to pluck out right away, like you did. This is something that needs strategy, and it needs prayer, and you need to rally the Church and call them higher.

Because right now, the Church in that second heaven realm is actually coming into agreement with this spirit because they don't know what higher looks like. They don't know that higher realm yet. So, they're having to come into agreement. They're actually shouting at a spirit or shouting at a principality that they've actually come into agreement with.

So, there's the facade of doing Kingdom. There's a facade of spiritual warfare. There's a facade of all these different religious practices where there's a certain measure of Kingdom that still happens, but it's capped and it's managed by that spirit, because of the realm that they occupy.

The place your feet stand determines what you're in agreement with.

SEATED IN HEAVENLY PLACES

If you're seated in Christ in heavenly places, you're submitted to Christ, and your authority comes from Christ. The lie of the enemy has been to keep the Church stuck in the second heaven realm, not understanding their authority, and not understanding their identity. It actually causes them to shadowbox the enemy, where you are not a threat to him. You think you're doing Kingdom, but you're living under a ceiling.

All the while, you see no results, you see no power, you see no breakthrough. But it's a place of religious activity thriving without any results.

And the Lord says in this season: "I'm actually flipping the script for the Church. But the first step is that the Church must rise higher. The Church must come out of that place."

Right now, the first thing I felt the Lord was doing, as I saw in the dream, was He began to turn the lights on. And when He turned the lights on, suddenly the people, the

Christians in that lower realm, began to look blinded and confused. And as they adjusted to the light, they began to realize: "Wow, we've been occupying a space we're not meant to occupy. Like, we're sitting in a place that is lower than the station that we're called to."

And it caused this mass awakening in the body of Christ, where they started saying, "We need to get out of this place. The reason we're experiencing that issue is because we've occupied a lower station for such a long period of time."

We have called warfare something that it really isn't. We've been thinking that warfare is a shouting match at the enemy while we're in his house.

Jesus said in John 14:30 that "the enemy had no hold over him" or nothing in common with Him.

So, we, as the Church, being in that realm, have actually come into agreement with areas of commonality with the enemy.

We're shouting at the very thing we are tolerating. We're shouting at the very thing we are allowing in our lives.

And so, this dream, to me, was personal, yet it was also corporate.

If you've been wanting to know what I felt like the Lord was saying to me personally in all this, I felt like the Lord was saying to me that I came into Australia guns blazing.

I know God has anointed Christy and me to expose and stir up what many Christians have tolerated here. I know that the calling and the message on my life was always going to be to wake up the remnant, and to call the Church to tear down principalities and powers. I know the message on my life is not to tolerate Jezebel and to evict her spirit from churches and regions where that spirit is just running rampant right now in Australia.

But I think what the Lord was showing me is that we have to come up higher to know the correct strategy and the right way to evict these principalities and powers.

PARABOLIC SIGN TO THE CHURCH

The war on my voice was a parabolic sign to the Church that unless we rise up, the enemy's going to keep stealing our voice. But it was also a massive warning and reminder that unless we level up in this season in our authority, we're going to keep getting taken out. We're going to keep taking those blows.

But, if we ascend the hill of the Lord (Psalm 24), if we come up to a higher realm, a higher place of authority, we can evict those principalities and powers without fear of

the backlash or the fear of being taken out, because we have stepped into a higher realm of operating.

So, Christy and I know that nothing changes for us here. God's called us to do that here in Australia, but it requires a new level of prayer. It requires a new level of stepping out of the mud of this culture that's being tolerated here, even here in the church in Australia, especially within prophetic and apostolic cultures.

There is a very toxic allowance for the very thing that the Church was meant to oppose and come up against.

A Message to the Body of Christ

This not just about Australia, but it's a message to the body of Christ that in this season, we can keep pretending like we're doing Kingdom while we're down in the pit, in the mudslinging it on other Christians, trying to fight things that we've tolerated and allowed inside our hearts and lives, or we can begin to evict those things.

Step out of the mud. Break those agreements.

And step into the place of effectiveness for the Kingdom that we're called to.

It's time to ascend the hill of the Lord (Psalm 24) and come up higher. Come out of the pit and out of that place you've been living in.

But how do you do that?

I actually felt like the ***Lord said that it comes down to agreement.***

We want to fight and engage in warfare against the enemy because we're frustrated. We're frustrated that we have experienced nonstop warfare, and I get it. I understand that we want to see those areas of warfare end. But sometimes we do it while allowing agreements with the enemy to remain. And we become a landing place for the enemy to wreak havoc on our lives.

We need to level up in our identity and authority in this season. And we level up in identity by spending more time in the secret place than we do trying to shout things down in public place.

We level up in our authority by knowing what the finished work of the cross of Jesus Christ looks like, and untangling from every other mindset and limitation that we've allowed.

It's Time to Level Up, church!

So, I believe that God gave me this insight as an understanding of what we are facing right now as a Church and the process that we are all in right now.

Wow, I feel the anointing right now as I write these words. ***It's level-up time for you, Church.***

There are so many people reading this who are experiencing a level of warfare, backlash, and robbery that has been on another level. I know that many people have been following my journey over these last few weeks, watching what happened to my voice, watching how we've navigated it that have been in similar situations and circumstances.

And I want you to know that I'm in no way trying to bring condemnation. I'll never tell you that this is your fault or make you feel small, stupid, or belittle you for what you're going through.

I know I did. I felt stupid. I felt silly. I felt small.

I felt like maybe I went into a fight that I wasn't properly ready for at the time. I went in a little blindsided. Not because I wasn't prayed up enough, but because I didn't correctly recognize the dynamics of the region.

But I have a word for you, if you've been going through this kind of warfare, I want to give you every bit of advice and keys for you in this season to know how to level up.

Are you ready?

