

# **Scriptures for the Biblical Month of AV**

**Biblical Months fall under the Law Form of YHWH (Yahweh),  
Father-Son-Holy Spirit, through the revelation of His Word.**

**\*\*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.**

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**The Hebrew month of AV is the fifth month  
of the spiritual calendar. The name literally means to  
Father, to Desire, or to Will.**

**This month is the "low point" of the year. The 9<sup>th</sup> of AV was the day the people of Israel chose to receive the negative report of the ten spies and refused to enter into the Promised Land.**

**\*If you study the history of the Jews, you discover that the Jews are caught in a cycle of destruction. Every year on the 9th of Av, a window of destruction opens over them. On the 9th of Av Israel chose to listen to the voice of UNBELIEF!**

**So, the month of Av was originally intended to be the month that Israel entered the Promised Land. God's plan had been that every year Av would be a month to celebrate His goodness. God designed Av to be the month to celebrate entering into the Promise. But instead of believing God, the people agreed with unbelief and gave a negative confession. They said: "The enemy is too strong for us. We will all die!" They tasted the FRUIT of the land but refused to enter. They held back in unbelief and by doing that, they put themselves under a curse.**

**Because of their sin on that date, Israel spent forty years in the wilderness. At the end of that time, God, in His grace, gave them a second chance to enter. (God is the God of second chances.) But they never truly repented of the sin. So every year the cycle comes back around, and the window of destruction opens again.**

**God still wants Av to be a month of blessing and celebration of His goodness. Av is a month that presents us with a CHOICE! So receive His Promise and mix it with FAITH this month!**

**This is the month where kingdom advances through partnership. Again, be very aware of your partnerships during this month. Watch your alignments. The Hebrews associate Av with a new level of discernment. In this month you are developing a new level of discernment, or you are opposing counsel and advice. If you look back in your life, you can identify times when people**

gave you counsel and advice; but you thought you knew more than anyone else and did not act on the advice. Use wisdom, and allow the Lord to guide you and hone your discernment for these critical days ahead.\*

The tribe represented this month is Simeon which means to hear; to be concerned. **"Therefore it is the month to hear from the Father, discern what HE is doing, be concerned and desire to do HIS will."** It is the season to Break the Cures and enter into GOD's Promise and blessings. It is the month to celebrate entering into "Your Promised Land".

Characteristics:

The month you metamorphose or disintegrate. The month the Lion roars. (Amos 3:8) The month where God destroys so He can reconstruct. Consider what you hear and determine how to develop a new level of discernment or oppose counsel and advice. Listen carefully! You will hear key impressions this month

**\*"A Time to Advance" Chuck Pierce, Robert and Linda Heidler available at GOZ.com.**

It is also called the month of "Dire Straits" by the Hebrews meaning they had to squeeze through a narrow place for their future. It is the most critical time of the year for all of Israel. Over and over again throughout history they stumbled and fell repeating their calamity on the 9<sup>th</sup> of AV.

**Av 1 – July 12, 2018 Sundown  
"The Justice of God will be Seen in July"  
Katie Barker, Tweed Coast, Australia**

On July 1st as I sat with the Lord and asked Him what was on His heart, I had a powerful encounter and I heard Him say, **"July justice."** This month, heavenly books over individuals, ministries, regions and nations are being opened in response to the cries and intercession of the people of God and their stand in faith. God is delivering verdicts from Heaven to see injustices overturned. A shift

will occur in the spirit for many of God's people this month which will lead to a shift and breakthrough being seen in the natural in the remaining months of this year.

**Recompense, repayment and restoration will come to the people of God in the coming months. This will not just be for individuals, but for regions and nations as well.**

### **Restoration and Recompense**

I received this word at 10:10am on July 1st, and I knew the Lord was highlighting John 10:10: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." The enemy has over played his hand in the lives of many of God's people, but the justice of God will be seen for those who have continued to stand in faith and have walked in obedience, love and mercy. The Lord's heart is to see the destiny He has for individuals and nations come to pass. This means that He is bringing things into right alignment and bringing restoration and recompense for what has been lost and stolen. What the enemy meant for harm, the Lord is turning for good in the lives of His people.

"Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; mercy and truth go before Your face"(Psalm 89:14 NKJV). Where the enemy has stolen or robbed His people, He is bringing restoration and recompense.

"So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, the consuming locust, the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be put to shame." (Joel 2:25-26 NKJV)

### **The Legal System of God**

God has established a legal framework for His creation. It is a

framework that we all operate within, including the angels. This legal framework is based on aspects of the character of God, specifically His justice. In the nations of the world we have legal systems that exist to serve the justice of the people. Heaven also has a legal system that operates in a similar way, but is governed by the righteousness and justice of God. Therefore to see the manifestation of the justice of God in our lives, it is helpful to understand His legal system.

Revelation 20:12 talks of books in Heaven that record all of our works. In Matt. 12:36 we read that every word is recorded. Psalm 33:13-15 tells us that God sees everything and considers all of our works. The word "works" here is "ma'aseh" in the Hebrew text and can also be translated as "transactions". The Lord showed me a vision of a vast trading place in Heaven, where there was so much activity occurring. These transactions that were occurring in the trading place were later used as evidence in the court.

I saw people of God were bringing their cases to the courts and the Lord was releasing verdicts to see His justice established. As the verdicts were released, a spiritual shift occurred and then situations in the natural changed in the lives of the people of God. Angels were released to bring to pass the verdict God had given. The angels were released on assignment to bring alignment in the natural to the Word of the Lord. The people had prepared themselves before entering the courts by searching their hearts and repenting of any wrongs Holy Spirit was revealing to them.

As God released the verdict in the courts, I saw situations in the lives of people change. Where the enemy had stolen from the people of God, the Lord was releasing repayment and recompense. This was in a variety of forms including release of finances for advancement into Kingdom projects, recovery of health, blockages removed where there had been blockages to stepping into their divine destiny, prodigals returning and marriages restored. I saw the Lord suddenly open up new paths and opportunities for people and launching them into their next step in their destinies in God.

**Av 2 – July 13, 2018**

## Metamorphosis

At the start of this year, the Lord told me the year would be a year of "metamorphosis" where complete transformation is seen. I believe one of the main ways this will occur is through God releasing His justice into the lives of individuals and nations.

A harvest is coming for what has been sown in prayer and intercession for individuals, families, regions and nations. Those who have sown in tears will reap with joy. It will be a time of double blessing and double harvest for what has been sown. The Lord is lighting the seeds of intercession that have been sown.

"Recompense, repayment and restoration will come to the people of God in the coming months."

"But as it is written: 'Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, not have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.'" (1 Corinthians 2:9 NKJV)

## Destiny and Inheritance

We are in a time of great spiritual shifting in the earth and great acceleration as the manifestation of God's end-time plans in the earth unfolds. The Lord is looking at the inheritance over nations and all that has been sown into nations with regard to intercession, alignment with Biblical principles and acts of faith and obedience. Now is the time for God's people to partner with Him and call forth the destiny and inheritance over nations. Destinies of nations are being reclaimed in this hour.

Injustices in nations are being uncovered and overturned as God's carriers of justice are partnering with Him in intercession to see Kingdom justice released. These intercessors have great assignments from the Lord to use their authority in Christ to unlock regions and nations in the spirit by bringing down strongholds and taking territory for the Kingdom.

Individually the people of God who have felt they have not moved forward into the fullness of their destiny in God will see blockages removed and divine opportunities and open doors released. Those who have stood in faith and walked in love, honor and mercy regardless of their situation will see the Lord move powerfully on their behalf.

The Lord is calling people to claim their spiritual inheritance and take their territory. The enemy has illegally occupied your territory and the Lord is calling His people to use their authority and the truth of the Word of God to take back their territory. Corporately, the people of God are standing in the gap for their regions and nations and taking back territory from the enemy and advancing the Kingdom of God.

