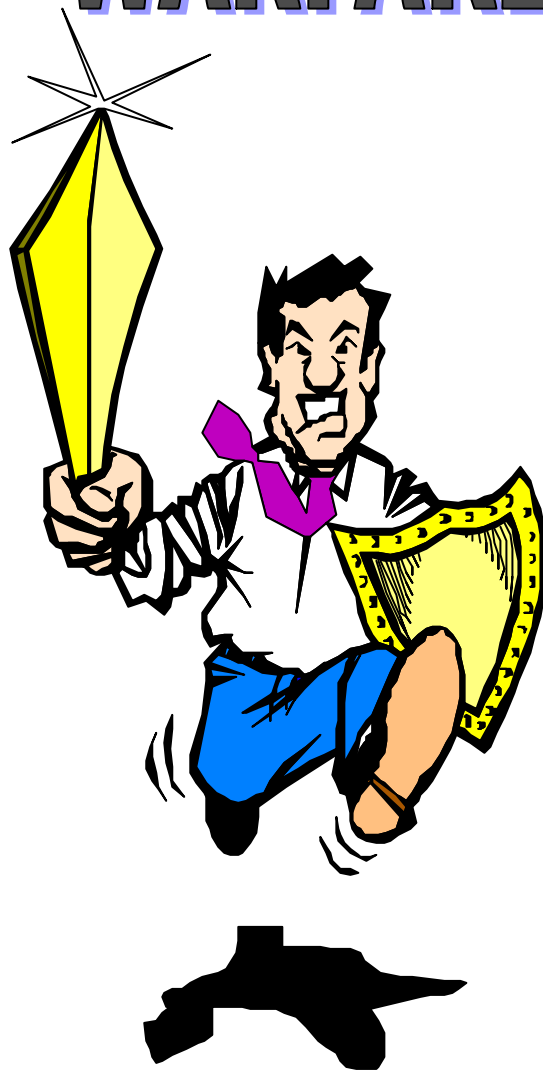


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INTRODUCTION

The Apostolic ministry has many characteristics and one of them is **militancy**.

There is a curse on those who do not fight:

JER. 48:10 *"10 **Cursed** be he who does the work of the Lord **negligently** [with slackness, deceitfully]; and **cursed** be he who keeps back his sword from blood [in **executing judgment pronounced by the Lord**]."*

There are four words to describe **militancy**:

1. **Strateuomai** (Strong's 4754)

- To contend with carnal inclination.
- To serve in a military campaign.
- To execute the office of the apostle –

I TIM 1:18 *"This charge and admonition I commit in trust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with prophetic intimations which I formerly received concerning you, so that inspired and aided by them you may **wage the good warfare** ..."*

When you receive a prophetic word, get **into** your prophecy.

2. **Strateia** (Strong's 4752)

The Apostolic career:

- military service (hardship and danger).
- warfare.

II COR 10:4 *"For the weapons of our warfare are not physical weapons of flesh and blood, but they are **mighty** before God for the **overthrow** and **destruction** of **strongholds**."*

A prophetic word is like military orders. Now the Apostolic anointing empowers you to execute those orders to fulfill your military career (i.e. to fulfill the Great Commission).

3. **Strateuma** (Strong's 4753)

- A body of troops, army.
- A soldier / a man of valour.

4. **Strategos** (Strongs 4755)

- A general, governor, captain or magistrate.



PS. 37:23-26 “23 The steps of a **[good] man** are directed and **established** by the Lord when He delights in his way [and He busies Himself with his every step].

24 Though he falls, he shall not be utterly cast down, for the Lord grasps his hand in support and upholds him.

25 I have been young and now am old, yet have I not seen the [uncompromisingly] righteous forsaken or their seed begging bread.

26 All day long they are merciful and deal graciously; they lend, and their offspring are blessed.”

1. **GOOD MAN** – There are five Hebrew words that can be translated as “man”. The word that is used here is “GEVER”, also spelt as “GEBHER”. It comes from the root word “GAVAR” which means **to be strong**. “GEVER” means: “**A valiant man, a warrior**”, and it is associated with warfare and has to do with the strength and vitality of the successful warrior. It is also the technical term for nobility. A GEVER does not back off and has the courage to press on in spite of resistance.
2. **ESTABLISHED** – Hebrew word is KUWN and it means to be established, to be firm, steadfast, fixed. The main idea is to bring something into an incontrovertible existence. So the **ways of a warrior is established by the Lord in such a way that it cannot be destroyed**, and if he should fall the Lord will grab him at the hand and help to keep him standing. Such a person will always experience God’s provision and his children will never suffer hunger.
3. **BE WARNED**, a GEVER whose paths are determined and established by the Lord will always be in conflict by those whose pathways are determined by themselves or tradition. People who do not come under the Lordship of Jesus will always resist those who have made Jesus their King and have submitted to His absolute authority. That which is born of the flesh will always resist that which has been born from the Spirit:

GAL. 4:29 “29 Yet [just] as at that time the child [of ordinary birth] born **according to the flesh despised and persecuted him [who was born remarkably] according to [the promise and the working of] the [Holy] Spirit, so it is now also.**”



God is **gathering** and **mobilizing** His army.

Apostolic anointing: Not just talk, but **ACTION**.

In the last ± 10 years the prophetic anointing has been calling God’s people out of tradition, a life of mediocrity, comfortability, doctrines of demons, etc.

Now God is calling forth the **Apostolic**; birds **of prey** (hawks, falcons, eagles).

IS 46:10, 11 *"Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose. **Calling a ravenous bird from the east - the man Cyrus who executes My counsel from a far country.** Yes, I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have spoken it, and I will do it."*



FOUR CHARACTERISTICS

1. **Spiritual weight** must be right to be alert, awake, watchful - prayer **and fasting!**
2. **Great eyesight** - insight and revelation.
3. **Swift** (300 - 350 km/h) - must be ready to move and move fast as the **Captain of the Host** commands.
4. **Focused**, fully determined - not giving up and not giving in.

IS 59:19 *"So as the result of the Messiah's intervention they shall reverently **fear** the Name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will **lift up a standard** against him and **put him to flight** for He will come **like a rushing stream** which the **breath of the Lord drives.**"*

IS 13: 2-5 *"Raise up a **signal banner** upon the high and bare mountain, summon them, the Medes and Persians, with **loud voice** and **beckoning hand** that they **may enter the gates of the Babylonian nobles.** I Myself, says the Lord, **have commanded My designated ones and have summoned** My mighty men **to execute My anger**, even My proudly exulting ones, the Medes and Persians - those who are made to triumph for My honour. Hark, the uproar of a multitude in the mountains, like that of a great people! The noise of the tumult of the kingdoms of the nations gathering together! **The Lord of hosts is mustering the host for the battle.** They come from a distant country, from the uttermost part of the heavens, the far east - even the Lord and **the weapons of His indignation** - to seize and destroy the whole land."*

MOBILIZING THE CHURCH TO FULFILL THE GREAT COMMISSION

NB: It's not just **evangelizing**!

It will need the total Apostolic anointing of the Five Fold ministries.

The Apostle is a Sent One. The Holy Spirit was also a Sent One.

Jesus said *"Just as the Father has sent Me, so I send you."* We are all **sent ones**.

Moving in the **sent-anointing**, miracles will happen. You will also have the authority to see the breakthrough.

ACTS 4:33 *"And with **great strength** and **ability** and **power** the apostles delivered their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and **great grace** (loving-kindness and favour goodwill) rested richly upon them all."*

Mega-grace: more than enough to fulfill our ministries and callings.

Romans speaks about an abundance of grace and Peter says *"Let grace and peace be multiplied unto you"*.

The Apostolic anointing imparts GRACE to the Church.

God is gathering His people together and releasing strategies for warfare with spiritual research, etc. Never before has the Church had the resources and anointing as we are experiencing today!

This anointing is to FINISH THE WORK.

JOHN 4:34 *"Jesus said to them, My food (nourishment) is to **do the will** (pleasure) of Him Who sent Me and to **accomplish** and **completely finish His work**"*

**WE HAVE TO COME INTO COVENANT WITH GOD FOR OUR LAND
TO POSSESS IT!**

God is raising a **hungry** people in this hour to pay the price of **persecution**; willing to pay the price of people speaking bad about you, telling you you're crazy, etc.

**DON'T LET ANYONE HOLD YOU BACK FROM WHERE THE SENT-
ANOINTING IS!!**

Focus on the Great Commission to win souls and disciple the nations. FINISH THE WORK!!

The Apostolic anointing means to **LABOUR**.

DO NOT QUIT!

JOHN 5:36 *"But I have as My witness something greater (weightier, higher, better) than that of John; for the works that the Father has appointed Me to **accomplish** and **finish**, the very same works that I am now doing, are a **witness** and **proof** that the **Father has sent Me**."*

ACTS 20:24 *"But none of these things move me; neither do I esteem my life dear to myself, if only **I may finish my course with joy** and the ministry which I have obtained from which was entrusted to me by the Lord Jesus, faithfully to attest to the good news of God's grace (His unmerited favour, spiritual blessing and mercy)."*

THE JOY OF THE LORD IS OUR STRENGTH!!



PROPHECIES FOR SOUTH AFRICA

POPHECY FOR SA FROM JOHN DAWSON 1993

We bless you SA. The winter is over and spring is here!

Jesus says to you: You're beautiful, come away with Me my fair one, come away with Me. Come and take your place within the nations. Come into liberty, come into dignity, and come into purpose. You have been broken and wounded but I will restore your soul and I will give you a good name and a place of honour and you will sit in the gate of the Nations and not be ashamed. But know this; I have set you a task that is impossible without Me. Your marriage, your family-ness as a people cannot work without Me. You are a nation that should not even be tempted by false confidence to think that you can walk without Me. Apart from Me you can do nothing SA. But in Me I will demonstrate through you My Glory.

And we who are of other nations we bless you and we hold you in great esteem for God has put upon you a weight that we do not have for God has given you an assignment more difficult than that which we face. But His grace is sufficient for you and we bless you and we tell you we need you. We need your obedience and your victory to stand as a demonstration of the Living God in a world hopelessly stuck in ancient animosities. Rejected continent you are not rejected, you are chosen.

The Lord writes on your forehead a new name "Beautiful One, Fair One". For He calls you forth, for He loves you. His goal is not even to use you but to bless you. To pour upon you loving kindness, to embrace you with abundance, to establish you in peace, to marry you to one another, and surround you with children.

I believe that the enemy has attacked many people in their minds over the safety of their children. I believe the Lord wants to write through the Church a name on the forehead of the nation and it is "Citadel of safety". It is not the old metaphor of the circled wagons (laager), terrified people clutching their resources, huddled in fear, making inner vows, but it is a quiet confidence that we sit on the lap of the Living God and that He is the Lord of this nation and that in His just governance there is safety for all. There is an inheritance for all and we need not be afraid. There is a place for you San, Khoi, Zulu, Xhosa, not just here but in the nations, for you are fearfully and wonderfully made, beautiful in God's sight and we call to you. We of other nations bless you, we call you beautiful, we call you "Land of Refuge", we call you "Place of Safety".

VISION FOR SOUTH AFRICA

For the Lord showed me a **40 year period** and a **21 year period**. The 21 year period was from 1993. The Lord says there is going to be **three seasons** in SA and the Church. **Three seasons of 7 years**. The **first 7 years** will be the time that the church comes out of **bondage** or **place of limitation**. Too long the Church have been deceived and walked in darkness with regards to its call.

1993-2000: During the 1st 7 years My people will come together to mount Zion, to the mountain of the Lord, to come together and meet the Lord. It is going to be a move of intercession and unity, where My people will come to seek My face. The Lord says it will take 7 years for this to happen. From 1993 for 7 years. It will be a move where I will raise up prophets and apostolic intercessors to stir up the church to come to the holy mountain.

There many will come together from different groups and denominations and find one Lord. Many of them will look at one another and say: "But I didn't think that you would be here?" Yet from all over people will come in their hearts; people that are hungry for the Lord. There is coming a great division between darkness and light in SA. The division is increasing day by day, year by year. The Lord says there is a **spirit of religion** that He hates and that spirit of religion He is slowly but surely breaking down. That spirit of religion caused the spirit of apartheid to follow and the Lord is breaking it down. "I am not breaking down My Church", says the Lord, "I am destroying the division in My Church. Many will fall to the side. Many denominations will simply slide back into the dark ages, yet many others will come out and press into the Mountain of God to hear from Me. Surely there is a day coming that you will meet Me and I am calling all My people to come forward, to come out of the place of bondage and limitation. Come out of Egypt and worship Me at the Mountain and seek My face. For those who will come, I accept as My own people and I will carry them. They shall be unto Me a nation of kings and priests who will serve Me and carry My name. The call is now, the call is now, the call is now. Come, come. Come as ONE to seek My face. Come as ONE to hear My voice. Come as ONE to know Me. For many has searched and asked, but they have asked with idols in their hearts, and I did not hear. Now is not the time to seek and to ask, now is the time to seek Me. Now is the time to come and meet with Me, for I need to impart new things to My people. I need to do a new work in My Church. New foundations must be laid. Even those that think that they have attained much, it is only the beginning. I am laying deeper foundations, I am digging deeper for I will use this nation as an example of **what gold and diamonds and precious stone can come forth**, if My people will humble themselves and allow Me to walk and to talk and to train them. Then My people will see what gold and diamonds will come from this nation; what fire will burn from here. The pressure that I am putting on this nation is for a reason. It has been increasing day by day by the enemy but is going to backfire on him. This pressure is going to bring forth the gold and diamonds. The Lord says those that will go up to the mountain; those that will seek My face – them I will lead. I will accept them as My people to protect and guide. I will be their hope."

2000-2007: **The second 7 years** is going to be like 7 years **in the desert**, where the children of Israel were traveling around. The Lord says: "The purpose for those 7 years is that you might be **humbled** and forget the past. You will make a new resolution in your heart of what I have called you to do. The purpose of this nation – the purpose of SA – I will clarify and purify in the hearts of My people. Many will come and seek My face. They will go forth from My presence when I have imparted My redemptive plan upon them. It shall be a time that I will purify your hearts; a time that I will take out of you the gold, silver and diamonds that are in your hearts. I will remove the greed and pride.

I shall humble you and you shall walk with Me as a people who only have ONE God. The Lord says for these 7 years I shall keep you. You will see My power and My glory day by day as I guide you. I will keep you during that time. But it shall be a time that I will be working in the hearts of My people. Many will run away and fall to the side. Many will say: "Lord, we cannot enter in - there is no Canaan. The giants are too big Lord. The giants are too big." But those who will be faithful and stand fast in their hearts, who will walk with Me and put their faith and trust in Me; to them I shall give a revelation of who I am, and when the enemy comes they will say: "Yes there are giants in the land, but our God is greater. We know Him; we know who He is. He will deliver us."

"It will be a **time of purity**. People from all over will **flock into stadiums**; different denominations, cultures and colours. From all over they will come and they will flock into stadiums and big conferences. It shall be a time of humility; a time that people will weep; a time that people will be purified. **My fire is going to burn**. My fire is going to burn. A time of **tremendous prayer and travail**. Many will not understand what I am doing; many will cry out as if they are desperate; many will cry out because the desert is too hot, but for those who have discernment; those who walk with wisdom, they will see that it is a work of the Lord."

For the Lord says: "Truly in this nation I shall bring forth the message of the cross. Truly from this nation forth My cross shall be preached. From here shall come a company that will say; 'No matter what happens, we've already laid down our lives. What happens in the natural is not important, because we have already surrendered all. We have already crossed over. We are no longer of this world. Nothing in this world can hold us nor persuade us. We are walking as dead men for the glory of God.'"

"After those 7 years there will be such power in this nation that men shall come over. As they minister and visit this nation, they shall be astounded at the amount of grace and power that I am pouring out on this nation. At the end of that 7 year period I shall have **pure prophets and apostles** that will speak with boldness and go into the nations of this world and shake them. They shall **shake the nations**, because they have truly learned to trust and walk with Me."

2007-2014: "**The 3rd period of 7 years** is going to be a **time of battle**. A time that My light is going to break forth. A time that My servants is going to be **trained in warfare**; they are going to be trained to fight with faith and by the word of the Spirit they shall overcome. And it is going to be 7 years that I will fight in this nation. No longer will you fight like you do now, for the ways and schemes of men will pass away. The darkness will be dark and the light will be lighter. The darkness will be utter darkness. The world will say: 'Yes, darkness has come, but My Church will say: 'Wait, wait the light of the Lord has risen upon us.' It will be 7 years that I will press into this nation. No longer will they fight, but I will fight for them. As long as My Church and My people will **walk in unity**, I shall fight for them. As long as they all go forth with ONE purpose and ONE mind to fulfill the call that I have placed upon them and walk in unity and boldness I shall bless whatever they do. And truly there shall be a purity that shine from My servants.

Men shall come and fall down on their faces, because of the purity and power that will radiate from My Church and people in this nation. Truly this redemptive work, the fighting in the spirit and the conquering of the land shall not stop on the borders of SA. It will cross like a flood and flow to the rest of Africa. It shall flow, flow, flow. The darkness will be scattered and flee as the light and the power of God comes. This will be supernatural, but remember the battle that is at hand will not be fought in the flesh, but in the spirit, with My power and grace. I shall send angels and Spirit forth. If My servants and church will humble themselves, walk in love, humility and unity, I shall bless them. I shall conquer for them. I shall break down the walls and places of captivity. I am raising up a Joshua generation that will take the land. Revival is not going to be in isolated places. Revival is not going to be in one denomination or amongst individual groups or amongst certain ethnic groups. Revival will be all over. It is going to **spread from the south and run like a fire**. My spirit shall burst like fire; **it shall burn, it shall burn**. Even men in authority shall tremble when the servants of the Living God enter their presence. They shall fall down and cry because of the light and the power that they will see.

The power and wisdom of God shall blind them. They shall not know where to go, for I shall strike the enemy with blindness in that day. I shall break forth in this country. I shall break forth in this nation. I shall come and establish what I have purposed from the beginning of the earth to be accomplished in SA.”

“From here it shall spread like fire into Africa. From the south to the north it shall burn. Now is the time that I am preparing My people, those that are faithful today, and I am releasing into the continent of Africa. I am preparing the highways and byways. I am linking up people and establishing relationships.

I am doing this for a purpose, because **when the fire falls, it will run on the highways**. It will spread like a wild fire into Africa. No longer will one place burn and they send out a couple of people to go and plant fires. No, the revival that I am bringing is going to burn here and tomorrow it will a 1000 kilometers away and burn just as bright. And it will come in a moment. It will break forth within a day. I will do the things that need to be done within a short space of time. I will do it because it is My plan and purpose.”

The Lord says: “After that time I shall come and flood Africa with My grace. Those that are first shall be last, and those that are last shall be first. And I shall do such a thing that has never been done on the earth. It shall not be a thing that will in one country. It shall not be one country that will be turned around, but it shall be a whole continent that will burn with fire. Now is the time that I am preparing My people. Those that are of faith will be faithful. Press in. Those who are filled with fear, those who have not seen My face will run. But to those like Joshua and Caleb who saw Me and that I am bigger than the giants in Canaan will bow the knee and enter the promised land.

I am calling My people and servants to take hands. If you do not take hands now, you will not be able to stand in that day. If you do not take hands now, you will fall away. If you do not take hands today, My power will not be sufficient. I am bringing My people together for a purpose. Together My people will seek My face, and see that I can surely do what they thought is impossible. I shall bring My people to walk together, no matter what denomination they belong to or what structure they have. I will bring them into unity and they will speak ONE voice. They will flow with ONE heart and act ONE purpose. And the world will see that out of many different nations, tongues and cultures I can bring ONE spirit, ONE language – the language of the Spirit – the language of love. The decision is whether you are going to surrender to press in or whether you are going to be stubborn and fall away. The call is now, the call is now, the call is now.”

CALLING UPON CAPE TOWN

I am doing a new thing in the city of Cape Town. Now is the time that I will re-establish her calling. For she has failed many times in what I have called for her, but yet again I will raise up a people to fulfill this call. Cape Town is called as the cornerstone for the gospel in Africa. Upon her foundation My kingdom and good news into Africa was built. Yet she has lifted up her head and has turned from her calling. She has been made drunk with wine of sinners, and have fallen asleep. She is being taken over by the wicked and her calling has been forgotten. Yet, I am again calling My people to arise and take up the responsibility to fulfill this call. I will shake this city with My anger and I will flood it with My grace. I will shake that all will know that I am not pleased, yet I will pour out My grace that those who hear My call will draw into My kingdom.