How to level up:

1. Get out of the VIP box.

We need to get out of that second heaven realm. That is where we fight fires and warfare with our heads. That is where we come up against the enemy with our intellect and emotions, rather than with our spirit man.

That's where we're engaging with the chatter, the gossip, and the slander more than we're engaging with the spirit behind it.

It's where we're focused on the people afflicting us more than we're focused on the enemy behind them.

You must leave that place. You need to get out of your head. It's time to go and spend more time with the Lord than you do calling your friends and telling them about what you're going through and who's against you.

When did we make the Kingdom about who's against us, rather than the Kingdom we're advancing?

2. Identity upgrade.

We need an identity upgrade right now.

We need to be refreshed and reminded of who we are.

When you walk through battles, you forget who you are.

The Lord is saying:

"Get into the Word. Find who you are again. Declare it until you become it again. Shake loose the mindsets that have been trying to snag you."

3. Break commonality.

Ask the Lord: *"Is there any area of commonality in my life with the spirit that I'm warring against?"*

You won't be able to be set free from a spirit you're in commonality with until you break agreement with it.

Maybe it's come generationally.

Maybe it's come through the environment, or through the people you're aligned with.

But this is a massive one.

You need to break free from any areas of commonality, any false alignments, and any places where you've come into agreement with the enemy in your life.

When you're in an environment that has tolerated a spirit, in the natural, you will not be able to defeat the very thing in your home.

In fact, it will only flare up in your marriage or in your home.

4. Ascend the hill of the Lord.

Ask the Lord what it means to be seated in Christ in heavenly places and live there.

Jesus used to go up the mountain to pray, and I believe that the cornerstone of us leveling up as a Church in this season is leaving the battle of turkeys versus chickens.

It's about ascending the hill of the Lord, taking back the high places, taking back our homes in prayer and worship, and dedicating our marriages and our families to the Lord afresh.

In Closing

Now, lastly, I also want to pray for the voices that have been taken out in this season because of this kind of warfare.

Silence, break in Jesus' name. Demonic assignment sent to muzzle you, steal your message, and fire, be broken now in Jesus' name.

I am not saying not to speak or to be afraid of the enemy, but to increase your ferocity and boldness coupled with the wisdom and insight of heaven that only comes as we ascend higher and see clearly what we are facing.

"And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus..." - Ephesians 2:6

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Nate Johnston: "Lions get up!" I hear the Lord saying.

I have had dreams and visions all year of lions, including the wildest encounter with God, where He was the Lion of Judah, and He pounced on me and said, "WAKE UP!" And we can all feel it. The Lord is stirring us deeply and shaking off all of the last season's junk at the same time. Even the very hum of His voice reveals the enemy's hidden lies and thorns stuck in you. So far, it's been a year of deep process because His voice is gentle yet fierce. It's the perfect oxymoron.

And we have known Him as the Lamb, but this season, He is coming as the Lion to wake up the Church and to reveal the Lion in you and the voice you carry. And I've been carrying this all year, so it only makes sense that the enemy would target my voice. I even preached it the night before.

"The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Sovereign Lord has spoken, who can but prophesy?" - Amos 3:8

The voice of the Lion convicts and exposes where all counterfeits have a hold. It reveals where divination and compromise are parading as wisdom and counsel. It uncovers the enemy's plan and dethrones all impostors, taking King Jesus' place in your heart. Yes, no wonder your voice has been a threat this year, whether you see it as a threat or not yet. Yet because soon you will.

That's why you have felt the strange tension between the new roar coming out of you and the most severe mind battles of your life. That's why you have been experiencing the most devastating warfare on all angles. Yes, your voice is mighty, and the enemy knows it. Why? You sound like Him - the Lion of Judah. You have been through the refiner's fire, and you no longer sound like the religion you came from, or the cultish institutions God cut you from. You sound like Him. And that's the greatest threat. You. Sold out to Jesus. Dead to reputation. Alive to Christ.

You are a threat to every false kingdom that works on trading floors. Because you just can't be bought. This may seem like a strange word to read after what I went through. What I didn't share was that while I told you I lost my voice, so much more was happening that doctors couldn't understand. I knew the enemy was trying to take me out. So, I was stuck in a literal sickbed, unable to talk or hear properly. Yet I heard Him call, **"Rise up!"**

As I lay there feeling so beyond lost and fighting in the spirit, I thought of the scene in Narnia where Aslan was killed by the witch and his mane was sheared off as he was killed. The next day, Aslan comes back from the dead, which we know is representative of Jesus. But I kept thinking about the Church. About you. The enemy has wanted you not only to be voiceless but dead. The attacks against you have not been just to kill your voice but to send you into a sickbed spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and even some physically. But burning in me is this simple word to deliver to you.

Rise up, Lion Church. Rise up, you have tasted death and have been stuck in your sickbed. Pick up your mat and walk! Refuse to partner with what you are seeing, feeling, or experiencing! The devil is a liar! He roams around like a lion looking for whom he can devour! Liar! False lion! No more, in Jesus' name! And as I lay there in the dark that day thinking of that scene that I knew the Lord was giving me, I suddenly heard Him say so clearly:

"This is a threshold you and my Church are at. The enemy wants to steal your voice, but I am now going to resurrect the voice of the Church with power, authority over the works of the enemy, and with such a prophetic power that it will shake the earth free from its idols and demonic principalities and usher in a new era for the Body of Christ."

Then He said, ***"This is a turning point because of a TIPPING POINT."***

And I said, "Lord, what does that mean?" And He said, "It's where the Church has to get to the end of themselves so that the tipping point tips them off the edge and the LION EMERGES, because My Church has been too passive and TOLERATED far too much!" Wow, this hit me hard. I think even this whole experience has brought me into a whole new space of realizing how underprepared we can be in battle.