"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force." (Matthew 11:12 NKJV)

"So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land..." (Ezekiel 22:30 NKJV)

**[Now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry out to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly.] (Luke 18:7-8 NASB)**

**Be encouraged, your intercession is opening heavenly books. God is delivering verdicts from Heaven to see injustices overturned and recompense and restoration is coming.**

**Av 3 – July 14, 2018  
Romans 9:5-18**

**Concern for Israel**

9 I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience testifies with me [enlightened and prompted] by the Holy Spirit, <sup>2</sup> that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For [if it were possible] I would wish that I myself were accursed, [separated, banished] from Christ for the sake [of the salvation] of my brothers, my natural kinsmen, <sup>4</sup> who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, the glory (Shekinah), the [special] covenants [with Abraham, Moses, and David], the giving of the Law, the [system of temple] worship, and the [original] promises. <sup>5</sup> To them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to His natural descent, came the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed), He who is exalted and supreme over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

<sup>6</sup> However, it is not as though God's word has failed [coming to nothing]. For not all who are descended from Israel (Jacob) are [the true] Israel; <sup>7</sup> and they are not all the children of Abraham because they are his descendants [by blood], but [the promise was]: "Your descendants will be named through Isaac" [though Abraham had other sons]. <sup>8</sup> That is, it is not the children of the body [Abraham's natural descendants] who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are counted as [Abraham's true] descendants. <sup>9</sup> For this is what the promise said: "About this time [next year] I will come, and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>10</sup> And not only that, but this too: Rebekah conceived twin sons by one man [under the same circumstances], by our father Isaac; <sup>11</sup> and though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything either good or bad, so that God's purpose [His choice, His election] would stand, not because of works [done by either child], but because of [the plan of] Him who calls them, <sup>12</sup> it was said to her, "The older (Esau) will serve the younger (Jacob)." <sup>13</sup> As it is written and forever remains written, "Jacob I loved (chose, protected, blessed), but Esau I hated (held in disregard compared to Jacob)."

<sup>14</sup> What shall we say then? Is there injustice with God? Certainly not!

<sup>15</sup> For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I have mercy,

and I will have compassion on whomever I have compassion.”<sup>16</sup> So then God’s choice is not dependent on human will, nor on human effort [the totality of human striving], but on God who shows mercy [to whomever He chooses—it is His sovereign gift].<sup>17</sup> For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “I raised you up for this very purpose, to display My power in [dealing with] you, and so that My name would be proclaimed in all the earth.”<sup>18</sup> So then, He has mercy on whom He wills (chooses), and He hardens [the heart of] whom He wills.

**Av 4 – July 15, 2018**  
**Romans 9:19-33**

<sup>19</sup> You will say to me then, “Why does He still blame me [for sinning]? For who [including myself] has [ever] resisted His will and purpose?”<sup>20</sup> On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers [arrogantly] back to God and dares to defy Him? Will the thing which is formed say to him who formed it, “Why have you made me like this?”<sup>21</sup> Does the potter not have the right over the clay, to make from the same lump [of clay] one object for honorable use [something beautiful or distinctive] and another for common use [something ordinary or menial]?<sup>22</sup> What if God, although willing to show His [terrible] wrath and to make His power known, has tolerated with great patience the objects of His wrath [which are] prepared for destruction?<sup>23</sup> And what if He has done so to make known the riches of His glory to the objects of His mercy, which He has prepared beforehand for glory,<sup>24</sup> including us, whom He also called, not only from among the Jews, but also from among the Gentiles?<sup>25</sup> Just as He says in [the writings of the prophet] Hosea:  
“I will call those who were not My people, ‘My people,’ And [I will call] her who was not beloved, ‘beloved.’”<sup>26</sup> “And it shall be that in the place where it was said to them, ‘you are not My people,’ There they shall be called sons of the living God.”<sup>27</sup> And Isaiah calls out concerning Israel: “Though the number of the sons of Israel be like the sand of the sea, it is only the remnant [a small believing minority] that will be saved [from God’s judgment];<sup>28</sup> For the Lord will execute His word upon the earth [He will conclude His dealings

with mankind] completely and without delay.”<sup>29</sup> It is as Isaiah foretold, “If the Lord of Hosts had not left us seed [future generations from which a believing remnant of Israelites came], We would have become like Sodom, and would have resembled Gomorrah [totally rejected and destroyed]!”

<sup>30</sup> What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness [who did not seek salvation and a right relationship with God, nevertheless] obtained righteousness, that is, the righteousness which is produced by faith; <sup>31</sup> whereas Israel, [though always] pursuing the law of righteousness, did not succeed in fulfilling the law. <sup>32</sup> And why not? Because it was not by faith [that they pursued it], but as though it were by works [relying on the merit of their works instead of their faith]. They stumbled over the stumbling Stone [Jesus Christ]. <sup>33</sup> As it is written and forever remains written, “Behold I am laying in Zion a Stone of stumbling and a Rock of offense; And he who believes in Him [whoever adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him] will not be disappointed [in his expectations].”

### **Av 5 – July 16, 2018**

#### **Romans 10: 1-13**

The Word of Faith Brings Salvation

10 Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and my prayer to God for Israel is for their salvation. <sup>2</sup> For I testify about them that they have a certain enthusiasm for God, but not in accordance with [correct and vital] knowledge [about Him and His purposes]. <sup>3</sup> For not knowing about God’s righteousness [which is based on faith], and seeking to establish their own [righteousness based on works], they did not submit to God’s righteousness. <sup>4</sup> For Christ is the end of the law [it leads to Him and its purpose is fulfilled in Him], for [granting] righteousness to everyone who believes [in Him as Savior].

<sup>5</sup> For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law [with all its intricate demands] shall live by it. <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness based on faith [which produces a right relationship with Him] says the following: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into Heaven?’ that is, to bring Christ down; <sup>7</sup> or, ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ that is, to bring Christ up from the dead [as if we had to be saved

by our own efforts, doing the impossible].”<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”—that is, the word [the message, the basis] of faith which we preach—<sup>9</sup> because if you acknowledge and confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord [recognizing His power, authority, and majesty as God], and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.<sup>10</sup> For with the heart a person believes [in Christ as Savior] resulting in his justification [that is, being made righteous—being freed of the guilt of sin and made acceptable to God]; and with the mouth he acknowledges and confesses [his faith openly], resulting in and confirming [his] salvation.<sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes in Him [whoever adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him] will not be disappointed [in his expectations].”<sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Gentile; for the same Lord is Lord over all [of us], and [He is] abounding in riches (blessings) for all who call on Him [in faith and prayer].<sup>13</sup> For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord [in prayer] will be saved.”

**Av 6 – July 17, 2018**  
**Romans 10: 14-21**

<sup>14</sup> But how will people call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how will they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher (messenger)?<sup>15</sup> And how will they preach unless they are commissioned and sent [for that purpose]? Just as it is written and forever remains written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!”

<sup>16</sup> But they did not all pay attention to the good news [of salvation]; for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?”<sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the [preaching of the] message concerning Christ.

<sup>18</sup> But I say, did they not hear? Indeed they have; “Their voice [that of creation bearing God’s message] has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the [farthest] ends of the world.”

<sup>19</sup> But I say, did Israel fail to understand [that the gospel was to go also to the Gentiles]? First Moses says, “I will make you jealous of those who are

not a nation (Gentiles); With a nation that lacks understanding I will make you angry.”

<sup>20</sup> Then Isaiah is very bold and says, “I have been found by those who did not seek Me; I have shown Myself to those who did not [consciously] ask for Me.”

<sup>21</sup> But of Israel he says, “All day long I have stretched out My hands [in compassion] to a disobedient and obstinate people.”