I am raising up a new generation who will re-establish My call upon Africa, and who will run like men with wings into Africa to accomplish what I have called her to do. I am calling the spiritual fathers in this city to come together to form an army of workers, who will re-establish the spiritual foundations of Cape Town. For when the foundation of Cape Town are firmly laid upon My purposes for Africa, I will open the gates into Africa. These are spiritual gates that have been locked for ages, that will open when My people will come as one and will walk in unity and humility. When the spiritual fathers in the city will unite as one and will take the responsibility for the calling upon her, I will open the gates and My people will be released to fulfill the task. I will release the Spirit of Love and Wisdom to operate through My prophets and apostles in this city, to lay foundations and to release My purposes into Africa. When this foundation is established I will raise up the young ones to go through the gates to build up the highway for the preparation of My coming. I will raise up a banner to the nations that will be carried along this highway into Africa. My name shall be lifted up in this continent. For those who will be first, will be last and those who will be last will be first. I will use this foundation laid by My prophets and apostles to be an example to the nations. In the place where satan has tried to divide and destroy, I will lay the cornerstone of unity. From this place the world will know that I am He who acts on behalf of them who call upon Me. The gates that have been closed are the gates of unity.

Because of this division between black and white through all the ages, My power could not be fully released upon this continent. If My people in Cape Town will pray, humble themselves, repent and come as ONE people before Me, I will open the gates, and My Spirit shall be released upon Africa. Many have spoken and prophesied about the revival and fire that will begin in Cape Town. "This is the key to that revival," says the Lord. Yet, the foundation may not be selfish, for then the revival will not come. If the foundation is to release My people to go through and build up the highway into Africa, I will send the revival. Until that day of unity and the laying of the new foundations in unity, I will not release My Spirit and blessing. This is not the call upon one church and one group, but it is the call upon My whole Church in Cape Town. Unless you all come as ONE, I will not do this. Therefore reach out to your brother, repent of pride and arrogance and come in unity before Me, for then I will command My blessing.

I will use the prophets and apostles in this city to gather others and to begin to run into Africa and build up the highway and remove the stones, the church will move as ONE. Each one will leave his own house and will begin to build on the house of the Lord. Yes, many will laugh and will say this is impossible, but I am He who will act on behalf of My people. And the world shall come to this city and they will learn from the fathers in the city and I will raise up a banner here that will never go down until I return. It will be a place where peoples of the world shall come to see the power of God as it flows from the foundations of the prophets and apostles. In many places you will find much larger churches and revivals in Africa, but in no other place will you find the foundations as pure and strong. The fathers in this city shall walk as one and shall not turn against each other; each one going his own way.

Arise and shine for My light is upon you. I am waiting for your unity, that I might fulfill My call and purpose in Africa.

DUTCH SHEETS (PORT ELIZABETH, 06/02/2003)

I heard the Lord say:

I'm giving South Africa one more chance to move into her destiny. It has been my plan that this nation be a model for the nations of the earth of what I can do. So I have a great desire, the Lord says, to heal you, to heal your history, and to bring you to a new place where I can begin to move by my Spirit out from this place over this nation. I want to heal this nation. I want to bring wholeness. And I want a wave of a different kind of a revolution to begin to come from this land. I want it to be life. I want it to be righteousness. I want it to be wholeness and I want it to be harmony. And I'm asking this nation to go to another level, the Lord says. I am asking you to go to another place. I'm asking you to go beyond even what you would want for your own individual life and fellowship. I'm asking this land to go to a place that you would allow me to make it a nation that models something for the earth. And if you would let me do that, I would rebuild the ancient ruins and the age-old foundations - that which I planned from old I would begin to do.

And I would take you to that place where revival would begin to spring forth from here that would sweep the continent of Africa - and the eyes of the world would see what I could do with a nation that turns to me. For is it not written in my Word, "Can a nation be born in a day?" and "When Zion travails she brought forth her sons and daughters"? And I say to you: This is the day that I am asking you to travail for the soul of a nation! And I'm asking you to join me as I war over this land. For I'm going to do, the Lord says, what many do not believe that I can do. I am going to what you sang - I am going to save Africa. I am going to bring a sweeping move of my Spirit that heals and restores. I am going to tear down century-old strongholds. And I am going to remove the mixture from my church and my people first. And then I am going to begin to deal with the strongholds that have been implanted in the soil of this land for generations. Because I will do what I said I would do! That is why I am going to remove the mixture from this place. And just as it was exported - the idolatry and religious mixture was even exported from here to other nations of the earth - I am going to begin then to export my life from this land into the nations of the earth, into the islands of the sea. And I am going to unlock the strongholds of voodoo and witchcraft that have permeated even other lands from this continent, says the Lord. So you wonder why I won't let you go home. And you wonder why I have said to you NO, you can't do this, you can't do that. And even in meetings like this why I say to you STOP! STOP! We have something else to do! It is because I have a higher plan, the Lord says. It is because I will not allow it in this season to be about your need only, or your church only, or your fellowship only. It is because I have a plan that is much bigger than you! It is for a nation, the Lord says. I am calling you - to war - for a nation.

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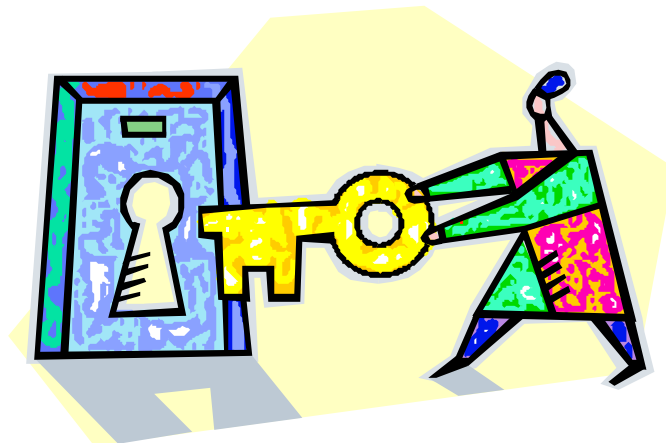
"I am going to begin to shift and move and change," the Lord says. 'Look to the government, for I am going to bring a revival into the government of South Africa, and I will establish my Lordship at the very top,' says God. 'I am getting ready to visit and visit and visit. Am I not the King of the universe? Can I not begin to appear to those who need me?' And the Lord says, 'As you begin to cry out, I am getting ready to loose an angelic host upon this nation and this host of angels,' says God, 'is going to begin to visit.' The Lord says, 'Look and see what I will do, for this is the year I am going to give land to My churches. This is the year. Not just one church,' says God, 'but I am getting ready to re-distribute land,' says God. 'Churches that have tried to build buildings for many years, but have not been able to break through - this is the year,' says God, 'and this is the year that I am going to begin to reverse the curse on the land, and those who have suffered in poverty I am going to begin to give ideas and dreams and visions, and you will see that I am Lord over the finances as well.' The Lord says, 'There will be a day that the wealthiest people in South Africa are My children, and I am going to cause South Africans to rise up,' the Lord says."

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The Holy Spirit is hovering over South Africa! The Holy Spirit is hovering over South Africa! For the Lord would say: I'm coming to bring swift judgment upon My enemies. For this is a time I'm going to shift this nation, says the Lord. This is a time I'm going to take you from the one place to the other. And the Lord says: To those who have been My enemies, this is a time to repent. For on this day I will bring swift judgment against My enemies who have been in witchcraft. I'll bring swift judgment against My enemies who will stand and curse My children, and those who would speak against My beloved. And I would say to you, those who are in witchcraft and those who have been My enemies: Do not be My enemies any longer, be My beloved. For the Lord would say that there has been an army who is being captured by a strongman of witchcraft, but My army is arising in this land. It is greater than any power that has ever been seen in the earth, says the Lord.

And the Lord says: I'm coming with My strong right arm, and I am God, and I am not afraid of any enemy, for I am rising as a man of war. . .

... We are getting ready to change some things. There is a declaration we're going to declare - we are going to declare over a new Brighton. The Lord showed me a picture of an angel. An angel with keys. The Lord showed me this angel is getting ready to unlock things in this nation. He's going to unlock parliament first. He's going to unlock the treasures of the earth. He's going to unlock the door to the nations. He's getting ready to unlock the gold the diamonds. We're going to shift the some things And our God is going to expose the Satanists. He's getting ready to expose...



LESSON 1

ALTARS

INTRODUCTION

DEFINITION

ALTAR Surface or structure upon which a religious sacrifice is offered.

Hebrew - *Mizbeah* **Place of sacrifice.**

- Altars are mentioned 228 times in the Bible - 24 times in the NT. It means a "place of sacrifice" or a "place to meet with God". Thus, a place to worship God.
- Both the **heathen and pagan** nations and the Israelites built altars as is shown by archaeological excavations. In both cases they were primarily used for sacrifices.
- Although **common in many cultures, the altar is not universal**. It is rarely found in indigenous religions of South America and Africa. Islam seems to be the only world religion that does not use it.
- Many altars are found in the **modern world** of today. The **earliest and most reliable evidence of an altar**, dating from about 2000 BC, is a horned limestone structure excavated at the ancient Palestinian city of Megiddo.

1. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ALTARS AND HIGH PLACES

1.1 HIGH PLACES

- Hebrew *Bama*.
- This is not the same as an altar. It is a shrine on a hill or a high place where an altar was built.
- High places carry overtones of **dominance and control**.
- Israel also later used these high places (I Kings 12) nominally dedicated to God. They clearly included many pagan images such as standing stones, Asherah poles, sacred prostitution and other fertility rites.
- These high places were the **major source** of moral and religious collapse (II Kings 17:19). We must also be careful not to compromise with the world.

II KINGS 17: 9-11, 16, 17 “9 *The Israelites did secretly against the Lord their God things not right. **They built for themselves high places** in all their towns, from [lonely] watchtower to [populous] fortified city.*

10 *They set up for themselves **pillars** and Asherim [symbols of the goddess Asherah] on **every high hill** and under **every green tree**.*

11 *There they burned incense on all the **high places**, as did the nations whom the Lord carried away before them; and they did wicked things provoking the Lord to anger.*

16 *And they forsook all the commandments of the Lord their God and made for themselves molten images, even two calves, and made an **Asherah** and worshiped all the [starry] **hosts of the heavens** and **served Baal**.*

17 *They caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire and used **divination** and **enchancements** and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking Him to anger.”*

1.2 APPEARANCE

- Altars vary in **size, shape and construction**. Places of offering or sacrifice may take the form of a mound of earth, a heap of stones, one large slab of stone, wood, or metal or a trench dug into the ground like the *vedi* (altar) of ancient India.
- The altar, as a **heaped-up mound** of earth, also symbolized the sacred mother; its very shape could be compared with the **body of a woman**.

1.3 USE

- The altar has been ascribed **deep religious and symbolic significance**. It has been considered a **holy and revered** object, a place **hallowed by the divine presence**, where **contact and communication** with deities and **other spirits** could be achieved.
- So **sacred was its power**, often protected by taboos, that it served, at times, as an asylum for those seeking refuge.
- At the heart of all altar symbolism lies the idea that it is **the center or image of the universe**. Particularly in India, the **cosmic significance** of the altar was fully explored. The ancient sages saw its different parts as representing the **various sections** of the universe and concluded that its construction was a repetition of creation.
- Altars were not necessarily associated with temples. In some Greek and Roman cults for example, the **altar stood in front of a sacred building** and it was the altar, not the temple that was the focus of religious ceremony.
- Very often **the form and position** of an altar reflected its **function**: A **raised** altar was used for sacrifices to the celestial deities of Mount Olympus, for example pits or trenches served as **receptacles** for offerings to gods of the earth or the underworld.

- Although the term is sometimes used simply to designate a **centre** for religious rituals or **for the worship of deities**, and although in many societies sacrifices are offered **without an altar**, altars and sacrifice are generally connected in the **religious history of humanity**.

1.4 USE IN DIFFERENT CULTURES

Different purposes and to totally different gods and with different attitudes of heart:

1.4.1 PAGAN SACRIFICES

- Were out of an attitude of **fear** for all kinds of punishments from their gods who always had to be appeased.
- They also had, on their part, tried to win their gods' favour or acceptance by self-effort.
- They even went so far as to sacrifice their **own children** to gods who could never be satisfied.
- As a means of thanking their God for his **goodness**.

1.4.2 SACRIFICES OF ISRAEL TO GOD

- To remind God of **their total trust** and **dependence** upon Him to **acknowledge** Him as the only God, to name only a few. **No self-effort** to please God was necessary, just an obedient and humble heart.
- **In ancient Hebrew religion**, altars were used both for animal **sacrifice** and for **offerings** of grain, wine, and incense. The function of these altars was the same as in many other religions of the ancient Near East, although there were some important differences. For example, the common **pagan belief that sacrifice is a way of feeding the gods** acquires a strictly metaphorical meaning in Judaism.
- In **Christianity** the altar held far-reaching religious meaning. Starting from a simple **communion table**, the altar became a symbol of Christ and was marked with five symbolic wounds at its consecration. Many passages of Scripture lend themselves to symbolic interpretation in connection with the altar. For example, the stone of which the altar is constructed could be viewed as symbolic of Christ, the "**cornerstone**" of the church (Matthew 21:42).
- **By the Middle Ages (5th to 15th century)**, the **Christian altar** had become a richly **decorated throne** on which lay the consecrated host (bread and wine) for the purpose of adoration (see Eucharist). As in many other religions, the altar table in Christianity has been the focal point of unity, reverence, prayer and worship.

1.4.3 NEW TESTAMENT APPLICATION

- In **Hebrews chapters 8 and 9** the apostle Paul clearly shows that all things related to the tabernacle and temple service were typical (**Heb 8:5; 9:23**). The significance of the two altars is made evident by information in the Christian Greek scriptures. The altar of burnt offerings represented God's will that is His willingness to accept the perfect human sacrifice of His only begotten Son (**Heb. 10: 5-10**).
- Its location in front of the entrance to the sanctuary emphasizes the requirement of faith in that ransom sacrifice as a prerequisite for acceptance by God (**John 3:16**).
- The incense in the NT speaks of the prayers of the saints.

HEB 13: 10-16 *"We have **an altar** from which those who serve and worship in the tabernacle have no right to eat. For when the blood of animals is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin, the victims' bodies are burned outside the limits of the camp. Therefore Jesus also suffered and died outside the city's gate in order that He might purify and consecrate the people through the shedding of His own blood and set them apart as holy for God. Let us then go forth from all that would prevent us to Him outside the camp at Calvary, bearing the contempt and abuse and shame with Him. For here we have no permanent city, but we are looking for the one which is to come. Through Him, therefore, let us constantly and at all times **offer up to God a sacrifice of praise**, which is the fruit of lips that thankfully acknowledge and confess and glorify His name. Do not forget or neglect to do kindness and good, to be generous and distribute and contribute to the needy of the church as embodiment and proof of fellowship, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."*

PROHIBITION TO PARTAKE IN HEATHEN AND IDOL PRACTICES

Deut 16: 21-22 *"21 You shall not plant for yourselves any kind of tree dedicated to [the goddess] Asherah beside the **altar of the Lord your God** which you shall make.
22 Neither shall you set up an **idolatrous stone or image**, which the Lord your God hates."*

Lev 2: 11-22 *"11 No cereal offering that you bring to the Lord shall be made with leaven, for you shall burn no leaven or honey in any offering made by fire to the Lord.
12 As an offering of firstfruits you may offer leaven and honey to the Lord, but they shall not be burned on **the altar** for a sweet odor [to the Lord, for their aid to fermentation is symbolic of corruption in the human heart].
13 Every cereal offering you shall season with salt [symbol of preservation]; neither shall you allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your cereal offering; with all your offerings you shall offer salt."*

14 If you offer a cereal offering of your firstfruits to the Lord, you shall offer for it of your firstfruits grain in the ear parched with fire, bruised and crushed grain out of the fresh and fruitful ear.

15 And you shall put oil on it and lay frankincense on it; it is a cereal offering.

16 The priest shall burn as its memorial portion part of the bruised and crushed grain of it and part of the oil of it, with all its frankincense; it is an offering made by fire to the Lord.

CONCLUSION

- Altars establishes thrones.
- **Jesus**, through **righteousness and justice** , established HIS Throne.

2. ALTARS IN THE BIBLE

BUILT BY

- Noah, Gen 8:20. [God makes a promise to never again destroy earth with a flood.]
- Abraham, Gen 12: 7, 8; 13:18; 22:9. [Promise land to him.]
- Isaac, Gen 26:25. [Promises of blessings.]
- Jacob, Gen 33:20; 35: 1-7.
- Moses, Ex 17:15; 24:4. [The Lord is my banner.]
- Balaam, Num 23:1, 14, 29. [7 altars]
- Joshua, Deut 27: 4-7.
- Josh 8: 30-32.
- Reubenites and Gadites, Josh 22: 10, 34.
- Gideon, Judg 6: 26, 27.
- Samuel, I Sam 7:17.
- Saul, I Sam 14:35.
- David, II Sam 24: 18, 19.
- Elijah, I Kings 18: 31, 32.

3. GOD DESTROYS ALTARS

LAM 2: 7-8 “*The Lord has scorned, rejected, and cast off His altar; He has abhorred and disowned His sanctuary. He has given into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces and high buildings; they have raised a clamor in the house of the Lord as on a day of a solemn appointed feast. The Lord purposed to lay in ruins the city wall of the Daughter of Zion. He marked it off by measuring line; he restrained not His hand from destroying. He made rampart and wall lament; they languished together.*”

4. ALTARS SPEAK

REV 16: 7 “*And I heard the altar saying, Yea, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Thy judgments. (ASV)*”

REV 16:7 “*And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Thy judgments. (KJV)*”

REV 16:7 “*And I heard another out of the altar saying, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments. (NKJV)*”

5. IDOLATROUS AND FALSE ALTARS

5.1 THOSE WHO ARE PROHIBITED TO PARTAKE

EX 21:14 “*14 But if a man comes willfully upon another to slay him craftily, you shall take him from **My altar** [to which he may have fled for protection], that he may die.*”

LEV 21:23 “*23 But he shall not come within the veil or come near **the altar** [of incense], because he has a blemish, that he may not desecrate and make unclean My sanctuaries and hallowed things; for I the Lord do sanctify them.*”

LEV 22: 21-22 “*21 And whoever offers a sacrifice of peace offering to the Lord to make a special vow to the Lord or for a freewill offering from the herd or from the flock must bring what is perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish in it.
22 Animals blind or made infirm and weak or maimed, or having sores or a wen or an itch or scabs, you shall not offer to the Lord or make an offering of them by fire upon **the altar** to the Lord.*”

5.2 IDOLATROUS ALTARS

- The heathen nations led Israel into false worship, which manifested in idol worship, which led to the establishment of demonic thrones.
- Altars were used in heathen practices.

JUDGES 6:25 *"And it happened on that night the LORD said to him, Take your father's young bull, even the second bull of seven years, and throw down the altar of Baal which your father has, and cut down the pillar by it."*

I KINGS 12:32 *"And Jeroboam ordered a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast that is in Judah. And he offered **on the altar**. So he did in Bethel, **sacrificing to the calves** that he had made. And he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made."*

I KINGS 16: 32-33 *"And he reared **up an altar** for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. And Ahab made an Asherah. And Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him."*

I KINGS 18:26 *"And they took the bull which was given them, and they dressed, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any who answered. And they leaped **on the altar** which was made."*

II KINGS 16:10 *"And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria at Damascus. And he **saw an altar** at Damascus. And king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the pattern of the altar, and the form of it, according to all its work."*

II KINGS 23: 12, 15 *"And **the altars** which were on the top of the upper room of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and **the altars** which Manasseh had made, and the two courts of the house of the LORD, the king beat them down, and broke them down from there. And he threw the dust of them into the brook Kidron."*

ISAIAH 27:9 *"By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged, and this is all the fruit to take away his sin; when he makes all the stones **of the altar** as chalkstones that are beaten in pieces, the Asherahs and sun-pillars shall not stand up. A people who without ceasing provoke Me to anger to My face, who sacrifice in gardens, and burn incense on the bricks."*

ISAIAH 65:3 *"A people who without ceasing provoke Me to anger to My face; who sacrifice in gardens, and burn incense on the bricks."*

HOSEA 8:11 *"Because Ephraim has made **many altars** to sin, altars shall be to him to sin."*

ACTS 17:23 *"For as I passed by and saw the things you worship, I also found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Not knowing then whom you worship, I make Him known to you."*

6. DESTRUCTION OF FALSE WORSHIP

EXODUS 34:13 *"But you shall **destroy their altars**, dash in pieces their pillars, and cut down their Asherim."*

DEUT 7:5 *"But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall **destroy their altars**, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire."*

DEUT 12: 2-3 *"Ye shall **utterly destroy** all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their gods, upon the **high mountains**, and **upon the hills**, and under every green tree. And ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place. (KJV)"*

[See also "**Prayer Altars**" available at Kanaan Ministries:

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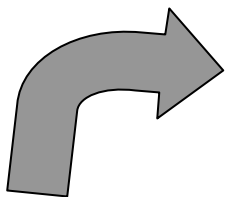
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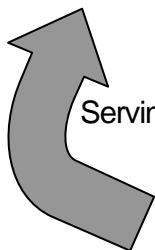


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A Kingdom is established



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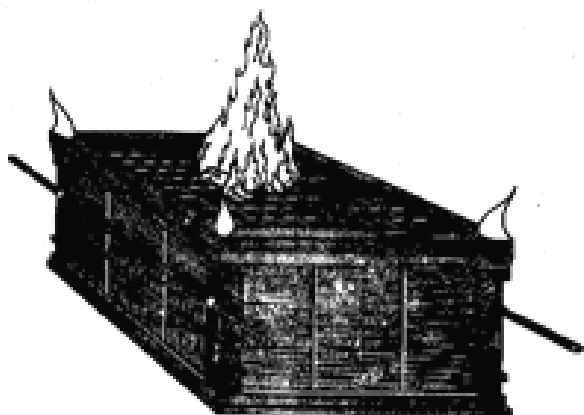


Serving at the altar establishes a **stronghold**.