Lord, level us up right now. But let this sink in, Church, you are called to roar, but you are stuck in bed from your past season, and the Lord is calling you out of it this week. And especially those of you who are in crisis and facing a battle like I was. It feels all-consuming. It feels like darkness is surrounding you. BUT. Your voice is your weapon. Your worship is your weapon. I'm tired of being robbed and seeing Christians robbed because we have not known how to exert the fullness of the authority we possess.

And this week that ends. This is where the battle turns for you in Jesus' name. This is where you get your voice back, and that demonic assignment trying to silence you and shut you down BREAKS, in Jesus' name. And lastly, I want to share a very personal moment from this past week. I was in our hotel because we had been stuck here while I was recovering. I was feeling so horrible this one day, and I still had no voice, but I knew I had to fight to worship and somehow roar.

As I worshipped, intercession came over me for you. For the Church. At first, it was authoritative, but then I broke down and cried in a way I haven't in my life. It was a groan of intercession coming out of me and my own pain, but from a place of deep understanding and compassion for a Church that has felt voiceless and stuck. And I felt something shift.

I felt the tide of the battle turn, and I believe it has. So that's it, my friends. You are more than you know. You carry more than you know. There's a rumble in you that you haven't yet heard, but you soon will. And all of hell doesn't want you to hear it.

So today, please know I am praying for you. And just on a global level, let me say this. I am convinced that the reason the enemy is going hard after the voice of the Church and its pure and raw sound right now is because we are at a threshold where if the Church releases its sound and PUSHES BACK against the opposition that is raging we will not only COUNTERACT and DISARM the plans of the enemy, but we will BREAK THROUGH into a realm of authority that changes the power play of the Church in a broken world.

That's what Mt. Carmel was. It was a transition point where those in hiding came out, and God showed up and shifted the balance of power back to the righteous when it was in the wrong hands. This is a moment to ENGAGE and lift our voices as a weapon, knowing that what we decree, sing, and pray IS LEGISLATED & established.

LION CHURCH, RISE UP!!

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Veronika West

**Witchcraft Is REAL; The Fervent Prayers of the Righteous avail MUCH!
The war is different than what you think.....WB**

So, about five weeks ago, the Lord suddenly gave me a very strange but specific and secret assignment. He impressed upon my heart to go and to sit and pray on the grounds of a small Church that is close to my home. (I don't attend this particular Church, but the Church was clearly on the Heart of God)!

Since then, every single morning after my walk, I have gone to the church, and I have prayed as the Spirit of God has led me. At times I have simply prayed in tongues, other times I have interceded, and the Spirit of the Lord has really moved through me as I have prayed. One specific time I was led of the Lord to cry out for the Prophetic Destiny of the Church. I have lifted up the Pastor and his wife, the Congregation, and in recent days, particularly one very early morning while it was raining, I was led to contend for Revival fire to break out. This assignment has not been casual prayer; it has been warfare. I have been led to stand in the gap against the enemy's schemes that seek to derail, weaken, or bind the Identity and calling of the Church. Since then, I have been crying out for the whole area where we live, that the glory of the Lord would invade the territory, and that a fresh move of God would sweep through my Community.

But this morning, something unusual happened. As I approached the bench where I normally sit to pray every morning, I suddenly noticed a strange object on the bench. I saw a tightly woven knot, (which I believe had been deliberately placed where I have been sitting and warring).

As I looked at It, I heard the Holy Spirit say to me: "This is witchcraft." The Lord then revealed that there is a local witches' coven operating in my area. I believe, in the realm of the Spirit, it has been recognized, and my prayers have been registered by the

witches, that someone has been standing in the gap and contending for this area and for the Church. And now, in response to what I have been carrying out in the assignment, the enemy has suddenly pushed back.

Coming from Africa and having spent many years in African Villages with Ministry, I can recognize witchcraft. This knot is a powerful demonic relic, a satanic token, an attempt to bind up and resist what the Spirit of God is doing through the power of Prayer. The Knot is a witchcraft tool; this resistance is proof that ground is being taken. We know that the enemy doesn't react unless his grip is being threatened and his hold is being dismantled.

Clearly, this strategically placed object is meant to intimidate me, but in reality, it was a confirmation from Heaven that the prayers and intercession is shaking the atmosphere over this region. And it has certainly begun to unseat powers at work. Whenever the enemy exposes his hand, it means he is already losing ground. I believe God allowed me to see this today as confirmation that the prayers we, as the Remnant, pray are NEVER in vain.

What witches have registered in the demonic realm, Heaven has already recorded in its Courts: Revival is being contended for in my local area and over this Nation. Furthermore, the timing of this demonic display of the enemy seeking to intimidate and create fear is to be expected, certainly after the powerful Prophetic Assignment that we carried out over the Weekend at a specific location in the South of Ireland. BUT!!!! This is not the time to retreat; it is the time to intensify our Prayers like never before. The resistance is proof that breakthrough is near.

This morning, I heard a Clarion Call to the Body of Christ Watchmen. Intercessors, Arise and Be Alert and Sober. Watchmen, take your posts. Guard the Gateways and Blow the Trumpet. The Spirit of the Lord is moving powerfully in our land, and the pushbacks and resistance we will see are only a sign that His glory is about to break forth in greater Signs Wonders and Miracles. We Declare, what the enemy sought to tie up and to put into knots, God is now bringing forth a divine unraveling and an untying of every demonic and generational curse.

What the enemy meant to bind up, God is Now loosing in Power and Glory. The knot placed on the bench was a demonic statement, but the blood of Jesus speaks a better and higher word: Victory, Freedom, and Revival over the WHOLE Church of Ireland. And over every Community, North, South. East and West!!!