**Av 7 – July 18, 2018**

**Genesis 34: 1-17**

The Treachery of Jacob’s Sons

34 Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out [unescorted] to visit the girls of the land. <sup>2</sup> When Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince (sheik) of the land, saw her, he kidnapped her and lay [intimately] with her by force [humbling and offending her]. <sup>3</sup> But his soul longed for and clung to Dinah daughter of Jacob, and he loved the girl and spoke comfortingly to her young heart’s wishes. <sup>4</sup> So Shechem said to his father Hamor, “Get me this young woman as a wife.” <sup>5</sup> Now Jacob heard that Shechem had defiled (violated) Dinah his daughter; but his sons were in the field with his livestock, so Jacob said nothing until they came in. <sup>6</sup> But Shechem’s father Hamor went to Jacob to talk with him. <sup>7</sup> Now when Jacob’s sons heard of it they came in from the field; they were deeply grieved, and they were very angry, for Shechem had done a disgraceful thing to Israel by lying with Jacob’s daughter, for such a thing is not to be done.

<sup>8</sup> But Hamor conferred with them, saying, “The soul of my son Shechem [deeply] longs for your daughter [and sister]. Please give her to him as his wife. <sup>9</sup> And [beyond that] intermarry with us; give your daughters to us [as wives] and take our daughters for yourselves. <sup>10</sup> In this way you shall live with us; the country will be open to you; live and do business in it and acquire property and possessions in it.” <sup>11</sup> Shechem also said to Dinah’s father and to her brothers, “Let me find favor in your sight, and I will give you whatever you ask of me. <sup>12</sup> Demand of me a very large bridal payment and gift [as compensation for giving up your daughter and sister],

and I will give you whatever you tell me; only give me the girl to be my wife.”

<sup>13</sup> Jacob’s sons answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, because Shechem had defiled and disgraced their sister Dinah. <sup>14</sup> They said to them, “We cannot do this thing and give our sister [in marriage] to one who is not circumcised, because that would be a disgrace to us. <sup>15</sup> But we will consent to you only on this condition: if you will become like us, in that every male among you consents to be circumcised, <sup>16</sup> then we will give our daughters to you [in marriage], and we will take your daughters for ourselves, and we will live with you and become one people. <sup>17</sup> But if you do not listen to us and refuse to be circumcised, then we will take our daughter [Dinah] and go.”

**Av 8 – July 19, 2018**  
**Genesis 34: 18-31**

<sup>18</sup> Their words seemed reasonable to Hamor and his son Shechem, <sup>19</sup> and the young man did not hesitate to do the [required] thing, for he was delighted with Jacob’s daughter. Now he was more respected and honored than all [others] in the household of his father. <sup>20</sup> Then Hamor and Shechem his son came to the gate of their [walled] city [where the leading men would meet] and spoke with the men of the city, saying, <sup>21</sup> “These men are peaceful and friendly with us; so let them live in the land and do business in it, for the land is large enough [for us and] for them; let us take their daughters for wives and let us give them our daughters [in marriage]. <sup>22</sup> But only on this condition will the men consent to our request that they live among us and become one people: that every male among us become circumcised just as they are circumcised. <sup>23</sup> Will not their cattle and their possessions and all their animals be ours [if we do this]? Let us consent [to do as they ask], and they will live here with us.”

<sup>24</sup> And every [Canaanite] man who went out of the city gate listened and considered what Hamor and Shechem said; and every male who was a resident of that city was circumcised.

<sup>25</sup> Now on the third day [after the circumcision], when all the men were

[terribly] sore and in pain, two of Jacob's sons, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's [full] brothers, took their swords, boldly entered the city [without anyone suspecting them of evil intent], and they killed every male. <sup>26</sup> They killed Hamor and his son Shechem with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house [where she was staying], and left. <sup>27</sup> Then Jacob's [other] sons came upon those who were killed and looted the town, because their sister had been defiled and disgraced. <sup>28</sup> They took the Canaanites' flocks and their herds and their donkeys, and whatever was in the city and in the field; <sup>29</sup> they looted all their wealth, and [took captive] all their children and their wives, even everything that was in the houses. <sup>30</sup> Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have ruined me, making me a stench to the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites and the Perizzites! My men are few in number, and the men of the land will band together against me and attack me; I shall be destroyed, I and my household." <sup>31</sup> But they said, "Should he [be permitted to] treat our sister as a prostitute?" Simeon never repented and Jacob never forgave him. Because of his sin Simeon lost his birth right and his people were destined to be scattered until the last of days.

### **Av 9 – July 20, 2018**

**Hebrew day of Remembrance for the destruction of both Temples, by the Babylonians and the Romans 665 years apart on the same date. It was on this date as the Children of Israel were in the desert, that the 12 spies came back, and 10 gave a bad report. In 587 BC Solomon's Temple was destroyed, in AD 70 the Romans destroyed the second Temple, In AD 135 Rome destroyed Jerusalem, In 1095 the 1<sup>st</sup> Crusade killed thousands of Israelis. The Jews were expelled from England in 1290, in 1492 the Israelis were expelled from Spain, Germany placed the Israelis in concentration camps on this day, Hitler began exterminating the Jews on this date in 1941, and the United States turned the Jews away in late summer, 1942 for three days, with the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, fearing they were Nazi spies in 2005 the Israelis were expelled from the Gaza strip... The curse goes on and on.... Reverse the curse in your family. Go before the Lord and repent of**

## **all generational curses in your blood line and be free.**

### **Genesis 35: 1-15**

God has mercy and Jacob Moves to Bethel

35 Then God said to Jacob, "Go up to Bethel and live there, and make an altar there to God, who appeared to you [in a distinct manifestation] when you fled [years ago] from Esau your brother." <sup>2</sup> Then Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Get rid of the [idols and images of] foreign gods that are among you, and ceremonially purify yourselves and change [into fresh] clothes; <sup>3</sup> then let us get up and go up to Bethel, and I will make an altar there to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone." <sup>4</sup> So they gave Jacob all the [idols and images of the] foreign gods they had and the rings which were in their ears [worn as charms against evil], and Jacob buried them under the <sup>[a]</sup>oak tree near Shechem.

<sup>5</sup> As they journeyed, there was a great [supernatural] terror [sent from God] on the cities around them, and [for that reason] the Canaanites did not pursue the sons of Jacob. <sup>6</sup> So Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him.

<sup>7</sup> There he built an altar [to worship the Lord], and called the place El-bethel (God of the House of God), because there God had revealed Himself to him when he escaped from his brother. <sup>8</sup> Now Deborah, [who once was] Rebekah's nurse, died and was buried below Bethel under the oak; and the name of it was called Allon-bacuth (Oak of Weeping).

Jacob Is Named Israel

<sup>9</sup> Then God [in a visible manifestation] appeared to Jacob again when he came out of Paddan-aram, and declared a blessing on him. <sup>10</sup> Again God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; You shall no longer be called Jacob, But Israel shall be your name."

So he was called Israel. <sup>11</sup> And God said to him, "I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, And kings shall be born of your loins.

<sup>12</sup> "The land which I gave Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and to your descendants after you I will give the land."

<sup>13</sup> Then God ascended from Jacob in the place where He had spoken with him. <sup>14</sup> Jacob set up a pillar (memorial, monument) in the place where he had talked with God, a pillar of stone, and he poured a drink offering [of wine] on it; he also poured oil on it [to declare it sacred for God's purpose]. <sup>15</sup> So Jacob named the place where God had spoken with him, Bethel (the House of God).