Symbolic —

Emotional —

Religious —



— Worship

— Sacrifices

— Meet with
whoever you
worship

ALTAR

LESSON 2

THRONES

PS 95: 3-7 *"For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all **gods**. In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights and strength of the hills are His also. The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker in reverent fear and supplication. For He is our God and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice, ..."*

[**Note:** "gods" is spelt with a small 'g'.]

Our God is the Great God and Great King.

REV 8: 1-3 *"When He, the Lamb, broke open the **seventh seal**, there was **silence** for about **half an hour** in heaven. Then I saw the **seven angels** who stand before God, and to them were given **seven trumpets**. And another angel came and stood over the **altar**. He had a **golden censer**, and he was given very much incense that he might mingle it with the **prayers of all the people of God upon the golden altar before the throne.**"*

The Throne of God is in Heaven and right in front of the throne is a golden altar of incense.

This gives us an idea of what it looks like before the Throne of God. From this Throne all the plans are made and direction and purpose are given by God over the whole universe.

REV 8:4 *"And the **smoke of the incense** arose in the presence of God, with the **prayers of the people of God**, from the hand of the angel."*

Every time before God moves, prayers from this altar is poured out upon the earth. (Our prayers are mixed with incense.) Numerous things then start to happen.

When the bowls are full of prayers, then the angel tips these bowls and throws it inot the earth – then breakthrough comes!

REV. 8:5 *"5 So the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and cast it upon the earth. Then there followed peals of thunder and loud rumblings and blasts and noises, and flashes of lightrning and an earthquake."*

PS 97: 1, 2 *"The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles and coastlands be glad! Clouds and darkness are round about Him as at Sinai; **righteousness and justice** are the **foundation of His Throne**."*

The Throne of God is **holy**.

The foundation of God's Throne is **righteousness** and **justice**. If God's Throne has a **foundation**, then every other throne will also have one. The problem lies in the **elements** that are used to lay the foundation of these thrones.

PS 89:5 *"Let heaven praise Your wonders, O Lord, Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones."*

Righteousness and **justice** is the foundation of God's Throne. To be King upon this throne, God also has to be **judge**.

PS 103: 19-22 *"**The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His Kingdom rules over all.** Bless the Lord, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His commandments, hearkening to the voice of His word. Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, you His ministers who do His pleasure. Bless the Lord, all His works in all places of His dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul!"*

God's throne is in **heaven** and His Kingdom rules over all. This describes to us the extent of God's authority from His Throne. We learn from this scripture that rulership goes forth from thrones.

God rules over **all** things, seen and unseen. The principle that we now can observe is that a throne **rules** and **organizes** a kingdom. **A throne is useless unless there is a kingdom.**

HEB 1: 7-9 *"Referring to the angels He says, Who makes His angels winds and His ministering servant flames of fire; But as to the Son, He says to Him, **Your throne, O God, is forever and ever**, and the scepter of Your kingdom is **a scepter of absolute righteousness**. You have loved righteousness and You have hated lawlessness. Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of exultant joy and gladness above and beyond Your companions."*

God's throne is forever and ever.

The kings of elaborate thrones upon this earth usually have **crowns** and **scepters**.

GOD'S SCEPTER IS RIGHTEOUSNESS

E.g. Esther: In this book we learn that nobody speaks unless the scepter is extended. When you come before a king, you do not speak unless first spoken to. God loves righteousness but hates lawlessness.

IS 14: 24-27 *"The Lord of hosts has sworn, saying, Surely, as I have **thought** and **planned**, so shall it **come to pass**, and as I have **purposed**, so shall it **stand** - That I will break the Assyrian in My land, and upon My mountains I will tread him underfoot. Then shall the Assyrian's **yoke depart** from the people of Judah, and **his burden depart from their shoulders**. This is the **Lord's purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth**; and this is His omnipotent Hand that is stretched out over all the nations. For the Lord of **hosts has purposed, and who can annul it?** And **His hand is stretched** out, and **who can turn it back?**"*

From this passage we learn certain principles:

1. The moment God has purposed something, it stands firm.
2. To cancel God's plans is impossible.
3. If God's Hand is extended, nobody can turn it back.

PS 110: 1-4 *"The LORD God says to my LORD, the Messiah, Sit at My Right Hand, until I make Your adversaries Your footstool. The LORD will send forth from Zion the **scepter of Your strength; rule**, then, in the midst of Your foes. **Your people will offer themselves willingly** in the day of Your power, in the beauty of holiness and in holy array out of the womb of the morning; to You Your young men, who are as the dew. **The LORD has sworn and will not revoke or change it:** You are a priest forever, after the manner and order of Melchizedek."*

This psalm tells us about God sitting on His Throne. Note the word 'Lord' is spelt in capital letters.

The conversation taking place from this Throne is between Jahweh God, the Father, speaking to Adonai God, the Son. This specific passage is so important that it gets repeated **eleven times** in the Word. Upon this Throne, conversation takes place, and when it does, it influences the whole future.

God's Throne is one of **authority, righteousness** and **justice** - a place from which purposes are sent out.

When the Word says that the enemies of God will become the **footstool** of Jesus, who can refute that?!

The Word teaches us how it will be done:

1. God will send forth from Zion His Mighty Scepter of His strength.
2. **Zion** refers prophetically to the Church (Bride). Mount Zion refers to the Church of God that is **militarized**, a church that is ready to enforce God's sovereignty and power over all the earth.

IS 2:2-3 *"2 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be [firmly] established as the **highest of the mountains** and shall be **exalted above the hills**, and **all nations** shall flow to it.
3 And many people shall come and say, Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths. For out of **Zion** shall go forth the **law** and **instruction**, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."*

MICAH 4:12 *"12 But they know not the thoughts of the Lord, neither do they understand His plan, for He shall gather them as the sheaves to the threshing floor."*

3. We are the instruments to execute the purpose that has been discussed.
4. Take note, God says His people will be offering themselves **willingly**.
5. We must **rule** in the midst of our enemies.
6. This Throne has enemies.
7. Some of these enemies have their own thrones - like little gods.
8. God's people will be volunteers - not forced into the army - people who have decided to serve God in life and death.
9. There comes a day when Jesus will reveal His power (we do not know when).
10. It is important to notice that when God speaks, it stands firm. When He has decided something, nobody can stop it. When He has stretched forth His Arm, nobody can turn it back.

In **Exodus** we read that the cry of the people come before the altar of God.

EX 3: 7-8 *“7 And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters and oppressors; for I know their sorrows and sufferings and trials.
8 And I have come down to deliver them out of the hand and power of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a land good and large, a land flowing with milk and honey [a land of plenty]—to the place of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite.”*

God came down to save His people. Moses had to tell Pharaoh to let God's people go. The Throne of God had spoken. The plan of God was revealed. Moses was God's ambassador.

The Foundation of Pharaoh's Throne:

Looking at **Pharaoh's throne**, we see that it also had a **foundation**. The foundation of his throne was **unrighteousness, wickedness, witchcraft, sorcery**, etc. The people surrounding his throne was **sorcerers, astrologers, magicians**, etc.

In Revelations we see that God's Throne is surrounded by the **Seven Spirits of God**, the **Four Living Creatures** and **twenty four elders**.

Because Satan used to be in Heaven, he copied the things he saw there and perverted them and now uses it for his own plans and purposes.



IS 14: 12-16 *“How have you fallen from heaven, O light-bringer and daystar, son of the morning! How you have been cut down to the ground, you who weakened and laid low the nations and you said in your heart, **I will** ascend to heaven; **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God; **I will** sit upon the mount of assembly in the uttermost north. **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will** make myself like the Most High. Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol (Hades), to the innermost recesses of the pit. Those who see you will gaze at you and consider you, saying, Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms?”*

Satan tried to dethrone God. Satan's throne is one of wickedness surrounded by evil spirits.

There is a battle raging between God's Throne and Satan's throne.

Rebellion, unrighteousness, lies and iniquity is the foundation of Satan's throne - exactly the opposite of God's Throne.

IS 14:17 "Who made the world like a wilderness and overthrew its cities, who would not permit his prisoners to return home?"

This shows forth Satan's agenda.

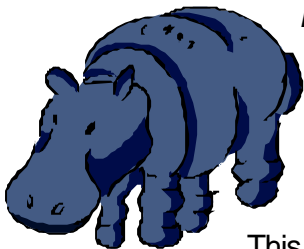
The strength of Pharaoh's throne were the magicians (Jannes and Jambres), **astrologers and various other people**. Pharaoh had a ritual he did on a daily basis.

EX 7:15 "Go to Pharaoh in the **morning**; he will be going out to the **water**; wait for him by the river's brink; and the rod which was turned to a serpent you shall take in your hand."

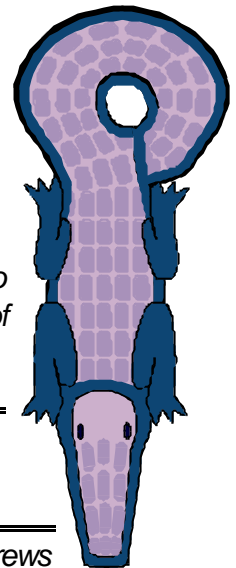
EX 8:20 "Then the Lord said to Moses, Rise up **early in the morning** and stand before Pharaoh as he comes **forth to the water**; and say to him, Thus says the Lord, Let My people go, that they may serve Me."

Note that Pharaoh had this habit of going to the water on a daily basis - not to have a bath!

EZE 29: 1-4 "In the tenth year, in the tenth month, on the twelfth day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Son of man, set your face toward **Pharaoh king of Egypt** and **prophecy** against him and against all Egypt. Say, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the **great monster** that lies in the midst of his streams, boastfully declaring, My river Nile is my own and I have made it for myself. **But I will put hooks in your jaws and I will cause the fish** of your rivers to stick to your scales, and **I will draw you up** out of the midst of your streams with all the fish of your streams which stick to your scales."



This king has his foundations of his throne in the **waters**.



EX 1:22 "Then Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the river Nile, but every daughter you shall allow to live."

Sacrifices to the water spirits!

EZE 28: 1-14 "12 - 14 Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, Thus says the Lord God: You are the full measure and pattern of exactness, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty."



*You were in Eden, the garden of God; **every precious stone was your covering**, the carnelian, topaz, jasper, chrysolite, beryl, onyx,, sapphire, carbuncle and emerald; and your setting and your sockets and engravings were wrought in gold. On the day that you were created they were prepared. You were the anointed cherub that **covers with overshadowing wings**, and I set you so. You were upon the holy mountain of God; you walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire."*

[See the South African Coat of Arms – the Pheonix – Book: "African Renaissance – Cecil John Rhodes" available from Kanaan Ministries]

The prince of Tyre was a man. The king of Tyre was Lucifer himself. They were in direct opposition to God.

When we look at the throne of Egypt as a prototype of the thrones in many parts of Africa, we can see that they do not know God. Pharaoh said, "*Who is this God?*"

God decided to introduce Himself to Pharaoh. God's Throne has strategies to deal with all other thrones. All that God needs is people that He can use in whose hand He can place a **rod of authority** to deal with these satanic thrones.

There is a **preparation process** needed to deal with these thrones.

Moses was trained for forty years in Egypt and then forty years in the desert (**a time, a season, a purpose**).

The power of God's Throne was in the rod of Moses (later it was called the Rod of God).

God trained Moses so that he could use the power of God. God trained Moses in three areas:

1. In his **hand** (rod).
2. In the use of his **tongue** (he failed here).
3. In the state of his **heart** (leper).

When God trains His people, He makes them as gods unto the other thrones.

DO NOT TOUCH THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD!!!

**[MOSES DID WHEN HE HIT THE ROCK INSTEAD OF SPEAKING TO IT.
THERE HE LOST HIS AUTHORITY IN THE LORD!!]**

GENERAL PRINCIPLES THAT GOVERN ALL PEOPLE

JOHN 11:10 But if anyone walks about in the night, he does stumble, **because there is no light in him**

The human has one million nerves in each eye.

Naturally, man has no light in him. He needs lamps, candles, etc. to see at night.

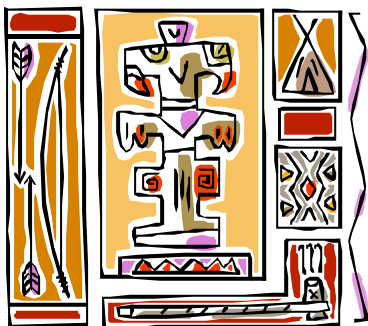


Spiritually, man also has no light in him and so seeks light elsewhere.

Being unsaved, man does certain things, depending on the **foundations** of the thrones upon which he sits. They vary in different cultures.

In many parts of Africa the rituals that are performed before sitting upon these thrones many times include **sacrifice** (human and animal).

Initiations take place of **secret cults, witchcraft, sorcery**, etc. Nearly every commandment of God is broken during these initiations. They shave their hair and make marks on their bodies. Certain names are given to them, e.g. *The lion has roared*. Ritual burials are held for kings, e.g. thrown into a forest, buried sitting down, the body is dissected and the new king must eat the heart, etc.



Many of these thrones have **totems**. The totems represent lions, snakes, monkeys, crocodiles, leopards, horse tails, etc. These totems are used as **contact points between themselves and the spirit world. Their totems constantly remind them of their dependence on Satan.** Each totem carries Satanic power.

At the foot of the throne there is a **footstool**. In some palaces the **footstool is a human skull**. Some throne rooms are cobbled with human skulls.



How to deal with Thrones:

Dealing with thrones is not just one prayer meeting. It takes **planning** and **strategy** - one step after the other. Everyday Moses got new commands from the Lord.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

REV 2:12, 13 Then to the angel of the assembly in **Pergamum** write: These are the words of Him Who has and wields the sharp two-edged sword; I know where you live - a place where **Satan sits enthroned**.

This throne is now in a museum in **Berlin**, Germany.

Germany was in the center of two world wars. In the Second World War six million Jews were killed.

In 1907 the leaders of the Evangelical Church in Germany wrote a document renouncing and rejecting the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. So, the Holy Spirit left Germany.



The church leaders told Hitler to destroy the Jews because they crucified Jesus.

The leaders of the Liberal Theology came out of Germany questioning the virgin birth, etc.

All these things happened because of the **seat of Satan**.

We clearly see that **thrones have an effect on nations**. People worship the kings on these thrones, some even going onto hands and knees when being on the palace grounds, e.g. Swaziland.

CONCERNING OUR INHERITANCE AS AFRICANS

Virtually all of the covenants that our ancient men made, the custodians, were the kings. Whether they made them with people from another country or with Satan, it was the kings that were the custodians of these covenants. Altars were raised that still stand today. [See African Renaissance available from Kanaan Ministries]

We need to deal with these thrones and altars before we will see a breakthrough.

I TIM 2: 1-3 First of all, then, I admonish and urge that **petitions, prayers, intercessions** and **thanksgiving** be offered **on behalf of all men, for kings** and **all who are in positions of authority or high responsibility**, that outwardly we may pass a quiet and undisturbed life and inwardly a peaceable one in all godliness and reverence and seriousness in every way. For such praying is good and right, and it is pleasing and acceptable to God our Saviour.

We must pray for the **kings**. Pray for their salvation but don't only pray, "*God save the king* or *God bless the king*" if he's sitting on centuries of iniquity, negative covenants, etc. We need to **deal with the powers** that control these people - **the spirit behind the throne**.

- **Heads of state** sit on thrones.
- **Politicians can have seats of power** that operate as thrones. Many travel with their sorcerers and mediums.

The Church has the responsibility to stand before God for the rulers that are being influenced by Satan.

Satan takes much time to prepare his people sitting on his thrones.



He does this by the inherited calling and gifts received through BLOODLINES!

Warning for Intercessors

When dealing with thrones the enemy comes at you with everything including death. It's not just casting out one or two demons.

God's **purpose** is that the enemies of Jesus **will** become His footstool.

HEB 1: 1-13 8, 12-13 *"But as to the Son, He says to Him, Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of absolute righteousness. Like a mantle thrown about one's self You will roll them up, and they will be changed and replaced by others. But You remain the same, and Your years will never end nor come to failure. Besides, to which of the angels has He ever said, Sit at My right hand associated with Me in My royal dignity **till I make your enemies a stool for your feet?**"*

HEB 10: 8,11-13 *"8 When He said just before, You have neither desired, nor have You taken delight in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings—all of which are offered according to the Law—
11-13 Furthermore, every human priest stands at his altar of service ministering daily, offering the same sacrifices over and over again, which never are able to strip the sins that envelop us and take them away - whereas this One, **Christ, after He has offered a single sacrifice** for our sins for all time, sat down at the Right Hand of God, then to wait until His **enemies should be made a stool beneath His feet.**"*

Ps. 110:1-3 *"1 THE LORD (God) says to my Lord (the Messiah), Sit at My right hand, until I make Your adversaries Your footstool.*

2 The Lord will send forth from Zion the scepter of Your strength; rule, then, in the midst of Your foes.

3 Your people will offer themselves willingly in the day of Your power, in the beauty of holiness and in holy array out of the womb of the morning; to You [will spring forth] Your young men, who are as the dew."

God is waiting for His voluntary soldiers to step forward and take up the battle. The Church is supposed to **rule** over all other thrones. We must rule to such an extent to make the enemies of God His footstool. Then Jesus will come back!

Thrones in Africa that do not regard God, that are strengthened by magicians and sorcerers and astrologers; they have their **foundations** in the **waters**, in the **seas**; seats that are furnished by **water spirits**; human sacrifices are made to the waters on a regular basis; men of pride sit on these thrones, men who have touched the wisdom of darkness.

Our warfare is not against flesh and blood, but against the spirits that operate behind the thrones. **The thrones that oppose God's Throne must be dealt with.**

CONCLUSION

Daniel and **Joshua** dealt with thrones. Joshua dethroned 31 kings. God's purpose for Israel was to possess Canaan.

Daniel separated himself unto God:

- ①He lived Kingdom **righteousness**.
- ②He exercised Kingdom **authority**.
- ③He practiced Kingdom **intercession**.
- ④He possessed Kingdom **faith**.
- ⑤God gave him Kingdom **knowledge**.
- ⑥When he studied the **scriptures**, he came to Kingdom revelation.
- ⑦Now, **his voice mattered** in heaven, from where he began to deal with the thrones.

We now conclude that to deal with thrones we must live a **Godly standard** of living.

When Jesus dealt with Satan, Satan could find nothing in Jesus that looked like him. Therefore, if you have **occultic callings** or **negative priestly callings** in your background or bloodline, you must deal with it.

There will be no breakthrough in any city, area or country if we don't deal with the ungodly thrones.

LESSON 3

INTERCESSION

DEFINITION

Intercession is not a physical act of prayer, but consists of a **lifestyle** which is characterized by the Fruit of the Spirit.

The way we live affects the testimony of God's power and His ability to change lives.

Our lives are a **standard** which God raises up against the enemy and witnesses of the redemptive power of the Blood of Jesus in our specific circumstances.