Today is a powerful Reminder: "The Kingdom suffers violence but the Violent take it By Force; We are Commanded to Keep pressing, to Keep Watching, and to Pray without ceasing. The Foundations of this Nation are shifting; the Tide is Turning; Ireland Belongs to King Jesus and to the Kingdom of Light!

P.S.: It is always vital to pray with Understanding.

Knots in Occult & Witchcraft Practices

- Binding and Command

In occult traditions, tying a knot is a direct symbol of binding something or someone in the spirit. Practitioners often infuse each knot with an intention, thought, emotion, or incantation—this process is known as knot magic.

- The Witch's Ladder

A specific form of knot magic, the witch's ladder can be a cord with anywhere from 1-3 to 40 knots. Each knot can represent an incantation or step in a spelling and tying to hold energy or intention, untying to release it.

- Curses and Hexes

Knots have historically been used in harmful magic. For instance, Babylonian witches tied knots to snare someone's soul, and some spells tied knots with the person's name to exert control—akin to spiritual imprisonment.

- Weather Control

In maritime traditions, knots were used to influence weather: one knot might summon a breeze, two knots a stronger wind, and three knots a violent storm or tempest.

- Nine-Knot Charm Structure

Some practitioners use a structured nine-knot ritual, where each knot builds upon the magical intention—from initiation to power gathering to anchoring and final manifestation.

- Occult Binding Symbolism

Broadly, knots across magical traditions symbolize stored or accumulated energy meant to affect the physical or spiritual realm. Tying = storing power; untying = releasing it. In the coasts of Devon and Cornwall, witches were said to sell the wind to sailors. They provided a white rope with three knots—each knot bound a different measure of wind, released when untied. Historical accounts suggest that sailors untied one knot for a light breeze, two for stronger wind, and the third could summon a tempest.

The Symbolic and Mystical Function of the Knots

Each knot stored an intention or magical energy—whether it was wind, healing, curse, or protection—much like a portable spiritual mechanism.

- Tying or untying represented control over natural forces or spiritual realms.

Historical and Cultural Context

A 1902 account describes an Orkney Island tradition where women tied knots in cloth to store winds and sold them to sailors for favorable weather—a first knot for a breeze, two for strong winds, three for gale-force storms.

Wider Folk-Magic Usage

Beyond maritime contexts, knot magic was used in healing (e.g., Hercules knot to help wounds heal faster), curses, binds, and protection spells across different cultures.

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Barry Wunsch

From: August 7 at 3:47 PM

Prophetic Word: Justice is coming to My people!

This afternoon as I was in prayer, The Lord Spoke to me. Here it is raw, just as it came:

“Justice is coming to My People. I have called My Ecclesia to Stand. I have called My Ecclesia to Advance. I have Called My Ecclesia to execute Justice in the Nations!

I have released the Angelic Hosts of heaven to do My bidding. I have called men and women to lead. I have called my sons and daughters to walk with me, even some that you don't understand, even those you cannot figure out.

For I have called them, and I have empowered them, and I have anointed them for such a time as this. I have raised up those to lead the charge. And President Donald J. Trump is one I have called into position to take back what has been stolen.

He has been battle-hardened and called for this very day! I have given him authority, and an anointing that is in his very DNA. I knew him while he was in his mother's womb; I knew all the days that were before him, the good and the bad and the ugly.

The reality is that every day is a day of grace, and My grace is upon Him, even more so today than every other. My divine protection is upon him. My hand is upon Him.

I have called him to do what others simply could not. This is the hour. This is the day.

I have put men and women around him, to govern beyond just politics, but for My Kingdom's sake – not his. I have given him a father's heart, and a father he is and shall

be to the Nation. And yes, I have called him to do some very difficult things. I have called him to confront and defeat the darkest of evil kings and regimes in the earth.

Even on this day, I am releasing a supernatural favor upon him, and I will move on behalf of My people throughout the Nations and deliver them from evil powers and principalities that are bent to bring death on a very large scale, and My son Donald will lead the way!

Let me be clear. Let me be very clear. Hear My word today. I am pulling the scepter of power and control out of the hands of the evil kings and evil regimes, and I will take it by whatever means necessary. To be clear, I am taking this scepter, and it shall be given and entrusted into the hands of the righteous! All will see that this has been done by My power and might and no other will be able to take the glory that belongs to Me and me alone! I am releasing divine strategy and wisdom unto those leading the charge, the path and the victory will be clear for them to see and execute with precision.

The spies and puppet masters will have all access to information denied. The channels and the assets they have used in the past are known and are being cut out – removed. Evidence is in hand, and they will be tried and brought to justice for their evil acts of treason, bloodshed and greed!

I am removing the wealth out of the hands of the wicked! It is time to release the wealth of the wicked into the hands of the righteous for you know that those who have the gold make the rules! And I have put them in place! They have been tried by fire! They have passed the tests!

Old systems are coming down! Old structures are coming down! For the time has come for the pure in heart to be released, empowered and positioned to steward this for My kingdom's sake throughout the earth! There is a fresh anointing I am releasing upon My people to liberate those controlled and oppressed by Evil Kings and regimes. They shall lead in love and grace to bring healing to the Nations, and together we shall reclaim seven mountains for My kingdom! My shakings have only just begun! What you are going to see is of biblical proportions, so do not be afraid!

Do not bow down to idols or those who do. For idols are falling! Idols are falling! Idols are falling! False gods are coming down! Asherah poles are coming down across the land! I am raising up a standard throughout the Nations! I am drawing My children back to Me! Come unto me in this hour, for My love for you is great, and My compassion never fails. You will see an abundance of miracles, record each and every one, and as you testify of them, they will give honor and glory unto My name, and you will lead billions into My Kingdom, for it is harvest time!

