The Biblical Month of "Nissan 5780"

Republic for the United States of America

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

We are in the season of aligning your harvest for the future. It all begins on April 26, 2020; a New Year begins with Nissan which means Miracles!!! It has begun and we are part of the generation GOD has chosen to be here during the greatest transition in the history of the world.

It is the time we celebrate Psalms 8:1, Psalm 8:1 King James Version (KJV) O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! Who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

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.

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

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

In developing this calendar prayer guide prophets are used to bring current words from the LORD*. (See last page.) Many Christians do not have access to publications such as the Elijah List, Judaism 101, teachings from Chuck Pierce, Robert Heidler and many other contributing authors which are included. <u>1 Thessalonians 5:20 Do not spurn the gifts *and* utterances of the prophets (do not depreciate prophetic revelations) nor despise inspired instruction or exhortation or warning.</u>

Biblical Month of Nissan, The Month of Passover

This month shall mark for you the beginning of the months; it shall be the first of the months of the year for you. <u>Exodus 12:2</u>

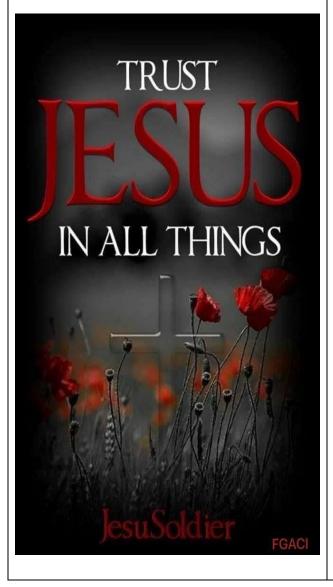
The upcoming New Year begins this Thursday and is listed in the calendar as "New year for Kings *Shekalim*, Festivals, and Vows." This title for the date is a reference to the description of the beginning of the month of *Nissan* in the *Mishnah* (oral law), which lists the first of *Nissan* as one of the four new years in the Jewish calendar.

The King's Calendar tracks all the activities that took place in the First and Second Temples and which will be performed again when the Third Temple is built. This includes the Biblical feasts that are observed today, but the calendar also has many surprises, holidays and events that are only observed when a Temple stands in Jerusalem.

In 2018 the third temple calendar began representing the building of the Third Temple, not all of the holidays are biblical in origin. The holidays pertaining to the modern state of Israel such as Israel Independence Day and Memorial Day appear on the calendar, as does Jerusalem Day.

In Jewish history and tradition

- 1 Nissan (3761 BC) Creation of the
- **1 Nissan** (1638 BC) Death of Abraham according to the Talmud
- **1 Nissan** (1533 BC) Death of Isaac according to the Talmud
- **1 Nissan** (1506 BC) Death of Jacob according to the Talmud
- **7 Nissan** (1416 BC) Joshua sends two spies to Jericho.
- **10 Nissan** (1417 BCE) Death of Miriam, 39 years after the Exodus.
- 15 Nissan (1713 BC) Birth of Isaac
- **15 Nissan** (1456 BC) The Exodus from Egypt
- 17 Nissan (24th century BC) Noah's Ark came to rest on mountains of Ararat^[5]
- **17 Nissan** (474 BC) Haman hanged after Queen Esther's second drinking party.
- 21 Nissan (1456 BC) The sea splits, allowing Israel to escape the Egyptian army.
- 26 Nissan (1386 BC) Death of Joshua
- **28 Nissan** (1415 BC) Conquest of Jericho by Joshua.



This is the month of Passover

It is in this month that we celebrate the eight-day holiday of Passover, from the 14th through the 21th of Nissan. It commemorates the Jewish people's miraculous redemption from slavery in Egypt, and the birth of the Jewish nation.

"It is the month of redemption. In which we were redeemed from Egypt, Jacob received the blessings, Isaac was born and was tied up on the altar, it is the month we will be redeemed in, and it is the beginning of salvation."

It is the time that the Lamb of GOD was offered as a onetime sacrifice for the sin of all man.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16.

As the first month of the year, *Nissan* is particularly packed. The Pascal offering is supposed to be performed on the 14th of the month, along with the Fast of the First Born, which is still observed today on the day before Passover. The calendar also notes that the barley for the Omer offering is reaped on the evening of the last night of Passover.

About the Month of Nissan

Nissan in Hebrew or Nissan in English, the first month on Jewish calendar (according to the Torah), coincides with March-April on the civil calendar. The Torah

calls it *chodesh ha-aviv*—the month of spring, as it marks the beginning of the spring months.

On the first day of Nissan in the year 2448 from creation (1313 BCE), two weeks before the Exodus, G-d showed Moses the crescent new moon, instructing him regarding the setting of the Jewish calendar and the mitzvah of sanctifying the new month. "This month shall be for you the head of months, the first of the months of the year" (Exodus 12:2). This ushered in the first Jewish month and commenced the lunar calendar that Jews have been following ever since. It was the first mitzvah ("commandment") given to the newly born nation of Israel, even before the exodus from Egypt.

Passover

It is in this month that we celebrate the eight-day holiday of Passover, from the 14th through the 21^{th} of Nissan. It commemorates the Jewish people's miraculous redemption from slavery in Egypt, and the birth of the Jewish nation.

We observe the anniversary of the Exodus each year by removing all leaven from our possession for this week, eating matzah and telling the story of the redemption to our children. By following the rituals of Passover, we have the ability to relive and experience the true spiritual freedom that our ancestors achieved.

It is mentioned in the Talmud that according to one tradition, the three patriarchs of the Jewish people—Abraham (1948–2123 from creation, 1813–1638 BCE), Isaac (2048–2228 from creation, 1713–1533 BCE) and Jacob (2108–2255 from creation, 1653–1506 BCE)—all were born and passed away in the month of Nissan.

Awakening from Above: The Month of Nissan and Passover

Nissan is called the Month of Miracles. On Pesach, Hashem displays transcendental miracles, and descends, so to speak, to take us out of our lowliness and slavery. This is called an 'awakening from above', for it is an unearned <u>gift</u> of kindness flowing down to us from Heaven. During the Seder, the joy of freedom that has been suppressed and hidden deep within us is released. As we sing Hallel, we reveal our joy and gratitude openly.

Sense of the Month: Speech

The 'sense' or faculty corresponding to Nissan is speech. Just as Hashem created the world with speech, so do we create our world, or at least our experience of the world,

with speech. A slave is someone who has no voice, nor the power to create his or her reality. We can only experience freedom when we can refer to ourselves as free. The word Haggadah means 'telling'. During the Seder we speak at length about our Redemption from collective and personal 'slavery'. Thus, each year we receive the ability to proclaim our freedom on higher and higher levels.

It is called the time of "*The New Year of Kings".* Recognize what our KING did in HIS sacrifice on the cross as the LAMB of GOD that takes away the sins of the world.

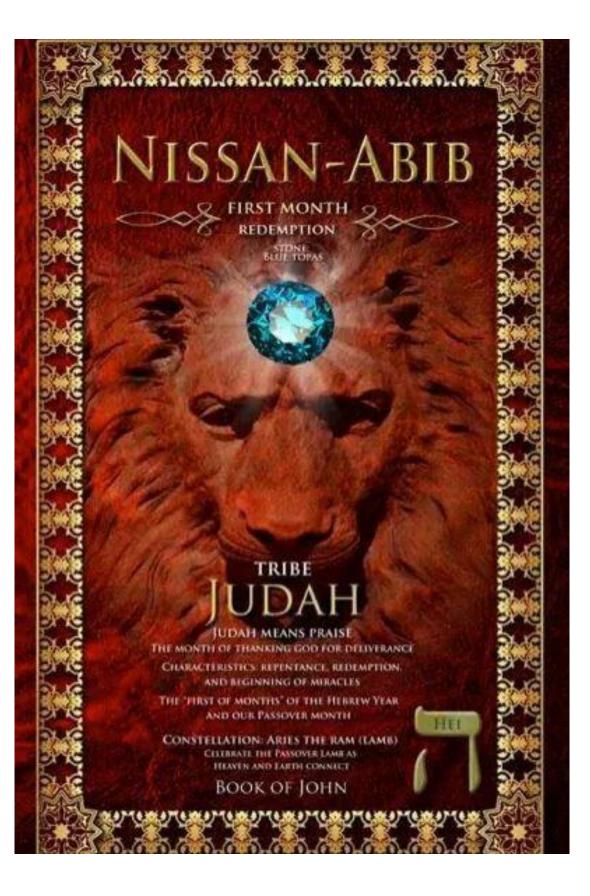
The archetype of kingship, King David, is a descendant of Yehudah. Kingship also alludes to speech, for a king rules over his people through his words, which are received as commands: "...for the word of the king is his rule." The Talmud says that Nissan initiates the "New Year of Kings". It is thus a new beginning for the power of leadership, for speech, and also for expressing thanks. Because of the Redemption in this month, "...it is our duty to thank, laud praise, glorify, exalt, adore, bless, elevate, and honor the One who did all these miracles for our ancestors and for us."

Time of the Year: Spring

Nissan is the first month of spring. When it arrives, something about the increasing light, the warmer air, and the sprouting vegetation, may enhance our feeling that life is a gift and a blessing. Deeper within this instinctual feeling is the recognition that life is given to us whether we 'deserve' it or not. This is a deep level of humility, and it brings forth a tremendous sense of gratitude. During the eight days of Pesach, as we eat matzah, the bread of humility, we should strive to internalize this idea. Life is a miraculous gift descending from above. It cannot be earned, only humbly received. According to one opinion, Nissan is when human life was created.

Tribe of the Month: Yehudah or Judah

Nissan is associated with the tribe of Judah, or Yehudah which means "praise" or 'to give thanks'. Judah would always be the first in battle or Judah goes first, therefore Nissan is Judah's month, the month of praise for what the LORD has done and is doing. It is the month of "Redemption and Miracles". As children of GOD we need to give thanks for the *Redemptive work of Calvary* and our FATHER'S great love for you.



This Pesach season, may we experience the newness and freshness of life? May this year be a year of creativity and generosity and new beginnings! May we become leaders, humble and kind leaders, who 'skip over' the apparent ego in others. May the LORD bless us to witness the beginning of the miracle of all miracles, the Redemption of all humanity from all levels of slavery.

UNDERSTANDING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HEBREW MONTH OF NISSAN

<u>Nissan</u> is a month of redemption and the month of Passover. As we gain an understanding of God's timing, we <u>learn to</u> "redeem" time.

Say this: **"My blessings are not going to pass me by because I do not know the timing of them."**

We know what time it is! It is time for our faith to go to work and see redemption manifest. That unredeemed stuff is about to shift. Nissan is a month of deliverance, <u>restoration</u>, revolution. It is all appropriated into our lives BY FAITH. This is a month where we <u>connect</u> our faith to our speech.

There's the "catch." But it can be as simple as speaking our thankfulness to God for our deliverance before we see it. Saying...then seeing.

- When I speak, my faith is heard.
- My words have the power to impact reality.
- The first words I speak in the morning set my day.
- My words have the capacity to bring change.

A man of God gave a word about "redemptive" prophesy manifesting last year of 5779 or 2019. It falls into the category of redemptive when it has to do with our destiny, our purpose or the purpose of a territory, business, ministry, etc. So when we talk about redemptive prophesy in the month of redemption, we release faith in a cycle of redemption as in no other timeframe. Wow.

That's a realm of covenant blessing that we must become aware of and walk in. Knowing about this incredible timing issue with God puts us in position for His blessings to overtake us. Jesus didn't die for us to live sick and tired, almost free, just getting by and unhappy. We can break out of that with knowing and applying faith to the principles found each month in God's calendar.

Passover goes from the 14th to the 21st of the Hebrew month Nissan, and this year, that translates to sunset on April 19, 2019 until sunset on April 27, 2019. It is a celebration designed by God. It's given to increase our faith and prepare us to enter into the fullness of His blessing. When we remember God's work of redemption and declare the power of redemption in lives, something always happens. <u>Put</u> your faith on that...something always happens.

Passover or Pesach commences on the evening of the 14th of the Hebrew month of <u>Nissan</u>. Note that in the Jewish calendar, a holiday begins on the sunset of the previous day, so observing Jews will <u>celebrate</u> Passover on the sunset Wednesday the 8th of April.

For those unfamiliar with the meaning behind the sacred holiday, Passover is a time to celebrate and honor the liberation of the Israelites from over 400 years of slavery in ancient Egypt. The Hebrew word Pasach means to jump or pass over, and the holiday's name originated from the Jewish miracle in which God passed over the house of the Israelites during the tenth plague, sparing their first born sons, according to My Jewish Learning. For the first two nights of Passover, families and friends gather to eat a special meal called a *seder*. As Rabbi Norman R. Patz explained to *Reader's Digest*, "The word 'seder' means order. The Passover meal is an ordered meal, which includes reading the *haggadah*, the text that tells the story of the Israelites exodus from Egypt."

In the narrative of the Exodus, the Bible tells that God helped the <u>Children of Israel</u> <u>escape</u> from their slavery in Egypt by inflicting <u>ten plagues</u> upon the ancient Egyptians before the Pharaoh would release his Israelite slaves; the tenth and worst of the plagues was the <u>death of the Egyptian first-born</u>.

The Israelites were instructed to mark the doorposts of their homes with the blood of a slaughtered spring lamb and, upon seeing this, the spirit of the Lord knew to *pass over* the first-born in these homes, hence the English name of the holiday.

When the Pharaoh freed the Israelites, it is said that they left in such a hurry that they could not wait for bread dough to rise (leaven). In commemoration, for the duration of Passover no <u>leavened bread</u> is eaten, for which reason Passover is called the **feast of**

unleavened bread in the Torah. Thus <u>matzo</u> (flat unleavened bread) is eaten during Passover and it is a tradition of the holiday.