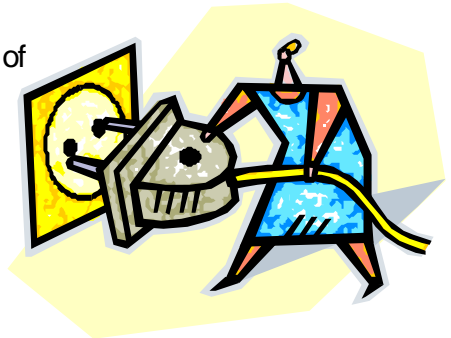
REV 12:11 *"And they have overcome him by means of the **Blood of the Lamb** and by the **utterance of their testimony**, for they did not **love** and **cling to life** even when faced with death."*

ANOINTING

God saves you, delivers you, heals you and He calls you to a Godly destiny. As you walk in that Godly destiny, make Godly choices and allowing yourself to be fashioned into the Image of Christ, that determines the level of the anointing of the Holy Spirit present in your life.

Anointing does not mean gifts. It means the **manifest power** of God's presence which destroys yokes and brings forth fruit.

I COR 4:20 *"For the Kingdom of God consists of and is based on not talk but **power** (moral power and excellence of soul)."*



How do I attain the manifest Power of God?

II TIM 2: 3, 11, 12 *"Take with me your **share of the hardships and suffering** which you are called to endure as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.*

The saying is sure and worthy of confidence: If we have died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny and disown and reject Him, he will also deny and disown and reject us."

I PET 2:21 *"For even to this were you called. For **Christ also suffered** for you, leaving you His personal example, so that you **should follow in His footsteps.**"*

1 PET 4: 12, 13 *"Beloved, do not be amazed and bewildered at the fiery ordeal which is taking place to **test your quality**, as though something strange were befalling you. **But insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, rejoice, so that when His glory is revealed, you may also rejoice with triumph.**"*

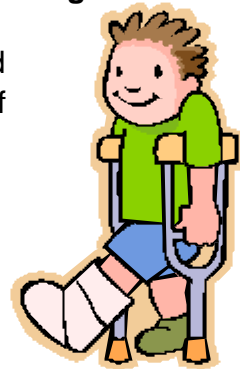
ROM 8: 17 *"And if we are His children, then we are His heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ; **only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.**"*

WOUNDS AND SCARS

To walk in the footsteps of Jesus means to be a partaker of **glory and of suffering**.

Normally in the area of **relationships** we experience **hurt** and **rejection** and **betrayal**. Our reputations are slandered and our good works are accused of wrong motives.

We are **wounded** in the spirit and we now are faced with the challenge of releasing that hurt or separating ourselves from God's presence. Now we need MEGA GRACE to face these areas.



RANKING

If we are obedient to dealing with the pain God's way, these **wounds** become **scars**. These **scars**, in turn, testify of our adherence to the Truth. The spirit realm recognizes these scars (which form part of the character of Christ in you) which are like our dedication to the Lord. This means that an increase in ranking has taken place.

TESTING

When we receive a prophetic word, often the evil forces will be sent out to destroy the manifestation of the word. They will come to **test** you in the very area where breakthrough has been prophesied. If you do not endure in hardship, you will not receive the scars which testify of your ability to remain standing.

UNSAVED LOVED ONES

JOB 22:30 *"He will even deliver the one for whom you intercede who is **not** innocent; yes, he will be delivered through the cleanness of your hands."*

SPOILS OF WAR / THE PLUNDER

When the enemy wounds us, we can enter God's throne room and state our case, COUNTER-PETITIONING Satan and claiming back the spoils of war. **John 10:10** says the enemy comes to **steal, kill and destroy**. **Prov 6:31** says when the thief is caught out he must **restore seven times** what he stole. We can now claim back **souls, cities, nations, families**, etc.

That is why God allows wounds to come our way to plunder hell and populate heaven!!

As we endure and become more and more like Christ, so The King stamps our **spiritual passports** and declares we have entrance into that place in the spirit where from we can pray and change the things in our families, cities, nations, etc. We gain the right to pray - the anointing is there!

MATT 12:29 *"Or how can a person go into a strong man's house and carry off his goods without first **binding the strong man**? Then indeed he may plunder his **house**."*

Oikos = the descendants thereof.

House = generations.

We can release generations if we bind the strongman.

We must bind up the strong man to gain his **plunder**. To bind a strong man over a city means we can then gain his plunder - **people** who are being held captive. If you bind a strong man over a person, that person's **gifts** and talents can be released for the glory of God.

Jesus still has the **scars of the cross** since they testify of His awesome sacrifice and victory over all sin and death.



LESSON 4

STRONGHOLDS, CASTLES AND TOWERS

Definition: A fortified building or set of buildings; a defensible place; a place of defense or retreat.

PS 144: 1, 2 *"Blessed be the Lord, my Rock and my keen and firm Strength, Who **teaches my hands to war and my fingers to fight** – My Steadfast Love and my **Fortress**, my **High Tower** and my **Deliverer**, My **Shield** and He in Whom I trust and take refuge, Who subdues my people under me."*

PS 94:22 *"But the Lord has become my **High Tower** and **Defense**, and my God the Rock of my refuge."*

PS 9:9 *"The Lord also will be a refuge and a high tower for the oppressed, a refuge and a **stronghold in times of trouble**."*

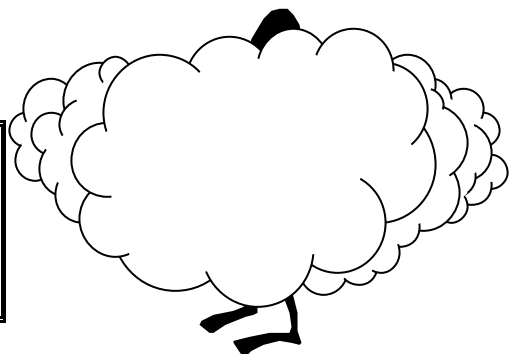
The Lord's presence is like a fortress around us – a place of safety in times of trouble and distress.

PS 32:7 *"You are a hiding place for me; You, Lord, preserve me from trouble, You surround me with songs and shouts of deliverance."*

The Lord **hides** us in the spirit realm.

Under attack for scandal and gossip:

PS 31: 20, 21 *"In the **secret place** of Your presence **You hide them from the plots of men**; You keep them **secretly** in Your pavilion from the strife of tongues. Blessed be the Lord! For He has shown me His marvelous loving favour when I was beset as in a besieged city."*



For grace, mercy and loving-kindness:

PS 59: 9, 17 *"O my Strength, I will watch and give heed to You and sing praises; for **God is my Defense**."*

*Unto You, O my Strength, I will sing praises; for **God is my Defense**, my **Fortress**, and **High Tower**, the God Who shows me mercy and steadfast love."*

PS 62: 2, 7 *"He only is my **Rock** and my **Salvation**, my **Defense** and my **Fortress**, I shall not be greatly moved.
With God rests my salvation and my glory; He is my **Rock** of unyielding strength and impenetrable hardness, and my refuge is in God!"*

PROV 10:29 *"The way of the Lord is strength and a stronghold to the upright, but it is destruction to the workers of iniquity."*

God's stronghold provides GRACE, MERCY and LOVING-KINDNESS. We enter God's stronghold by singing His praises.

Satan's stronghold provides hatred, judgement, bitterness and shame. We enter his stronghold when we use our tongues for evil.

PS 27:5 *"For in the day of trouble **He will hide me** in His shelter; in the **secret place** of His tent will **He hide me**; He will set me high upon a rock."*

PS 91: 1, 9 *"He who dwells in the **secret place** of the Most High shall remain stable and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty.
Because you have made the Lord your **refuge**, and the Most High your dwelling place..."*

PS 18:2 *"The Lord is my **Rock**, my **Fortress**, and my **Deliverer**; my God, my keen and firm Strength in Whom I will trust and take refuge, my Shield, and the Horn of my salvation, my **High Tower**."*

II COR 10:4 *"For the weapons of our warfare are not physical weapons of flesh and blood, but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds."*

Praise the Lord for His weapons!!

JOHN 8:32 *"You shall know the truth and the truth shall **MAKE (NOT set)** you free. KJV"*

OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S COMMANDMENTS (TORAH) WRITTEN ONTO OUR HEARTS IS EVIDENCE OF SALVATION

JOHN 3:19-20

"19 The [basis of the] judgment (indictment, the test by which men are judged, the ground for the sentence/verdict) lies in this: the Light (Torah/Word Prov6:23) has come into the world, and people have loved the darkness rather than and more than the Light, for their works (deeds) were evil.

20 For every wrongdoer hates (loathes, detests) the Light, and will not come out into the Light but shrinks from it, lest his works (his deeds, his activities, his conduct) be exposed and reproved."

OUR DEEDS ARE EXPOSED BY THE LIGHT/TRUTH**JOHN 3:21**

21 But he who practices TRUTH [who does what is right] comes out into the Light; so that his works may be plainly shown to be what they are—wrought with God [divinely prompted, done with God's help, in dependence upon Him].

Those obedient to God's Commandment/Torah are willing to be transparent and therefore can live a life in terms of John 8:36 – "And the truth shall make you free!"

Those who continue to practice disobedience and evil continue in **darkness** and are **NOT** set free.

LESSON 5

GATES AND GATEKEEPERS

In Course IV we have already learnt about this subject and in this teaching we will be looking at a bit more depth to give us greater understanding when we pray for our cities and nations.

We learnt that whoever sits in the gates of the city or nation controls that city or nation. In the Old Testament we learn that from the gates government and justice was administered. It was also the place where disputes were adjudicated.

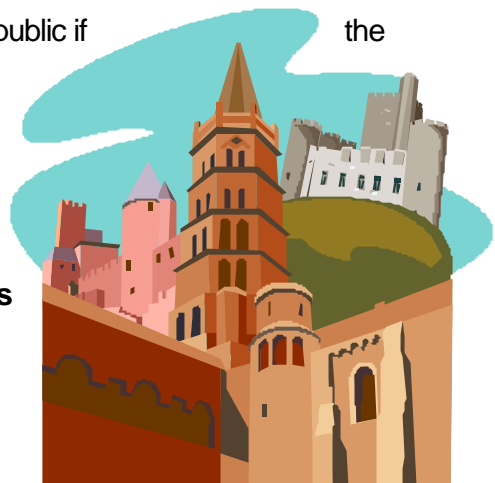
Applying these lessons to the spiritual realm, we learn that these are the places where issues concerning **salvation**, **deliverance** and **healing** are decided.

Also, in the spirit, the **gates** of the city are where it is made public if the city belongs to the enemy or to Almighty God.

If the battle is not won at the gates, you cannot take the city. In ancient warfare this was true for the **fortresses** and **castles**.

In the New Testament this is why Jesus knocks at the **doors** of our hearts. "If we open the doors of our hearts to Him, salvation comes to our spirits, souls and bodies.

Doorway = legitimate entrance - Satan come in through occult doorways.



JOHN 10: 7-9 *So Jesus said again, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that **I Myself am the Door for the sheep.** All others who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the true sheep did not listen to and obey them. **I am the Door;** anyone who enters in through Me **will be saved.** He will come in and he will go out freely, and will find pasture.*

So, if a city's gateway is dedicated to God, the way becomes open for the souls of the city to receive Christ the King of glory.

In the spirit we find gates belonging to God and gates belonging to the enemy. These represent places in the spirit where the dominion of the specific spirit is present and where the battle for souls kept behind those gates takes place.

[e.g. Lost City – The Palace – characteristics of what is inside the gates are displayed on gates itself.]

SCRIPTURAL PROOF THAT GATES EXIST IN THE SPIRIT

Jacob's dream:

GEN 28:17 *"He was afraid and said, How to be feared and revered is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the **gateway to heaven!**"*

This implies that there is a gate which you must pass through to enter heaven and gain access to the House of God. It is interesting to see that there were angels moving in and out. This implies that **quite a bit of traffic** can be found near the gates and to enter in **requires a process in the passage of time**.

Examples

Just the same as you land at an **airport**, you go through **customs**, etc. You come in through a place and you leave through a place - there is a procedure. The same applies in the spirit world: There aren't just spirits flying around all over the place - **there are actual doorways and gates**, e.g. **stargates** for the constellations and planets for the celestial beings. That is why they would do rituals to open up gateways in the spirit realm, otherwise they cannot get access to places.

Process to enter God's Gates and Throne Room

In God's Kingdom we know that there is actually a process to enter the Holy of Holies. In the Word we learn there are steps in praise and worship and steps in prayer. Also steps before we reach the throne of Father God. There are different levels and there are people praying at these different levels. There are places reserved right near the Father, close to the Father, like John who lay his head upon the chest of Jesus. That is where intimacy with God is.

Where are you, and where would you like to be?

PS 24:7 *"Lift up your heads, **O you gates**; and be lifted up, you **age-abiding doors**, that the King of glory may come in."*

This is a very powerful scripture to be used in warfare for the opening of the gates of cities and nations.

These ancient doors do not only speak of the doors of hell, death and the grave, but also of the doors behind where the **treasures of the saints which have been stolen, are kept**. Many of our blessings **have been stolen by Satan and locked away behind these ancient doors**.

Lord, send Your angels as bailiffs with a court order to release the treasure belonging to Your children.

We break open those ancient doors in the spirit so that the King of Glory may enter and we take back what is ours.

It is by the King of Glory that entrance is gained. In other words, without the Glory of God we cannot hope to overcome the gates of the enemy. The Abiding Presence of God, His Anointing, must be with us.



GATES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

PS 118: 19, 20 Open to me the **temple gates of righteousness**; I will enter through them, and I will confess and praise the Lord. This is the **gate of the Lord**; the uncompromisingly righteous shall enter through it.

Here the gates are identified as ones of **righteousness** and that only the righteous may enter in. We are made righteous by the Blood of the Lamb, but we also need to live a righteous life - always striving towards holiness.

Establishing the gates of the city as righteous can only be done by **Christ's righteousness** and this means that no unclean spirits may gain the right to establish their domain in the city.

If you are not living a righteous life and in right standing with God, you can not establish the righteousness of Christ in others.

GATEKEEPERS / GUARDIANS

REV 21:12 *"It had a massive and high wall with **twelve large gates**, and at the **gates** there were **stationed twelve angels**, and on the **gates the names** of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were written."*

God's gates have angels and Satan's gates have demons.

We also learn that **gates have names**. In the old temple the name of the gates in the city designated the function or character of those using that specific gate.

So, in the spirit the name of the gate indicates the nature and character of the occupants of the city, the strongholds and types of sin found there.

The one who has the **keys** is also the keeper/guardian of the gates.

If you do not dislodge this demonic guardian he will return to unlock the gates and to open them to allow the strong man or ruler of the area back in.

HOLINESS

REV 22:14 *"Blessed are those who **cleanse their garments**, that they may have the **authority** and **right** to approach the **Tree of Life** and to **enter** through the **gates** into the city."*

This scripture shows us that we need to wash our robes to have the right to enter the gates. Jesus is coming back for a Bride without spot or wrinkle.

We may not enter these gates unless our robes of salvation remain clean. Obviously, if we are not clean, we do not have the authority to overcome the gates of hell. We have to win the battle at the gates, e.g. you must overcome sexual fantasy in order to be set free of fornication or adultery. Sexual fantasy is the gate.

PS 100:4 *"Enter into **His gates** with thanksgiving and a thank offering and into His courts with praise! Be thankful and say so to Him, bless and affectionately praise His name!"*

Thanksgiving is one of the heart attitudes which allows us access to the gates of the Lord. A thankless heart will never reach the Holy of Holies. You are acknowledging the Giver of the Gift.

INTERCESSION

IS 62:10 *"Go through, go through the **gates**! Prepare the way for the people. Cast up, cast up the **highway**! Gather out the stones. Lift up a standard or ensign over and for the peoples."*

To reach the gates of Heaven, people must first break free from the gates of the enemy. **Intercession clears the pathway to Heaven's gates.** Things in the way cause people to stumble and backslide. Our lives are **witnesses** to show pathways for people to follow. We become the **standard** that God raises against the enemy because our lives testify of the power of the cross and the power of the Blood of Jesus. **Our lifestyles open the way for others to follow. Your life is like a flag or a banner raised in the spirit** and it indicates the presence and dominion of Christ. If the fruit of the Spirit is in your life, the banner over you is love and God's love drives out all fear. Your life testifies that "it can be done" by God's Grace and Mercy.

IS 45: 1, 2 *"Thus says the Lord to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose **right hand** I have held to subdue nations before him, and I will unarm and ungird the loins of kings to **open doors** before him, so that **gates** will not be shut. I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the **doors of bronze** and cut asunder the **bars of iron.**"*

KEYS

IS 22:22 *“And the **key of the house of David** I will lay upon His shoulder; He shall open and no one shall shut, He shall shut and no one shall open.”*

Keys are symbols of authority. To unlock gates and prisons and to open doors we need keys.

The **Keys of the House of David** points towards Jesus and has so much authority that it has the power to shut eternally and to open eternally. Those keys are turned in the ancient gates by our prayers of intercession.



GATEKEEPERS

The one who has the keys is also the keeper/guardian of the gates.

If you do not dislodge this demonic guardian he will return to unlock the gates and to open them to allow the strong man or ruler of the area back in.

ABRAHAMIC INHERITANCE

GEN 22:17 *“In blessing I will bless you and in multiplying I will multiply your descendants like the stars of the heavens and like the sand on the seashore. **And your Seed will possess the gate of His enemies.**”*

This is part of the Abrahamic Inheritance that we receive as his seed and it is the word we can use to **gain the right to possess the gates** of the enemy and pray for the redemption of our cities. You must know your **right** to possess the gates and to pray for souls. What authority do you use? By the redemptive power of the Blood of Jesus.

DEMONIC GATES

IS 38:10 *“I said, In the noontide and tranquillity of my days I must depart; **I am to pass through the gates of Sheol**, deprived of the remainder of my years.”*

This scripture indicates the existence of demonic gates which exist in the spirit. This is a Messianic portion of scripture which indicates the descent of Jesus into hell with His death on the cross.

JOB 38:17 *“Have the **gates of death** been revealed to you? Or have you seen the **doors of deep darkness**?”*

Anorexia:

PS 107:18 *"They loathe every kind of food, and they draw near **to the gates of death.**"*

MATT 16:18 *"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the **gates of Hades** shall not overpower it."*

The plans and petitions established and drawn up at the gates will not prevail against you. These are the gates of hell and are the place from which demonic spirits are released with their assignments against God's children.

PRAYER EXAMPLE

Father God, the demon spirits released at the gates with the assignments against the church / this meeting / this place / for this time / this ministry, we come against those petitions in the powerful Name of Jesus.

Father, we now ask you to judge our case Lord, and we thank You, Father, that You will rule in favour of us, and now Lord, that You will strip those demons of their assignments, that their plans will come to naught, that the weapons formed against us will not prosper. Lord, that You will expose the gatekeeper.

We thank You for Your Word that says You have given us the Keys of the Kingdom and so we bind the gatekeeper that has keys in his hand locking up the deliverance and the financial blessings of God's people, we bind him in the Name of Jesus and take back the keys. We place the keys in the prison doors and we unlock it and we loose Your power, we loose Your blessings, we loose the finances in Jesus' Name and we command the spirit of poverty who has watched over that to be discharged from duty; we bind you in the Name of Jesus and we now loose those finances from the control of Baal in Jesus' Name.

MATT 16:19 *"I will give you the **keys of the kingdom of heaven**; and whatever you bind on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven."*

Here the authority of Jesus is given into our care. We are a key in the Lord's Hand. You have a key-role to play. You are an instrument.

ONLY THOSE THAT PRAY ABOUT THE GATES AND THE SALVATION OF MEN WILL RECEIVE THE KEYS!

LUKE 13:24 *"Strive to enter by the **narrow door**, for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able."*

We know that although salvation is there for everyone, salvation is not yours until you appropriate it with the **gates and with the keys**. If you don't **personally** appropriate them from the demonic guardians, that victory does not automatically become yours.



KEYS = AUTHORITY

Also, that authority is not received automatically until the wrong foundations in your life have been destroyed and you become founded on Jesus Christ.

REV 1:18 *“...and the Ever-Living One. I died, but see, I am alive forevermore; and I possess the **keys of death** and Hades.”*

APOLLYON AND ABADDON - KEY TO BOTTOMLESS PIT

REV 9:11 *“Over them as king they have the **angel of the Abyss**. In Hebrew his name is **Abaddon** (destruction), but in Greek he is called **Apollyon** (destroyer).”*

These are forces of destruction that rage against the saved and unsaved. Their influence will be seen more and more in the end times. The fact that they have been given a key, means that a certain amount of authority to bring destruction, has been given to them.