Love as I love. There is nothing I can't get you through! And just as gold is refined in the fire, so shall you be for all to see! Holy is the word of the Lord.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barry Wunsch

The Canadian Hammer

ADVANCE THE LINE!

Elul 27, 5785: Saturday September 20, 2025

Veronika West

A NOW WORD; "Battle Lines have been Drawn; We have Entered into a Critical Hour in the Body of Christ"

Today I heard the Spirit of the Lord say,

"This is the Hour of the Peacekeepers vs the Peacemakers!"

Warriors, hear me, this is NOT the hour for the Peacekeepers. No! this is the hour for the Peacemakers to Arise and Advance His Kingdom in the Nations of the Earth!

I see too many in the Body of Christ that have confused compromise with compassion silence with the Wisdom of God and tolerance with the Love of God!

Many have bowed down to the idol of false unity, and yet they have dared to call it "peace" and even "progress."

Jesus said, "I did not come to bring a false peace; I came to bring the Sword!"

Peacekeepers are weak cowards. They hide behind silence and compromise, choosing to please and appease men rather than honor God.

They see corruption and turn a blind eye; they see rebellion and call it God's Grace.

They stand in pulpits, watching as hell's agenda advances in homes, in churches, and in their cities, but they will not speak out! Why? Because they fear being disliked, rejected, or labeled "divisive" or "non-inclusive."

Their mouths stay shut while the enemy rages.

Their hands are folded while souls are devoured and dragged into the pit of destruction.

God Will not be Mocked, for this is not the way of the Lord.

"Blessed are the Peacemakers," for they carry the Authority and the Power of Heaven. They do not negotiate with the kingdom of darkness; they drive it out. They do not sugar coat nor dress up sin in softer names that tickle ears; they expose it to the light and call it out!

The Peacemaker is not afraid of conflict or confrontation, for confrontation is often the road that leads to God's healing and freedom from demonic bondage.

True Peace is not forged in silence; God's Peace is forged in fire, in truth, and in the power of the blood of the Lamb and the Word of our testimony!

Did He not say, "Blessed are the Peacemakers?"

Not the Peacekeepers!

The Peacemaker tears down the Altars of Baal and they destroy the Asherah Poles; they confront the Spirit of Jezebel, and they refuse to flatter the Spirit of Ahab.

The Peacemaker calls Sin, Sin and Righteousness, Righteousness; they have a Holy Indignation for what God Hates and a Reverential Fear of what God loves, no matter the cost.

These Mighty Reformers of the Faith will be mocked; they will be vehemently hated and ruthlessly persecuted, but they will not be moved by the opinions or opposition of men. They know their True Identity in Christ; they are Called Sons and Bond Servants of the Most High.

I Hear the Spirit say, "Watch and Pray for this is the hour where My Spirit of Truth and Peace is bringing forth a divine distinction; those who seek a life of Comfort and ease, from those that have laid down their lives even unto death for the Sake of My Kingdom

"I Say, Watch! as the Peacekeepers will be swept away by the rising tide of woke rhetoric and deadly deception, for they will have as their reward the approval of a perverse and godless culture and the praise and applause of men."

The Spirit Says, "My Chosen Peacemakers, My Divine Disruptors, My Double Troublemakers will Arise, and they will Stand immovable in fire, Unbending, Unafraid, and Unashamed for the undiluted Gospel of Christ, and they shall wield Heaven's Authority and Power to uproot, tear down, build, and plant.

"Yes! For they shall be called Repairers of the breach and Restorers of Cities - Radical Kingdom Reformers.

“Therefore, I Say, Choose this day who you will Be. Choose this day who you will Serve!”

Saints, Watch and Pray for the Peacekeepers in our midst who wink at Sin and bow the knee to falsehoods. Great will be their fall and greater still their destruction for leading many astray.

Pray fervently for the Peacemakers that are Rising who will confront with the truth of God’s Word in the face of violence and death. Pray as they Choose the Narrow way and as they stand resolute in honor and integrity for the sake of the Gospel.

Listen! The days of playing Church are well and truly OVER.

The Battle lines have been drawn; false peace and counterfeit Unity is being exposed.

I See the Radical Peacemakers are Rising in this hour, and the World will know that they truly belong to the Kingdom of Light, and it will be evident by the Signs and Wonders that follow them. It will be clear that they have not given themselves over to Compromise, Complacency and to the Fear of man.

Elul 28, 5785: Sunday September 21, 2025

A Journey Through Rosh Hashana 5785

By Roger Lee Waters: First published Elul 2023

Tomorrow is the 29th day of Elul, and at sundown tonight, Rosh Hashanah begins. Of all the Feast Days throughout the year, this one is the most attended and liked. Many things happen at this Feast, but the best are the soundings of the shofars. We have a first sounding which will be at the first sighting of the new moon and runs through till the sundown.

The Feast is a three-day event this year, and during those three days, the shofars sound many times, in celebration, in communicating with the people, and then the last sounding, which happens at sundown at the end of Tishri 2. Rome always gets confused with our calendar and they sometimes get angry with us, but most of the time, they leave us alone.

But something is strange this time, there will be extra trouble in the city of Jerusalem. This guy called Yahshua, son of Joseph, is going to be in town. There are about 8 of his followers now in town, and they are getting ready for something. Rome doesn’t care about him; they only care there is no uprising in the area of Judea, because Pilate is here as his last chance to rule, and he cannot mess up this time.

This is also the time of the year Rome sees more of a threat against Pilate and his rules. The Sanhedrin has a real problem trying to rule the Hebrews as well as keeping Rome happy. There are twice as many Roman guards now in Jerusalem than normal, but most of the Hebrew people will just stick to the Torah law and keep within their own laws and rules and stay away from Rome as much as possible. Those that don't, seem to find their way to a place called by Rome, "Place of the Skull," and on top is Rome's way of disposing of rule breakers: crucifixion.