Called the "festival [of] the <u>matzot</u>" (Hebrew: תוצמה *hag hamatzot*) in the <u>Hebrew</u> <u>Bible</u>, the commandment to keep Passover is recorded in the <u>Book of Leviticus</u>:

In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month (April 8[,] 2020 this year) at dusk is the LORD's Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD; seven days ye shall eat unleavened bread. In the first day ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work. And ye shall bring an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days; in the seventh day is a holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work. (Leviticus 23:5–8)

The biblical regulations for the observance of the festival require that all leavening be disposed of before the beginning of the 15th of Nissan an unblemished lamb, known as the <u>Korban Pesach</u> or "Paschal Lamb", is to be set apart on Nissan 10 and slaughtered at dusk as Nissan 14 ends in preparation for the 15th of Nissan when it will be eaten after being roasted. The literal meaning of the Hebrew is "between the two evenings". It is then to be eaten "that night", Nissan 15, roasted, without the removal of its internal organs with unleavened bread, known as <u>matzo</u>, and bitter herbs known as <u>maror</u>. Nothing of the sacrifice on which the sun rises by the morning of the 15th of Nissan may be eaten, but must be burned. The sacrifices may be performed only in a specific place prescribed by God (for Judaism, Jerusalem, and for Samaritans, Mount Gerizim).

The biblical regulations pertaining to the original Passover, at the time of the Exodus only, also include how the meal was to be eaten: "with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the <u>LORD</u>'s Passover" <u>Exodus 12:11</u>.

The biblical requirements of slaying the Paschal lamb in the individual homes of the Hebrews and smearing the blood of the lamb on their doorways were celebrated in Egypt. However, once Israel was in the wilderness and the tabernacle was in operation, a change was made in those two original requirements (<u>Deuteronomy 16:2–6</u>). Passover lambs were to be sacrificed at the door of the tabernacle and no longer in the homes of the Jews. No longer, therefore, could blood be smeared on doorways.

The biblical commandments concerning the Passover (and the Feast of Unleavened Bread) stress the importance of remembering:

- And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt; and thou shalt observe and do these statutes" (<u>Deuteronomy 16:12</u>).
- <u>Exodus 12:14</u> commands, in reference to God's sparing of the firstborn from the <u>Tenth Plague</u>: And this day shall be unto you for a memorial, and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever.
- <u>Exodus 13:3</u> repeats the command to remember: Remember this day, in which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, for by strength the hand of the LORD brought you out from this place.

Excerpts from: Sandy Newman, DeeAnn Ward and Judaism 101



1 Nissan (circa 3761 BC) – Creation of the world

Nissan 1, 5780: (Thursday) March 26, 2020

- 1 Nissan (circa 3761 BC) Creation of the world
- **1 Nissan** (circa 1638 BC) Death of Abraham according to the Talmud
- **1 Nissan** (circa 1533 BC) Death of Isaac according to the Talmud
- **1 Nissan** (circa 1506 BC) Death of Jacob according to the Talmud

11 Points about The Month of Nissan

Nissan is the foundational month of our nation, when we were redeemed, and when we will be redeemed. <u>Naamah Green</u>/Wade Butler

1. Our earlier redemptions took place in Nissan: The Maharal expounds on the importance of Nissan" "It is the month of redemption. In which we were redeemed from Egypt, Jacob received the blessings, Isaac was born and was tied up on the altar, it is the month we will be redeemed in, and it is the beginning of salvation."

2. The future redemption will be in Nissan: The Maharal writes in his commentary on Aggada (non-halachic Talmud passages) on Rosh Hashana that: "It's fitting that G-d renew miracles in Nissan because the month goes up to the place where redemption is (in the heavens) and so too in the future we will also be redeemed in Nissan."

3. The redemption of Nissan is from the (heavenly) trait of Kindness,

tranquility and peace: Rabbi Mosh Chaim Luzzato also explains that the future redemption will be in Nissan and adds that this redemption will be with the trait of compassion (from G-d), with peace and tranquility. In his "Essay on Redemption" Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzato writes: "And now you should know that the redemption of Israel must be in Nissan for it is a time of an outpouring of kindness (from above) as I said and that's why it will come with peace and tranquility."

4. Nissan's redemption will be with miracles and wonders: The Mechilta (Midrash on Exodus) brings a dispute about when will be the redemption will be. Rabbi Joshua says it will be in Nissan and Rabbi Eliezer says it will be in Tishrei (the month of Rosh Hashana). The Malbim explains the dispute: "If Israel is worthy it will come miraculously with signs and wonders and Israel is not worthy it will come with hidden miracles, close to natural." The Malbim clarifies that "Nissan marks the wondrous (supernatural divine) leading of the world for in this month G-d made many wondrous miracles and the future redemption will be with signs and wonders."

5. Nissan is auspicious to help faith take root: The Netziv writes: "The whole month is auspicious for (a person) to root the foundations of faith (inside him). This is the meaning in the Haggadah of "you may think (the Passover holiday should be) on the first of the month you should say the story of the redemption from Egypt."

6. In Nissan the Honor of G-d's kingdom is revealed: the Sfat Emet writes that when leaving Egypt the honor of G-d's kingdom was revealed to the world and that is why it looks like the renewal of the world, "Upon leaving Egypt when the honor of G-d's kingdom became apparent in the world it was really something new in the world.

7. God's newly chooses Israel every year in Nissan: The Sfat Emet continues and explains that every year during Nissan G-d chooses Israel as his nation. "In Nissan G-d's choosing us is aroused anew every year that g-d chooses his nation Israel... and purity comes down from heaven to the souls of Israel who desire to purify themselves."

8. The month of Nissan is auspicious for cleaving to G-d: The Shem MiShmuel says "The month of Nissan is a special time for Israel to cleave to G-d and that is why it is set aside for the redemption."

9. Nissan is the time to elevate the soul in serving G-d: He further explains that in the month of Adar before Nissan a heavenly arousal comes into the hearts of Israel even to those who were sleeping beforehand." The Shem MiShmuel adds that since Nissan is a time for renewal in serving G-d the preceding month of Adar is a preparation for it. "Nissan is a time of renewing serving G-d which needs effort of the heart, life, emotion and elevation of the soul and strengthening your hand (in good deeds). Therefore in Adar that preceded it, courage and strengthening, holy emotion and exaltedness are given into the hearts of Israel from heaven." (Shem MiShmuel Vayakhel 5679, 1919)

10. Nissan is the auspicious time for man to renew his divine service to G-

d: A man must feel new. The Shem MiShmuel sums it up saying: From here is a lesson to man that he should understand what the moth of Nissan asks of him- to renew himself in all his thoughts speech and deeds as if he is a new creation and not remember previous (mistakes) that shouldn't even be thought about in his heart."

11. Most importantly: Nissan is the time when our LORD gave HIMSELF up to be sacrificed on the cross for the sins of all mankind. John 3:16-21 Amplified Bible (AMP) For God so [greatly] loved and dearly prized the world, that HE [even] gave HIS [One and] only begotten SON, so that whoever believes and trusts in HIM [as Savior] shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For GOD did not send the SON into the world to judge and condemn the world [that is, to initiate the final judgment of the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes and has decided to trust in HIM [as personal Savior and Lord] is not judged [for this one, there is no judgment, no rejection, no condemnation]; but the one who does not believe [and has decided to reject HIM as personal Savior and Lord] is judged already [that one has been convicted and sentenced], because he has not believed and trusted in the name of the [One and] only begotten SON of GOD [the One who is truly unique, the only One of His kind, the One who alone can save him]. ¹⁹ This is the judgment [that is, the cause for indictment, the test by which people are judged, the basis for the sentence]: the Light has come into the world, and people loved the ^[c]darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For every wrongdoer hates the Light, and does not come to the Light [but shrinks from it] for fear that his [sinful, worthless] activities will be exposed and condemned.

Nissan 2, 5780: (Friday) March 27, 2020

Even Now - Your Promotion Time Is Here!"

Candice Smithyman, Orange Park, FL

God has been speaking to me for weeks about the fact that this a promotion time. I struggled with this prophetic word because let's face it, when you look from an earthly perspective, what we are facing as a nation and internationally are tough times.

As many of you know, I have been writing for years on the value of the prophetic truths hidden in the Hebrew calendar and how God speaks prophetically to us through it, as a people of God. No matter what we may be facing in our lives, the Word of God, the Torah, and the Hebrew calendar remain the same. They are long-standing truths direct from God that cannot be shaken. We know the power of the Word of God and the testimonies of the lives of those written within the Torah writings and the Bible who were changed when they obeyed the word of the Lord first, and not their circumstances.

When we look at our current world and the loss and pain we have experienced worldwide from the coronavirus, we are in a place of lack and fear, but this is not God's truth and not His perspective. **We must stand on God's truth that never changes, especially in the worst of times.**

Deliverance in the Month of Nisan

As the month of Nisan on the Hebrew Calendar just started on March 25th at sundown, the Lord has been showing me the power of His words to Moses in Exodus 12. We read what God speaks to him about what is upon God's people and how they should respond in light of the news that an angel of death was coming to overthrow the Egyptian gods, and, ultimately, release God's people from bondage and move the Israelites into the Promised Land in Canaan.

We, as a people, are called to live by faith and faith alone. We are called to stand firm in the faith and not be defeated. These are words we minister to ourselves daily as we speak God's words of life and remember the life of Jesus our Messiah as He walked the earth.

As all of us have been feeling intense spiritual warfare manifesting biologically, psychologically, socially, and economically, many have chosen to look at their surroundings instead of God Himself. We have been given an amazing picture of truth in our very last month of the year on the Hebrew calendar called Adar. In this very month we read of the plagues that were sent to release God's people from bondage. In Exodus 11 we read of the final plague that was to come by the angel of death.

Exodus 11:9 (NASB), "Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Pharaoh will not listen to you, so that My wonders will be multiplied in the land of Egypt.'"

So, we see that God has this great plan to release His people by doing signs and wonders that will cause them to know that only God could've released them from this bondage.

Then when we continue on to Exodus 12, we read that God puts an emphasis on the new month coming for His people and the new strategy they would need to implement to survive what was coming ahead, as God delivers them from bondage, protects them, and carries them to the Promised Land.

In Exodus 12:2-3 (NASB) God says, "This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you. Speak to

all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers' households, a lamb for each household.'"



God shares with Moses that in this month of Nisan, deliverance would come to His people and He would set them free, not only from death, but they would take silver and gold from the Egyptians, their very own enemy. He says in **Exodus 12:5-7 (NASB), "Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep**

it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight. Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it"

Then He says in Exodus 12:13-14 (NASB), "The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance.'"

This memorial that happens every year at this time in the month of Nisan is "Pesach" or Passover. This is a month where we, as God's elect, even remember that the angel of death passed over us. **We know Jesus as Messiah, and His Blood is our sacrifice for sin and sets us up to enter the promise to come of a hope, a future and a destiny with Him now, in the present, and in Heaven forever. Passover also happens during a month God calls a "first month," and the first thing is always very important to God. He brought the Israelites out into a new season at the very beginning of His year. He is doing the same for us.**

Jesus Himself celebrated Passover as we read in Luke 22:7-8 (NASB), "Then came the first day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. And Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, 'Go and prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it.'" Then after Passover supper with His disciples, Jesus became the sacrificial Lamb of God who died for the sins of the world, just as John the Baptist prophesied in John 1:29.

God's Calendar

The Hebrew calendar is powerful in that it is a lunar calendar, starting on the first month God called it into being when He spoke to Moses and said, **"This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you" (Exodus 12:2).** Our Gregorian calendar is solar and it was adopted from one man's calendar set up through Julius Caesar (the Julian calendar). The Julian calendar was later reformed to the Gregorian calendar, introduced by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582. When we look at our calendar right now and the trials we are facing internationally, we can see that God is doing the same thing today as was done years before.

Every year before Nisan there is always a war for destiny. There is always a spiritual war in people's lives and a time of great turmoil in the earth and the hearts of men, as God calls us to repent and remember He is God. God is sovereign over the earth and calendar and wants repentance from His people at this time. He always calls for us to take a look at our hearts this time of year before we celebrate Resurrection Sunday on April 12.

Every year God says, "I am going to promote you and bring you into a new promise for the year, a new time of positional increase and promotion." God's voice does not change even though we are faced with a crisis such as the coronavirus. We need to still see the truth in God's Word and His calendar at this time.

Warfare Before the Promise

There is a war in many areas of our lives; the breakdown of our biology, psychology, sociology and economy are only some aspects. If this worldwide turmoil of the coronavirus was not going on, everyone would still be in a spiritual war right now for one reason or another—personally or professionally, it does not matter—it would have come because promotion cannot come without it.

It is true, on the calendar every year, as we enter our promise land in Christ by faith, at Passover and the celebration of Resurrection Sunday, there will always be enemy warfare before the promise comes. The resurrection is our promise for today and for eternity. This was true for Jesus when He was taken away to the Cross, suffering at the hands of men, was crucified, died, buried and then on the

3rd day, resurrected. There was a war with satan that Jesus paid the price to bring us into freedom from captivity. How do we think it will be different for us?

We must get our heads in the right place and maintain our position in Christ, seated with Him in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6). Regardless of the fear and turmoil we must press ahead, as the Hebrew calendar says we will be celebrating our promotion time in the spirit realm. This is a gift from God Himself, that we died with Christ, were buried with Him, and resurrected in Him (Romans 6). Therefore, begin to let that truth wash over you as you face your trial.



I realize people are losing jobs, loved ones are sick, and we are fighting for our lives, but the Israelites were doing this, too, during the time of Exodus. They did not know whether or not they would survive what God was asking them—which was to trust Him in the plagues, leave Egypt, face the Red Sea ahead

and a miraculous crossing over Yet, they did it. God covered them, protected them and took them through it, and it was all to promote them and reveal the goodness of God.

No matter the pain in your life right now, be it a lost loved one, lost job, lost income, overwhelming fear, anxiety, worry, depression, sickness, or any other calamity, remember, Jesus is our Messiah, and He came that we might be resurrected in Him and live with freedom in our hearts and minds. Give Him honor and glory as you go through the warfare for your promotion. You are ultimately fighting the enemy to get you to the other side. **Anytime there is a promotion there must be a war. You must pass through something so you get to where God has called you. This will be over soon as I believe that Passover is a crossing over point, and we will see the transfer of wealth and the promise come to pass.**

Your Moment to Sow

In Ephesians 5:15-17 (NKJV), "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is." The word "time" in this passage is the Greek word "kairos." **This is our kairos moment; our season and appointed time to stand in faith and see the deliverance of the Lord for our destiny.** Jesus is redeeming our time lost, or the opportunities that have been canceled, or shut down due to this coronavirus, as He paid the ransom for our kairos moment. We must stand and remember Him and we will see the deliverance of the Lord.