GOD’S ANGEL - KEY TO ABYSS

REV 20:1 *“Then I saw an angel descending from heaven; he was holding the **key of the Abyss** and a great chain was in his hand.”*

Satan will definitely need the restraint of a chain and a barred gate to subdue him.

THE HOUNDS OF HELL

The gates of hell are guarded by the hounds of hell and they need to be fed. They belong to the gatekeepers.

Like the dogs licked up Jezebel’s blood, they literally feed on the dead or on blood sacrifices - wars, abortions, accidents, etc. The strong men will go hunting to feed the dogs. They will demand sacrifices to feed them.

The unsaved souls are kept behind these gates - they are dead in Christ - they are **chained** to the gates.



INTERCESSION FOR SOULS

As we pray for someone's salvation, we go to the gates in the spirit where they are chained up and being held captive. Our prayer starts to rattle the chains around their hands and feet - we prophesy life over them declaring what Christ has done and we bring the glory of God to that place in the spirit realm. We are petitioning at the gates and we are saying: ***Let this person go! Lord, move Your Almighty Right Hand, as the Holy Spirit sought Christ out, let Him come and draw their hearts to the Father.***

As God's warriors in the spirit lead the captives away into freedom. Jesus is The Door, He's opened the way. ***Come with me. I am anointed to preach the gospel. I am anointed to heal the sick. I am anointed to set the captives free!***

PRAYER:

Lord, reveal to them the Truth, the Way and the Life and we ask You to destroy every pathway and highway which is not Jesus Christ. Lord, we lock the gates to those wrong ways in Jesus' Name. Only the true door, Jesus, will be seen and revealed.

We ask You Father to tear the veil of deception in Jesus Name and turn their hearts to seek You. Place a hunger in them Father.

We petition against the spirits that have the right to keep them captive. We petition against their right to keep them unsaved. We bind you in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

Lord, we come before Your throne and raise up the petitions where Satan has written their names in his book and we ask You that Your power and anointing will come to remove that petition out of his hand, that he will lose his fathership over those people in Jesus' Name.

Then prophesy over them:

I call you out of darkness, I call you into the marvelous light of God. I release the anointing of salvation upon you and you shall become a child of God, a co-heir with Christ Jesus.

Your spirit will receive new life, you will receive the breath of God, you will receive the deliverance of God and no powers of any ancient forms of idol worship will stand against the authority of Jesus because every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!!!

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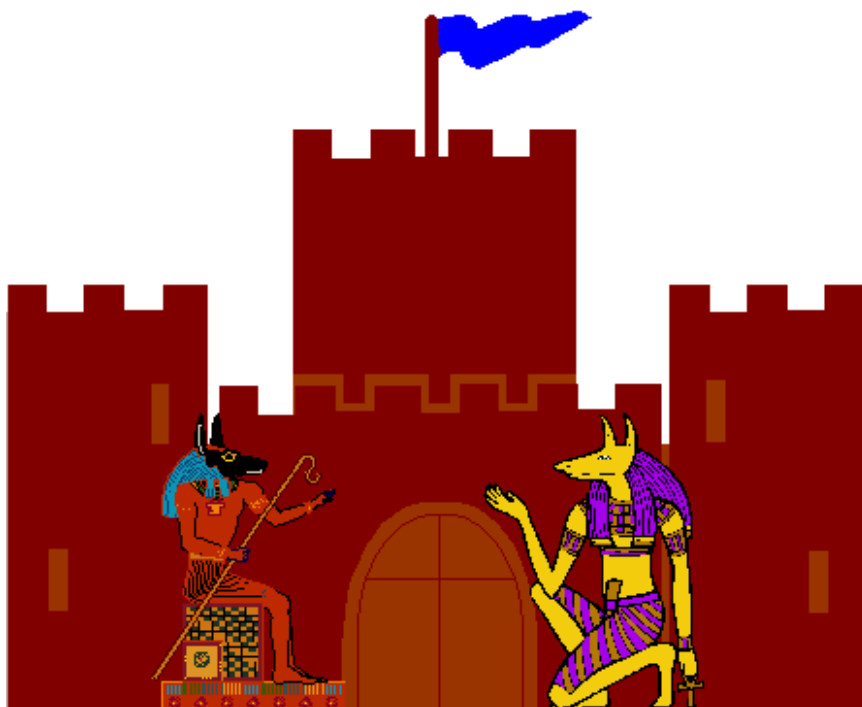
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LESSON 6

WEAPONS OF WARFARE

The warriors of God, the mighty men of valour and His angelic host, are God's instruments of vengeance, to execute the judgment of God upon the land (in the spirit) of Satan. The kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdoms of our God.

IS 13:5 *"They come from a distant country, from the uttermost part of the heavens - even the Lord and the **weapons of His indignation** - to seize and destroy the whole land."*

THE BOOK OF WAR

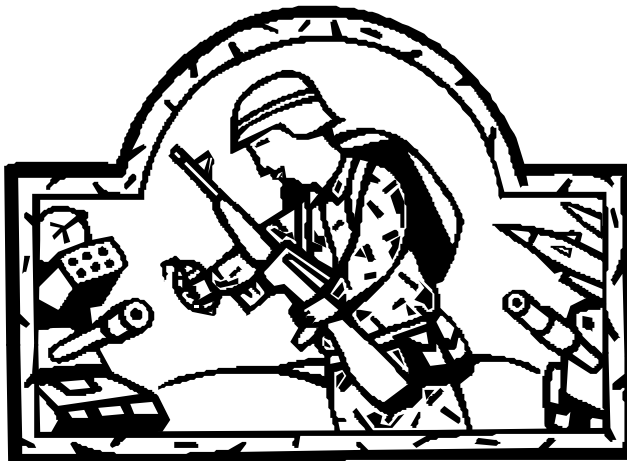
NUM 21:14 *"That is why it is said in the Book of the Wars of the Lord: ..."*

This is the Book of War in which the mighty men of war, the warriors of God, **are recorded**. There is a similar book of war in Satan's kingdom where his warriors are recorded, as well as in the hallways of war in Valhalla, where their spirits are kept until the day of final battle (Viking mythology).



GOD'S ARMORY

JER 50:25 *"The Lord has opened **His armory** and has brought forth the **weapons...**"*



STOREHOUSES OF SNOW AND HAIL



JOB 38: 22, 23 *"Have you entered the treasuries (storehouses) of the **snow**, or have you seen the treasuries of the **hail**, which I have reserved for the time of trouble, for the day of battle and war?"*



The door of God's storehouse of grain and wealth is the windows of Heaven. There also is the storehouse where the **grapes of wrath** and His weapons of judgment are stored. (**Mal. 3:10**)

REV 14:19 *"So the angel swung his scythe on the earth and stripped **the grapes** and gathered the vintage from the vines of the earth and cast it into the huge winepress of God's **indignation and wrath**."*

Satan's Storehouses

Satan also has **storehouses** where he keeps the riches which he has stolen from the children of God. These ancient doors are guarded by the **dragon** (dragons always have treasure which they guard).

While praying, we need to ask God to send His angels, which are **bailiffs** in the spirit, to break open the doors to let the King of Glory in to retrieve our lost inheritance which is due to us.



THE LORD'S BATTLE DRESS

IS 63: 1, 2 *"Who is this Who comes from Edom, with **crimson-stained garments** from Bozrah? This One Who is glorious in His apparel, striding triumphantly in the greatness of His might? It is I, the One Who speaks in righteousness **proclaiming vindication**, mighty to save! Why is Your apparel splashed with red, and **Your garments** like the one who **treads in the winepress**?"*

The Lord actually dresses for battle and so should we, not just the armour of God, but as part of a lifestyle of militancy – fearless, knowing the God you serve.

If our attitudes are wrong or we get despondent, filled with despair, afraid when faced with a trial or attack, we are not dressed for battle.

ZEAL:

IS 59:17 *“For the Lord put on **righteousness** as a **breastplate** or **coat of mail**, and **salvation** as a **helmet** upon His **head**; He put on **garments of vengeance** for **clothing** and was clad with **zeal and furious divine jealousy** as a **cloak**.”*

Are we filled with the zeal (intense enthusiasm) of the Lord to see His Kingdom come? If so, it is like a **mantle** upon you.

IS 42:13 *“The Lord shall go forth like a mighty man; He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war. He shall cry **out, yes, shout aloud**; He shall prevail against His enemies.”*

SATAN’S WEAPONS – Bow, Spear, Chariots.

God’s Will:

PS 46:9 *“He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the **bow** into pieces and snaps the **spear** in two; He burns the **chariots** in the fire.”*

Satan’s kingdom and his agents, demonic and human, have spiritual weapons with which they arm themselves to fight. **Disarm** the enemy, break their bows, overthrow their chariots and riders, etc.

WOW JESUS!

BATTLE-AX – WAR CLUB

JER 51:20 *“You are My **battle-ax** or **maul** and **weapon of war** - for with you I **break nations in pieces**, with you I **destroy kingdoms**.”*

War clubs smash into oblivion and axes cleave right through.

Those with a militant spirit will be used, not those sitting on the side line commenting or saying there is no war.

TRAINING FOR WAR

PS 144:1 *"Blessed be the Lord, my Rock and my keen and firm Strength, Who **teaches my hands to war** and **my fingers (playing instruments) to fight.**"*

[For the psalmist too!!]

The Lord actually teaches us for battle. He trains us before He sends us out to do battle.

The battle belongs to the Lord, meaning that we fall under His banner and power and sure victory.

Why would He train us for war if we did not need to fight?

This scripture is also linked with prophetic actions where God uses the body in gestures and dance to train us for war.

Our actions actually smash altars and strongholds. Praise and prayer is like a battering ram breaking the gates open.

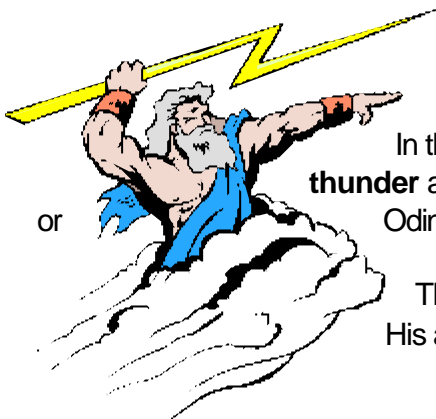
GOD IN ACTION!

IS 30: 30-33 *"And the Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard and the **descending blow of His arm to be seen, coming down with indignant anger and with the flame of a devouring fire, amid crashing blast and cloudburst, tempest and hailstones.** At the voice of the Lord the Assyrians will be stricken with dismay and terror, when He smites them with His rod. And every passing stroke of the staff of punishment and doom which the Lord lays upon them shall be to the **sound of Israel's timbrels and lyres**, when in battle He attacks Assyria **with swinging and menacing arms.** For Topheth has already been laid out and long ago prepared; yes, for the Assyrian king and Molech it has been made ready, its pyre made deep and large, with fire and much wood; the **breath of the Lord**, like a stream of brimstone, kindles it."*

The voice of the Lord resounds through the spirit dimension and actually inspires fear in the heart of the enemy. Satan is a copy cat and Goliath actually used this tactic against Israel.

Ancient tribes do war chanting and the purpose thereof is for the invocation of the warring spirit under whose guardianship they are.

So when we shout with war cries, God's voice also is heard in the spirit.



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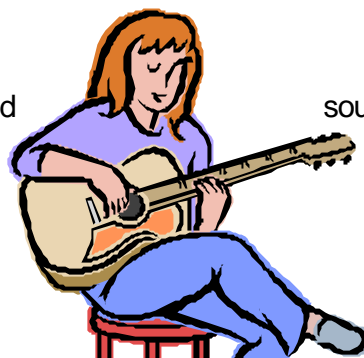
In this scripture we also see that the weapons of **lightning** and **thunder** and **hail** actually belong to the Lord and not to Zeus, or Thor or Odin.

The Lord's **Right Arm** is the **arm of deliverance** and when His arm moves on your behalf, you are delivered.

MUSICIANS

Our worship and playing instruments are the notes and which God uses in the spirit realm to deliver blows enemy. We are not just singing and playing.

(See Lesson 9 for more detail.)



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GOD'S RIGHT HAND

EX 15:6, 12 *"Your Right Hand, O Lord, is glorious in power; Your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
You stretched out Your right hand, the earth's sea swallowed them."*

PS 98:1 *"O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things;
His Right Hand and His Holy Arm have wrought salvation for Him."*

Here again we see song linked with God moving on our behalf for salvation.



PS 110: 1, 5 *"The Lord God says to my Lord the Messiah, Sit at My right hand, until I make Your adversaries Your footstool.
The Lord at Your Right Hand will shatter kings in the day of His indignation."*

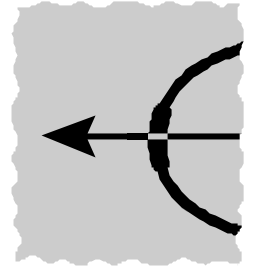
GOD'S BREATH

II THES 2:8 *"And then the lawless one will be revealed and the Lord Jesus will slay him with the **breath of His mouth** and bring him to an end by His appearing at His coming."*

The **breath of the Lord is like fire**. Here we see that the dragon has actually stolen this attribute from God.

GOD'S BOW

PS 7: 12, 13 *"If a man does not turn and repent, God will **whet His sword**; He has strung and bent His huge bow and made it ready. He has also prepared for him **deadly weapons**; He makes His **arrows fiery shafts**."*



Here we can see that Satan's flaming darts are based on the weaponry actually belonging to God.

Counterfeit Bow:

Nimrod had a bow: he would release war, destruction, murder, bloodshed, etc. [He is the principality over war.] By breaking his bow, we break his ability to launch war, destruction, etc. We strip him of his **assignments and weaponry**. Set them on fire in Jesus Name.

PS 144:6 *"Cast forth **lightning** and **scatter my enemies**; send out Your arrows and embarrass and frustrate them."*

We pray that God will empty His armory on our behalf, clothe His warriors for battle and send them forth with His mighty weapons.

GOD'S SWORD

JUDGES 7:20 *"And the three companies blew the trumpets and shattered the pitchers, holding the torches in their left hands, and in their right hands the trumpets to blow, and they cried, **The sword for the Lord and Gideon!**"*



EZE 6:3 *"... Thus says the Lord...: Behold, I, even I, **will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places.**"*

GOD'S NET AGAINST THE SPIRITS OF THE AIR

HOS 7:12 *"As they go, I will spread My net over them; ..."*

This is the net in which God subdues the enemy. **Spirits of the air:** ravens, birds that come to pick up the seed, etc. After an evangelistic outreach, pray this scripture against Satan's spirits who are sent in to steal the seed.



After an outreach: *"Lord, throw Your net into the air and catch the ravens!"*

THE LORD'S BATTLE CRY

IS 42:13 *"The Lord ... will cry, yes, **He will shout aloud.**"*

JER 25:30 *"The Lord shall **roar** ... and utter His voice; He shall **roar** mightily ... He shall **give a shout** ..."*

THE LORD CLAPPING HIS HANDS

EZE 21: 14-17 *"17 I will also clap My hands ..."*

GOD'S ANGER

EX 15:7 *"You send forth Your **fury**; it consumes them like stubble."*

EX 23:27 *"I will send **My terror** before you ..."*

JER 50:25 *"The Lord has **opened His armory** and has brought forth the **weapons of His indignation and wrath**, ..."*

GOD'S CHARIOTS:

IS 66:15 *"For behold, the Lord **will come in fire**, and **His chariots** will be like the **stormy wind**, to render **His anger with fierceness**, and **His rebuke with flames of fire.**"*

He is the Lord that answers by fire and rides the chariots which are like a whirlwind sweeping everything out of His way.

So, when God's chariots arise, they devour the enemy.

We literally pray up a storm!

HAB 3:8 *"Were You displeased with the rivers, O Lord? Or was Your **anger** against the rivers You divided? Was Your **wrath** against the Red Sea, that You **rode before upon Your horses and Your chariots of victory and deliverance?**"*

There are **chariots** that will bring forth salvation, **chariots** that will bring forth deliverance, **chariots** that will **bring forth healing**; these are **spiritual vehicles**.

Satan's Chariots:

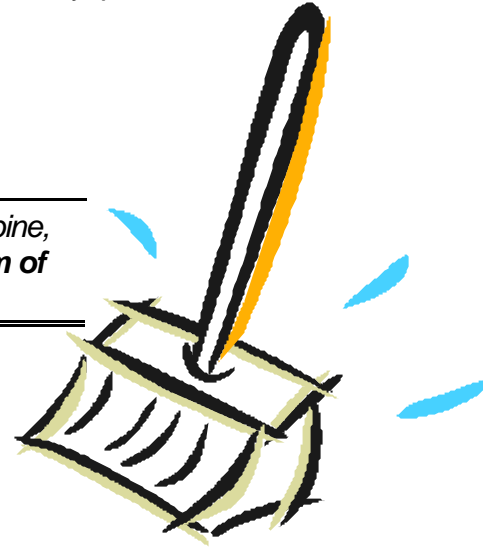
Satan's vehicles will bring forth **bondage, sickness, destruction**, etc.

When praying for your churches, **you must actually come against the chariots of Satan and the riders on the horses that are the messengers** releasing infirmity, powers to hold back God's anointing and gifts, etc.

GOD'S BROOM OF DESTRUCTION

IS 14:23 *"I will also make it a possession of the hedgehog and porcupine, and of marshes and pools of water, and I will sweep it with the **broom of destruction**, says the Lord of hosts."*

The Lord's broom of destruction sweeps away the enemy and is something we can pray when praying over a home or building when we are dedicating it to the Lord.



GOD'S LIGHTNING AND FIRE

PS 18:14 *"And He sent out His arrows and scattered them; and He **flashed forth lightnings** and put them to rout."*

PS 50:3 *"Our God comes and does not keep silence; **a fire devours** before Him, and round Him a **mighty tempest** rages."*

IS 66: 15, 16 *"For behold, the Lord **will come in fire**, and **His chariots** will be like the **stormy wind**, to render His anger with fierceness, and His rebuke with flames of fire. **For by fire** and **by His sword** will the Lord execute judgement upon all flesh, and the slain of the Lord will be many."*

DAN 7:10 *"A stream of fire came forth from before Him; ..."*



The Healing River and River of Fire:

Today, many of God's people are coming **into the river of God's healing** and that is wonderful and vital, **but** we also need to get into the river of God's fire, **that is God's power** - the anointing to **war** and to establish the Kingdom of God; to break through and take back what Jesus died for.

To set the captives free!!

MORE WEAPONS (HORNETS, EAST WIND, HAILSTONES)

EX 23:28 “And I will send **hornets** before you which shall drive out the Hivite, Canaanite and Hittite from before you.”

IS 27:8 “... He removed them with His **rough blast** as in the **day of the east wind**.”

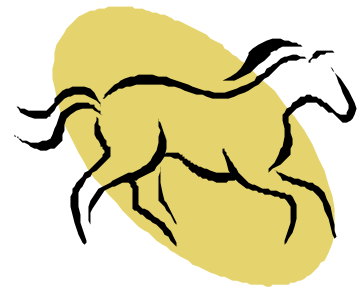


Prophesy for the **East wind** to blow away clouds of depression, oppression, darkness.

- To blow away smoke screens blinding our eyes from seeing the Truth.
- To blow away dust storms, etc.

JOSHUA 10:11 “... The Lord cast **great stones** from the heavens on them ..., killing them. More died because of the **hailstones** than the Israelites slew with the sword.”

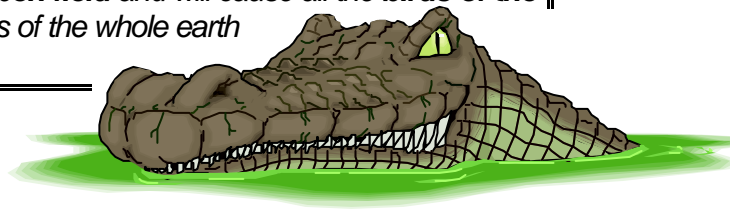
God’s army is ready for battle. They are waiting for us to pray so they can move on our behalf!! Horses, chariots, archers with drawn bows and arrows, etc. Saying, “When can we be released?” Church, wake up!!



AGAINST WATER SPIRITS

EZE 29: 4, 5 “But I will put **hooks in your jaws** and I will cause the fish of your rivers to stick to your scales, and **I will draw you up** out of the midst of your streams with all the fish of your streams which stick to your scales. And I will cast you forth into the wilderness, you and all the fish of your rivers; you shall fall upon the open field and not be gathered up or buried. I have given you for food to the wild beasts of the earth and the birds of the heavens.”