My name is Jacob, I am a Levite, and I am a worker inside the Temple. My job is to keep the fires going during the Holy Days. We are now coming into the busiest Feast Days of all: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot, so for 22 days, we have the most animals to sacrifice, sheep, rams, goats, and even red heifers.

It is now the 8th hour of the day, and there are many people outside the walled city waiting for the new moon to be seen. Many are coming on in and right now, I am just outside the sheep's gate watching for the animals, goats, young bulls, and male lambs one year old; to be brought from Bethlehem and the Tower of the Flock so they can be sold to those who come and don't have an animal to be sacrificed. I watch over the selling of these animals during the late afternoons and then go up onto the Temple Mount to keep the fires going. We will light the fires tonight for the burnt offerings, and the sacrificial altar, and as always, we keep the Menorah lit at all times.

Standing here watching for the sheep, I see many women who are tasked to carry the oil for their families, and I see their daughters carrying oil as well. There is an olive oil store that sells the oil, but that is about 2 furlongs to the south of Mount Zion. To walk there now and get back before sunset will be cutting it very close.

My good friend Isaac, with his son Samuel, showed up at the gate and asked me if I could explain Rosh Hashana to him. Samuel is 13 years old and will become a man tomorrow. So, we sat down on some rocks, and I began. I told him that Rosh Hashanah is all about three things. It is the anniversary of the creation, and it is about the day of judgment, then it is a day of renewing the bond between YHVH and Israel.

This Holy Day is the Head of the Year for the Sabbatical year, and it is the head of the year for the year of Jubilee, the trees, and it is when a new fruit tree is planted of which we are forbidden to eat its fruit for three years, and that count begins on Rosh Hashanah. It is also the head of the year concerning all laws pertaining to vegetables. On this day 10% of all produce is to be given to the Levites.

Then we have the Shofar, and according to scriptures, we are to blow the shofar to observe this feast. There is actually no reason to blow the shofars except to blow

signals to the people to gather together at Jerusalem. You see, Samuel, it is a symbol of the final gathering of all peoples of Israel for when the Messiah comes.

It is also a symbol of the resurrection of the dead, and on this day in Heaven, there are three books opened: one is called the book of Righteousness, and it shows those who were perfectly righteous in which their names are inscribed in the Book of Life, and they would live another year. Then there is a book called the Book of Wickedness, or the Book of the Dead, and all those names that are inscribed here would die during the next year, and the third book is called the Book of the in-betweens. This is the book that most of us are in, as we all will have 10 days, called the 10 days of Awe, in which we must atone ourselves back to YHVH the Creator. This 10-day period falls between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. After that, there is a five-day period between Yom Kipper and Sukkot, also known as the Day of Booths, or Tabernacles.

Then there is the blowing of the shofars. Now, Samuel, this is what is so exciting to me, because the sound that comes out of the Ram's Horns, are signals to the unseen angels of heaven, because it is a vibration that ripples through the air, and believe it or not, only the angels that are there for our behalf hear this vibration, which they understand as words as if the Creator himself was speaking them, and they react according to the sounds of the Shofar.

When you hear them sound in about an hour, remember what I told you. You will first hear the sounds of a celebration, then you will hear the sounds of a plea of forgiveness, and atonement for the nation of Israel and the entire land of Judea. Everywhere there are people who need to have the creator forgive them, and they want that forgiveness, and now that the 10 days of awe is here, forgiveness is what they will get, if they ask for it. Their names will be taken from the book of wickedness to the book of life. We are all waiting for the Messiah to come, but as the Torah says, as Isaiah and Ezekiel say, he will return for the Day of Yah, and all will come to an end, and it starts just as it began, right here in Jerusalem.

We also know through the scriptures that the Messiah will destroy our enemies, he will supply us with all our needs, and we will no longer need to kill animals anymore, for he will become our sacrifice. He will also return with the sound of a great shofar, and it seems that it will be at the time of the last shofar. Now remember what I said, at the last shofar, and when is that, Samuel?

Samuel said, "at the time of sundown on the last day of the Feast?" I said that is correct, but which Feast Samuel? He said Rosh Hashanah. I said that is right, so tomorrow night at sundown, on Tishri two, is when the last sounds of the shofars will sound, then there is just one shofar sounding that closes it all out.

Now, listen Samuel, I will tell you about the sounds of these shofars. The long single blasts, which are long, straight, and continuous, symbolizes the sound of joy and being content. Then there are the three short blasts, which are broken up with a very short silence between the three, they are called Shevarim, and that symbolizes weeping. Then comes the Truah, which is a combination of sorrow and sobbing. These are short very quick blasts. But then comes the one you will hear tomorrow night Samuel, it's called the Tekiah Gedolah, and it is the last shofar. This symbolizes the hope of redemption.

There are 100 blasts, and they combined go back and forth to produce 99 blasts. Then comes the last blast, which is a very long blast, as long as the one blowing it can hold his breath. This is the blowing of the shofars. So, tonight, at the sighting of the new moon, there will be the beginning or the first shofar, then on the 2nd day at sundown, the last shofar sounds. Then comes the 10 days of awe, then Yom Kippur, or Atonement, then 5 days later, comes Sukkot, or Booths, also known as Tabernacles.

But I see the animals coming and my job now begins. So, I went to meet the shepherds with the flocks and counted them under the rod before the gate, and every 10th animal was set aside for the tithe, and the rest went to the stables to be sold to the people who came to buy.

After all the sheep had been placed into the stables, and the shofars were all in the hands of the priests upon the walls, I went to my spot just inside one of the southern gates. These three gates to the south are where most of the people will come through to enter the city. In preparation, there will be many places inside the city over the next few days where small groups of people will be gathered together to worship, study, and read the Torah, and from the stories of Hannah, and Sarah when she gave birth to Isaac, which is the back story of Rosh Hashana.