So how do we handle things if we are fighting an invisible enemy that slows us down in progress and movement?

One thing we can do while we wait is to sow. In Genesis 26:12, we read of Isaac who sowed in the famine and in the same year received a 100-fold blessing. The Word, in Genesis 26:18, also says that he dug the wells of deep from the days of Abraham, which had been blocked up by the enemy, and he reopened them. Let us do the same. Let us begin to sow and dig deep wells of faith and relationship with God through repentance, seeking Him in reflection as we approach Resurrection Sunday, and watch Him be who He is on His calendar, which is the God of healing, Jehovah Rapha, and God our provider, Jehovah Jireh.

God is giving fresh, creative ideas from Heaven; grab ahold of them and run with them during this slow time. Get yourself strong in faith for the new that is coming so you will be ready to run the race once this global "slow down" is over.

Hebrews 10:19-23 (NIV) says, "Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the Blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, His body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful."

By faith, respond with an action to sow and dig during this season and watch God, by faith, redeem us, as this is His kairos moment and our kairos moment in Him; the appointed season on the calendar to expect warfare before the promotion. The righteous ones live by faith and they do not shrink back (Hebrews 10:38). We, the people of His Kingdom, will not shrink back but press forward until the promises of God come to pass.

Nissan 3, 5780: (Saturday) March 28, 2020

"This Plague Will Passover - Trust in the Blood"

Jo Ellen Stevens, Connersville, IN

In this season of Passover, as I have sought the Lord over the past week or so, I keep seeing a scene. I keep seeing the Lord giving the children of Israel instructions through Moses on to how to keep safe from the plague of death that was coming to kill the firstborn throughout Egypt. He told them this in Exodus 12:

"And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever." (Exodus 12:13-14)

It Takes Obedience

They were to go into their houses by the command of God through their leader Moses, and they were to prepare the Passover lamb, which we now know was the place holder of that which was to come – Jesus Christ, and Him becoming their Passover Lamb once and for all. There was a blueprint as to how they were to do this, and it was to be kept to the letter in order that this plague-to-come would not kill their first born along with the firstborn of Egypt. God had a plan to keep them, but it was going to take their obedience to do it exactly as Moses told them. Not only would the person that put the blood on their doorposts be saved from the plague, but the whole family would be saved!

The Vision

Like a picture running before my eyes, God has been showing me similarities all week long of this time we are in, and in the time of the first Passover. Our leaders, who the Bible says are ordained by God, have asked us to stay inside of our houses and separate ourselves, and God has given us leaders for a purpose; in fact, it tells us here in Romans 13:1-4: "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God's minister to you for good..."

Now, in this season of this virus which has come to steal, kill and destroy, it is time again to listen to our leaders and listen to God. God has been showing many prophets and prophetic voices that we must listen to those who God has ordained as five-fold ministers, and yes, even our president.

Let's listen closely to the Holy Spirit and APPLY THE BLOOD. The Blood of Jesus is best understood as we take communion; and as we take communion, may we begin to do it in remembrance of what He did for us as our Passover Lamb. He was the Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world! God the Father foresaw that man could not keep the law, so He provided a sacrifice in His Son Jesus and now He is our Passover Lamb!

God began to say to me, "Over this Passover season and this time where it seems that the plague will become worse, where they are saying that it will come and take many lives, IT IS TIME TO TAKE THIS TIME IN YOUR HOUSES, AND WITH YOUR FAMILIES, TO REMEMBER THE BLOOD. Remember the Blood of the Lamb who took away the curse, the plague, and all that the enemy has planned. Take communion with your families. Get to know them again. Let peace reign in your homes and love again. Get to know who Jesus is again and get to know Him through the communion. Do it daily, apply it to your doorposts, and soon you will see this plague pass over you.

"Then you will come out in this season and you will gather the spoils of the wicked, for I am going to bring the wealth of the wicked into your hands! Watch what I am about to do because as you do this and obey, you will be well on your way to the Promised Land!"

There are many promises that God is about to fulfill for the Body of Christ that have not yet happened. Through this time, I believe that just as God brought Israel out of that land of Egypt, as He had promised Joseph, He is going to bring the true Church out of the bondage called religion! I heard Him say, **"I am switching things up during this time for your good! Get ready!"**

Nissan 4, 5780: (Sunday) March 29, 2020

"How to March into Miracles! From Adar into Nissan"

Christy Johnston, Gold Coast, Australia

I hear the Lord saying over you that this month you shall MARCH into MIRACLES. Your miracles are in motion. You shall MARCH into PROMISES you have long awaited. The key is, you must march IN faith...you cannot stand on the sidelines and complain; this is not a time to give up on what has been promised. **It is a time to MOVE in faith towards the land He has given you.** It is a month of action and movement.

Hebrew Month of Nissan

In the places where many people have felt stranded in the wilderness, they are going to begin to see the way open up before them this month. I hear the Lord directing you, saying, "Don't give up now. You are on the threshold. You have been contending long, and I know you are weary and tired, but keep taking one step of faith at a time, because you are about to see My deliverance explode over your life in a magnificent way."

For many of you, it has been a long march into your promises, and there have been many ups and downs as you have contended for what God has shown you ahead of time. I believe this is a time where you will march into your promises, you will see the deliverance of God, you will see the way open up before you, and you will see streams flow where there was once deserts and wasteland. God is making a WAY and this is a time of INCREASE of joy! Do you not perceive it?

At close to the end of the Gregorian month of March (on the 25th at sundown) the Hebrew month of Nissan begins, and it is considered to be the first month of the year. The word "Nissan" is believed to come from the word "nitzan," meaning "bud," or the word "nissim" meaning "miracles." Both suggest a physical and spiritual resurrection in our lives. Again, this correlates with March and miracles.

Nissan 5, 5780 (Monday) March 30, 2020

The Shaking That Leads to Upgrade!"

Jordan Bigler, Pasadena, CA

The Shaking

God is shaking the dead fruit off the tree. The reason for this is so that the dead fruit can fall to the ground, no longer on the tree absorbing energy. God is removing and shaking things off your tree, because He brings life and energy and He doesn't waste it. Don't be alarmed when you see dead fruit falling off your tree. *It's a good thing*.

What did that last "shaking off" season in my own life lead to? The shaking off led to a "paying off." Once some stuff was shaken off, then an opportunity opened up that brought me to a new location, a new job, a new vision, and a new provision. It was an upgrade season. That's what people are calling the "breakthrough" right now. Breakthrough isn't a "Boom! All your problems are solved," breakthrough is an upgrade to a new level, but there's still work to be done. Don't be surprised if your upgrade takes a little work; it's in the name "up-grade" – *uphill.*

"Upgrade" also means new terrain. I felt God highlighting that there is an upgrade in the payoff. Your upgrade is a payday, payload, paydirt. There is gold in the ground you are about to step into timing.....



Timing

In regards to stepping into your season or transitioning into a season, I felt like God was saying, "This time will be different." The time *is* different – literally and figuratively. This time is different because it is actually a different time than it was before. March 4th comes around every year, but every March 4th is different – March 4th, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, etc. This exact moment is RICH with history.

I also felt God highlight the James Bond movie title "No Time to Die," however; I misheard it as "A Time to Die." I don't believe this was coincidence because of what God showed me through it – "A Time to Die." This is a time to: *Let the past be the past and let that "time" die.* As a word of healing in regards to timing, I felt God saying, "You can't hold onto what didn't happen."

What never happened, never happened, so let it go. I also felt the title of this season/prayer was, **"Get Out of Debt Doing What You Love."** Yes, this upgrade/payoff season has the excitement and hope of, "Get Out of Debt Doing What You Love."

Where Does the Upgrade Come From, God?

I felt God responded saying, "It's not what you know in this season, it's *who* you know. This is a "who-you-know, connections, relationships" kind of season. The person on the other line is saying, "My boss is too busy to look at resumes; he gave me permission to hire whoever I trust. I'm choosing you."

Who do you know? Do you know who you know? You know the biggest know-it-all of them all, GOD! God knows everyone, and He knows who He wants to call. He's calling you. Do you have good service? Check your heart. Do you have a servant's heart, a service-oriented heart? Do you have a good *Carrier*? Who is your calling service? Do you have "Sprint 5G" or do you have "Spirit of G.O.D."? Many of us could use a calling right now.

I also felt God highlighting this: You're going to move from A to B and think that was an incredible jump, but God has a much greater jump for you. He has a, "You thought that was good, wait until you see THIS!" kind of jump coming.

I saw two pictures relating to God. One was the idea of us revolving around "the Son" like the earth revolves around the sun. And the question I heard was this: "What if we revolved around 'the Son' the way the earth does?" Then we would experience highs and lows. We would see different shades and aspects of God. Some days would be longer or shorter, etc. We would see more or less of Him depending on where we were rotating, which lends to the repetitive cycling of the timing. (Again, there are many March 4ths but only one in 2017, 2018, 2019, etc.)

The second picture I saw was "Summer is Coming," which means taking off layers. **I** felt God was saying that He is going to take off layers and remove more of

the layers between us and Him spiritually. The removal of layers spoke of intimacy. Jesus and us getting closer and closer means more is revealed, more is intimate. May there be more intimacy with God and more revealing revelations.

Thinking back to the comparison of seasons, I felt God remind me that my season of upgrade was a season where I was blessed and upgraded so much that debts were paid off and my future was paved for the next steps. May God bless you so much that it pays off your debts and paves the way for your destiny. I also heard God highlight that Jesus was the ultimate price paid for your debts. Jesus was your debts paid in the flesh and your future paved too.

Lastly, I asked God, "How do I know it's the best?" He said that you have to test it. You have to put it through the test and find out. You were made to be your best, you were made to be tested. Your challenges are won by overcoming. A semi-truck is designed to haul packages, a car is designed to haul people, and you were designed to haul purpose. You are carrying purpose everywhere you go. It's your choice what you do with it. *You have purpose*.

If you lived in Africa, you would walk miles to get water, but that water has life in it and you are bringing it back to your friends and family. When you are walking in your purpose you are bringing life to others. (Saul brought death to the Christians and he wasn't walking in his purpose, but when he encountered Jesus, He was converted to Paul and brought life to the Body around him)

You don't have to know where you're going to know you have a purpose.

Then God asked me, "Who told you that you were lost?" This sounded like when He asked Adam and Eve, "Who told you that you were naked?" Jesus said, "If you're willing to lose your life you will find it."

May God help you lose your life so that you might find it in Him. May you walk with purpose everywhere you go. May you be so blessed that it pays off your debts and paves a way to your destiny. May your time with Jesus bring more intimacy and revelation. May God sustain you with strength as you walk through your upgrade. May you be blessed in every direction. May your tree be free of dead fruit and full of life. May you "Get Out of Debt Doing What You Love." And may you know Jesus paid for every moment, and every moment is precious to Him.

Nissan 6, 5780: (Tuesday) March 31, 2020

The trial begins! Wade Butler

(Christ was crucified on Wednesday afternoon and arose on either Saturday evening or Sunday morning in the year 29 ad)

Isaiah 50:6

I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

Isaiah 53:3-12 King James Version (KJV)

³ He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

⁹ And he made his grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹ He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Nissan 7, 5780: (Wednesday) April 1, 2020

7 Nissan (circa 1416 BC) – Joshua sends two spies to Jericho.

Pat Francis: The Seven Last Words of Jesus

"And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!" Mark 15:39.

Words from a dying person can be remorseful, fearful, resentful or sad but for Jesus, His last words were deliberate, confident, and intentional:

1) *"Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing.* Luke **23:34.** Forgiveness is an act of faith not feelings. No one deserves forgiveness. It is an opportunity for mercy because we all need mercy.

2) **"I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in Paradise." Luke 23:43.** Jesus said this to a dying thief who was also on a cross beside him. It is never too late for God's mercy.

3) **"Dear woman behold your son, son behold your mother." John 19:25-27.** Even in the midst of His torture Jesus took care of His mother.

4) **"Eloi, Eloi, Iama sabachthani, which means, My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46** Jesus spoke in Aramaic, the language he used as a child. He went back into His childhood to appeal to His Father's heart. Jesus knows the pain of an abandoned child.

5) **"I thirst." John 19:28** He who is the source of living water denied Himself to become for us the water of life.

6) "It is finished." John 19:30. He declared his mission accomplished. Our sins were paid for in full.

7) **"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." Luke 23:46.** He gave up His life for you and all people. He rose again three days later and remains today the risen Christ, Savior, Lord, and King of Glory.

Matthew 27:51-66

And at once the curtain of the sanctuary of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth shook and the rocks were split. The tombs were opened and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep [[]in death were raised [to life]; And coming out of the tombs after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared too many people.

When the centurion and those who were with him keeping watch over Jesus observed the earthquake and all that was happening, they were terribly frightened *and* filled with awe, and said, Truly this was God's Son!

There were also numerous women there, looking on from a distance, who were of those who had accompanied Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

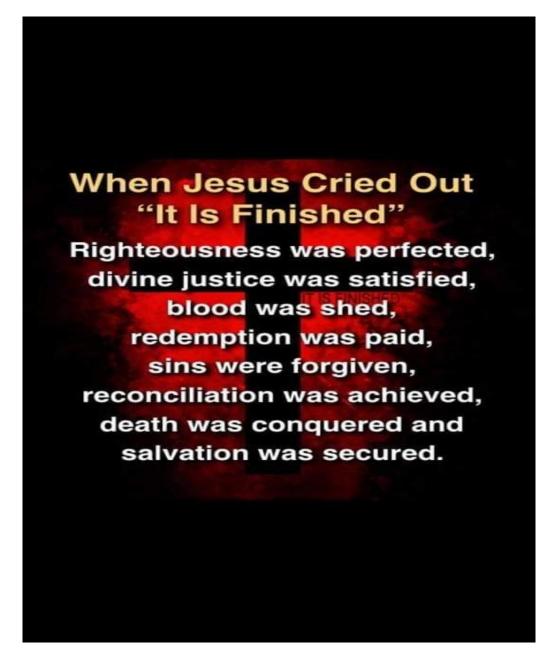
When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus.