EZE 32: 2-6 “Son of man, take up a lamentation over Pharaoh king of Egypt and say to him, You have likened yourself to a young lion, leader of the nations, but you are like a **monster dragon in the seas**; you break forth in your rivers and trouble the waters with your feet, and you **make foul** their rivers. Thus says the Lord God: I will therefore **throw out My net over you** with a host of many peoples, and they shall bring you up in **My dragnet**. Then I will leave you upon the shore; I will cast you on the **open field** and will cause all the **birds of the heavens** to settle upon you, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with you.



*And I will **scatter your flesh** upon the mountains and fill the valleys with your high heap of corpses and their worms. I will also water with your flowing blood the land, even to the mountains, and the hollows and water channels shall be full of you."*

Let's use these weapons of scripture with **wisdom** and by **revelation** and guidance of the Holy Spirit, upon **demons** and NOT upon people.

JUDGEMENT AGAINST THE HEAVENLIES

EZE 32: 7, 8 "And when I have extinguished you, I will **cover the heavens** and make **their stars dark**; I will **cover the sun with a cloud** and the **moon shall not give her light**. All the **bright lights** of the heavens I will **make dark** over you and set darkness upon your land, says the Lord."

PRAYER

Father, deposit Your militancy into our spirits.

Arise in us Holy Spirit!

Breathe Your breath over us Lord!

Open up Your armoury:

- Your hailstones
- Your lightning
- Your snow
- Your fire
- Your judgement
- Your chariots
- Your horses
- Your angelic hosts of Heaven
- Your broom of destruction
- Your breath
- Your shouts
- Your East wind

over the works of the enemy in our lives, our ministries, our churches, our families, our cities, etc.

In Jesus Name,

AMEN.



LESSON 7

HORSES AND CHARIOTS IN BATTLE

Part of spiritual warfare includes the involvement of **horses and chariots during the battle**.

As the foot soldiers progressed to the Calvary and the **officers** on horseback, so a similar process takes place in the spirit realm.

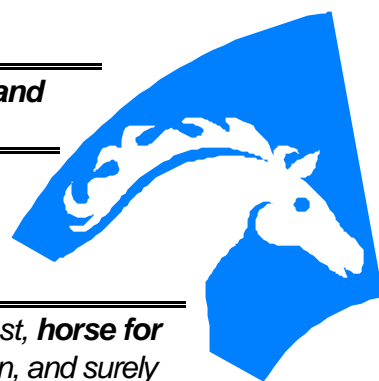
Elevation and **promotion** in the spirit brings greater ranking and more authority.

SCRIPTURAL PROOF OF HORSES AND CHARIOTS IN BATTLE

ZECH 10:3 "... for the Lord of hosts ... will make them as *His beautiful and majestic horse in the battle.*"

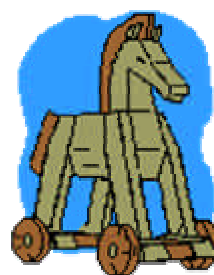
Here, in the spirit, the warriors of God even become like a majestic horse, trampling over the enemy.

I KINGS 20:25 "And muster yourself an army like the army you have lost, *horse for horse and chariot for chariot.* And we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. And he heeded their speech and did so."



SATAN'S COUNTERFEIT:

TROJAN HORSE: How horses and symbols of horses have been used to defeat cities. It is not unknown in the occultic realm.



SUN CHARIOTS USED IN SUN WORSHIP

II KINGS 23:11 "And he removed *the horses* that the kings of Judah had *devoted to the sun* from the entrance of the house of the Lord, by the chamber of Nathanmelech the chamberlain, which was in the area, and he burned the *chariots of the sun with fire.*"

The enemy has weapons and vehicles in the spirit - ships, horses, UFO's, etc. God wars against them and **uses strife** among them to destroy each other.

AMOS 2:15 *"Neither shall he stand who handles the bow, and he who is swift of foot shall not deliver himself; neither shall he who rides the **horse** deliver his life."*

HAGGAI 2:22 *"And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations, and I will overthrow **the chariots** and those who ride in them, and **the horses** and **their riders** shall go down, every one by the sword of his brother."*

Send confusion and disunity amongst the ranks. We will enjoy the spoils of war. It is important that whenever we engage in battle, that we also pray over the spoils which become legally ours when we have overcome. The Lord speaks of **rewards for deeds done**.

EZE 39:20 *"And you shall be **filled at My table** with **horses and riders**, with mighty men, and with soldiers of every kind, says the Lord God."*

EZE 38:4 *"And I will turn you back and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you forth and **all your army, horses and horsemen**, all of them clothed in full armour, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them handling swords..."*

PS 68:17 *"The **chariots of God** are **twenty thousand, even thousands upon thousands**. The Lord is among them as He was in Sinai, so also in the Holy Place."*

PS 76: 6, 12 *"At Your rebuke, O God of Jacob, **both chariot (rider) and horse are cast into a dead sleep**. He will cut off the spirit of pride and fury of princes; He is terrible to the ungodly kings of the earth."*

EX 15:1 *"Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord, saying, I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously; **the horse and his rider or its chariot has He thrown into the sea.**"*

Revelation 6, the four Apocalypse horses and their riders - this represents strongholds and principalities of Satan.

REV 19:11 *"After that I saw heaven opened, and behold, **a white horse appeared!** The One Who was riding it is called Faithful and True, and He **passes judgement and wages war in righteousness.**"*

Jesus rides upon a horse in the spirit when He leads us to war as the Captain of the hosts.

Counterfeit: New Age Pegasus. It was used in Nazi Germany. (See Prayer of Renunciation – Nazism available at Kanaan Ministries.)



JER 12:5 *"If you have raced with men on foot and they **have tired you out**, then **how can you compete with horses?** And if you take to flight in a land of peace where you feel secure, then what will you do in the swelling and flooding of the Jordan?"*

If you cannot deal with the tribulation and trials that have come your way - having fallen into despair, mistrust, bitterness and resentment - how can you expect promotion to a place in the spirit where you will have to fight with the giants when you could not even overcome the foot soldiers?

Key: Endurance

REV 2: 26, 27 *"And he who **overcomes** and who obeys My commands **to the end**, I will give him **authority** and **power over nations**; And he shall **rule them** with a scepter of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, and like that which I Myself have received from My Father."*

Are we worthy to ride with Him to battle? Have we been battle-hardened and do we have victories recorded? Have we remained standing?



LESSON 8

BANNERS IN WARFARE

The raising of banners and flags in battle historically gives us some indication of the importance of such things in the spirit.

NUM 2:2 *"The Israelites shall encamp, each by his **own tribal standard or banner ...**"*

Sometimes the **crests on the flags represented the bloodlines** of the families and by raising them in the natural, sent a message in the spirit which called the **warring demons** to align themselves with the soldiers doing battle.

PS 74: 4, 5 *"In the midst of Your Holy Place Your enemies have roared; **they set up their own emblems (banners) for signs.** They seemed like men who lifted up axes upon a thicket of trees to make themselves a record."*

The flags flying over castles also showed who reigned and ruled over the stronghold and surrounding areas.

When we go to war, a banner must be raised; hence the Name Jahweh Nissi, the Power Source and God under which we have protection and with Whom we go into battle.



EX 17:15 *"And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, **The Lord is my Banner.**"*

If we still have foreign banners and marks upon us, we are a target for the enemy.

Our lives become the standards that God raises in the spirit against the dominion of Satan.

S OF SOL 6: 4, 10 *"You are as beautiful as Tirzah, my love, and as comely as Jerusalem, but you are **as terrible as a bannered host!** The ladies asked who is this that looks forth like the dawn, fair as the moon, clear and pure as the sun, and **terrible as a bannered host?**"*

PS 20:5 *"We **will triumph** at your salvation and victory, **and in the name of our God we will set up our banners.** May the Lord fulfill all your petitions."*

THE BANNER IS RAISED WHEN WE SHOUT!

When the banner of the Lord is raised over us, our petitions and prayer are granted.

Remember, the enemy also shouts at us and raises a banner. Goliath shouted at Israel. He used intimidation and fear. **Be a David!**

PS 60:4 *"You have **set up a banner** for those who fear and worshipfully revere You, a **standard displayed** because of the truth."*

The **reverent fear of the Lord protects us** from presumption and moving out of our ranking. Humility keeps us in contact with the reality of who our God really is and the responsibility we have with the authority given to us.

S OF SOL 2:4 *"He brought me to the banqueting house, and **his banner** over me was love."*

The banner of the Lord is love and His love drives out all fear.

IS 5:26 *"And He will lift up a **signal** (banner) to call together a hostile people from afar, and will hiss for them from the end of the earth, and behold, they shall come with speed, swiftly!"*

A banner summons the angelic hosts and warriors for battle.

IS 11: 10, 12 *"And it shall be in that day that the Root of Jesse shall stand as a **signal** (banner) for the peoples; of Him shall the nations inquire and seek knowledge, and His dwelling shall be glory.
And He will **raise up a signal** (banner) for the nations and will assemble the outcasts of Israel and will gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth."*

God's Kingdom is sign-posted with our lives which point to the way of salvation, Christ Jesus.

IS 13: 2-6 *"**Raise up a signal banner** upon the high and bare mountain, summon them with loud voice and beckoning hand that they may enter the gates of the nobles. I Myself have commanded My designated ones and have summoned My mighty men to execute My anger, even My proudly exulting ones - those who are made to triumph for My honour. Hark, the uproar of a multitude in the mountains, like that of a great people! The noise of the tumult of the kingdoms of the nations gathering together! The Lord of hosts is mustering the host for the battle. They come from a distant country, from the uttermost part of the heavens - even the Lord and the weapons of His indignation - to seize and destroy the whole land. Wail, for the day of the Lord is at hand; as destruction from the Almighty and Sufficient One will it come!"*

The banner summons the army of God's wrath and is raised by intercession and travail.

IS 18:3 *"3 All you inhabitants of the world, you who dwell on the earth, when a signal is raised on the mountains—look! When a trumpet is blown—hear!"*

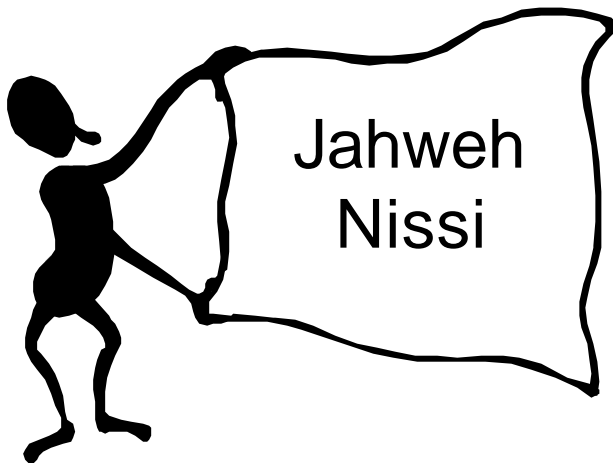
To bring the day of the Lord, means that when you get **saved** and **delivered**, God **executes judgment** against the enemy - His Kingdom comes.

"Father, Let Your Kingdom come, Let Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven!"

God raises a banner and all our **unsaved loved ones** will return!

IS 49:22 *"22 Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will lift up My hand to the Gentile nations and set up My standard and raise high My signal banner to the peoples; and they will bring your sons in the bosom of their garments, and your daughters will be carried upon their shoulders."*

PRAISE THE LORD!!!



LESSON 9

PRAISE AND SONG IN WARFARE

INTRODUCTION:

When Adam sinned, the line to Heaven was cut. Cain and Abel both tried to **reconnect** with God.

“**Cain**” means: *“I have created, I have begotten”*, Through his efforts/works he tries to reconnect.

“**Abel**” means “nothing”. Salvation by faith in God.

Cain was a tiller of the ground, he **owned** ground, which meant he served as a slave.

“I have begotten (the ground); I must work, I must produce.”

(Churches are owned by certain people. “I am the gift” (pull rank and file))

Abel: No self worth

Shepherd – tends the flock

– leads it to pasture.

Does not **own** it, just feeds it. Pastor / friend of the sheep.

Cain: Offering of fruit – slave to the ground. “I chose what I will give to God.” Donation / gift.

Abel: gave first born of the flock – tithing:

Heb. 11:4 *“4 [Prompted, actuated] by faith Abel brought God a better and more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, because of which it was testified of him that he was righteous [that he was upright and in right standing with God], and God bore witness by accepting and acknowledging his gifts. And though he died, yet [through the incident] he is still speaking.”*

The spirit that was operating through Cain: Religion – Babylon – Mother of all Religious Systems.

True worship is not songs – BUT WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO GOD!

ORIGIN OF INTERCESSION AND PRAISE

GEN 4:26 *“And to Seth also a son was born, whom he named Enosh. At that time men began to call upon God by the Name of the Lord.”*

Seth was Eve’s third son after Cain killed Abel. Enosh, Seth’s son, began to **call upon the Name of the Lord**. **Call** means *praise, proclaim, preach, intercession*. Music was not around at that time.

GEN 4:21 His brother’s name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.

Jubal was from the line of Cain and was the father of all those that played music. [Musicians are **born basically with jealousy, anger, murder**, etc. Until God deals with that in each musician, they really struggle in these areas.] **PRIDE** is a major factor, thriving on the praise and worship of men. Becoming an “idol” means that God has to smash you!!] (idol = selfish ambition)

LEVITES

- “Levi”
- joining together.
 - are described as savage, merciless.
 - instruments of wrath.
 - **they were the sacrifices** for the redemption of the firstborn.

NUM 3:11-13 *“And the Lord said to Moses, Behold, I have taken the Levites from among the Israelites instead of every firstborn who opens the womb among the Israelites; and the Levites shall be Mine. **For all the firstborn are Mine.** On the day that I slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I consecrated for Myself all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast; Mine they shall be. I am the Lord.”*

They sided with Moses when the people made a golden calf.

EX 32:26 *“Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Whoever is on the Lord’s side, let him come to me. And all the Levites gathered together to him.”*

That is how they got the name “**instruments of wrath**”.

True intercessors are **angry** at powers and principalities.

When the tabernacle was built, they chose 4000 Levites (by drawing straws) and they offered thanksgiving and praise 24 hours a day for 33 years.

For everyday that Jesus walked on this earth was preceded with a full day of worship and praise!!

In our intercession, Jesus comes when we praise.

Praise is not always singing. It can be art, dancing, photography, etc.

JOB DESCRIPTION OF LEVITES

- Praise during sacrifices.
- Prepared offering.
- Assisted the priests.
- Carried out many duties:
 - keeping the gates.
 - judges.
 - craftsmen.
 - musicians.
 - overseers of the royal treasury.
 - teaching the Word.

[Teaching means to aim and control an arrow. God takes care of where it lands.]

WARNING

Eze 44: 10-14 describes Levites busy with their own idols of **selfish ambition** and the result was that they couldn't go near God. Selfish ambition causes people to go astray.



EZE 44:10-14 "10 But the **Levites who went far away from Me** when Israel went astray, who went astray from Me after their idols, they shall bear [the punishment for] their iniquity and guilt.
11 They shall minister in My sanctuary, having oversight as guards at the gates of the temple and ministering in the temple. They shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall attend the people to serve them.
12 Because [the priests] ministered to [the people] before their idols and became a stumbling block of iniquity and guilt to the house of Israel, therefore I have lifted up My hand and have sworn against them, says the Lord God, that they shall bear the punishment for their iniquity and guilt.
13 **And they shall not come near to Me to do the office of a priest to Me**, nor come near to any of My holy things that are most sacred; but they shall bear their shame and their punishment for the abominations which they have committed.
14 Yet I will appoint them as caretakers to have charge of the temple, for all the service of the temple and for all that will be done in it.

When you are ministering without God's presence, there will be no anointing, because you are trying to control the performance and predict the outcome.
Prophetic ministry and arts ministering together has much more power!!

I SAM 10: 5, 6 "...you will meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with harp, tambourine, flute and lyre...you will be turned into another man."

OBEDIENCE

EZE 44: 15, 16 "But the Levitical priests, the **sons of Zadok**, who kept the charge of My sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, **shall come near to Me to minister to Me**, and they shall **attend Me** to offer to Me the fat and the blood, says the Lord God. They shall enter into My sanctuary; and **they shall come near to My table to minister to Me**, and **they shall keep My charge.**"

Result: Intimacy with God.

A true intercessor must be a true worshipper. Only then do we have authority to slay the giants like David. Basis: **Intimacy with God.**

I SAM 17: 26, 32, 37, 45-50 "And David said to the men standing by him, What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?
David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of this Philistine; your servant will go out and fight with him.
David said, **The Lord Who delivered me** out of the paw of the lion and out of the paw of the bear, **He will deliver me** out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said to David, Go, and the Lord be with you!
Then said David to the Philistine, You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, **but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts**, the God of the ranks of Israel, Whom you have defied. This day the **Lord will deliver you into my hand**, and I will smite you and cut off your head. And I will give the corpses of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear; **for the battle is the Lord's**, and **He will give you into our hands.** When the Philistine came forward to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand into his bag and took out a stone and slung it, and it struck the Philistine, sinking into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck down the Philistine and slew him. But no sword was in David's hand."

WHO LEADS IN BATTLE?

The worshippers with song is to go first to face the enemy in battle.

JUDGES 1: 1, 2, 19 *“Who shall go up first for us against the Canaanites to fight against them? **And the Lord said, Judah shall go up; behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.***

The Lord was with Judah, and he drove out the inhabitants of the hill country ...”

NB: God must open doors for you!

1. THE BATTLE GROUND

The spiritual realm is connected to us in various ways. One of the variables which can move between dimensions is sound. There are no barriers for sound to travel from our realm into the spiritual realm. When we sing and pray, our voices are heard in the spiritual realm and God comes to inhabit the praises of His people (**Ps 22:3**). Music is a very powerful weapon.

Sounds/words continue for ages in the spirit – i.e. words must be caught up and pulled down otherwise it continues to reverberate.

We can see from this that our **voices, instruments** and **songs** have a direct effect on God and on the spiritual realm. This is where the victory lay with the battle of Jericho - in the fact that the **spiritual landscape** had been changed by the praises released by God's people. However, it is **specific types** of praise and songs which effect the enemy directly.

Sounds can shatter glass. Our shouts of praise destroys satan's strongholds – Jericho walls. We can change the landscape in the spirit! (**Josh. 6**)

TEHILLA PRAISE

The high praises of God where the Lord inhabits and where He is enthroned.

ZAMAR PRAISE

To make music with instruments.

TOWDAH PRAISE

Sacrifice of praise and thanks before receiving the manifestation.

PS 50:23 *“He who brings an offering of praise and thanksgiving, honours and glorifies Me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God.”*

GOD IS A MAN OF WAR

EX 15:3 *"The Lord is a Man of War ..."*

NUM 23:21 *"God has not beheld iniquity in Jacob for he is forgiven, neither has He seen mischief or perverseness in Israel for the same reason. The Lord their God is with Israel, and the **shout of praise to their King** is among the people."*

We see the **shout** of the King is among them, **JESUS OUR KING!!** It is His shout and we know from scripture that the **Lord's voice is a powerful weapon** in warfare.

PS 47:5 *"God has ascended amid **shouting**, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet."*

PS 5:11 *"But let all those who take refuge and put their trust in You rejoice; let them ever sing and **shout for joy**, because You make a covering over them; let those also who love Your Name be joyful in You and be in high spirits."*

When we shout under the anointing, we hear the **Lion of Judah** roar - the **battle cry of the Lord!!**

JUDGES 7:18 *"When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then you blow the trumpets also on every side of all the camp and **shout, For the Lord and for Gideon!**"*

2. PREPARATION FOR WAR

When we prepare for war, our inner man must be strengthened. **Praise** and **worship** and **intimacy** with God provides the inner calm needed to enter battle.

This is a **lifestyle** - not a once off preparation. (not just singing)

E.g. discipline - making your bed, working at work, paying your bills, living out godly family values, washing dishes, etc.

Do all things in honour of the Lord.

3. TEACHING AND TRAINING (Part of a battle plan)

All soldiers are trained. You need to be instructed in warfare and to have revelation of the weapons of warfare. With this knowledge your foundation is firm. The results are that the fear of the Lord will fall upon the enemy.

II CHRON 17: 7-10 *“Also in the third year of his reign he sent his princes ... to **teach in the cities of Judah**; And with them were the Levites ... and with these Levites were the priests ... And they **taught in Judah**, and had the **Book of the Law of the Lord with them**; they went about throughout all the cities of Judah **and taught among the people**. And a terror from the Lord fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.”*

4. IDENTIFICATION OF THE ENEMY

The enemy must be **identified specifically** and when we sing, the words we use **must speak to that stronghold**. This means that if the problem is fear, we need to sing of God's love - which drives out all fear. Watchmen identify him and deliverance ministries identify him!