### **Av 10 – July 21, 2018**

#### **Numbers 1: 22-23 and Numbers 26: 14-16, Deuteronomy 33: 8-11**

So Jacob placed Simeon and Levi under a curse and that's exactly what happened to the tribe of Simeon. The Tribe decreased, at the time of exodus Simeon's tribe numbered 59,300 but at the time of entering the promised land there were only 22,200 left making them the smallest tribe of all of Israel. <sup>22</sup> Of the sons of Simeon, their descendants, by their families (clans), by their fathers' households, their numbered men according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go to war: <sup>23</sup> those of the tribe of Simeon numbered 59,300. Numbers 26:14-16. <sup>14</sup> These are the families (clans) of the Simeonites, 22,200. Simeon was the only tribe not blessed by Moses when they entered into the Promised Land. Not only did they decrease they were then scattered across the land. In the Northern cities Simeon was given scattered cities, mingled with the inhabitants and eventually lost their identity. Numbers 26:14-16 Amplified Bible (AMP) Simeon messed up he did not repent and he and his decedents lived under a curse to this day. We have choice, repent, break the curse and set yourself and your family free by the Blood of Jesus!!!!!! Reverse the curse... Levi was **under the same curse but repented and ended up being honored as the High Priest of Israel...**

#### **Levi reversed the curse in Deuteronomy 33:8-11 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

<sup>8</sup> Of Levi he (Moses) said, "Your <sup>[a]</sup>Thummim and Your Urim belong to Your godly man [Aaron], Whom You tested and proved at Massah, With whom You contended at the waters of Meribah; <sup>9</sup> Who <sup>[b]</sup>said of his father and mother, 'I did not consider them'; Nor did he acknowledge his brothers, Nor did he regard his own sons, For the priests observed Your word, And kept Your covenant. <sup>10</sup> "The priests shall teach Your ordinances

(judgments) to Jacob, And Your law to Israel. They shall put incense [C]before You, And whole burnt offerings on Your altar. <sup>11</sup> "O Lord, bless Levi's substance (ability), And accept and take pleasure in the work of his hands;

Crush and shatter the loins of those who rise up against him, And of those who hate him, so that they do not rise again."

We can do the same today. We have been in the courts of heaven and used the Name, Authority and Blood of Jesus.. Get out from under the curses today!!! Unfortunately Israel never repented as a nation and suffered greatly to this day. In the last days Simeon will repent and turn to their Messiah and according to Revelation 7:7 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon will be sealed and he will once again stand with his brothers to fight for the Lord!!

**Av 11 –July 22, 2018**

**Isaiah 14:1**

For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

The month of Av was never meant to be a curse but a blessing. Moses led them to the river and sent 12 spies into the land, but on the 9<sup>th</sup> of AV they came back and feared the inhabitants of the land.

The Spies' Reports Numbers 13: 25-33

<sup>25</sup> When they returned from spying out the land, at the end of forty days,

<sup>26</sup> they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the sons of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran at Kadesh, and brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the land's fruit.

<sup>27</sup> They reported to Moses and said, "We went in to the land where you sent us; and it certainly does flow with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.

<sup>28</sup> But the people who live in the land are strong, and the cities are

[fortified (walled) and very large; moreover, we saw there the descendants of Anak [people of great stature and courage]. <sup>29</sup> [The people descended from] Amalek live in the land of the Negev (South country); the Hittite, the Jebusite, and the Amorite live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live by the [Dead] Sea and along the side of the Jordan."

<sup>30</sup> Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at

once and take possession of it; for we will certainly conquer it.”<sup>31</sup> But the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people [of Canaan], for they are too strong for us.”<sup>32</sup> So they gave the Israelites a bad report about the land which they had spied out, saying, “The land through which we went, in spying it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants. And all the people that we saw in it are men of great stature.<sup>33</sup> There we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”

**And the Curse began!!!!**

**Av 12 –July 23, 2018**  
**Numbers 14:1-37 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

**The People Rebel**

14 Then all the congregation [of Israel] raised their voices and cried out, and the people wept that night.<sup>2</sup> All the Israelites murmured [in discontent] against Moses and Aaron; and the whole congregation said to them, “Oh that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or that we had died in this wilderness!<sup>3</sup> Why is the Lord bringing us to this land [of Canaan], to fall by the sword? Our wives and [a] children will become plunder. Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?”<sup>4</sup> So they said one to another, “Let us appoint a [new] leader and return to Egypt.”

<sup>5</sup> Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the Israelites.<sup>6</sup> Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes [as a sign of grief],<sup>7</sup> and they spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, “The land through which we passed as spies is an exceedingly good land.<sup>8</sup> If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land which [b] flows with milk and honey.<sup>9</sup> Only do not rebel against the Lord; and do not fear the people of the land, for they will be our prey. Their protection has been removed from

them, and the Lord is with us. Do not fear them.”<sup>10</sup> But all the congregation said to stone Joshua **and Caleb with stones. But the glory and brilliance of the Lord appeared at the Tent of Meeting (tabernacle) before all the sons of Israel.**

### **Moses Pleads for the People**

<sup>11</sup> The Lord said to Moses, “How long will these people treat me disrespectfully and reject Me? And how long will they not believe in Me, despite all the [miraculous] signs which I have performed among them?

<sup>12</sup> I will strike them with the pestilence (plague) and dispossess them, and will make you into a nation greater and mightier than they.”

<sup>13</sup> But Moses said to the Lord, “Then the Egyptians will hear of it, for by Your strength You brought up these people from among them,<sup>14</sup> and they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that You, Lord, are among these people [of Israel], that You, Lord, are seen face to face, while Your cloud stands over them; and that You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night.<sup>15</sup> Now if You kill these people as one man, then the nations (Gentiles) that have heard of Your fame will say,<sup>16</sup> ‘Because the Lord was not able to bring these people into the land which He promised to give them, therefore He slaughtered them in the wilderness.’<sup>17</sup> But now, please, let the power of the Lord be great, just as You have declared, saying,<sup>18</sup> ‘The Lord is slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness, forgiving wickedness and transgression; but He will by no means clear the guilty, visiting (avenging) the wickedness and guilt of the fathers on the children, to the third and fourth generations [that is, calling the children to account for the sins of their fathers].’

<sup>19</sup> Please pardon the wickedness and guilt of these people according to the greatness of Your lovingkindness, just as You have forgiven these people, from Egypt even until now.”

**Av 13 – July 24, 2018**

**Numbers 14: 20-37**

The Lord Pardons and Rebukes

<sup>20</sup> So the Lord said, “I have pardoned them according to your word;

<sup>21</sup> but indeed as I live, all the earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord.

<sup>22</sup> Surely all the men who have seen My glory and My [miraculous] signs which I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have put Me to the test these ten times and have not listened to My voice, <sup>23</sup> will by no means see the land which I swore to [give to] their fathers; nor will any who treated me disrespectfully and rejected Me see it. <sup>24</sup> But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land into which he entered, and his descendants shall take possession of it. <sup>25</sup> Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites live in the valley; tomorrow turn and set out for the wilderness by way of the Red Sea."

<sup>26</sup> The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, <sup>27</sup> "How long shall I put up with this evil congregation who murmur [in discontent] against Me? I have heard the complaints of the Israelites, which they are making against Me. <sup>28</sup> Say to them, 'As I live,' says the Lord, 'just what you have spoken in My hearing I will most certainly do to you; <sup>29</sup> your dead bodies will fall in this wilderness, even all who were numbered of you, your entire number from twenty years old and upward, who have murmured against Me.

<sup>30</sup> Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, not one of you shall enter the land in which I swore [an oath] to settle you.

<sup>31</sup> But your children whom you said would become plunder, I will bring in, and they will know the land which you have despised and rejected. <sup>32</sup> But as for you, your dead bodies will fall in this wilderness. <sup>33</sup> Your sons shall be wanderers and shepherds in the wilderness for forty years, and they will suffer for your unfaithfulness (spiritual infidelity), until your corpses are consumed in the wilderness. <sup>34</sup> According to the number of days in which you spied out the land [of Canaan], forty days, for each day, you shall bear and suffer a year for your sins and guilt, for forty years, and you shall know My displeasure [the revoking of My promise and My estrangement because of your sin]. <sup>35</sup> I, the Lord, have spoken. I will most certainly do this to all this evil congregation who are gathered together against Me. In this wilderness they shall be consumed [by war, disease, and plagues], and here they shall die."

<sup>36</sup> As for the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, and who returned and made all the congregation murmur and complain against him by bringing back a bad report concerning the land, <sup>37</sup> even those [ten] men who brought back the very bad report of the land died by a plague before the Lord.