For now, the people who have no animals to give as a sacrifice will have two days to buy them, then the selling and buying is cut off after the last sounding of the shofar. Then during the 10 days of Awe, they will have that time to turn over their animals for sacrifice to the Priest to make atonement for their sins. And all that must be done by the 10th day of Tishri. Then on the 15th day of this month comes Booths, or Sukkot, when all these animals will be sacrificed, and for 7 days of Sukkot, they will all be killed, and the Atonement of the people and land of Israel will be completed for another year.

For now, my job is just starting, the ones tasked to watch for the new moon are now on the tops of the walls looking. It's now the end of the 11th hour, and now I am looking up watching. Once the 12th hour begins, the new moon will be popping up over

the horizon. Jerusalem is on top of Mount Moriah, so we can see it first before most in Israel.

Oh, there it is, look, over on the southeastern skies, it's there, and as I was pointing to it, that slight sliver in the daylight hours, I saw some priests running down to the Sanhedrin to inform the High Priest that the new moon has been sighted. I ran down as well, and I saw and heard their conversation.

"High Priest, my name is Zechariah, and I have seen the new moon in the southeastern sky and the sun is setting in the west". The High Priest answered saying "Very Well". Then Isaiah came and said, "Oh High Priest, I also have seen the new moon over in the southeastern skies and rising, while the sun is setting in the west." Then the High Priest stood and said, "Set the New Month and the New Year for the sacred times and months. I have spoken it, so let it be." I went out into the outer court and watched the 12 priests when the shofars begin to blow.

They started with a long blast, with three short blasts, with another long blast, intermingled with blasts with longer spaces between them. I looked over to the west and saw the sun starting to disappear below the horizon. The shofars were still being blasted. I saw the gates where the people were rushing to get inside before sundown, as the gates would be closed for two days.

Some people were worried that they didn't have enough oil, but the place that sells olive oil is now out of oil. All those people that didn't bring enough oil for their stay here in the City of David will be looked at as foolish.

There were these men, strange looking men, that came into the city, men I recognized as the followers of this troublemaker Yahshua, son of Joseph. I just hope there is no trouble the next 22 days from these men. There were also the other troublemakers, the zealots, who believed they were going to overthrow the Roman government here in Jerusalem. I laugh at them, I mean there are about 200 of them, and there is over a legion of Romans in Judea.

Now the shofars have stopped; that means that sundown has come; it is the new year, a new month, and Rosh Hashanah has started. I have to make sure the sale of the animals is done properly, and that everything goes smoothly. If it is, then I will go up onto the inner court and begin my time for the night. Those fires must be started on time and stay lit all night.

It is the job of the temple priest to keep those fires going, and they hope they don't go to sleep on the job. There will be some animals sacrificed in these two days, so the altars must always be ready. Sometime after the mid of night, around the end of the 3rd

watch, the High Priest may show up unannounced to us, and he never wants to find us sleeping on the job. He can come at any of the four times during the night, at the ends of each of the watches. Of all four of them, is the end of the 3rd watch, which is known as the hour of the cock crowing.

That is when the early risers and the 1st shift guards get up. It is when all the walled priests change their guard posts, and the High Priest makes his rounds throughout the night, but only on Rosh Hashanah.

Now it is the end of the 2nd watch, I saw two of the night watchmen at the altars sleeping, and that is when I saw the High Priest walking into the inner temple area, where the altars are. I saw him walk up and see those two sleeping on watch, and as he grabbed a tool, reached into the fires, and brought out a hot coal, and laid it upon their robes down just below the knee areas, and it burnt a hole through their robes. They woke up, but only after the high Priest had walked away from them and left them there alone. That is called, "No one knows the hour or the day when he will come."

How is that? There are two days of Rosh Hashanah, and at sundown on Tishri 1, the first sounding of the shofar sounds. During that first night is when the fires for the sacrificial altars are lit and then readied for the first day of sacrifices. That night, the High Priest may come around, or maybe it may be the 2nd night, and maybe it will be on the 2nd watch, or the 3rd watch, but no one here will know until it happens. But all that only happens on Rosh Hashanah, and no other time.

It is now the 12th hour on Tishri 2, and the sun is about to go down. Again, the 12 priests on top of the wall are ready to blast their shofars when the sun is down. That is when they began to blow long, short blasts, mingled with three short blasts with space between them, then, a long blast that seemed to go on forever. That was the last Shofar.

The last Shofar is the indication that all the buying and selling, and preparation is over, and now the time of repentance has come, for Yom Kippur is in 8 days. All sacrificial animals must be brought before the priest to be sacrificed, and all the grain, fruit and vegetables brought before the temple storehouse. For those who have been righteous in their ways for the last year, they will have their name written in the book of Righteousness, all those who have not, will have their names written in the book of the wicked, and most of us who are written into the book of in-betweens, we have now 8 days until the 10th day of Tishri to ask for atonement from YHVH, or we may die in the next year.

My job is done for this Feast Day, and for many, it is a time of celebration, but now it really begins. We are waiting for our Messiah to show up. I hope he comes soon. We desperately need him. It is said by the prophets that he will come on the day of Yah, the last day, at the last sounding of the shofar, which you just heard. Many say he can come at any time, but we priests know that everything YHVH does is based upon a set time and day, for nothing happens without his timing. His Messiah will come on the last shofar, which is the new year, and it will probably be a new year, a Shemitah year.

End of story.

Elul 29, 5785: Monday September 22, 2025

The First Day of Rosh Hashanah

Dutch Sheets ·

Be Courageous And Pray!