He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. And Joseph took the body and rolled it up in a clean linen cloth used for swathing dead bodies. And laid it in his own fresh (undefiled) tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a big boulder over the door of the tomb and went away.

And Mary of Magdala and the other Mary kept sitting there opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, the day after the day of Preparation [for the Sabbath], the chief priests and the Pharisees assembled before Pilate And said, Sir, we have just remembered how that vagabond Imposter said while He was still alive, After three days I will rise again.

Hebrews 6:4-6



For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put *him* to an open shame.

Nissan 8, 5780: (Thursday) April 2, 2020

Genesis 1:1-5 Amplified Bible Chaplain Wade Butler

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: *and there was light*. And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

John 8:12

Jesus Is the Light of the World

Once more Jesus addressed the crowd. He said, "*I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.*"

Then the Pharisees told Him, "You are testifying on Your own behalf; Your testimony is not valid."

Jesus replied, "Even if I do testify on My own behalf, My testimony is valid, because I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge according to human standards [just by what you see]. I do not judge anyone. But even if I do judge, My judgment is true and My decision is right; for I am not alone [in making it], but I and the Father who sent Me [make the same judgment].

Nissan 9, 5780: (Friday) April 3, 2020

Inspiration Ministries: War Against the Saints

"It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him." – Revelation 13:7 NASB Some Christians seem surprised when they experience problems. When this happens, we need to remember that the Bible tells us that we all may encounter "various trials" (James 1:2). Paul described how believers might be afflicted, perplexed, persecuted, and struck down (2 Corinthians 4:8-9). Revelation describes a time when the beast will be given permission to make war against the saints and will even be able to "overcome them."

Yes, Satan is at war with the saints. But the Bible reminds us that he already is a defeated foe Jesus is the victor! God is sovereign. He is our rock, fortress, deliverer, and shield (Psalm 18:1-2). We can depend upon Him and trust Him to guide and protect us. We might go through short-term problems, but we need to remember that we are "more than conquerors" through Christ (Romans 8:37). These challenges remind us of the importance of faith. We should remember that Jesus promised blessings to those who overcome and persevere (Revelation 2:7).

Today, remember that Satan is at war with you! When you go through trials and problems, don't despair or give up, but fill your life with praise! Use the authority God has given you. Obey His Word and seek to grow stronger in the Spirit. Don't be weak and timid, but be bold and confident, trusting in Him and always persevering to the end.

Rejoice! Through Christ, you are more than a conqueror!

Prayer

Father, I commit these situations to You: _____. I know You are with me. I trust You. I declare victory in Jesus' name. In His name, amen.

Nissan 10, 5780: (Saturday) April 4, 2020

• **10 Nissan** (circa 1417 BCE) – Death of Miriam, 39 years after the Exodus.

SMALL STRAWS IN A SOFT WIND by MARSHA BURNS:

Leave your disappointments behind and set your heart and mind on higher things. Begin to recount your blessings and be thankful. Everybody makes mistakes, but you cannot allow negative feelings and regrets to define you. Rather be defined by your relationship with Me and the things I have done for you, says the Lord. Rise above the darkness and live in the light of My love. *Colossians 3:2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.*

Pat Francis: The Kingdom, Power and Glory of God

"For yours is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen." Matt. 6:13.

In the first century the early Christians added a doxology to the Lord's Prayer and it is very fitting that we also end our prayers in worship and honor to our Heavenly Father and King. The word doxology means 'praise and glory' to God, exalting the Kingdom of God as greater than all the kingdoms of this world.

Throughout the Bible we see examples of Doxology:

David wrote: "Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in Heaven and Earth is Yours" 1 Chron. 29:11.

Daniel wrote of Jesus: "He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshipped Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and His kingdom is one that will never be destroyed." Daniel 7:14.

Paul wrote: "Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen." Philippians 4:20.

Timothy wrote: "To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen." 2 Tim. 4:18.

Peter wrote: "To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen." 2 Peter 3:18.

Jude wrote: "To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen." Jude 1:25.

Angels Sing: "To Him who sits on the Throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever!" Rev. 5:13.

Our faith declaration in worship: "For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever," affirms our confidence in the Kingdom, power and glory of God forever and ever, Amen.

Nissan 11, 5750: (Sunday) April 5, 2020

Daniel 9:26

And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Mark 14:1-30 Amplified Bible

Death Plot and the Anointing in Bethany

14 It was now two days before the Passover and [the festival of] Unleavened Bread, and the chief priests and the scribes were searching for a deceitful way to arrest Jesus and kill *Him*; ² but they were saying, "Not during the festival, for the people might riot."

³ While He was in Bethany [as a guest] at the <u>home</u> of Simon the leper, and reclining *at the table*, a woman came with an alabaster vial of very costly *and* precious perfume of pure nard; and she broke the vial and poured the perfume over His head. ⁴ But there were some who were indignantly *remarking* to one another, "Why has this perfume been wasted? ⁵ For this perfume might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii [a laborer's wages for almost a year], and *the <u>money</u>* given to the poor." And they scolded her.

⁶ But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why are you bothering her and causing trouble? She has done a good and beautiful thing to Me. ⁷ For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you wish you can do something good to them; but you will not always have Me. ⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial. ⁹ I assure you and most solemnly say to you, wherever the good news [regarding salvation] is proclaimed throughout the world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve [disciples], went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. ¹¹ When they heard this they were delighted, and promised to give him money. And he *began* looking for an opportune time to betray Jesus.

Nissan 12, 5780: (Monday) April 6, 2020

Timeline of events in the year 29 ad

Event	Scripture	Time
Passover Meal consumed by Christ and 12	Matthew 20:20-	7-9 pm
disciples	29	
Christ preys in the Garden of Gethsemane	Luke 22:39-46	9p-1a
Christ Arrested in Garden of Gethsemane	John 18:1-11	1-2 am
Christ Taken to Anna's House (Trial 1)	John 18:12-13	2-3 am
Christ taken before Sanhedrin and Chiapas	John 18:24-27	3-4 am
(Trial 2)		
Christ taken before Pilate, Roman Governor	John 18:28-38	5-6 am
(Trial 3)		
Christ taken before Herod, Jewish King	Luke 23:8-12	6-7 am
(Trial 4)		
Christ brought back to Pilate (Trial 5)	John 18:39-	7-8 am
	19:11	
Christ stands before the people Trial 6)	Luke 23:18-25	8-9 am
	Matthew 27:25	
Christ Flogged and Crucified at Place of the	Luke 23:26-49	9a-3p
Skull		
Christ dies and is buried in a rich man's	Luke 23:50-56	3-5 pm
grave		

The Laws of the Sacrifice in which Christ fulfilled all of them

Law	Scripture	Fulfilled by Christ			
Clean Animal	Genesis 8:20	Taken to Annas for trial 1			
By Appointed Priest Only	1 st Samuel 2:28	Taken to Sanhedrin for trial 2			
Perfect Animal	Leviticus 22:19	Taken to Pilate for Trial 3			
A Place Divinely Established	Duet. 12:5-6	Taken to Herod for Trial 4			
To God Alone	Exodus 22:20	Taken back to Pilate for Trial 5			
Upon an Alter Only	Exodus 20:24	Brought to the people for Trial 6			

Table of Days in the grave

	Wed	Tł	nur	F	ri		Sat	Sun	
Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	
	Arrested	In	In	In	In	In	In	Resurrected	
	Tried	heart	heart	heart	heart	heart	heart	any time after	
	Crucified	of	of	of	of	of	of	sundown	
	Buried	earth	earth	earth	earth	earth	earth	Saturday	
		day	night	day	night	day	night 3	night	
		1		2		3			

Nissan 13, 5780: (Tuesday) April 7, 2020

Mark 15: 12-30

The Last Passover



¹² On the first day [of the festival] of Unleavened Bread, when [as was customary] they sacrificed the Passover lamb, His disciples asked Him, "Where do You want us to go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?" ¹³ And He sent two of His disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him;

¹⁴ and say to the owner of the *house* he enters, 'The Teacher asks, "Where is My guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"¹⁵ He will show you a large upstairs room, furnished and ready [with carpets and dining couches]; prepare [the supper] for us there."¹⁶ The disciples left and went to the city and found everything just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ When it was evening, He came with the twelve [disciples]. ¹⁸ While they were reclining *at the table*, Jesus said, "I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you that one of you will betray Me—one who is eating with Me." ¹⁹ They began to be grieved *and* deeply distressed and to say to Him one by one, "Surely not I?" ²⁰ And He replied, "It is one of the twelve [disciples], one who is dipping *bread* in the bowl with Me. ²¹ For the Son of Man goes [to the cross] just as it is written [in Scripture] of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! *It would have been* good for that man if he had not been born."

The Lord's Supper

²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it [giving thanks and praise], and He broke it, and gave it to them and said, "*Take it. This is My body.*"²³ And when He had taken a cup [of wine] and ^given thanks, He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ And He said to them, "*This is My blood of the [new] covenant, [My blood] which is being poured out for many [for the forgiveness of sins].* ²⁵ I assure you and most solemnly say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

²⁶ After they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

²⁷ Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away [and be ashamed and be afraid to be associated with Me as disciples], because it is written, 'I WILL STRIKE THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP WILL BE SCATTERED.' ²⁸ But after I have been raised [from the dead], I will go ahead of you to Galilee." ²⁹ But Peter said to Him, "Even if they all fall away [and desert You, ashamed and afraid of being associated with You], yet I will not [do so]!" ³⁰ Jesus said to him, "I assure you and most solemnly say to you, this very night, before a rooster crows twice, you will deny [that you even know] Me three times."

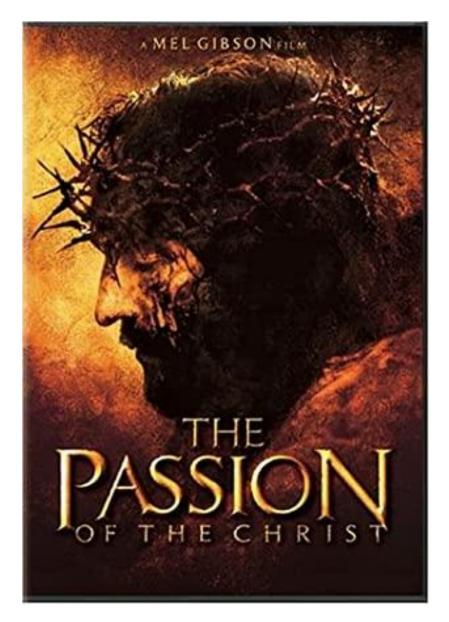
Nissan 14, 5780: (Wednesday) April 8, 2020

It is the month of our LORD's arrest, trial, death and resurrection!

Chaplain Wade Butler

Isaiah 50:5

The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. The Lord is always looking at our hearts, listening to our words and attitudes. The question becomes are we listening, are we seeking HIM and not rebellious? As we prepare to enter into Passover and recognize the work of the CROSS we need to get our hearts aligned with HIS.



Isaiah 53:3-12 Amplified Bible

³ He was despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and pain and acquainted with grief; And like One from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we did not appreciate His worth *or* esteem Him.

⁴ But [in fact] He has borne our grief's, And He has carried our sorrows *and* pains; Yet we [ignorantly] assumed that He was stricken, Struck down by God and degraded *and* humiliated [by Him]. ⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was crushed for our wickedness [our sin, our injustice, our wrongdoing]; The punishment [required] for our well-being *fell* on Him, And by His stripes (wounds) we are healed. ⁶ All of us like sheep have gone astray, We have turned, each one, to his own way; But the LORD has caused the wickedness of us all [our sin, our injustice, our wrongdoing] To fall on Him [instead of us].

⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth [to complain or defend Himself]; Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before her shearers, So He did not open His mouth.

⁸ After oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation [His contemporaries], who [among them] concerned himself *with the fact* That He was cut off from the land of the living [by His death] For the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke [of death] *was due*?

⁹ His grave was assigned with the wicked, But He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

¹⁰ Yet the LORD was willing To crush Him, causing Him to suffer; If He would give Himself as a guilt offering [an atonement for sin], He shall see *His* [spiritual] offspring, He shall prolong *His* days, And the will (good pleasure) of the LORD shall succeed *and* prosper in His hand.

¹¹ As a result of the anguish of His soul, He shall see it and be satisfied; By His knowledge [of what He has accomplished] the Righteous One, My Servant, shall justify the many [making them righteous—upright before God, in right standing with Him], For He shall bear [the responsibility for] their sins. ¹² Therefore, I will divide *and* give Him a portion with the great [kings and rulers], And He shall divide the spoils with the mighty, Because He [willingly] poured out His life to death, And was counted among the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore *and* took away the sin of many, And interceded [with the Father] for the transgressors.

Nissan 15, 5780: (Thursday) April 9, 2020

- **15 Nissan** (circa 1713 BC) Birth of Isaac
- **15 Nissan** (circa 1456 BC) The Exodus from Egypt

Even the books of old told of HIM.. Enoch, Chapter: 45, 46 Chaplain Wade Butler

1. There I beheld the Ancient of days, whose head was like white wool, and with him another, whose countenance resembled that of man. His countenance was full of grace, like that of one of the holy angels. Then I inquired of one of the angels, who went with me, and who showed me every secret thing, concerning this Son of man; who he was; whence he was; and why he accompanied the Ancient of days.

2. He answered and said to me, "*This is the Son of man*, to whom righteousness belongs; with whom righteousness has dwelt; and who will reveal all the treasures of that which is concealed: for the Lord of spirits has chosen him; and his portion has surpassed all before the Lord of spirits in everlasting uprightness".

3. This Son of man, whom thou beholdest, shall raise up kings and the mighty from their couches, and the powerful from their thrones; shall loosen the bridles of the powerful, and break in pieces the teeth of sinners.

4. He shall hurl kings from their thrones and their dominions; because they will not exalt and praise him, nor humble themselves before him, by whom their kingdoms were granted to them. The countenance likewise of the mighty shall He cast down, filling them with confusion. Darkness shall be their habitation, and worms shall be their bed; nor from that their bed shall they hope to be again raised, because they exalted not the name of the Lord of spirits.