**Av 14 – July 25, 2018**

**God promises that the curse will be broken. I believe that it will happen on the 9<sup>th</sup> of AV in the near future.**

**Jeremiah 29:11-32 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

<sup>11</sup> For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you,' says the Lord, 'plans for peace and well-being and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call on Me and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear [your voice] and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup> Then [with a deep longing] you will seek Me and require Me [as a vital necessity] and [you will] find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup> I will be found by you,' says the Lord, 'and I will restore your fortunes and I will [free you and] gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,' says the Lord, 'and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.'

**Jeremiah 30: 1-11 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

**Freedom from Captivity Promised**

30 The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup> "Thus says the Lord God of Israel, 'Write in a book all the words which I have spoken to you.

<sup>3</sup> For behold (hear this), the days are coming,' says the Lord, 'when I will restore the fortunes of My people Israel and Judah,' says the Lord, 'and I will return them to the land that I gave to their forefathers and they will take possession of it.'"

<sup>4</sup> Now these are the words the Lord spoke concerning Israel and Judah:

<sup>5</sup> "Thus says the Lord, 'We have heard a terrified voice Of panic and dread, and there is no peace. <sup>6</sup> 'Ask now, and see Whether a man can give birth

[to a child]. Why then do I see every man With his hands on his loins, as a woman in labor? Why have all faces turned pale?

<sup>7</sup> 'Alas! for that day is great, There is none like it; It is the time of Jacob's [unequaled] trouble, But he will be saved from it. <sup>8</sup> 'It shall come about on that day,' says the Lord of hosts, 'that I will break the yoke off your neck and I will tear off your bonds and force apart your shackles; and strangers will no longer make slaves of the people [of Israel]. <sup>9</sup> But they shall serve the Lord their God and [the descendant of] David their King, whom I will raise up for them.

<sup>10</sup> 'Fear not, O Jacob My servant,' says the Lord, 'Nor be dismayed or downcast, O Israel; For behold, I will save you from a distant land [of exile] And your descendants from the land of their captivity. Jacob will return and will be quiet and at ease, And no one will make him afraid.

<sup>11</sup> 'For I am with you,' says the Lord, 'to save you; For I will destroy completely all the nations where I have scattered you, But I will not destroy you completely. But I will judge and discipline you fairly And will by no means regard you as guiltless and leave you unpunished.'

**Av 15 – July 26, 2018**  
**Jeremiah 30: 18-24**

Restoration of Jacob

<sup>18</sup> "Thus says the Lord, 'Behold (hear this), I will restore the fortunes of the tents of Jacob And have mercy on his dwelling places; The city will be rebuilt on its [old, mound-like] ruin, And the palace will stand on its rightful place.

<sup>19</sup> 'From them (city, palace) will come [songs of] thanksgiving And the voices of those who dance and celebrate. And I will multiply them and they will not be diminished [in number]; I will also honor them and they will not

be insignificant. <sup>20</sup> 'Their children too will be as in former times, And their congregation will be established before Me; And I will punish all their

oppressors. <sup>21</sup> 'Their prince will be one of them, And their ruler will come forward from among them. I will bring him near and he shall approach Me, For who is he who would have the boldness and would dare [on his own initiative] to risk his life to approach Me?' says the Lord.

22 "Then you shall be My people, And I will be your God."

23 Behold, the tempest of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, A sweeping and gathering tempest; It will burst on the head of the wicked.

24 The fierce (righteous) anger of the Lord will not turn back Until He has fulfilled and until He has accomplished The intent of His heart (mind); In the latter days you will understand this.

**Av 16 – July 27, 2018**

**Matthew 24:29-51 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

The Glorious Return

29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not provide its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup> And at that time the sign of the Son of Man [coming in His glory] will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth [and especially Israel] will mourn [regretting their rebellion and rejection of the Messiah], and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory [in brilliance and splendor]. <sup>31</sup> And He will send His angels with a loud trumpet and they will gather together His elect (God's chosen ones) from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

Parable of the Fig Tree

32 "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its young shoots become tender and it puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near;

33 so you, too, when you see all <sup>[a]</sup>these things [taking place], know for certain that He is near, right <sup>[b]</sup>at the door. <sup>34</sup> I assure you and most solemnly say to you, this generation [the people living when these signs and events begin] will not pass away until all these things take place.

35 Heaven and earth [as now known] will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

36 "But of that [exact] day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son [in His humanity], but the Father alone. <sup>37</sup> For the coming of the Son of Man (the Messiah) will be just like the days of Noah.

38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the [very] day when Noah entered

the ark,<sup>39</sup> and they did not know or understand until the flood came and swept them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be [unexpected judgment].<sup>40</sup> At that time two men will be in the field; one will be [C]taken [for judgment] and one will be left.<sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken [for judgment] and one will be left.

**Av 17 – July 28, 2018**

**Matthew 25: 31-46**

The Judgment

<sup>31</sup> “But when the Son of Man comes in His glory and majesty and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.<sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before Him [for judgment]; and He will separate them from one another, as a shepherd separates his sheep from the goats;<sup>33</sup> and He will put the sheep on His right [the place of honor], and the goats on His left [the place of rejection].

<sup>34</sup> “Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father [you favored of God, appointed to eternal salvation], inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.<sup>35</sup> For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;<sup>36</sup> I was naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me [with help and ministering care]; I was in prison, and you came to Me [ignoring personal danger].’<sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink?

<sup>38</sup> And when did we see You as a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You?’<sup>39</sup> And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’<sup>40</sup> The King will answer and say to them, ‘I assure you and most solemnly say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it for Me.’

<sup>41</sup> “Then He will say to those on His left, ‘Leave Me, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels (demons);<sup>42</sup> for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink;<sup>43</sup> I was a stranger, and you did

not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me [with help and ministering care].'<sup>44</sup> Then they also [in their turn] will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or as a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister to You?'<sup>45</sup> Then He will reply to them, 'I assure you and most solemnly say to you, to the extent that you did not do it for one of the least of these [my followers], you did not do it for Me.'<sup>46</sup> Then these [unbelieving people] will go away into eternal (unending) punishment, but those who are righteous and in right standing with God [will go, by His remarkable grace] into eternal (unending) life."

### **John 14:23**

**Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**

**Av 18 – July 29, 2018**

### **Corinthians 15: 1-19 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

The Fact of Christ's Resurrection

15 Now brothers and sisters, let me remind you [once again] of the good news [of salvation] which I preached to you, which you welcomed and accepted and on which you stand [by faith].<sup>2</sup> By this faith you are saved [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, and set apart for His purpose], if you hold firmly to the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain [just superficially and without complete commitment].<sup>3</sup> For I passed on to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to [that which] the Scriptures [foretold],<sup>4</sup> **and that He was** buried, and that He was [bodily] raised on the third day according to [that which] the Scriptures [foretold],<sup>5</sup> and that He appeared to Cephas (Peter), then to the Twelve.<sup>6</sup> After that He appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, the majority of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep [in death].<sup>7</sup> Then He was seen by James, then by all the apostles,<sup>8</sup> and last of all, as to one untimely (prematurely, traumatically) born, He appeared to me also.<sup>9</sup> For I

am the least [worthy] of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I [at one time] fiercely oppressed and violently persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the [remarkable] grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not without effect. In fact, I worked harder than all of the apostles, though it was not I, but the grace of God [His unmerited favor and blessing which was] with me. <sup>11</sup> So whether it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed and trusted in and relied on with confidence.

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how is it that [c]some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised; <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain [useless, amounting to nothing], and your faith is also vain [imaginary, unfounded, devoid of value and benefit—not based on truth]. <sup>15</sup> We are even discovered to be false witnesses [misrepresenting] God, because we testified concerning Him that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised, either; <sup>17</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless and powerless [mere delusion]; you are still in your sins [and under the control and penalty of sin]. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>19</sup> If we who are [abiding] in Christ have hoped only in this life [and this is all there is], then we are of all people most miserable and to be pitied.