NEH 4: 8, 9, 14, 15 *“And they all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem, **to injure and cause confusion and failure** in it. But because of them we made our prayer to our God and **set a watch against them day and night**. (24 hour prayer watch) I looked them over and rose up and said to the nobles and officials and to other people, **Do not be afraid of the enemy; earnestly remember the Lord and imprint Him on your minds**, great and terrible, and take from Him **courage to fight** for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.”*

Once you have identified the enemy, you target him by declaring to him what God's Word says:

PS 37:13 *“**The Lord laughs at the wicked**, for He sees that their own day of defeat is coming.”*

IS 54:17 *“But **no weapon** that is formed against you shall prosper, and every **tongue** that shall rise against you in judgement you shall show to be in the wrong. This **peace, righteousness, security and triumph over opposition** is the **heritage of the servants of the Lord**; this is the righteousness or the vindication which they obtain from Me, this is that which I impart to them as their justification, says the Lord.”*

This Word clearly teaches us that there will be weapons formed against us, BUT they will not prosper!

As soon as we discern that we are under attack and we start to fight back and counter-attack, then there is an immediate release and the enemy's plans are cut off and cancelled in Jesus Name!

LESSON 10

SONG AND INTERCESSION

The Church is called to be both the Bride of Christ and His army. This divine militancy is preceding a great spiritual advance and worshippers and warriors are moving together more and more in these last days.

Warfare in song is part of intercession and contributes to the whole process of breaking through in the spiritual realm, for it is through worship that we enter the Holy of Holies where we may come before the Throne of Grace - with petitions. Praise raises our level of faith in confrontational warfare.



II CHRON 20: 13-17 *“17 You shall not need to fight in this battle; take your **petitions**, stand still, and **see the deliverance** of the Lord Who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem. **Fear not nor be dismayed**. Tomorrow go out against them, for the Lord is with you.”*

[See Book: “Petitions” available from Kanaan Ministries]

1. PROPHECY AGAINST THE ENEMY

Prophecy often flows out of worship (**II Chron 20:15**) and is a vital part of warfare. It is calling those things that are not, just as though they were.

II CHRON 20:15 *“15 He said, Hearken, all Judah, you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you King Jehoshaphat. The Lord says this to you: **Be not afraid or dismayed** at this great multitude; for the **battle is not yours**, but God’s.”*

To prophesy against the enemy gives **the interpretation of God’s view in the spirit realm of the situation and what the outcome will be**. This gift is a **powerful** weapon we have against the enemy. **Jer 51: 58-64** is God’s prophetic word against Babylon. You are changing the spiritual landscape or the way things look over the person / church.

JER 51: 58-64 *“58 Thus says the Lord of hosts: The broad **walls of Babylon shall be utterly overthrown** and [the foundations] made **bare**, and her **high gates shall be burned with fire**; the peoples shall labor in vain, and the nations [only] to satisfy the fire, and they shall be weary...”*

60 So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that would come upon Babylon—even all these words that are written against Babylon.
61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When you come to Babylon, see to it that you read all these words.
62 Then say, O Lord, **You have spoken concerning this place that it shall be cut off, so that nothing shall remain and dwell in it, neither man nor beast; but it shall be desolate forever.**
63 And it shall be that when you have finished reading this book, you shall bind a stone to it and cast it into the midst of the Euphrates.
64 Then say, **Thus will Babylon sink and not rise because of the evil that I will bring upon her; and [the Babylonians] will be weary (hopelessly exhausted).** Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.”

REV 10:11 “Then they said to me, You are to make a **fresh prophecy** concerning many **peoples and races and nations and languages and kings.**”

2. ACTIONS IN PRAISE AND WARFARE

All things in the Old Testament was a shadow and type of Jesus: pointing to Him. Blood on doorposts, scape-goat, etc.

Actions in praise and warfare are part of prophetic actions which the Holy Spirit will inspire which will actually affect the spirit realm.

These actions send a message to the spirit realm the same way rituals invoke the presence of evil, e.g. **water baptism**: Satan does not see the water, he sees Jesus descending into hell and conquering death. He sees Jesus raised up and living within you - His resurrection power in You!! We are aligning ourselves with the Lord Jesus and establishing our covenant.

Often under praise and worship, **dances of deliverance and victory** will come forth. Raising up banners, dancing, sends messages to the spirit realm and affects it – causes change to take place – dislodges demons, etc.

3. SCRIPTURAL PROOF OF PRAISE AND ITS USE IN WARFARE

PS 8:2 “Out of the mouths of babes and unwearied infants You have established strength because of Your foes: That You might **silence the enemy and the avenger.**”

PRAISE SILENCES THE VOICE OF THE ENEMY!!!

NUM 10:9 *"When you go into battle...against an enemy who is oppressing you, **sound a blast on the trumpets**. Then you will be remembered before the Lord and rescued from your enemies."*

PS 18: 1-3 *"I love You fervently and devotedly, O Lord, my Strength. The Lord is my Rock, my Fortress, and my Deliverer; my God, **my keen and firm Strength in Whom I will trust and take refuge, my Shield, and the Horn of my salvation, my High Tower**. I will call upon the Lord, Who is to be praised; so **shall I be saved from my enemies**."*

PS 149: 6-9 *"Let the **high praises of God be in their throats** and a **two-edged sword** in their hands, to wreak vengeance upon the nations and chastisement upon the peoples, to **bind** their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron, to **execute upon them the judgement written**. He is the honour of all His saints. Praise the Lord!"*

IS 30:32 *"And every passing stroke of the staff of punishment and doom which the Lord lays upon them **shall be to the sound of Israel's timbrels and lyres**, when in battle He attacks Assyria with swinging and menacing arms."*

Tambourines and harps – when we prophecy with the instruments and hit the drums, blows are being delivered by God's arms upon our enemies.

PRAISE & WORSHIP:

The Lord repaying His enemies:

IS 66:6 *"An uproar from the city! A voice from the temple! **The voice of the Lord, rendering recompense to His enemies!**"*

As we praise we turn the battle back at the gate – the enemy can't come forth:

IS 28: 5, 6 *"But in that day the Lord of hosts shall **become a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty** to the converted remnant of His people, and a spirit of justice to **him who sits in judgement and administers the law**, and strength to those **who turn back the battle at the gate**."*

MICAH 2:13 *"The **Breaker** (the Messiah) will **go up** before them. They will **break through**, pass in through the **gate** and go out through it, and their King will pass on before them, the Lord at their head."*

BREAKTHROUGH ANOINTING

Bringing Forth New Wine: A 21 Day Prayer Focus for "The New"

By Chuck Pierce

Biblically, we find a precedent that many times it takes 21 days to break an old cycle. Therefore, I believe if we focus on breaking into "the new", we will see much new break forth. **Our nation is again at a critical place of change and I feel it very important we pray these next three weeks. *It's time to press into the new.***

Jesus Declared the NEW!

In the New Testament, Jesus often used the vineyard as an analogy for the Kingdom of God (**Matt. 20:1-16**). Those who hope to enter the Kingdom must be like the son who at first refused to work in his father's vineyard but later repented and went (**Matt. 21:28-32 and parallels**). Ultimately, Jesus Himself is described as the "true vine" and His disciples (Christians) as the branches (**John 15:1-11**). One of the best descriptions for entering into the new comes from **Matthew 9:17**:

"Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

The Lord is addressing John's disciples because they are questioning the methods He is using to train up His disciples. He then makes the analogy of putting a patch on an old garment, or putting new wine into an old wineskin. We also see the grace of the Lord in this because He wants to preserve the old as He develops the new. He is also saying to John's disciples "Don't limit me to just what John did, but expect Me to move in a new way." Therefore, through this analogy He reveals that He will develop new wine and He will develop a new structure for that wine.

WINE is a beverage primarily made from fermented grapes. Grapes grew throughout ancient Palestine. Right now in Israel the grapevines are blossoming. So this is a good time for us to understand this principle. Even in areas with limited rainfall, enough dew fell at night to support thriving vineyards. Wine was produced by pressing the juice from the grapes in large stone vats with a small drain at one end. The juice was collected in troughs, poured into large jars, and allowed to ferment while stored in cool, rock cisterns. In New Testament times, wine was kept in skin flasks and was often diluted with water. It was also used as a medicine and disinfectant. Scripture condemns drunkenness and overindulgence, but pictured wine as part of the typical ancient meal. You can't have wine without a vine!

The Vine is Important!

Any plant having a flexible stem supported by creeping along a surface or by climbing a natural or artificial support is known as a VINE. The word *vine* in the Bible almost always refers to the grapevine or vineyard. The climate of Palestine was well suited for vineyards.

Along with the olive and fig trees, the grapevine is used throughout the Old Testament to symbolize the fertility of the land (**Deut. 6:11; Josh. 24:13; 1 Sam. 8:14; 2 Kings 5:26; Jer. 5:17; 40:10; Hos. 2:12**). The origin of viticulture lies in the antiquity of the unknown past. The Bible traces the origin of caring for vineyards to the time of Noah (**Gen. 9:20-21**). The planting and care of a vineyard required constant and intensive care. The most detailed description of the work involved is found in **Isaiah 5:1-6**. He is the vine!

Pruning is an Important Process

After the grapes had set on the branches, the vines were pruned (**Lev. 25:4; Isa. 18:5; John 15:1-2**). This process produced stronger branches and a greater fruit yield. The pruned branches were useless except to be used as fuel (**Ezek. 15:2-8**). The vines for the most part were allowed to run on the ground, though occasionally they might climb a nearby tree (**compare Ps. 80:8-10; Ezek. 15:2; 19:11**). Perhaps it was this latter occurrence that made it possible for a man to “sit under” his vine (**1 Kings 4:25**). Only in the Roman period were artificial trellises introduced. The Bible frequently uses *vine* or *vineyard* as a symbol. *Vine* is often used in speaking of Israel. Thus, Israel is said to have been brought out of Egypt and planted as a vine on the land but was forsaken (**Ps. 80:8-13; compare Isa. 5:1-7**). Israel was planted a “choice vine” but became a “wild vine” (**Jer. 2:21; compare Hos. 10:1**). As the dead wood of a vine is good for nothing but fuel, so the inhabitants of Jerusalem would be consumed (**Ezek. 15:1-8; 19:10-14**). The fruit of the vine gladdens the heart of humankind (**Ps. 104:15; Eccl. 10:19**) and suppresses pain and misery (**Prov. 31:6-7**). Israel was “like grapes in the wilderness” when God found them (**Hos. 9:10**), and the remnant surviving the Exile is compared to a cluster of grapes (**Isa. 65:8**). Finally, an abundance of the vine symbolizes the glorious age to come when the treader of the grapes will overtake the one who sows the seed (**Amos 9:13-15; compare Gen. 49:10-12**). ***Allow the completion of the pruning process you are in so a greater joy can come forth in your life.*** Joy produces strength. Let all the dead wood be cut off of you. Let the sorrow and failures of the past season be removed so you become a sweet, new, drink in the hands of the Lord.

What is the New Wine?

Several types of wine were consumed. “New” or “sweet” wine was likely wine from the first drippings of juice before the grapes had been trodden. Some interpreters argue that new wine was unfermented. Some texts in which it is mentioned, however, allude to its intoxicating effects (**Hos. 4:11; Acts 2:13**). In a hot climate before the invention of refrigeration, it was not possible to keep wine many months past the harvest before fermentation began. Sour wine, perhaps vinegar mixed with oil, was a common drink of day laborers (**Ruth 2:14; Luke 23:36**). Wine was considered a luxury item which could both gladden the heart (**Ps. 104:15**) or cloud the mind (**Isa. 28:7; Hos. 4:11**). I define new wine this way, “The New Wine is the anointing of God to release the abundance of God’s life, joy and blessing in the lives of His people!” A good picture of the “New Wine” anointing is found in Acts chapter two. When the Spirit of God fell on the apostles, He released the *life* of God upon them. They were so overwhelmed by the overflowing joy of His presence, observers assumed they were drunk!

The crowd *thought* they were filled with new wine, but *really* they were filled with **NEW WINE!** God wants us to be “filled with New Wine.” ...to walk in fullness of joy, with a vibrant spirit, full of life! When God begins to release His new wine, the first step may surprise us.

God Longs to Bless!

The abundance of vines and vineyards were seen as expressions of God's favor. In the Bible, the fullness of God's blessing is described as “grain, new wine and oil” (**Jer. 31:12**). **Psalms 104:15** tells us that *wine* makes the heart glad, *oil* makes our face shine (glory), and bread (*grain*) gives us strength.

That is God's desire for each one of us. God wants us to have *strength* to stand against the enemy. He wants us to *shine* with his glory and fulfill our destiny in the earth. He also wants us to walk in *overflowing, abundant life* here in the earth-realm! God wants us to have the fullness of His blessing in every season, but there are seasons when He focuses on a particular aspect of His blessing. ***We are in a season when the Spirit of God wants to release a fresh supply of New Wine to His church.***

The Winepress for the NEW!

The first step in winemaking is the “stomping.” New wine cannot be released until grapes are stomped! The yeast that produces fermentation grows on the outside of the grape skin. The juice is on the inside. If the grape skin remains unbroken, the process of fermentation cannot begin, and the grape will eventually shrivel up and turn into a raisin! But when the grapes are stomped, the grape skin is broken. The yeast mixes with the juice, and new wine comes forth. That's a picture of how God deals with our flesh. When God gives us a vision, our flesh grabs it and tries to “make it happen” in fleshly energy. But the flesh cannot please God. So God has to put our desires and ambitions into the winepress and stomp them, until our flesh lets go!

Press Forth Into New Vision.

This process is called “death of a vision.” Death of a Vision is a process every character in the Bible went through to come into a place of God's blessing. God promised Abraham a son, then waited 25 years until Abraham's recognized his own inability to “make it happen.” God anointed David to be king, but then allowed David to be hunted by Saul until David entrusted his future entirely to God. God raised up Moses to set Israel free, then sent him out to the backside of the desert until he died to his own abilities. God will allow your vision to be stomped! He will wait for it to die, then He will resurrect it in supernatural power. God always works through life, death, and resurrection! If you are in a season where it seems all your hopes and dreams are being stomped, I have good news! Resurrection is coming! God is preparing to release His NEW WINE in you!

Let Patience Bring Forth Her Perfect Work!

If you are in the winepress, it's important to allow the stomping to have its full effect. If we resist stomping, the new wine cannot flow. If we refuse to die to our own desires and ambitions, what comes out is not the **New Wine**, but the **old whine!** We see our hopes and ambitions frustrated, and we start to murmur and complain, “I don't see why this is happening! God, this isn't what you promised!”

Old wine is full of frustration, bitterness & anger! It will never bring the results God wants. If God has you in the winepress, He is looking for a **shift!** He wants you to shift...

- from ambition to submission.
- from trying to trusting.
- from our old ways, plans, mindsets, to a walk of faith.
- from the attitude, "I can make it happen;" to "God, You will do it!"

Out of that shifting flows the new wine of the Spirit! If you are in the winepress, it's important that you stop reaching back to the old and familiar. Die to your ability to make it happen. Declare God's word by faith. Trust God completely to do all that He has promised!

Watching After Your Vineyard

Stone walls and/or hedges were usually built around the vineyard to protect the grapes from thirsty animals and from thieves (**Song of Sol. 2:15; Jer. 49:9**). Watchtowers were also built to provide further protection. The hewing out of a winepress or vat completed the vineyard installation (**Isa. 5:2**). During the harvesting season, the owner of the vineyard might live in a booth to stay close to his valuable crop (**Isa. 1:8**). *The harvest of the grapes took place in August or September. Watch now, so you see the full fruit of the new coming forth this Fall.*

Prayer Focus for Bringing Forth New Wine

Day 1. Read Isaiah 41 and 28:23-29. There is a bruising and a breaking that we must go through. Don't resist the stomping. Unless the skin is broken, we will end up as a raisin. So many in the old wineskin have resisted being broken. Declare all the seeds that are within you will awaken and come forth. Enter into your personal harvest. Ask the Lord to make you into a new, sharp threshing instrument.

Day 2. Read James 4. Submit your gifts and stand under the authority God is giving you. Bloom where God has planted you. Draw near to God and be faithful!

Day 3. Read Hebrews 4 and 12. Don't live in the past. This leads only to regret and bitterness. If you have repented, God's grace will cover past sins and failings. Allow your past to be pruned away; instead of being a bitter drink offering, you will become a sweet drink offering to the Lord.

Day 4. Read Jeremiah 29. Don't live in the future, but know that you have a good future. God has a future for you, but joy and fulfillment are found in HIM now!

Day 5. Read John 14, 15 and 16. Allow the pruning process to bring forth the new in you. Seek your joy in Him now. There is a place of overwhelming life and joy in Him. Press in to Him! Draw closer to Him! As you do, the New Wine begins to flow!

Day 6. Read Matthew 6. *Be anxious for nothing.* List the top five priorities in your life. Seek Him first and His Kingdom and His righteousness and then everything else will fall in place.

Day 7. Read Psalm 4. Allow the Lord to set you apart for the future. Let new joy and gladness arise. Declare you will sleep in peace and you will feel safe in the presence of God.

Day 8. Read Deuteronomy 33:26-29. New wine brings the fullness of God's security and provision.

Day 9. Read Joel 2 and 3. New wine is a sign of God's presence dwelling with His people and your land being restored and rejoicing.

Day 10: **Read Jeremiah 31.** The new is for you. New wine is part of the bounty of the Lord.

Day 11: **Read Song of Solomon 2, 3 and 4.** Ask the Lord to reveal to you the little foxes that are trying to crush the vine that will bring forth the new wine. Get a vision of your future identity. Ask the Lord to send a new wind and blow upon your garden.

Day 12: **Read Proverbs 3:1-10.** Ask the Lord how to give the first fruits of your increase so your vats will run over with new wine. Understand and experience God's blessing.

Day 13: **Read Song of Solomon 8 and Psalm 16.** Ask the Lord to come into your vineyard. Let Him prophetically reveal to you the fruit you are going to bring forth in the future. Enter into your promised inheritance.

Day 14: **Read Matthew 16.** Ask the Lord for revelation. Ask the Lord for the building plan for your future. Ask the Lord for keys. Just as Peter connected with the Father in heaven, connect with the Father in a way that you begin to unlock the Kingdom of God within you.

Day 15: **Read Hosea 2:14-23.** Unlock your door of hope. Know that there is hope in your valley of Achor. Ask God for that new door of hope to open up. Ask the Lord for mercy. Renew your covenant with God. New wine occurs when heaven and earth agree.

Day 16: **Read Rev. 14:14-20.** Declare that the Harvest in the nations will come into the winepress.

Day 17: **Read Ps. 119:81-88.** Declare that any premature aging or stiffness will begin to break from you and you will become a new wineskin.

Day 18: **Read Ezekiel 37.** Declare that which has been scattered will come back together into a new structure.

Day 19: **Read Ephesians 4.** Pray for the government of God in your region. For new wine to come forth, the government of God must be established in its fullness.

Day 20: **Read John 2.** Let the Lord change your water into new wine. He used the pots of religious ritualism to fill them with new wine. Ask the Lord to remove the spirit of religion from you. Let His Glory begin to shine.

Day 21: **Read Matthew 9 and 14.** Be willing to let go of any old method that is operating in your life, business, church, etc. Notice the teaching after the wineskin. The lady who had an issue of blood for 12 years pressed through and touched Jesus. Jesus was on His way to awaken the 12 year old daughter of Jairus. Declare that now is the time to press through into the new even in your weakness. Declare that what needs to wake up will wake up now. There is a time when the old season ends. When John the Baptist was beheaded, the old season ended. Allow the old to end and the new to begin.

Its time for new wine. Its time for the new wine skin. Both are coming forth. Enter in!

JOEL 3:9 *"Proclaim this among the nations: **Prepare war!** Stir up the mighty men! Let all the men of war draw near, let them come up."*

II CHRON 20: 21, 22 *"When he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers to sing to the Lord and praise Him in their holy priestly garments as they went out before the army, saying, Give thanks to the Lord, for His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever! **And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the men of***

Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir who had come against Judah, and they were self-slaughtered."

4. SONGS OF DELIVERANCE

The Psalms contain many songs of deliverance.

PS 124: 6-8 *"Blessed be the Lord, Who has not given us as prey to their teeth! We are like a bird escaped from the snare of the fowlers; **the snare is broken**, and we have escaped! Our help is in the Name of the Lord, Who made Heaven and earth."*

PS 32:7 *"You are a **hiding place** for me; You, Lord, preserve me from trouble, **You surround me with songs and shouts of deliverance.**"*

The Holy Spirit is able to sing the song of deliverance through you. It is like a prophecy in song and brings forth the Word of the Lord.