5. They shall condemn the stars of heaven, shall lift up their hands against the Most High, shall tread upon and inhabit the earth, exhibiting all their works of iniquity, even their works of iniquity. Their strength shall be in their riches, and their faith in the gods whom they have formed with their own hands. They shall deny the name of the Lord of spirits, and shall expel him from the temples, in which they assemble;

6. And with him the faithful, who suffer in the name of the Lord of spirits.

Nissan 16, 5780: (Friday) April 10, 2020

Enoch, Chapter: 47 Chaplain Wade Butler

In that day the prayer of the holy and the righteous, and the blood of the righteous, shall ascend from the earth into the presence of the Lord of spirits.

In that day shall the holy ones assemble, who dwell above the heavens, and with united voice petition, supplicate, praise, laud, and bless the name of the Lord of spirits, on account of the blood of the righteous which has been shed; that the prayer of the righteous may not be intermitted before the Lord of spirits; that for them he would execute judgment; and that his patience may not endure forever.

At that time I beheld the Ancient of days, while he sat upon the throne of his glory, while the book of the living was opened in his presence, and while all the powers which were above the heavens stood around and before him.

Then were the hearts of the saints full of joy, because the consummation of righteousness was arrived, the supplication of the saints heard, and the blood of the righteous appreciated by the Lord of spirits.

Enoch, Chapter: 48

In that place I beheld a fountain of righteousness, which never failed, encircled by many springs of wisdom. Of these all the thirsty drank, and were filled with wisdom, having their habitation with the righteous, the elect, and the holy.

In that hour was this Son of man invoked before the Lord of spirits, and his name in the presence of the Ancient of days.

Before the sun and the signs were created, before the stars of heaven were formed, his name was invoked in the presence of the Lord of spirits. A <u>support</u> shall he be for the righteous and the holy to lean upon, without falling; and he shall be the light of nations.

He shall be the hope of those whose hearts are troubled. All, who dwell on earth, shall fall down and worship before him; shall bless and glorify him, and sing praises to the name of the Lord of spirits.

Therefore the Elect and the Concealed One existed in his presence, before the world was created, and forever.

In his presence he existed, and has revealed to the saints and to the righteous the wisdom of the Lord of spirits; for he has preserved the lot of the righteous, because they have hated and rejected this world of iniquity, and have detested all its works and ways, in the name of the Lord of spirits.

For in his name shall they be preserved; and his will shall be their life. In those days shall the kings of the earth and the mighty men, who have gained the world by their achievements, I become humble in countenance.

For in the day of their <u>anxiety</u> and trouble their souls shall not be saved; and they shall be in subjection to those whom I have chosen.

I will cast them like hay into the fire, and like lead into the <u>water</u>. Thus shall they burn in the presence of the righteous, and sink in the presence of the holy; nor shall a tenth part of them be found.

But in the day of their trouble, the world shall obtain tranquility.

In his presence shall they fall, and not be raised up again; nor shall there be any one to take them out of his hands, and to lift them up: for they have denied the Lord of spirits, and his Messiah. The name of the Lord of spirits shall be blessed.

Nissan 17, 5780: (Saturday) April 11, 2020

- 17 Nissan (circa 24th century BC) Noah's Ark came to rest on mountains of Ararat^[5]
- **17 Nissan** (circa 474 BC) Haman hanged after Queen Esther's second drinking party.

(Christ in the grave 3rd night and 3rd day in the year 29 ad)

Question: "Where did Jesus go between His death and resurrection?"

Upon death, the Lord Jesus separated from His body and descended into **Hell** (at the heart of the earth) for three days and three nights. Read Luke 16:19-31 and, if you look it up, you will find that the Greek word for Hell is "**Hades**." This is where the saved (Old Testament saints) and the lost (sinners) both went since the time of Abel (the first)

man who died) until the time of Christ's ascension to Heaven. (And, since the time of Christ's ascension Hell has been a place where all the lost souls go upon death, whereas the saved started to go home directly to Heaven upon death).

In the Hebrew Scriptures, the word used to describe the realm of the dead is <u>sheol</u>. It simply means "the place of the dead" or "the place of departed souls/spirits." The New Testament Greek equivalent of *sheol* is *hades*, which also refers to "the place of the dead." Other Scriptures in the New Testament indicate that sheol/hades is a temporary place, where souls are kept as they await the final resurrection and judgment. <u>Revelation 20:11–15</u> gives a clear distinction between hades and the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the permanent and final place of judgment for the lost. Hades, then, is a temporary place. Many people refer to both hades and the lake of fire as "hell," and this causes confusion. Jesus did not go to a place of torment after His death, but He did go to hades.

Hades was composed of **Paradise** or *"Abraham's Bosom"* (Luke 16:22) for the saved (Old Testament saints), and **Torment** for the lost (Luke 6:23). A gigantic gulf separated the two places, so that one could not pass over to the other side (Luke 16:26). This was located in the center of the Earth as Matt. 12:40 states.

Sheol/hades was a realm with two divisions—a place of blessing and a place of judgment (Matthew 11:23; 16:18; Luke 10:15; 16:23; Acts 2:27–31). The abodes of the saved and the lost are both generally called "hades" in the Bible. The abode of the saved is also called "Abraham's bosom" (KJV) or "Abraham's side" (NIV) in Luke 16:22 and "paradise" in Luke 23:43. The abode of the unsaved is called "hell" (KJV) or "Hades" (NIV) in Luke 16:23. The abodes of the saved and the lost are separated by a "great chasm" (Luke 16:26). When Jesus died, He went to the blessed side of sheol and, from there, took the believers with Him to heaven (Ephesians 4:8–10). The judgment side of sheol/hades has remained unchanged. All unbelieving dead go there awaiting their final judgment in the future. Did Jesus go to sheol/hades? Yes, according to Ephesians 4:8–10 and 1 Peter 3:18–20.

As Jesus neared death, He said, "It is finished" (John 19:30). His suffering in our place was completed. His soul/spirit went to hades (the place of the dead). Jesus did not go to "hell" or the suffering side of hades; He went to "Abraham's side" or the blessed side of hades. Jesus' suffering ended the moment He died. The payment for sin was paid. He then awaited the resurrection of His body and His return to glory in His ascension. Did Jesus go to hell? No. Did Jesus go to sheol/hades? Yes.

Luke 23:43 tells us that this is where Christ went upon His death. "And the thief said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."

The Lord answered him by saying, "...Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise."

Furthermore, the **old Apostle's Creed** (Traditional English Version) has these words, "...suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into HELL..." Jesus really went to Hell to taste death for every man (Heb. 2:9) and to confirmed to the Old Testament people (both to the saints and the lost) that He is indeed the promised Redeemer (Job 19:25; 1 Pet. 3:19). When Jesus arose from the dead He defeated Hell and Death and become the mighty Savior to everyone who believes in Him (Acts 2:27, 31; Heb. 2:14; John 5:24; Heb. 7:25).

At Christ's resurrection, the Bible tells us farther that *"many bodies of the* [Old Testament] *saints"* also resurrected and went out from their graves, walked again upon this earth (Matt. 27:52-53) and eventually went to Heaven together with all the saints as Jesus transferred them from Hades to Heaven (Acts 1:11; Eph. 4:8-10).

After the Lord's Resurrection, He remained on Earth for forty days, showing Himself in His resurrected body. When He ascended back to Heaven (Acts 1:11), He emptied the Paradise in Hades, taking all the saved (Old Testament saints) back with Him to Glory. Eph. 4:8-9 gives the record,

"Now that he (Christ) ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth...Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he (Christ) lead captivity captive (those in Paradise to Heaven), and gave gifts unto men."

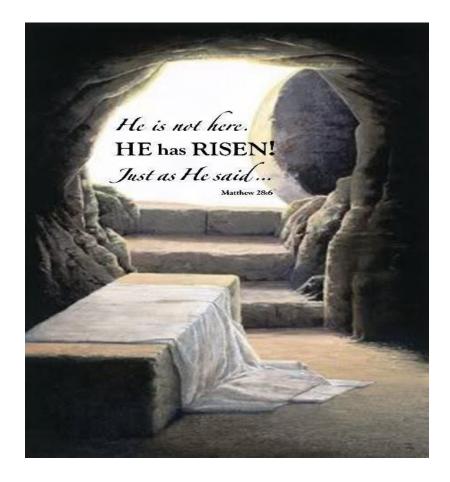
In 2Co. 12:2-4 we are told that Paradise is now in Heaven.

"I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter."

In addition, let me share the answer of this question, "Why the souls of Old Testament saints did not go directly to Heaven when they died" (John 3:13)? The answer is this: Heaven is a place for holy and perfect people. Even they were righteous but they still needed to be perfect in the sight of God. So, they must wait for God's perfect sin offering to thoroughly cleanse them from all their sins to make them perfect, holy and

complete in God's sight which is only through the substitutionary death and atoning sacrifice of Jesus in Calvary (Heb. 10:10, 14). Every man who enters Heaven must be washed by the blood of Jesus (the Lamb of God) and must be clothed with His righteousness (Col. 1:22; Rev. 1:5; Rom. 10:4) to become holy, perfect and complete in God's sight.

Today, when a Christian dies, they go immediately to Paradise to be with the Lord in Heaven. As apostle Paul said, "we are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." (2Co. 5:8). At death, the Christian only changes his location. Therefore, leaving his body behind, he (his soul and spirit—the real "you") enters the glories of Heaven! Indeed, for true Christians, to live is Christ, and to die is gain (Phil. 1:21). **Hallelujah!**



Nissan 18, 5750: (Sunday) April 12, 2020

Matthew 28:1-8 Jesus Is Risen!

Now after the Sabbath, near dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. And a great earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone [from the opening of the tomb], and sat on it.

The angel's appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were as white as snow. The guards shook, paralyzed with fear [at the sight] of him and became like dead men [pale and immobile].

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said [He would]. Come! See the place where He was lying. Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee [as He promised]. There you will see Him; behold, I have told you."

So the women left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell [the good news to] the disciples.

Matthew 28:9-17 Amplified Bible

⁹ And *as they went*, suddenly, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" And they went to Him and took hold of His feet [in homage] and worshiped Him [as the Messiah]. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell My brothers to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me [just as I promised]."

¹¹ While they were on their way, some of the [Roman] guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹² And when the chief priests had gathered with the elders and had consulted together [to develop a plan of deception], they gave a sufficient sum of money [as a bribe] to the soldiers, ¹³ and said, "You say this, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him while we were sleeping.' ¹⁴ And if the governor (Pilate) hears about it, we will calm him down and keep you out of trouble." ¹⁵ So they took the money [they were paid for lying] and did as they were instructed; and this [fabricated] story was widely spread among the Jews, and is to the present day.

The Great Commission

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. ¹⁷ And when they saw Him, they worshiped *Him*; but some doubted [that it was really He]. Matthew 28:18-20 Amplified Bible

¹⁸ Jesus came up and said to them, "*All authority (all power of absolute rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.* ¹⁹ *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,* ²⁰ *teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age."*

Nissan 19, 5780: (Monday) April 13, 2020

And!!! Luke 24:1-50 Amplified Bible

The Resurrection

24 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared [to finish anointing the body].² And they found the [large, circular] stone rolled back from the tomb, ³ but when they went inside, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed and wondering about this, suddenly, two men in dazzling clothing stood near them; ⁵ and as the women were terrified and were bowing their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why are you looking for the living One among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, ⁷ saving that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise [from death to life]." ⁸ And they remembered His words, ⁹ and after returning from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven [apostles] and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna [the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward] and Mary the *mother* of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles. ¹¹ But their report seemed to them like idle talk *and* nonsense, and they would not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Stooping [at the small entrance] and looking in, he saw only the linen wrappings; and he went away, wondering about what had happened.

The Road to Emmaus

¹³ And then, that very day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing it, Jesus Himself came up and *began* walking with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were [miraculously] prevented from recognizing Him. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked them, "What are you discussing with one another as you walk along?" And they stood still, looking brokenhearted. ¹⁸ One *of them*, named Cleopas, answered Him, "Are you the only stranger visiting Jerusalem who is unaware of the things which have happened here in these [recent] days?"

¹⁹ He asked, **"What things?"** And they replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet powerful in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, ²⁰ and how the chief priests and our rulers handed Him over to be sentenced to death, and crucified Him. ²¹ But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel *and* set our nation free. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. ²² And also some of the women among us shocked us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and they did not find His body. Then they came back, saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive! ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women had said, but they did not see Him." ²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "*O foolish men, and slow of heart to trust and believe in everything that the prophets have spoken!* ²⁶ Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and [only then to] enter His glory?"²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and [throughout] all the [writings of the] prophets, He explained *and* interpreted for them the things referring to Himself [found] in all the Scriptures.

²⁸ Then they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as if He were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged Him [not to go on], saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening, and the day has just about ended." So He went inside to stay with them. ³⁰ And it happened that as He reclined *at the table* with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He *began* giving it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were [suddenly] opened [by God] and they [clearly] recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. ³² They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking with us on the road and opening the Scriptures to us?" ³³ They got up that very hour and went back to Jerusalem, and found the eleven [apostles] gathered together and those who were with them, ³⁴ saying, "The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon [Peter]!"

³⁵ They *began* describing in detail what had happened on the road, and how Jesus was recognized by them when He broke the bread.

Other Appearances

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus Himself [suddenly] stood among them and said to them, "*Peace be to you.*"³⁷ But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a spirit. ³⁸ And He said, "*Why are you troubled, and why are doubts rising in your hearts?* ³⁹ Look at [the marks in] My hands and My feet, [and see] that it is I Myself. Touch Me and see; a spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you see that I have."⁴⁰ After saying this, He showed them His hands and His feet. ⁴¹ While they still did not believe it because of their joy and amazement, He asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"⁴² They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and He took it and ate it in front of them.

⁴⁴ Then He said to them, "*This is what I told you while I was still with you, everything which has been written about Me in the Law of Moses and the [writings of the] Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."* ⁴⁵ *Then He opened their minds to [help them] understand the Scriptures,* ⁴⁶ *and said,* "*And so it is written, that the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed) would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,* ⁴⁷ *and that repentance [necessary] for forgiveness of sins would be preached in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.* ⁴⁸ *You are witnesses of these things.* ⁴⁹ *Listen carefully: I am sending the Promise of My Father [the Holy Spirit] upon you; but you are to remain in the city [of Jerusalem] until you are clothed (fully equipped) with power from on high."*



Nissan 20, 5780: (Tuesday) April 14, 2020

Of the Lord of the Sons of Light, dealing with the darkness! James Nesbit

Alpha and Omega, We are thanking You on this day of President Trumps fourth year in office, that the power of Your Blood is speaking today.