**Av 19 – July 30, 2018**  
**1 Corinthians 15: 20-48**

The Order of Resurrection

<sup>20</sup> But now [as things really are] Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, [and He became] the first fruits [that is, the first to be resurrected with an incorruptible, immortal body, foreshadowing the resurrection] of those who have fallen asleep [in death]. <sup>21</sup> For since [it was] by a man that death came [into the world], it is also by a Man that the resurrection of the dead has come. <sup>22</sup> For just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then

those who are Christ's [own will be resurrected with incorruptible, immortal bodies] at His coming. <sup>24</sup> After that comes the end (completion), when He hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after He has made inoperative and abolished every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For Christ must reign [as King] until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

<sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be abolished and put to an end is death. <sup>27</sup> For He (the Father) has put all things in subjection under His (Christ's) feet. But when He says, "All things have been put in subjection [under Christ]," it is clear that He (the Father) who put all things in subjection to Him (Christ) is excepted [since the Father is not in subjection to His own Son].

<sup>28</sup> However, when all things are subjected to Him (Christ), then the Son Himself will also be subjected to the One (the Father) who put all things under Him, so that God may be all in all [manifesting His glory without any opposition, the supreme indwelling and controlling factor of life].

<sup>29</sup> Otherwise, what will those do who are being baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people even baptized for them?

<sup>30</sup> [For that matter] why are we [running such risks and putting ourselves] in danger [nearly] every hour [if there is no resurrection]? <sup>31</sup> I assure you, believers, by the pride which I have in you in [your union with] Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily [I face death and die to self]. <sup>32</sup> What good has it done me if, [merely] from a human point of view, I fought with wild animals at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised [at all], let us eat and drink [enjoying ourselves now], for tomorrow we die. <sup>33</sup> Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals." <sup>34</sup> Be sober-minded [be sensible, wake up from your spiritual stupor] as you ought, and stop sinning; for some [of you] have no knowledge of God [you are disgracefully ignorant of Him, and ignore His truths]. I say this to your shame.

<sup>35</sup> But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body will they come?" <sup>36</sup> You fool! Every time you plant seed you sow something that does not come to life [germinating, springing up and growing] unless it first dies. <sup>37</sup> The seed you sow is not the body (the plant) which it is going to become, but it is a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or some other grain. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body just as He planned, and to

each kind of seed a body of its own [is given].<sup>39</sup> All flesh is not the same. There is one **kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.** <sup>40</sup> **There are also heavenly bodies [sun, moon and stars] and earthly bodies [humans, animals, and plants], but the glory and beauty of the heavenly is one kind, and the glory of the earthly is another.** <sup>41</sup> **There is a glory and beauty of the sun, another glory of the moon, and yet another [distinctive] glory of the stars; and one star differs from another in glory and brilliance.**

<sup>42</sup> So it is with the resurrection of the dead. The [human] body that is sown is perishable and mortal, it is raised imperishable and immortal. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in strength; <sup>44</sup> it is sown a natural body [mortal, suited to earth], it is raised a spiritual body [immortal, suited to heaven]. As surely as there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> So it is written [in Scripture], "The first man, Adam, became a living soul (an individual);" the last Adam (Christ) became a life-giving spirit [restoring the dead to life].

<sup>46</sup> However, the spiritual [the immortal life] is not first, but the physical [the mortal life]; then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man [Adam] is from the earth, earthy [made of dust]; the second Man [Christ, the Lord] is from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As is the earthly man [the man of dust], so are those who are of earth; and as is the heavenly [Man], so are those who are of heaven.

<sup>49</sup> Just as we have borne the image of the earthly [the man of dust], we will also bear the image of the heavenly [the Man of heaven].

### **Colossians 1:16-18**

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

**Av 20 – July 31, 2018**  
**1 Corinthians 15:50-58**

## The Mystery of Resurrection

<sup>50</sup> Now I say this, believers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit nor be part of the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable (mortal) inherit the imperishable (immortal). <sup>51</sup> Listen very carefully, I tell you a mystery [a secret truth decreed by God and previously hidden, but now revealed]; we will not all sleep [in death], but we will all be [completely] changed [wondrously transformed], <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at [the sound of] the last trumpet call. For a trumpet will sound, and the dead [who believed in Christ] will be raised imperishable, and we will be [completely] changed [wondrously transformed]. <sup>53</sup> For this perishable [part of us] must put on the imperishable [nature], and this mortal [part of us that is capable of dying] must put on immortality [which is freedom from death]. <sup>54</sup> And when this perishable puts on the imperishable, and this mortal puts on immortality, then the Scripture will be fulfilled that says, "Death is swallowed up in victory (vanquished forever). <sup>55</sup> O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin [by which it brings death] is the law; <sup>57</sup> but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory [as conquerors] through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord [always doing your best and doing more than is needed], being continually aware that your labor [even to the point of exhaustion] in the Lord is not futile nor wasted [it is never without purpose].

### **2 Thessalonians 2:10-12**

And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

**Av 21 –August 1, 2018**

**James 1: 1-18 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

### Testing Your Faith

1 James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve [Hebrew] tribes [scattered abroad among the Gentiles] in the dispersion: Greetings (rejoice)!

<sup>2</sup> Consider it nothing but joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you fall into various trials. <sup>3</sup> Be assured that the testing of your faith [through experience] produces endurance [leading to spiritual maturity, and inner peace]. <sup>4</sup> And let endurance have its perfect result and do a thorough work, so that you may be perfect and completely developed [in your faith], lacking in nothing.

<sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom [to guide him through a decision or circumstance], he is to ask of [our benevolent] God, who gives to everyone generously and without rebuke or blame, and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup> But he must ask [for wisdom] in faith, without doubting [God's willingness to help], for the one who doubts is like a billowing surge of the sea that is blown about and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> For such a person ought not to think or expect that he will receive anything [at all] from the Lord, <sup>8</sup> being a double-minded man, unstable and restless in all his ways [in everything he thinks, feels, or decides].

<sup>9</sup> Let the brother in humble circumstances glory in his high position [as a born-again believer, called to the true riches and to be an heir of God]; <sup>10</sup> and the rich man is to glory in being humbled [by trials revealing human frailty, knowing true riches are found in the grace of God], for like the flower of the grass he will pass away. <sup>11</sup> For the sun rises with a scorching wind and withers the grass; its flower falls off and its beauty fades away; so too will the rich man, in the midst of his pursuits, fade away.

<sup>12</sup> Blessed [happy, spiritually prosperous, favored by God] is the man who is steadfast under trial and perseveres when tempted; for when he has passed the test and been approved, he will receive the [victor's] crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. <sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God" [for temptation does not originate from God, but from our own flaws]; for God cannot be tempted by [what is] evil, and He Himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup> But each one is tempted when he is dragged away, enticed and baited [to commit sin] by his own [worldly] desire (lust, passion). <sup>15</sup> Then when the illicit desire has

conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin has run its course, it gives birth to death. <sup>16</sup> Do not be misled, my beloved brothers and sisters.

<sup>17</sup> Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above; it comes down from the Father of lights [the Creator and Sustainer of the heavens], in whom there is no variation [no rising or setting] or shadow cast by His turning [for He is perfect and never changes]. <sup>18</sup> It was of His own will that He gave us birth [as His children] by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits of His creatures [a prime example of what He created to be set apart to Himself—sanctified, made holy for His divine purposes].

**Av 22 –August 2, 2018**

**1 Peter 3:15**

**But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:**

**"A Sizzling Summer of Liberty and Justice"** Johnny Enlow, Santa Clarita, CA

Agreeing with God and Overcoming Evil with Good

We have entered into a sizzling, summer season where Liberty and Justice will be warred over and where Liberty and Justice will win. Devious, demonic forces have targeted unhealed wounds in many otherwise decent people and people groups and have manipulated them into being part of a misinformed initiative to sabotage roots of Justice and Liberty in the United States of America.

Twisted narratives have been spun inciting even violent responses, and the enemy has desired and purposed to stir up a de facto civil war. He will ultimately fail in his objectives, but it becomes important for those called by His name to agree with God and overcome evil with good.