Today, I want to mention a very important Greek word from the New Testament, along with a couple of references where it is used. The word is "*dei*," which means "that which is necessary, even binding, as in a legal sense; that which is right, proper, or necessary in the nature of a case; that which is prescribed by law, duty, custom, etc.; from a sense of duty, one must."(1)

From these definitions, it is easy to see the strong meaning of the word. *Dei* does not indicate a *suggestion* or that something might perhaps be a *good idea*. To the contrary, it carries the weight of duty or legality. The very literal Wuest translation of the New Testament typically uses the phrases "that which is right and proper" and "that which is necessary in the nature of the case" to translate the word. With this in mind, let's look at two passages where it is used. The first one will demonstrate the strength of the word; the latter uses it in the context of prayer.

In Luke chapter 13, Jesus healed a lady on the Sabbath who had a crooked back, bent over for 18 years; the condition was caused by a demonic spirit (verses 10-12). However, practicing medicine was considered work, and the Pharisees lumped healing in with practicing medicine. Therefore, as ridiculous as it seems, the Pharisees considered it a violation of Sabbath laws to heal on that day! Upon seeing this miracle performed, the synagogue official became indignant, saying to the people gathered, "*Six days there are during which it is right and proper [dei] to accomplish things. In them therefore you should come and be healed and not on the day of the Sabbath*" (verse 14, Wuest translation).

Unimaginable. "It's against our laws to heal on the Sabbath," he protested. No wonder Jesus couldn't tolerate the Pharisees and religiosity of His day.

Christ's response to the official was first to point out the hypocrisy of this law, reminding him that they took care of their animals on the Sabbath. Then He turned the tables on the official, using his own word "*dei*" to win the argument. "*And this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound, just think of it, eighteen years, was it not a necessity in the nature of the case [dei] that she be released from this binding restriction on the Sabbath?*" (Verse 16, Wuest translation).

Follow Christ's logic. He first pointed out that this woman was "*a daughter of Abraham.*" As such, she had a covenantal right to healing: **"I am Jehovah Rapha, the Lord your Healer"** God had said to Israel in Exodus 15:26. Later, He said, "***You shall serve the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and your water; and I will remove sickness from your midst***" (Exodus 23:25). Healing was her covenantal right.

Then He continued: "Since she has the legal, covenantal right to healing and I am here as Jehovah Rapha, the initiator and fulfiller of that covenant, it is legally binding (*dei*) that I heal her. I must. Your religious legalism says I must NOT; the legality of covenant says I MUST."

Checkmate!

Now, with this understanding of the strength of this word, *dei*, let's look at another reference. Jesus used the word again in **Luke 18:1: "And He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought (*dei*) always to pray, and not to faint."** He then shared the parable of the unrighteous judge and widow.

When we use the word "ought" in conversation, we are typically suggesting that something be done or stating that it might be a good idea. That is NOT what Jesus was doing! Prayer is more than a suggestion, a possible good idea. He was saying that it is necessary, right, proper, even legally binding (*dei*), that we pray, asking the Father for what we need. We MUST! Wuest again confirms this, stating in the verse that it is a "necessity."

Elsewhere, Jesus said that even though God knows our needs before we ask (Matthew 6:8), we still must ask (verses 11-13). James 4:2 goes so far as to tell us one of the reasons we don't receive what we need is simply because we don't ask. Prayer isn't optional!

And the last part of the verse in Luke 18:1 is also significant: "*don't faint.*" A better translation in today's language would be "*don't lose heart.*" Some translations tell us not to lose our courage. Don't be faint-hearted or lose your courage. Instead, pray!

When Joshua began his assignment to lead Israel, three times God commanded him to be courageous (Joshua 1:6, 7, 9)! As challenging as it is to hear, courage is a choice. God has placed within us an innate ability to overcome and be courageous. He has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7). We must draw on this overcoming nature and refuse to let fear conquer us.

When times get tough, be courageous and pray!

When the bad report comes in, be courageous and pray!

When the storm rages and it seems you will not survive, be courageous and pray!

When your nation turns away from God and toward evil, be courageous and pray!

Anchor yourself to faith in God as your Father and believe that He will come through for you. You MUST!

Pray with me:

Father, You told us to always pray and not lose heart. You commanded Joshua in his battles to possess the land, to be strong and courageous. We, too, must be strong and courageous as we possess our nation. We declare our faith that You have given us a spirit of power, love, and a disciplined mind; the spirit of fear is not part of our inheritance.

In the spirit of Luke 18:1, we ask You to forgive and heal our land. We ask You to heal the division and hatred, replacing them with brotherly love. We ask for a continued purging in our government, cleansing it from evil and corruption. Weaken those in our government who resist You and Your righteousness, removing their influence; strengthen those who walk in integrity and truth. We ask that the spirit of violence and crime be broken off our nation. Send revival to the youth of America (and the world), with a power the world has never before seen. Awaken the Ekklesia here and around the world to the authority You have given us, and cause her to burn with fires of revival. Uncontainable fire!

And we agree in prayer for our brothers and sisters who are struggling with loss, sickness, lack, emotional pain, and discouragement. Cause the spirit of faith to arise in them, overcoming the spirit of fear. Help them to choose courage, to fan the flames of hope and faith, and to pray! Where there is confusion, awaken the soundness of mind.

Where there is discouragement, cause hope to arise. Where there is pain, replace it with healing power. We stand with and for them today, in the mighty name of Jesus.

Our decree:

We declare that we will always pray, and we will not faint.

CONCLUSION

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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."

2 Timothy 2:15 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

²⁰ 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.**



“Prepare your hearts, for I am doing a new thing. Stand firm in faith and watch as My promises unfold before you. This is your season of divine breakthrough, wonders, healings, testimonies, promotions, and deliverance.”