Father, This morning, we look up to the mountains and hills, Thanking You for Your help. Thank You, for awakening our nation to realize that our true Help and protection come only from You Lord, Our Creator who made the heavens and the earth.

Our confidence is in You Heavenly Father, You will guard and guide us and keep us, as our eyes are upon You. We cannot thank You enough for never letting us stumble or fall, in this hour.

O Father, You alone are our keeper; and will never forget nor ignore us.

Lord, You never slumber nor sleep; You are the Guardian-God for Your people!

Thank You Great Jehovah, that You Yourself are watching over us; You are always at our side to shelter us safely in Your Presence.

You are protecting us from all danger both day and night. You are keeping us from every form of evil or calamity as You continually watch over us.

Thank You Father, That because of You, we will be safe when we leave our home and safely return. You are protecting us now, and You will protect us forevermore!

We are on an eternal, timeless, journey with our Father, Living and moving, and having our being in Your love Ancient of Days! We worship You for the River of Life!

Father, thank You for separating, and separating quickly Every liar and deceiver, who are just pawns of the snake; Polluting the waters of people's hearts with fear.

We thank You Father, for Your ministry to every bloodline and family tree today, wherever you find them!

Thank You, for gracing us ALL Beginning with our leaders, To truly silently wait for You Elohim; From You alone comes any salvation. You only are our great rock and our salvation;

You are our defense; We refuse to be moved from our trust and rest in You!

Father, as we are surrounded by those spewing their venom 24/7, Like a leaning wall and a tottering fence. They only consult to cast President Trump down from the Presidency; They delight in lies; They bless with their mouth, But they curse inwardly; In this hour they don't even bless they just curse, curse, curse outwardly, forget trying to find it!

But we wait for You alone Father, For our expectation is from You. You only are our rock and our salvation; You are our defense and President Trumps defense; In You we trust and we shall not be moved. In You alone Yahweh are the salvation and glory America or any other nation;

The rock of a nation's strength, And our refuge, is in You Eternal Father.

This has been one of my favorite passages for a long, long, time. Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah God has spoken once,

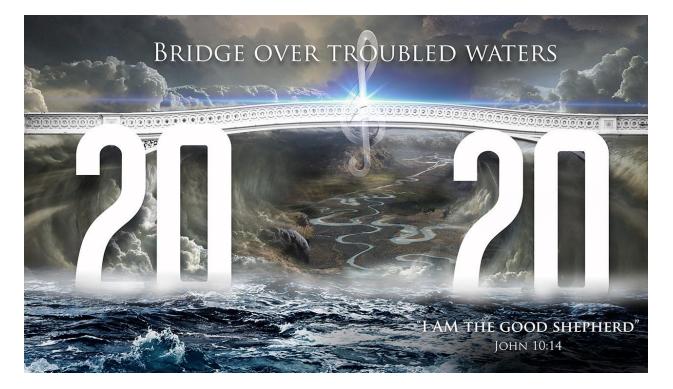
Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God. Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy;

And we thank You for blessing us with more than we can comprehend today.

In Jeus Name, we will Rest at the foot of the Cross today.

Nissan 21, 5780: (Wednesday) April 15, 2020

• **21 Nissan** (circa 1456 BC) – The sea splits, allowing Israel to escape the Egyptian army.



Veronika West

"His glory has risen and a light has come...his shadow shall cover the nations and bring healing to the land"..!

Well early this morning i was praying for the nations of the earth...I was crying and weeping for an outpouring of his mercy over the people of all nations. And as I stood in the court room of heaven...I heard these words, **"from a positioning**

pause to supernatural catapult"...and as I heard those words suddenly I was taken high above the nations in the realm of the spirit and I saw a mighty warrior and a multitude of angels standing over the nations of the earth and a bright and radiant light surrounded him and his shadow covered all the nations of the earth...and then I heard these words...

"His glory has risen and a light has come...his shadow shall cover the nations and bring healing to the land....so get ready, get ready...for supernatural acceleration and kingdom advancement in the days ahead, watch! For now the fearless warrior steps forward upon the land with the fiery arrows of awakening and revival in his hand, sharpened gold arrows are taken from his guiver and put within an iron bow...and with the strength of his mighty right arm the string is pulled back, but watch!...wait...as the hands of time stand still...but for a moment he holds his breath to steady his hand over the land...and with great precision and accuracy he aligns the golden arrow, his vision is focused...his eye firmly fixed upon his foe, look! For suddenly...a great shaking and shifting in the realm of the spirit...as the winds of the storm obey and become still...listen!! For now is the time...yes! An appointed time, a Kairos moment for the nations of the earth...so watch and pray...for the fiery arrows of awakening and revival will fly and will not fall...and with great power and momentum...a great light shall break forth to penetrate the veil deep darkness...and the powers of the prince of the air shall be pushed back...behold!...and fear not...for the mighty warrior and his angel armies now arises over the nations of the earth...robed in victory and crowned with a cure...his enemies are scattered and his saints are set free and liberated"...!

Nissan 22, 5780: (Thursday) April 16, 2020

Jeremiah 31:31-36 Amplified

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me forever.

Enoch, 61: 1-17

Thus the Lord commanded the kings, the princes, the exalted, and those who dwell on earth, saying, Open your eyes, and lift up your horns, if you are capable of comprehending the Elect One.

The Lord of spirits sat upon the throne of his glory.

And the spirit of righteousness was poured out over him.

The word of his mouth shall destroy all the sinners and all the ungodly, who shall perish at his presence.

In that day shall all the kings, the princes, the exalted, and those who possess the earth, stand up, behold, and perceive, that he is sitting on the throne of his glory; that before him the saints shall be judged in righteousness;

And that nothing, which shall be spoken before him, shall be spoken in vain.

Trouble shall come upon them, as upon a woman in travail, whose labor is severe, when her child comes to the mouth of the womb, and she finds it difficult to bring forth.

One portion of them shall look upon another. They shall be astonished, and shall humble their countenance;

And trouble shall <u>seize</u> them, when they shall behold this Son of woman sitting upon the throne of his glory.

Then shall the kings, the princes, and all who possess the earth, glorify him who has dominion over all things, him who was concealed; for from the beginning the Son of man existed in secret, whom the Most High preserved in the presence of his power, and revealed to the elect.

He shall sow the congregation of the saints, and of the elect; and all the elect shall stand before him in that day.

All the kings, the princes, the exalted, and those who rule over the earth, shall fall down on their faces before him, and shall worship him.

They shall <u>fix</u> their hopes on this Son of man, shall pray to him, and petition him for mercy.

Then shall the Lord of spirits hasten to expel them from his presence. Their faces shall be full of confusion, and their faces shall darkness cover. The angels shall take them to punishment, that vengeance may be inflicted on those who have oppressed his children and his elect. And they shall become an example to the saints and to his elect. Through them shall these be made joyful; for the anger of the Lord of spirits shall rest upon them.

Then the sword of the Lord of spirits shall be drunk with their blood; but the saints and elect shall be safe in that day; nor the face of the sinners and the ungodly shall they thenceforwards behold.

The Lord of spirits shall remain over them:

And with this Son of man shall they dwell, eat, lie down, and rise up, for ever and ever

Nissan 23, 5780: (Friday) April 17, 2020

"Prophetic Word: Spiritual Outpouring Is Now Here"

Doug Addison, Los Angeles, CA

"Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for He has given you the autumn rains because He is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before." (Joel 2:23 NIV) God is releasing a spiritual rain and outpouring into your personal life. I released a prophetic word in **February 2020—"<u>God Is Opening Wells of Refreshment</u>."** This will start in individuals and spread corporately. I want to give you more on this as it is starting to happen this month.

Get ready for personal refreshment, especially for those who have walked through the valley of tears. It is now time to dig deep and find pleasant pools of the Lord's refreshment.

Prophetic Word for Now

This is from an encounter I had with the Lord a while back, but it is for now. This was spoken to individuals and groups.

"How enriched are they who find their strength in the Lord; within their hearts are highways of holiness!" (Psalm 84:5 TPT)

The Lord said, *"I am the Spring of Life, and you can come and sit by this quiet place and it will restore your soul. You are coming out of the dark Valley of Tears, but you have to dig deep into Me. You are now striking pools of living water that you can come to each day. I am now sending the Brook of Blessing. You are going to grow stronger and stronger with each step forward."*

In the places that the enemy has tried to open inroads and pathways to stop you, God is now opening highways of blessing and holiness. **Your strength and encouragement are going to increase.**

The key to getting into this season is to not slow down or look back. Keep taking steps forward day by day, and trust by faith that God has you covered.

You are about to step into the new season of the things that have been promised.

Supernatural Shields of Faith

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise Him." (Psalms 28:7 NIV) I saw angels bringing new shields that had the word "Faith" written on them. As they were handed to us, they wrapped around our bodies like armor, like a scene from the movie *Iron Man.* There is a new liquid glory of the Lord's covering coming that will help you against the attacks of the enemy. **In the areas that satan has over-played his attacks against you, the Lord is now moving to bring restoration, justice and repayment for suffering and losses.**



Seven Years of Preparation

"Every seventh year each of you must free any fellow Hebrews..." (Jeremiah 34:14 NIV)

We have all been in a seven-year preparation time for what is coming this year. Look back over the past seven years. This month starts the release of those who have felt as if they were held captive or experienced losses over the past seven years. "...He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners..." (Isaiah 61:1 NIV)

The Lord is moving in your life, and things that have been difficult to overcome in the past are now going to fall away with ease. I saw chains of discouragement literally falling from people. Many people who have struggled with addictions are now going to find a new freedom over the next few months.

Signs and Confirmation

"Set up road signs; put up guideposts. Take note of the highway, the road that you take..." (Jeremiah 31:21 NIV)

The Lord is going to give you signs and confirmation for what He is calling you to. Watch for these to come in natural and supernatural forms. God is speaking through signs, songs, art and all types of media right now. **Ask the Lord to give you a sign and speak to you about the good things that are coming to you.**

Nissan 24, 5780: (Saturday) April 18, 2020

Strategies for Marching into Your Promise: Unknown

1. Don't give up now and don't give in to fear.

Just as the enemy has been ramping up fear in the natural through fears of a worldwide virus, he is also attempting to lure the people of God into fear by having them agree that the promise will not come to pass.

2. Fast, pray and thank God for His promise.

I believe fasting is a HUGE key in this month, just as it was for Esther. In the month of Adar, fasting will help us break the spirit of fear and bring deliverance to our own lives – and to the nations. I believe that as the people of God fast and pray, it will BREAK the enemy's manipulations of fear, but also break OPEN the WAY into your Promised Land.

3. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you into a step of faith each day.

Just as He guided the Israelites to march around Jericho and Esther to go into the courts, God has a step of faith for you to ACTIVATE the promise today. It might simply be to worship or to speak out the promised words He has declared over your life, or to dance a victory dance or to take a physical step of some sort. **Do one thing today that is a step of faith in the direction of your promise.**

4. Keep your words aligned in FAITH.

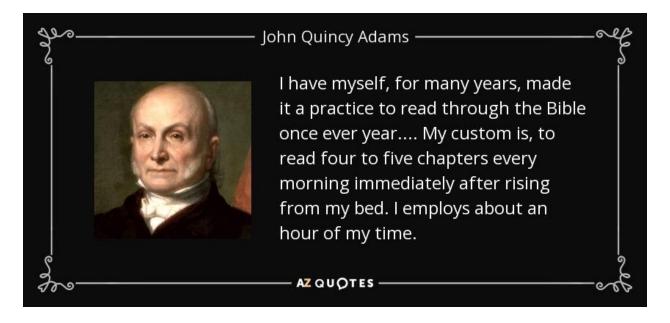
Ever since March began, I keep seeing the number 10 and believe this points to John 10:10 – to speak LIFE, keep your words aligned with life, regardless of how you may

feel. Don't do as the Israelites did and complain. Remind yourself of the promises God has given you, speak them out, thank God for them and celebrate in advance. **The miracles and promises are in MOTION – don't stop it through words of doubt and fear.**

Here is a promise over you today:

"Then we cried out, 'Lord, help us! Rescue us!' And He did! God stilled the storm, calmed the waves, and He hushed hurricane winds to only a whisper. We were so relieved, so glad as He guided us safely to harbor in a quiet haven.'" (Psalm 107:28-30 TPT)

One of the biggest failures we have as Christians is the need to study the WORD of GOD daily and make it a goal to read the Bible all the way through every year to enable us to quote scripture from our heart.



Nissan 25, 5750: (Sunday) April 19, 2020

"Increase Your Faith and Expectation!" Jamie Rohrbaugh, Chattanooga, TN

Beloved, have you suffered great disappointments lately? If so, the Lord wants to stir you up today to increase your faith and expectation.

Recently one morning, the Lord told me to read Psalm 81. I opened my Bible to that chapter and read this amazing verse:

"I am the Lord your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide, and I will fill it." (Psalm 81:10)

A couple of years ago, the Lord gave me a powerful word about opening your mouth wide. But today, I felt the Lord wanted to add to this and speak to us specifically about expectation.

Here is what I heard the Lord say:

"You have suffered great disappointments lately, and those disappointments hurt. You are not alone; I feel the pain. I dwell within you, so I feel what you feel. But, My child, know this:

"I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. I am yours and you are Mine, and I am carrying you. You don't have to worry about it when people let you down or disappoint you; your appointment is Mine and Mine alone, and I am well able to care for you in all things.

"I love you, My child. I see the passion of your heart. I feel the same intensity that you feel. I weep with you, and I yearn over you like you yearn over Me – but so much more, more than you could ever fathom.

Open Your Mouth Wide

"My beloved, I need you to keep your eyes on Me and stay strong in faith. I am able to do for you in a moment what you could not do in a lifetime. I am so able, but your sense of expectation is key. I need you to open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

"How do you open your mouth wide? Three ways:

1. Build up your most holy faith by praying in the Spirit, out loud.

2. Speak My Word over yourself and believe that you will have whatsoever you speak, for My Word cannot return to Me without accomplishing the thing I sent it to do.