It's Time to Seek Our God-designed Identity and Destiny

As revolutionary winds blow through the land, it becomes important to know how to respond. One wrong response would be to rise up angrily and divisively. The political spirit would have us demonizing flesh and blood when that is not where our battlefield lies.

Another wrong response would be to just remain passive and hope that qualifies as loving. This is not a time for ANY kind of passivity. There may be instances where it is in fact important to show up in the streets and be a visible evidence of light. As this takes place, it becomes equally important

to not be antagonistic or violent, but to show up in strength of numbers and resolve. Insulting and mocking is out, but firm resilience is in. There is a renewed battle for the soul of America and it is time to agree with God over our nation's identity and destiny. Yes, the Kingdom agenda is greater than "patriotism" but our King's agenda is for every nation to find its God-designed identity and destiny.

We can be so quick to decry patriotism that we reject the concept itself of a nation having its unique identity and destiny. We are to seek the well-being of the nations where we have been placed because that is why we were put there (Jer. 29:7). As God sweeps through the nations, He is in fact looking for those who would feel His love for their nation's well-being and not just dismiss it as "patriotism". While it is possible to be "patriotic" and yet blind to the Kingdom, when you are in-tune with the Kingdom you will find yourself feeling a patriotic love for your nation while viewing it through a proper Kingdom lens.

Heaven Will Move as We Move

For some time now there has been unprecedented, angelic/hosts-of-Heaven activity over us, and many of these have been advancing on heavenly orders given to them. Many more are waiting to be released as we, the saints, arise and shine with a correct representation and understanding of our Father's heart at this time.

There is a great cleansing and a great clarifying that is presently taking place in our land and we have significant surprises yet before us. This summer will be much like the horse Justify running the third leg of the Triple Crown at the Belmont Stakes. The rain, the mud and the fog will be lifted and a great clarity will come. Liberty and Justice have been greatly challenged—even in many named Liberty or Justice—but Liberty and Justice are going to greatly triumph.

**Av 23 – August 3, 2018**

**2 Peter 2:9**

**The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:**

**James 1: 19-27**

Understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters. Let everyone be quick to hear [be a careful, thoughtful listener], slow to speak [a speaker of carefully chosen words and], slow to anger [patient, reflective, forgiving];

<sup>20</sup> for the [resentful, deep-seated] anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God [that standard of behavior which He requires from us]. <sup>21</sup> So get rid of all uncleanness and [e]all that remains of wickedness, and with a humble spirit receive the word [of God] which is implanted [actually rooted in your heart], which is able to save your souls. <sup>22</sup> But prove yourselves doers of the word [actively and continually obeying God's precepts], and not merely listeners [who hear the word but fail to internalize its meaning], deluding yourselves [by unsound reasoning contrary to the truth]. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone only listens to the word [f]without obeying it, he is like a man who looks very carefully at his natural face in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he immediately forgets [g]what he looked like. <sup>25</sup> But he who looks carefully into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and faithfully abides by it, not having become a [careless] listener who forgets but [h]an active doer [who obeys], he will be blessed and favored by God in what he does [in his life of obedience].

<sup>26</sup> If anyone thinks himself to be religious [scrupulously observant of the rituals of his faith], and does not control his tongue but deludes his own heart, this person's religion is worthless (futile, barren). <sup>27</sup> Pure and unblemished religion [as it is expressed in outward acts] in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit and look after the fatherless and the widows in their distress, and to keep oneself uncontaminated by the [secular] world.

### **Av 24 – August 4, 2018**

#### **1 John 3 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

Children of God Love One Another

<sup>3</sup> See what an incredible quality of love the Father has shown to us, that we would [be permitted to] be named and called and counted the children of God! And so we are! For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are [even here and] now children of God, and it is not yet made clear what we will be [after His coming]. We know that when He comes and is revealed, we will [as His children] be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is [in all His glory]. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who has this hope [confidently placed] in Him

purifies himself, just as He is pure (holy, undefiled, guiltless).

<sup>4</sup> Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness [ignoring God's law by action or neglect or by tolerating wrongdoing—being unrestrained by His commands and His will]. <sup>5</sup> You know that He appeared [in visible form as a man] in order to take away sins; and in Him there is [absolutely] no sin [for He has neither the sin nature nor has He committed sin or acts worthy of blame]. <sup>6</sup> No one who abides in Him [who remains united in fellowship with Him—deliberately, knowingly, and habitually] practices sin. No one who habitually sins has seen Him or known Him. <sup>7</sup> Little children (believers, dear ones), do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who practices righteousness [the one who strives to live a consistently honorable life—in private as well as in public—and to conform to God's precepts] is righteous, just as He is righteous.

<sup>8</sup> The one who practices sin [separating himself from God, and offending Him by acts of disobedience, indifference, or rebellion] is of the devil [and takes his inner character and moral values from him, not God]; for the devil has sinned and violated God's law from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. <sup>9</sup> No one who is born of God [deliberately, knowingly, and habitually] practices sin, because <sup>[a]</sup>God's seed [His principle of life, the essence of His righteous character] remains [permanently] in him [who is born again—who is reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, and set apart for His purpose]; and he [who is born again] cannot habitually [live a life characterized by] sin, because he is born of God and longs to please Him.

<sup>10</sup> By this the children of God and the children of the devil are clearly identified: anyone who does not practice righteousness [who does not seek God's will in thought, action, and purpose] is not of God, nor is the one who does not [unselfishly] <sup>[b]</sup>love his [believing] brother.

## **Av 25 – August 5, 2018**

### **1 John 3: 11-24**

<sup>11</sup> For this is the message which you [believers] have heard from the beginning [of your relationship with Christ], that we should [unselfishly] love and seek the best for one another; <sup>12</sup> and not be like Cain, who was

of the evil one and murdered his brother [Abel]. And why did he murder him? Because Cain's deeds were evil, and his brothers were righteous.

<sup>13</sup> Do not be surprised, believers, if the world hates you. <sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed out of death into Life, because we love the brothers and sisters. He who does not love remains in [spiritual] death. <sup>15</sup> Everyone who hates (works against) his brother [in Christ] is [at heart] a murderer [by God's standards]; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. <sup>16</sup> By this we know [and have come to understand the depth and essence of His precious] love: that He [willingly] laid down His life for us [because He loved us]. And we ought to lay down our lives for the believers. <sup>17</sup> But whoever has the [c]world's goods (adequate resources), and sees his brother in need, but has no compassion for him, how does the love of God live in him? <sup>18</sup> Little children (believers, dear ones), let us not love [merely in theory] with word or with tongue [giving lip service to compassion], but in action and in truth [in practice and in sincerity, because practical acts of love are more than words]. <sup>19</sup> By this we will know [without any doubt] that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart and quiet our conscience before Him <sup>20</sup> whenever our heart convicts us [in guilt]; for God is greater than our heart and He knows all things [nothing is hidden from Him because we are in His hands].

<sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart does not convict us [of guilt], we have confidence [complete assurance and boldness] before God; <sup>22</sup> and we receive from Him whatever we ask because we [carefully and consistently] keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight [habitually seeking to follow His plan for us].

<sup>23</sup> This is His commandment, that we believe [with personal faith and confident trust] in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and [that we unselfishly] love and seek the best for one another, just as He commanded us. <sup>24</sup> The one who habitually keeps His commandments [obeying His word and following His precepts, abides and] remains in Him, and He in him. By this we know and have the proof that He [really] abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us [as a gift].

**Av 26 – August 6, 2018**  
**Revelation 5: 1-10 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

## The Scroll with Seven Seals

<sup>1</sup> I saw in the right hand of Him who was seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, closed and sealed with seven seals.

<sup>2</sup> And I saw a strong angel announcing with a loud voice, "Who is worthy [having the authority and virtue] to open the scroll and to break its seals?"

<sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth [in Hades, the realm of the dead] was able to open the scroll or look into it. <sup>4</sup> And I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or look into it. <sup>5</sup> Then one of the [twenty-four] elders said to me, "Stop weeping! Look closely, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome and conquered! He can open the scroll and [break] its seven seals."