3. Expect, expect, and expect some more.

"Your times and seasons are in My hands, and I know this can be frustrating – for I alone know what will happen in each time and season. Nevertheless, I have a good plan for you and I care about your dreams far more than you do.

I Will Do It Again!

"Look back at where you have come from. Remember the burdens that I have taken off your shoulders. Recall to mind how I freed you from the slavery of sin you were in. 'In distress you called, and I delivered you,' My Word says (Psalm 81:7), and what I have done before, I will do for you again.

"Please remember what I am saying when I tell you that your dreams matter to Me more than they matter to you.

"I have not overlooked you. I have not forgotten you. I know you feel like I have forgotten you in some ways, but I have not. You live in a sinful world, but I am progressively redeeming your circumstances to look like My Kingdom.

"Please trust Me, and weep upon My breast. I am El Shaddai, the Many-Breasted One, and I am your Nurturer and your Provider. I am everything you need and more; and when the weight of your need threatens to overwhelm you, come to Me; for I am the Rock that is higher than you are. I am the Rock Who is higher than you could reach, and I will lift you up

Walk By Faith Not By Sight

"Come up here, My child, and I will show you things to come' was My message to My servant John, and so it is My message to you today.

"You need a break. You need a rest, and although you have been resting, you have much more resting to do. The place of rest is the place of easiest trust. In other words, it will be easiest for you to trust Me from the place of absolute and total rest.

"Remember that My works were all finished for you before the foundation of the world. Believe with Me in My own works! It's not hard for Me to believe in the power and strength of My plans for you, for I am intimately acquainted with every

detail. But for you, it is harder, for you do not see as I see. Nevertheless..walk by faith, not by sight.

"Your sight will break your heart if you let it. You cannot and must not do that. You cannot look at what the world sees; you must, instead, keep your eyes on Me and on Me alone, filling your sight with My person, My presence, and My glory.

"I am providing for you, even now. I am making a way where there seems to be no way. I am lifting you up and elevating you, although you didn't see how I could. But I can, My child. I can do anything.

"Remember that promotion comes from Me. Provision comes from Me. Seek Me and Me alone, and all these things shall be added to you.

"I love you with an everlasting love, My child. You belong to Me, and I am very jealous over you. I yearn to be closer to you, as you yearn to be closer to Me; and our relationship is growing day by day, week by week, year by year.

Your Future Is Bright

"I see your tears today, and I wish you weren't shedding them.

"Your future is bright, for I have ordained it. I am redeeming everything that pertains to you. I am, right now, even as we speak, working all things out for your good. The thief does not come except to steal, kill, and destroy, but I have come that you may have life, and have it more abundantly.

"Your success is imminent. Your comfort is imminent. Your breakthrough is imminent. It is darkest right before dawn, and your dawn is on the horizon; *it breaks even now*.

"So rest in Me. Hope in Me. Stay strong in Me, and let everything else, other than Me, fall from your view. Increase your faith and expectation, and I will see you through. I will carry you as I always have you and your descendants after you, even to a thousand generations.

Nissan 26, 5780: (Monday) April 20, 2020

• 26 Nissan (circa 1386 BC) – Death of Joshua

Judy Jacobs, Cleveland, Tennessee

For this new year and decade I feel the Lord saying: *"This is the Year of (spell it) V-I-C-T-O-R-Y!"* All the things that you have been believing for are about to manifest.

For the Lord says, "My time is NOW. I am ready to act. I speak over you:

- No more hold-ups!
- No more cancellations!
- No more setbacks!
- No more delays!
- No more distractions!

"I want My children to realize at this moment that it is a NOW season, because NOW faith will be needed in this hour! 'Now faith' requires that you walk in expectant faith at every moment of every day.

"Do not doubt My Word and promises any longer. In this new decade, you will experience V-I-C-T-O-R-Y! Yes, VICTORY on every level."

HERE IS AN ACRONYM OF THIS WORD THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS GIVEN ME FOR YOU TODAY:

V: Validation

"There are no ifs, ands, or buts about it anymore," says the Lord. "You belong to Me. Your enemy (the accuser of the brethren) wants you to doubt everything that I have said to you and everything I have done in your life.

"I would say that, in this time, I'm going to bring to light all My promises and shine right in the face of your enemies. Even your enemies will see My goodness in the land where you are living!

"As a matter of fact, I am putting My seal upon you. No foe can withstand My validation. All of Hell will have to recognize My power, authority, and rank with which I have validated you! You will walk in a supernatural unction never realized before. Even you will not believe what I am doing through and in you, before your very eyes, " says the Lord of Hosts!

I: Increase Is Coming!

The Lord says: "*It's not just regular, everyday, run-of-the-mill increase, but EXTRAORDINARY INCREASE! It's the kind of increase that Isaac received – the kind that made his neighbors envy him.*

"In My Word, I recorded where 'Isaac sowed seed in the land, and in that very same year he reaped a hundredfold, for the Lord blessed him' (Genesis 26:12). He became a very rich man and his wealth continued to grow. He had so many flocks, herds, and servants that even the Philistines envied him.

"Are you ready for that kind of INCREASE on your life? Are you ready for the kind of increase where you are almost ashamed to tell what I have done that particular day because it's so much? You are going to increase so much that the world will shake their head and say, 'How can it be?' And when they do, your answer will be, 'It is by the strong hand of the Lord that this work has been wrought!'"

C: Catapulting

The Lord says: *"This is a very rare word that is not used so much in this day that you live in, but I am bringing it back. To get the full meaning of My Word over you, examine the definition from the world's perspective."*

"To catapult" means:

- to launch;
- a slingshot;
- to bring suddenly into prominence;
- to jump or to spring; or
- to throw violently.

This word is even used as a device that launches aircraft from a warship.

The Lord says: "This is the season in which your head will spin with what I am about to catapult you into. Your head will spin with where I am about to catapult you to. My servant Amos describes it perfectly, saying: "Yes indeed, it won't be long now." GOD'S DECREE. "Things are going to happen so fast your head will swim, one thing fast on the heels of the other. You won't be able to keep up. Everything will be happening at once – and everywhere you look, blessings!"' (Amos 9:13-15 MSG) *"So, get ready to mount up with wings as the eagles. Get ready to soar as I catapult you through every open door before the return of your great God and Savior, ME!"*

T: Taking Territory

The Lord says, "This has always been on My mind. Ever since the beginning of time, in the garden with Adam and Eve, My first commandment was 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it and have dominion...' (Genesis 1:28)!

"Territory has always been — and always will be — on the mind of your foe, satan. He has been a thief, murderer, liar, and destroyer ever since I discovered iniquity that was found in him

"However, this brand-new decade will bring about a determination and grit inside of you. You will have the determination and grit to no longer stand on the outside of your dream and purpose, looking in. Instead, in this year of 2020 and beyond, you will seize territory with every step you take."

The Lord your Fighter says: "Every step is strategic in this season. As I told My servant Moses, and later told Joshua as well, 'The Lord will drive out all the nations ahead of you, though they are much greater and stronger than you. You will take over their land. Every place upon which you set your foot will be yours. I will give you every place upon which you set your foot, as I promised Moses.'"

The Lord says, "This territory will bring you into new places and new opportunities. I will give you the key of David. I will open doors that no man can shut and shut doors that no man can open. Do you see it? Can't you envision My plan for you?

You will take territory:

- You will take the territory of your house.
- You will take the territory of your family, marriage and children.
- You will take the territory of starting your own business and going into entrepreneurship for the Kingdom.
- You will take your health back in the name of the Lord.

• Your mind is lining up with the Living Word of God.

• You are stepping out to take land, properties and opportunities only dreamed of before.

O: Opportunity

"Opportunity is the key word that is exploding in this season of your life, and on My calendar of events. My people have been held up and held back, and now is the time to believe for ALL that I have promised.

"2020 will see opportunities and doors that you can only imagine and dream about. I am the God of 'exceeding abundantly above all you can ask or imagine.' It is the time to prove Me and ask Me for ANYTHING!

"When you call Me, I will answer even before you call. While you are still speaking, I will hear you! You have been wondering, 'When will my time come? How can I get ahead with the calling on my life?' Yet, I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans to prosper you and give you a hope and a future.

"There is not only coming a door of opportunity, but multiple doors of opportunities. Promotion, possibilities, favor, promise, advancement, and success are all around you. Look for them; and when you see them, seize them!"

R: Restoration

The Lord says, "*Restoration is a part of My covenant with you, My child. My promise is that I will restore unto you the years that the swarming locusts, the crawling locust, the consuming locust, and the chewing locust have eaten (Joel 2:25). My promise covenant is that '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 will never be put to shame' (Joel 2:26).*

"Get ready to see an overflow of things that will come back to you that you thought were lost."

The Lord of Restoration says, "I am not just putting you back to your original place. I am placing you in a position where your enemy will

regret that he ever stole from you because of the bounty of the harvest that is coming!"

Y: Yearning

"I desire for all my children to yearn for and desire My presence. It is My presence that will carry you, giving you My peace and love, in this culture of yearning for everything but Me.

"The intensity of My overpowering tenderness that is prevalent during this time will carry you to a place in which My overshadowing hunger will consume you. The yearning that will overwhelm you at this time will bring a strong desire for the enjoyment and pleasure that are found in My presence.

"I am giving you a great and strong desire to be with Me in this season. My presence is the only thing that will bring you both true meaning and a craving for Me. I have promised: Draw nigh to Me and I will draw nigh to you (James 4:8). I am ready to show you My miracles, signs, and wonders that are getting ready to explode on this earth. My Dunamis power is getting ready to go off in your very spirit-being, lighting up this dark world for My glory!

"V-I-C-T-O-R-Y is promised and is therefore sure and absolute! Victory in this new decade will look like and be bigger, greater and more attainable than any other season of your life. This is My promise! This is My guarantee! This is your destiny! Take it! Believe it! Expect it!"

Nissan 27, 5780: (Tuesday) April 21, 2020

Pat Francis: The Fruit of the Spirit

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law." Gal. 5:22-23.



The Bible describes the 'fruit of the Spirit' with nine manifestations. The word 'fruit' is singular suggesting that all believers must aim to grow in all nine areas.

The fruit of the Spirit is:

1) Love. God's love, 'Agape', is the essence of God being poured out lavishly and consistently in you and through you. Love gives. Love shares. Love forgives. Love cares for others.

2) Joy. Happiness is determined by circumstances, and what is "happening" to us. Joy is a deep delight in knowing who and whose you are. Joy rejoices in confident security.

3) Peace. Jesus is called the Prince of Peace. His peace enters our hearts as an anchor through life circumstances. He gives us peace with God and the peace of God.

4) Longsuffering or Patience. With this fruit, we submit to God's timing and the release of His ultimate purpose in our lives. It is an attitude of grace towards others in their times of weakness.

5) Kindness. This is the working out of acts of love and care. It can be demonstrated in thoughts, words, and actions.

6) Goodness. This is showing forth the grace of God in helping others, giving, sharing and encouraging, even when it is undeserved.

7) Faithfulness. Preserving that which is committed in our care; being consistent in good character in all areas of life.

8) Gentleness. Gentleness is the manifestation of strength in control. It is dealing with issues with grace versus arrogance or anger.

9) Self-control. This speaks of self-government, temperance and order. The power of self-control begins within and flows out in all areas of life. Imperfection is a part of humanity. As we pray and yield ourselves to the Spirit of God, He will patiently change and help us to be more and more like Him, showing more of His fruit. If that is your desire, God will give you the desires of your heart.

Kingdom Declaration:

I desire to grow more and more like God in His fruit, grace, power and glory.

Nissan 28, 5780: (Wednesday) April 22, 2020

• **28 Nissan** (circa 1415 BC) – Conquest of Jericho (Book of Joshua ch. 6).

2 Timothy 3 Chaplain Wade Butler

This know also, that in the **last days** perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, ...

Perilous Times Matt 23: 15-28

¹⁵ "So when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION [the appalling sacrilege that astonishes and makes desolate], spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the Holy Place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains [for refuge]. ¹⁷ Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things that are in his house [because there will not be enough time]. ¹⁸ Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his coat. ¹⁹ And woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

²⁰ Pray that your <u>flight</u> [from persecution and suffering] will not be in winter or on a Sabbath [when Jewish laws prohibit travel]. ²¹ For ^{at} that time there will be a great tribulation (pressure, distress, oppression), such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will [again]. ²² And if those days [of tribulation] had not been cut short, no human life would be saved; but for the sake of the elect (God's chosen ones) those days will be shortened.

²³ Then if anyone says to you [during the great tribulation], 'Look! Here is the Christ,' or 'There *He is*,' do not believe *it*. ²⁴ For false Christs and false prophets will appear and they will provide great signs and wonders, so as to deceive, if possible, even the elect (God's chosen ones). ²⁵ Listen carefully, I have told you in advance. ²⁶ So if they say to you, 'Look! He is in the wilderness,' do not go out there, or, 'Look! He is in the inner rooms [of a house],' do not believe it. ²⁷ For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming [in glory] of the Son of Man [everyone will see Him clearly]. ²⁸ Wherever the corpse is, there the ^vultures will flock together.

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. ³⁰ 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]. ³¹ 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.

Revelation 22:7-8

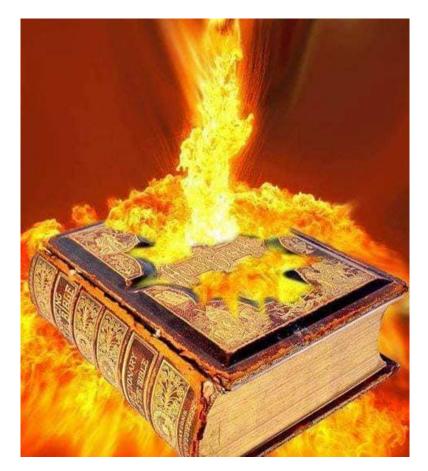
Behold, I come quickly: blessed *is* he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. And I John saw these things and heard *them*. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

Revelation 20:11-15

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Nissan 29, 5780: (Thursday) April 23, 2020

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit and How to Use Them: The Holy Spirit is a gift of God's love. By Lesli White



There are seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. **They are: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety and fear of the Lord**. In the Book of Isaiah 11:2-3, the gifts of the Holy Spirit are described. In the passage, the gifts are considered ones that the Messiah would have possessed. Through Jesus, we also receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Each gift perfects certain basic virtues. Four of them perfect the intellectual virtues. Understanding gives an intuitive look into truth. Wisdom perfects charity, in order to judge divine things. Knowledge perfects the virtue of hope. The gift of counsel perfects prudence. The other three gifts perfect virtues of will and appetites. The gift of piety perfects justice in giving to others what is their due. This is especially true of giving God what is His due. Fortitude perfects the virtue of fortitude, in facing dangers. Fear of the Lord perfects temperance in controlling disordered appetites. It's important that we not only know what the gifts of the Holy Spirit are, but that we also know how to use them.

- 1. Wisdom helps us recognize the importance of others and the importance of keeping God central in our lives. St. Bernard calls wisdom the "supernatural Gift of the Holy Spirit which enables us to know God and to rejoice in perfect love." It is considered the highest gift of the Holy Spirit. It not only enlightens the mind, but also directs the heart to purer, deeper love for God. Wisdom rightly forms our desires so that we take greater delight in the Divine and grow in longing for heavenly treasure. Wisdom helps to sever our more worldly attachments.
- 2. Understanding is the ability to comprehend the meaning of God's message. The gift of understanding enables us to know and comprehend the mysteries of faith more clearly. God desires to sanctify our souls and draw us closer to Himself; so He grants the interior light of understanding to deepen our insight into the Divine mysteries and animate us to serve Him more perfectly. Through understanding we are more able to grasp the meaning of revealed truths and, through them, to be stirred into a more active faith life. In this way, our faith ceases to be sterile, but inspires a mode of life that bears testimony to the faith that is in us.
- 3. Knowledge is the ability to think about and explore God's revelation, and also to recognize there are mysteries of faith beyond us. Through the gift of knowledge, the soul is more able to evaluate created things at their true worth in relation to God. Knowledge reveals the emptiness of creatures outside of their relationship with the Creator and their purpose as instruments in service to God. It also shows us the loving care of God even in adversity, and directs us to glorify Him without reference to our circumstances. Guided by the light of knowledge, we put first-things-first, and value our relationship with God beyond all else.
- 4. Counsel is the ability to see the best way to follow God's plan when we have choices that relate to Him. The gift of counsel moves the soul to choose what will most glorify God and lead to his own salvation. Through this Gift, we learn how we can best please God. Following the inspirations of the Holy Spirit grants us true interior peace and spiritual consolation. Counsel is especially necessary for those who are in positions of leadership, since at such levels of responsibility, natural prudence sometimes does not suffice. We need counsel in the roles as parents, teachers, political leaders and even simply citizens.

- 5. Fortitude is the courage to do what one knows is right. This particular gift of the Holy Spirit destroys all natural fear, timidity and human respect. It strengthens souls to despise sin and to practice virtue. Fortitude enables souls to prefer contempt, temporal loss, persecution and even death over the denial of Christ by word or deed. It empowers us to oppose and overcome the enemies of our salvation and to live according to the will of God even in spite of temptation, difficulties and persecutions. It prepares to face great sacrifices for our salvation with courage.
- 6. Piety helps us pray to God in true devotion. The gift of piety or godliness infuses reverence for God and Divine things into our souls and gives us joy in prayer. Through piety, the Holy Spirit inclines us to love God as our perfect and loving Father, to love more deeply His dearly beloved Son. Piety moves us not only to love of the Saints and Angels, but also to love our fellow man, as the images and children of God. It causes us to feel the sweetest pleasure in conversing with God, in listening to spiritual reading and in hearing the Divine Word. The pious soul delights to do the will of the Father and constantly has at heart all that tends to the honor and glory of God.
- 7. Fear of the Lord is the feeling of amazement before God, who is all-present, and whose friendship we do not want to lose. There are two kinds of fear: the fear of a servant and the fear of a child. Of the two, childlike fear of God is the more noble and beautiful. It urges the soul to avoid even the least sin in order not to displease God, our loving and caring Father. Fear of the Lord is that childlike fear which causes us to dread no misfortune so much as that of a displeasing God, making us flee from sin as the greatest evil. The Saints were animated by childlike fear and love for the Heavenly Father and were ready to die rather than break His holy law by willful sin.

The gift of the Holy Spirit is a privilege, given to those who place their faith in Jesus Christ. Once you accept Jesus Christ in the waters of baptism, you will receive this gift. With this privilege comes great responsibility. With the Holy Spirit guiding us, we must seek earnestly to remove ourselves from a context of sin, and obey the commands of God. Our thoughts and our actions should build up the kingdom of God. Just as the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we too as Christians can enjoy the fullness, greatness and power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives, and enhancing our relationship with God. Accept the Holy Spirit at work in your life today.

Nissan 30, 5780: (Friday) April 24, 2020

"I Am Dressing You for Your Destiny" Mandy Woodhouse, Brisbane, Australia

I had a dream a few nights ago that angels were carefully dressing me in dress after dress. I would wear one very pretty dress for a while in the dream, and then they would appear with a new, even lovelier dress and I would have to change again and again. At one stage, I was wearing the most glorious dress I had ever worn – even prettier than my wedding dress!

It was a "2 Corinthians 3:18" feeling – going from "glory to glory."

I remember that I was in this most beautiful dress in the dream, and I was attending a worship service where I was wildly jumping in praise. As it happens in dreams, it was like I was having an "out of body" experience, looking down upon myself as I worshiped the Lord in this beautiful dress. I asked the Lord why He was robbing me in all these gorgeous dresses, and I heard Him say, **"I AM DRESSING YOU FOR YOUR DESTINY."** I felt like He said that since there was such acceleration in this kairos time in history, He was going through my "new" dresses more quickly than ever.

New Wineskins

For about a year now, I have seen the numbers "222" everywhere. On the clock, on number plates on cars, on homes and businesses and in books. My eyes have been drawn to these numbers, and it has actually increased coming into 2020. I know that these numbers can mean open doors, **but Holy Spirit drew me to Mark 2:22**, which says, "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins – and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins."

Anyone who is part of a prophetic community or who knows the times knows what this means! New wine is indeed being poured out on the Body of Christ at the moment, and many of God's people are realizing that they are in need of NEW wineskins to hold the destiny that God has ordained for them. The Lord showed me my dream again in slow motion, and with every change of garment that took place, there was a new level of freedom and praise that went forth. I felt like the Lord showed me that the removing of OLD garments is a symbol of stepping into the new season that God has given us. The morning after this dream, I was going through some clothing that I had in a storage box under the bed. I found two new dresses that I had never worn, and I felt Holy Spirit prompt me to throw them out, though I had not yet had a chance to wear them. I also had a third, favorite dress that I have worn and loved for years. There was a strong sense that I was to toss all three dresses. I was then reminded of a prophetic word that I received, before moving from America to Australia 7 months ago, in which the person told me that **I would be receiving a "whole new wardrobe, both naturally and spiritually."**

As I began to think on this word, I heard the Lord's voice again:

"Sometimes you have to be willing to part with the old garments – even the new and yet unneeded ones – in order to make room for the NEW and BETTER garments you'll be given."

I believe the same applies to wineskins. Some people hold onto the old wineskins not just because of affectionate attachment, but because of fear that the new won't quiet "fit" the way the old did. Some people "hoard" out of fear masquerading as wisdom. I see the Lord pouring out love and SMASHING ALL FEAR now, in the name of Jesus!

"...But perfect love casts out fear..." (1 John 4:18)

Shed the Old Man

I was reminded of a little Australian bearded dragon that was following me around a few weeks ago. I was at a wildlife park in Brisbane, just enjoying the sunshine and time with Jesus, and there was a little bearded dragon that took a liking to me. I sat with my journal for some time, and he sat at my feet. I felt for the little guy because he had a large piece of skin peeling from his tail, and it seemed to trip him up. If I walked through the trees or leaves and he tried to follow me, he always ended up with sticks and foliage sticking to him, or his little feet would trip over the growing collection of junk that was attached to this dragging skin on his tail.

Google tells me that bearded dragons tend to shed skin up until they are a mature age. Once they hit maturity, they no longer shed or worry about tripping over the rubbish they've collected along the way. They are free and without hindrance. Holy Spirit reminded me that this little guy kept tripping over his own skin and what was caught on it.

Then the Lord said, "The time has come for My people to SHED THE OLD MAN so that they aren't carrying around DEAD SKIN anymore."

Many people are still carrying around their old, dead man. Many people have forgotten or have no idea that they have been "crucified with Christ." They need reminding that they are now FREE and MATURE, thanks to what Jesus has done for them. I heard Him say, "NOW IS THE TIME to dig deep into My wells of Holy Spirit and find out who you TRULY ARE because of Christ Jesus." **The old man no longer has any power over the people of God, and it's time to cut him off and live by faith from the identity that Jesus died to give.**

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me." (Galatians 2:20)

"..[K]nowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin." (Romans 6:6-7)

The Old Garments That Hold You Back

My husband and I, many times, have felt like we can know the times and seasons of our spiritual lives through the state of our wardrobes. For example, in the past few months, we have found that I have lost weight and most of my old dresses no longer fit because they are baggy and boxy on me. Yet, I do have one dress that seems to have, for some unknown reason, shrunk down in size. Basically, very little actually FITS me anymore.

Likewise, my husband has had to buy bigger shoes because his 38-year-old foot has supernaturally grown, and several of his shirts are now too small for him. Other pairs of pants have holes in them, and we are both having to purchase new gym clothes because we feel restricted and unable to properly exercise with what we are currently wearing.

In fact, my husband sadly had to throw out his favorite exercise shirt recently for these very reasons. I could have tried sewing up the holes, or stretching out the fabric to make it bigger, but we felt it was TIME to let go of the old.

I heard the Lord say, "DO NOT BE RESTRICTED BY YOUR OLD WINESKINS! Get ready for the new garments by throwing out the old." "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:18-19a)

I felt the Lord point out, in the Body of Christ, several areas that represent the "old garments."

- Mindsets
- Relationships
- Ways of connecting to God's presence
- Words that we speak, and whether they carry life or death (Proverbs 18:21)

In each of these areas, He reminded me that He is wanting to do a new, fresh thing. We know that just because something may have worked in the past it may not work now; but I feel like it's even bigger than that. The Father actually wants to make everything NEW. He is a faithful, good, trustworthy Father who truly does have our best interests at heart, and the best interests of our future nations and generations. The rest of Isaiah 43:18-21 reads as follows:

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honor Me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to My chosen people, the people whom I formed for Myself that they might declare My praise."

Not only is He doing something NEW, but He is also making paths in the wilderness and rivers in dry regions! He does it all for His people, those He loves and gave His own life for. This includes us as well as the future nations and generations who have yet to know Him. I believe that anything that would hold us back from the kind of Kingdom life that pushes toward destiny is restrictive and has come to the end of its season.

Dry Bones, New Skin

"The hand of the Lord was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And He said to me, **'Son of man, can**

these bones live?' And I answered, 'O Lord God, You know.' Then He said to me, 'Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

"So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then He said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.' So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army." (Ezekiel 37:1-10)

The Lord showed me a picture of this. He said to me, "When I put the flesh and skin on those old bones, it wasn't the same skin as before. I gave them NEW SKIN, NEW FLESH! **When you prophesy over yourself or others, always prophesy the NEW, and stop expecting it to look like it used to!**"

Glory to Glory

As I quoted at the beginning, from 2 Corinthians 3:18, **the Body of Christ is moving from "glory to glory."** I love how The Passion Translation puts it: **"We can all draw close to Him with the veil removed from our faces. And with no veil we all become like mirrors who brightly reflect the glory of the Lord Jesus. We are being transfigured into His very image as we move from one brighter level of glory to another. And this glorious transfiguration comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."**

I believe that this verse perfectly sums up the answer to the question about HOW we are to dress for destiny and usher in the new. We can all draw close to Him with the veil removed from our faces. This makes me so full of joy! Also, He told me recently that His presence is NOT a cliché; it is EVERYTHING that we need! We can no longer afford to disregard the call to go deeper or stay longer in His

presence. THIS is how we move from glory to glory, and this is how we have the ability and strength to let go of the old to make room for the new.

Time to Get Dressed

Friends, the truth is that we can live from the deep wells of Holy Spirit within us and not from what worked in the past or how we think things could look now. We do not live from yesterday's manna, "...but on every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). In His presence, sharing His heartbeat and knowing His very words, you will find new garments for your destiny! You will be filled with new wine and will see that your old skin has ALREADY been severed so that you can prophesy and receive all NEW SKIN for the new season! All this to the glory and honor and praise of our Lord and Savior, our precious King Jesus!

"I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, my soul will exult in my God; for He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels." (Isaiah 61:10)

IN CONCLUSION

Again I want to give special thanks to all who contributed to this devotional prayer guide: The Amplified, King James, New American Standard and Passion versions of the WORD of GOD were used in this study. Words of Prophecy from: Chuck Pierce with Robert and Linda Heidler, Bill and Marsha Burns, , Inspiration Ministries, Judaism 101, Sandy Newman, DeeAnn Ward, Naanah Green, Candice Smithyman , Jo Ellen Stevens, Jamie Rohrbaugh, Christy Johnston, Jordan Biegler, Veronika West, Doug Addison, Judy Jacobs, Lesli White, Mandy Woodhouse, Pat Francis, The Elijah List, James Nesbit, Bible Gateway, John Rockwell, and myself with additional quotes from sermons and the book "A Time To Advance" by Chuck Pierce with Robert and Linda Heidler.

I encourage everyone to go to the Elijah List website as well as each author to see a complete list of the works of each contributor. The Republic Prayer Guide is just that, a daily devotional consisting of the WORD OF GOD as well as prophetic insight from multiple contributors reposted for HIS Glory. The Republic and Chaplain Wade Butler

do not make or receive and remuneration for this publication as this work is just passing on the great insight of so many contributors.

Blessings and enjoy,

Dr. Wade Butler, Chaplain

Below is a bonus for all to enjoy! The wild flowers of Texas in springtime;



The beauty of creation