<sup>6</sup> And there between the throne (with the four living creatures) and among the elders I saw a Lamb (Christ) standing, [bearing scars and wounds] as though it had been slain, with seven horns (complete power) and with seven eyes (complete knowledge), which are the seven Spirits of God who have been sent [on duty] into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> And He came and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. <sup>8</sup> And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb (Christ), each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of fragrant incense, which are the prayers of the saints (God's people). <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song [of glorious redemption], saying, "Worthy and deserving are You to take the scroll and to break its seals; for You were slain (sacrificed), and with Your blood You purchased people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

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"You have made them to be a kingdom [of royal subjects] and priests to our God; and they will reign on the earth."

## **Av 27 – August 7, 2018** **Revelation 5: 11-13**

### Angels Exalt the Lamb

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and [the voice] of the living creatures and the elders; and they numbered

myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands (innumerable), <sup>12</sup> saying in a loud voice,

“Worthy and deserving is the Lamb that was sacrificed to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.”

<sup>13</sup> And I heard every created thing that is in heaven or on earth or under the earth [in Hades, the realm of the dead] or on the sea, and everything that is in them, saying [together],

“To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb (Christ), be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.”

<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures kept saying, “Amen.” And the elders fell down and worshiped [Him who lives forever and ever].

**Av 28 – August 8, 2018**

### **Revelation 6: 1-8 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

#### **The First Seal—The Conqueror**

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw as the Lamb (Christ) broke one of the seven seals [of the scroll initiating the judgments], and I heard one of the four living creatures call out as with a voice of thunder, “Come.” <sup>2</sup> I looked, and behold, a white horse [of victory] whose rider carried a bow; and a crown [of victory] was given to him, and he rode forth conquering and to conquer.

#### The Second Seal—War

<sup>3</sup> When He (the Lamb) broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature call out, “Come.” <sup>4</sup> And another, a fiery red horse [of bloodshed], came out; and its rider was empowered to take peace from the earth, so that **men would slaughter one another; and a great sword [of war and violent death] was given to him.**

#### **The Third Seal—Famine**

<sup>5</sup> When He (the Lamb) broke open the third seal, I heard the third living creature call out, “Come.” I looked, and behold, a black horse [of famine]; and the rider had in his hand a pair of scales (a balance). <sup>6</sup> And I heard something like a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, “A

quart of wheat for a denarius (a day's wages), and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not [f]damage the oil and the wine."

### **The Fourth Seal—Death**

<sup>7</sup> When He (the Lamb) broke open the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature call out, "Come." <sup>8</sup> So I looked, and behold, an ashen (pale greenish gray) horse [like a corpse, representing death and pestilence]; and its rider's name was Death; and Hades (the realm of the dead) was following with him. They were given authority and power over a fourth part of the earth, to kill with the sword and with famine and with plague (pestilence, disease) and by the wild beasts of the earth.

**Av 29 – August 9, 2018**

### **Revelation 6:9-17 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

### **The Fifth Seal—Martyrs**

<sup>9</sup> When He (the Lamb) broke open the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slaughtered because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained [out of loyalty to Christ]. <sup>10</sup> They cried in a loud voice, saying, "O Lord, holy and true, how long now before You will sit in judgment and avenge our blood on those [unregenerate ones] who dwell on the earth?" <sup>11</sup> Then they were each given a white robe; and they were told to rest and wait quietly for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers and sisters who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed.

### **The Sixth Seal—Terror**

<sup>12</sup> I looked when He (the Lamb) broke open the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth [made] of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; <sup>13</sup> and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, like a fig tree shedding its late [summer] figs when shaken by a strong wind. <sup>14</sup> The sky was split [separated from the land] and rolled up like a scroll, and every mountain and island were dislodged and moved out

of their places. <sup>15</sup> Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the military commanders and the wealthy and the strong and everyone, [whether] slave or free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; <sup>16</sup> and they called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne, and from the [righteous] wrath and indignation of the Lamb; <sup>17</sup> for the great day of their wrath and vengeance and retribution has come, and who is able to [face God and] stand [before the wrath of the Lamb]?"

**Av 30 – August 10, 2018**

### **Revelation 8 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

#### **The Seventh Seal—the Trumpets**

<sup>8</sup> When He (the Lamb) broke open the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour [in awe of God's impending judgment].

<sup>2</sup> Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

<sup>3</sup> Another angel came and stood at the altar. He had a golden censer, and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints (God's people) on the golden altar in front of the throne.

<sup>4</sup> And the smoke and fragrant aroma of the incense, with the prayers of the saints (God's people), ascended before God from the angel's hand.

<sup>5</sup> So the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it to the earth; and there were peals of thunder and loud rumblings and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

<sup>6</sup> Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them [initiating the judgments].

<sup>7</sup> The first [angel] sounded [his trumpet], and there was [a storm of] hail and fire, mixed with blood, and it was hurled to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

<sup>8</sup> The second angel sounded [his trumpet], and something like a great

mountain blazing with fire was hurled into the sea; and a third of the sea was turned to blood; <sup>9</sup> and a third of the living creatures that were in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

<sup>10</sup> The third angel sounded [his trumpet], and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch [flashing across the sky], and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of [fresh] waters. <sup>11</sup> The name of the star is Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the waters, because they had become bitter (toxic).

<sup>12</sup> Then the fourth angel sounded [his trumpet], and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and a third of the daylight would not shine, and the night in the same way [would not shine].

<sup>13</sup> Then I looked, and I heard a solitary eagle flying in mid-heaven [for all to see], saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe [great wrath is coming] to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpets which the three angels are about to sound [announcing ever greater judgments]!"

### **Revelation 7 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

An Interlude

7 After this I saw four angels stationed at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw another angel coming up from the rising of the sun, holding the seal of the living God; and with a loud voice he called out to the four angels to whom it was granted [to have authority and power] to harm the earth and the sea, <sup>3</sup> saying, "Do not harm the earth nor the sea nor the trees until we seal (mark) the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads."

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<sup>4</sup> And I heard how many were sealed, a hundred and forty-four thousand; [twelve thousand] sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: <sup>5</sup> Twelve thousand were sealed from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand from the tribe of Reuben, twelve thousand from the tribe of Gad, <sup>6</sup> twelve thousand

from the tribe of Asher, twelve thousand from the tribe of Naphtali, twelve thousand from the tribe of Manasseh,<sup>7</sup> twelve thousand from the tribe of Simeon, twelve thousand from the tribe of Levi, twelve thousand from the tribe of Issachar,<sup>8</sup> twelve thousand from the tribe of Zebulun, twelve thousand from the tribe of Joseph, and twelve thousand from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed (marked, redeemed, protected).

#### A Multitude from the Tribulation

<sup>9</sup> After these things I looked, and this is what I saw: a vast multitude which no one could count, [gathered] from every nation and from all the tribes and peoples and languages [of the earth], standing before the throne and before the Lamb (Christ), dressed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands;<sup>10</sup> and in a loud voice they cried out, saying, "Salvation [belongs] to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb [our salvation is the Trinity's to give, and to God the Trinity we owe our deliverance]." <sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the [twenty-four] elders and the four living creatures; and they fell to their faces before the throne and worshiped God,<sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and majesty and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen." <sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders responded, saying to me, "These who are dressed in the long white robes—who are they, and from where did they come?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "My lord, you know [the answer]." And he said to me, "These are the people who come out of the great tribulation (persecution), and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb [because of His atoning sacrifice]. <sup>15</sup> For this reason, they are [standing] before the throne of God; and they serve Him [in worship] day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them and shelter and protect them [with His presence]. <sup>16</sup> They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any [scorching] heat; <sup>17</sup> for the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will be their Shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of the waters of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes [giving them eternal comfort]."

**The next Biblical month is Elul, or a time of national repentance**

**getting ready for the New Year.**

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