You are able to be activated in it, just as you are activated in the other gifts of the prophetic.

5. THE SOUND OF PRAISE IN THE SPIRIT

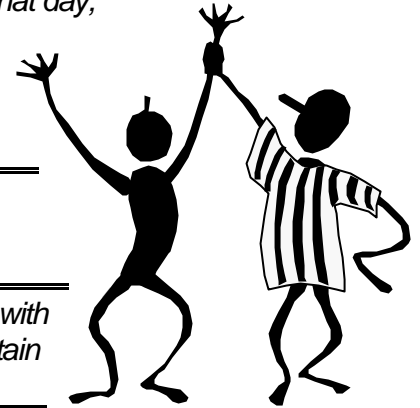
- Stars praise Him *Ps 148:3; 65:13.*
- Valleys sing *Is 44:23; 49:13.*
- Mountains sing *Is 55:12.*
- Trees sing *I Chron 16:33.*
- Heavens sing *Is 44:23; 49:13.*
- Waste places sing *Is 52:9; I Chron 16:32.*
- Sea roars a praise *Ps 98:7; 69:34.*
- Birds sing *Ps 104:12.*

6. VICTORY SONG

JUDGES 5: 1-3 “Then sang Deborah and Barak son of Abinoam on that day, saying, For the leaders who took the lead in Israel, for the people who offered themselves willingly, bless the Lord! Hear, O kings; give ear, O princes; **I will sing to the Lord. I will sing** praise to the Lord, the God of Israel.”

Deborah sang while Barak led the captives away.

IS 35:10 “And the **ransom** of the Lord **shall return** and come to Zion with **singing**, and **everlasting joy** shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and **gladness**, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”



7. THE TRUMPET SOUNDS

Our voices are like trumpets.

Used in war times:



NUM 10:9 “When you go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresses you, then **blow an alarm with the trumpets**, that you may be remembered before the Lord your God, and you shall be saved from your enemies.”

The Last Trumpet Call:

I COR 15: 51, 52 “Take notice! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the **last trumpet call**. **For a trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.**”

8. SHOPHARS

IS 18:3 “All you inhabitants of the world, you who dwell on the earth; when the banner is raised on the mountains - LOOK! **When a shophar is blown - LISTEN!**”

Along with the **harp**, the shophar is the most spoken of instrument in the Bible. Because the shophar is audible at great distances, it is used in **war** and **worship**.

God blew the first shophar when He gave the Torah to Moses



(Ex 19: 16, 19 - NKJV).

The shophar was blown to usher the Ark of the Covenant as David danced with all his might.

II SAM 6:15 *“So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with **shouting** and with the sound of the **shophar**.”*

The shophar was blown to **rally the troops** and to alert them against the enemy.

NEH 4:20 *“In whatever place you hear the **sound of the shophar**, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us.”*

The shophar was blown to start the battle as part of strategic warfare.

JOSHUA 6:20 *“So the people shouted, and the **shophars** were blown. When the people heard the sound of the **shophar**, they raised a great shout, and Jericho’s wall fell down in its place, so that the Israelites went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.”*

Also to **end the battle**:

II SAM 2:28 *So **Joab blew a shophar**, and all the people stood still and pursued Israel no more, nor did they fight any more.*

The shophar was blown to call people to **repentance** and **fasting**.

JOEL 2:1 *“Blow the shophar in Zion; sound an alarm on My holy Mount. Let the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming; it is close at hand.”*

The **watchman’s duty** is to blow the shophar.

EZE 33: 3-6 *“3 If when he sees the sword coming upon the land, he blows the **shophar** and warns the people.”*

JER 6:17 *“Also I set watchmen over you, saying, **Hear and obey the sound of the shophar!**”*

The shophar should be used for the same reason today, to inspire our brothers and sisters in the Lord, and to bring terror and confusion to the demons, powers and principalities.

Ask God to activate gift of prophecy through music.

**“Come Jesus, come meet our needs. Minister unto us, Your Bride, we need You.
Release Your corporate anointing over us so that we can prophesy in the spirit.
Lead us into prophetic worship.”**

AMEN.



LESSON 11

SEALS AND COVENANTS

DEFINITION

A seal is an instrument to authenticate ownership.

Sometimes when ministering to individuals that have come out of fairly heavy occult bondages, having done all we know, we find that there still is no breakthrough. We have learnt that the area of **seals** needs to be addressed. The same applies to **cities, areas, nations, churches**.

Seals in origin are not demonic, but are based on Biblical principles as found in the Bible.

EXAMPLES

- Used to guarantee business deals - **Jer 32: 11-14**.
- Ratify covenants - **Neh 10:1**.
- Insure a prophecy - **Dan 9:24**.
- Sealed until a certain time - **Dan 12:4**
- Protect books - **Rev 5: 5, 9**
- Lock doors - **Matt 27:66**.
- Ownership of - married - **S of Sol 4:12**
- love - **S of Sol 8:6**.
- Hidden things - **Is 29:11**.
- God's witness to Christ - **John 6:27**.
- Seal of Apostleship - **I Cor 9:12**.
- Believers security - **II Cor 1:22**.
- Assurance - **Eph 4:30**.
- God's ownership of His people - **Rev 7: 3-8**.

HAGGAI 2:23 *"In that day, says the Lord of hosts, will I take you, O Zerubbabel, My servant, the son of Shealtiel, says the Lord, and will make you **My signet ring**; for I have chosen you, says the Lord of hosts."*

In this scripture we see that the Lord specifically chooses someone to become a seal ring and that authority is transferred to that person automatically through this choice.

Signet rings were used to seal letters/documents/contracts, etc. **We become God's signet ring to seal deliverances and healings**, etc. Our lives, us being there, seals what has happened because we are witnesses of that which God has done in our lives. In the above scripture we see that God **chooses** us. When you are **chosen**, you must **answer** the call. Just because the call is there does not mean it's automatic. Answer the call and then you will receive the anointing to carry it through.

REV 5:9 *"And now they sing a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the scroll and to **break the seals** that are on it, for You were slain, and with Your Blood You purchased men unto God from every tribe and language and people and nation."*

We must use this scripture to pray over individuals, cities, nations, etc. Only Jesus can break the seals.

In the satanic kingdom one is chosen as a result of the inheritance of the bloodline. Satan then **seals** you - he marks you for his purposes (birth mark/deformity, etc.)

EPH 1:13 *"In Him you also who have heard the Word of Truth, the glad tidings of your salvation, and have believed in and adhered to and relied on Him, were stamped with the **seal of the long-promised Holy Spirit**."*

Once you are born into the Kingdom of God and believe, you are marked in the spirit with the Holy Spirit Who is a seal. We see that it is actually a **spirit** that is the seal - a **covering**.

In the demonic **kingdom an actual demon acts as the seal over the person**. This seal keeps all other demons in place until it is broken. This is not the same as a strong man. This demon's function is to **cover** everything. Strong men fight and guard. The sealing demon and strong man are in agreement - so we must pray disagreement between the two. We must prophesy strife between them.

When the seal is broken, the strong man's throne is exposed. Then we can destroy the altars that uphold the throne and once the throne has toppled, we can enter the spiritual dungeons with the Keys of the Kingdoms to release the souls of men held captive (the strong man holds the keys of captivity). (E.g. Waterspirits – Neptune's fork = seal)



In Revelations we see that only Jesus is worthy to break the seals. It is by His Name and the **price** that He paid that seals can be broken. His Blood was spilt in order to become worthy to open the seals.

This means that a seal is a type of **covenant** and that a seal is established with a covenant and the flowing of blood is the **witness** of the seal.

Some type of **covenant of dedication** has taken place in the bloodline to put that seal there, some **form of bloodletting** has taken place that has sealed the covenant/dedication.

We also see that seals are over people and nations, languages and tribes (cultures).

Our culture that we grow up in is a seal over us and that is why we sometimes experience resistance to break free from certain things in our culture that are ungodly. In praying for people and nations we need to break the seals that have been imprinted on them.

Pray that the **cultures** will be redeemed, that the **art forms**, **technology**, instruments they play on, etc. will be redeemed.

The **coat of arms** and flags of towns, cities, nations, etc. are **seals** over that area and over the people.

Seals are also set up for **future events** and the breaking of those seals sets events in motion. In the demonic realm we see this coincide with **the cycles of the planets**, which start the **dawn of New Ages**, e.g. The Age of Aquarius. E.g. In Revelations when seals were opened, horses were released.

We saw the **flood of the New Age** coming into South Africa - that **was a seal** that was broken and opened.

After the year 2000, there are **seals that will break open and much** will be released from the demonic kingdom as Satan prepares for his New World Order. Another example of a demonic seal that was opened was 100 years after the death of Cecil John Rhodes which released demonic anointing for the African Renaissance. (See book: African Renaissance available from Kanaan Ministries.)

At the same time God has also set up prophecies for His people that will surely come to pass!! A mighty harvest is on its way!! The **seals of Daniel** were sealed up for the end times and need to be prayed open in Jesus Name.

Intercessory prayer opens windows of Heaven over individuals, families, cities, nations, churches, etc. Mercy triumphs over judgment. Mighty revelation will be revealed in our days!

EXAMPLES

1. How many churches have **demonic seals** over their **finances** that prevent the windows of Heaven to open up for them?
2. Individuals are being held back because of demonic seals preventing the gifts to flow - the prophetic call, the psalmist, healing anointing, etc. When ministered to, these seals are broken and the anointing starts to flow. The gifts are activated.
3. Planting a new church in an area, part of it is to break open a seal over that area. That's why it's so hard to get started.

THREE TYPES OF DEMONIC SEALS CAN BE PRESENT WITH REGARDS TO A PERSON:

1. AN UMBILICAL CORD

A transference of demons in the womb through the umbilical cord can take place. Unless the seal is broken, the inherited demons will not leave. It acts as a gate with a gatekeeper.

2. A DEDICATION SEAL

This is when a baby is dedicated to Satan by an actual physical event.

[Please note: This is why our baby dedications are of such vital importance, because the child can be sealed with blessings or curses.]

A demon is placed over the dedication ritual to seal it. Sometimes blood covenants with Satan are made on behalf of the child.

3. AN INITIATION SEAL

When the child is at an older age it is initiated into an order by a physical event. This would require, even by force, some act of their will. They would physically have to do something like sign the book, drink the blood, etc. Normally some record is kept and the child may receive special markings, cuts, brand marks, "blessings" and/or names. If the seal is not broken, the covenant remains in tact.

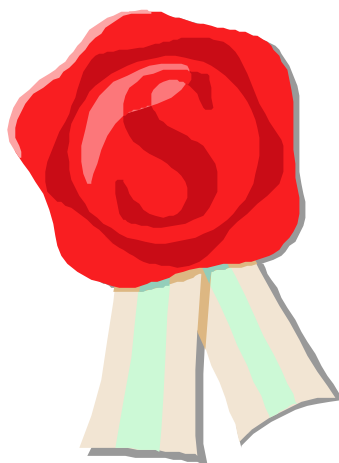
When these seals are accompanied by the letting of blood, the covenants become stronger.

BUT praise the Lord!! The Blood of Jesus is above any other covenant and His Name is higher than any other!!
His Blood has the Final Word!
He is the Alpha and Omega!

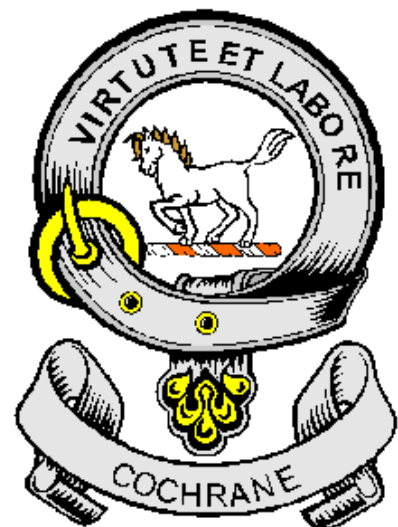
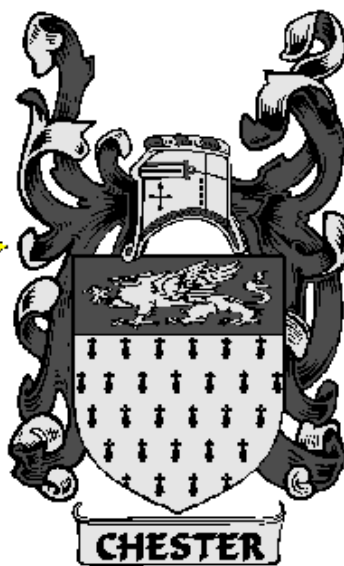
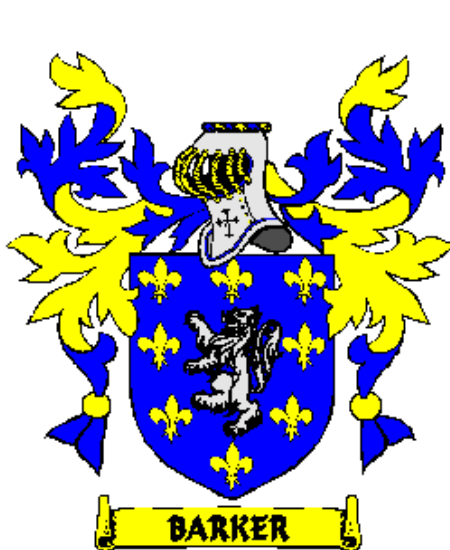
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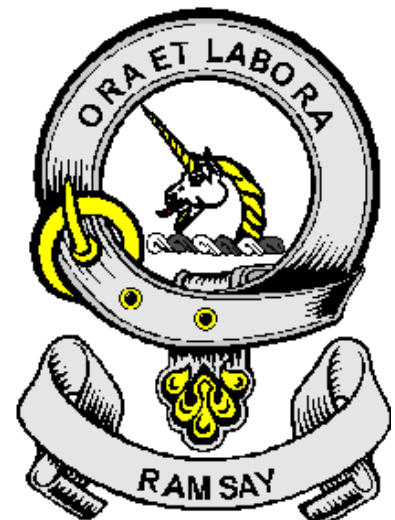
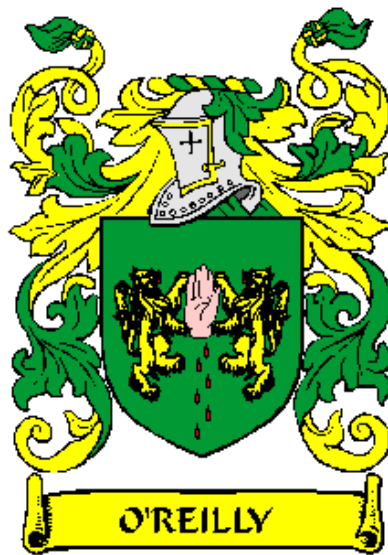
1. **Water baptism** is a seal. The old man is buried with Christ and you are raised with the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit.
2. **The baptism of the Holy Spirit** by the laying on of hands and the evidence of speaking in tongues also is a type of seal over us.
3. **The Blood of Jesus** is the seal over us. Because we sin everyday, we break the seal over us and that is why we must confess and repent and regularly use communion to reseal our lives with the Blood of Jesus.
4. **Our home s:** God's seal can be broken when people in the home sin or you are ministering to people in your home with demonic bondages - the protection is broken and so we need to pray and re-establish God's seal regularly. Visitors in your home can also bring demons with them and the seal will need to be re-established.

(See also "Crushing Every Opposition" available from Kanaan Ministries)



EXAMPLES OF A FEW FAMILY COAT OF ARMS (SEALS).







BEKKER



BERGH



BESTER



BEYERS



BURGERS



DE LANGE



DE WIT



ERASMUS



FOUCHÉ



GRAAF



KRITZINGER



LOOPUYT



LOMBARD



MARAIS



PRETORIUS



WATERMEYER

LESSON 12

TRAVAIL & INTERCESSION VS THE SPIRIT OF GRIEF

DEFINITION OF TRAVAIL

- Labour pains at childbirth.

It is the means the Lord uses to spiritually birth salvation, deliverance, healing and restoration of the Church. Revival is never **confessed** into being, rather it is **travailed and birthed** into being.

Amal – IS 53:11 *“He shall see the **fruit of the travail** of His soul and be satisfied; by His knowledge of Himself which He possesses and imparts to others shall My uncompromisingly righteous One, My Servant, justify many and make many righteous, for He shall bear their iniquities and their guilt with the consequences, says the Lord.”*

Chalah – JER 4:31 *“For I have heard a **cry as of a woman in travail**, the **anguish** as of one who **brings forth her first child** – the **cry of the Daughter of Zion**, who gasps for breath, who spreads her hands, saying, Woe is me now! I am fainting before the murderers.”*

Adino – GAL 4:19 *“My little children, for whom I am again **suffering birth pangs** until Christ is completely and permanently formed within you.”*

Travail is not done in the general congregation. Young Christians will not understand it. They might see it as a work of the flesh or a demon. We are all at different levels of spiritual growth. BE SENSITIVE!!

AGREEMENT IN PRAYER

All must flow together – one target and one direction. Be careful of many visions and revelations, strongmen and scriptures. This confuses the group and no one knows where the group is heading. Set specific goals during intercession and concentrate to flow together. It will be like a concentrated attack!!



DISCERN THE BODY CORRECTLY!

In one group there can be different anointings. One will lead in travail; another in attack; another in prophecy against the enemy; another in praying the Word.

In which area do you experience anointing and flowing with the Holy Spirit?

Travail is pure Holy Spirit flow – there are no mind or thought interferences.

The prerequisite is a **pure heart**. You have to deal with any offenses, because when you go into God's Throne Room you are being used as an instrument. Offenses are Satan's bait. So, BEWARE!

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE TRAVAIL?

Travail usually has a groaning sound – your insides are being squeezed.

The power of God is so intense that you don't know what to do – to laugh, cry, groan, etc.

Your prayers are directed towards the Father and they affect the spiritual realm. God uses you to seek out a person in the spirit (whoever He lays upon your heart) and to bring him/her out of bondage in the Spirit with Jesus' resurrection power. You are calling forth the image of God in them and the establishment of the Kingdom of God – over people, cities and towns and nations. As the Holy Spirit moved in the spiritual realm and sought out Jesus and raised Him from the dead, so, too, we move through that passage and raise people from the dead and call them into life by the RESURRECTION POWER (Lazarus).

God will reconcile ALL things unto Him, i.e. sound, music (notes and instruments), talents, healing (doctors, medicine), etc.

Colossians 1:20 *"20 And God purposed that through (by the service, the intervention of) Him [the Son] all things should be completely reconciled back to Himself, whether on earth or in heaven, as through Him, [the Father] made peace by means of the blood of His cross."*

Even the earth groans and travails for the redemption. Hear the callings and groanings released all the time.

Romans 8:23 *"23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves too, who have and enjoy the firstfruits of the [Holy] Spirit [a foretaste of the blissful things to come] groan inwardly as we wait for the redemption of our bodies [from sensuality and the grave, which will reveal] our adoption (our manifestation as God's sons)."*

Come Jesus, come! Bring Your redemption! Reconcile us to You. Hear the cries of the children that are being abused; children with broken lives, broken hearts!

This is what Father God hears. Men whose legs and arms were blown away with wars; earth quakes; drownings; sacrificed babies, etc.

Intercession can be in the form of groanings or tears.

[NB: Just praying in tongues is not travailing.]

SALVATION OF NATIONS

PS 2:8 *“Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations as Your inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth as Your possession.”*

INTERCESSION OF ELIJAH

I KINGS 18:42 *“So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he bowed himself down upon the earth and **put his face between his knees.**”*

INTERCESSION OF JESUS

HEB 7:25 *“Therefore He is able also to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He is always living to make petition to God and **intercede** with Him and **intervene** for them.”*

HEB 5:7 *“In the days of His flesh Jesus offered up definite, **special petitions** for that which He not only wanted but needed and supplications with **strong crying and tears** to Him Who was always able to save Him out from death, and He was heard because of His reverence toward God.”*

JOHN 11:33 *“When Jesus saw her sobbing, and the Jews who came with her also sobbing, He was **deeply moved** in spirit and troubled. He chafed (groaned) in spirit and sighed and was disturbed (troubled).”*

TRAVAILING IN THE SPIRIT

ROM 8:26 *“So too the Holy Spirit comes to our aid and bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer nor how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication and pleads in our behalf with **unspeakable yearnings** and **groanings too deep for utterance.**”*

TRAVAIL BRINGS FORTH REPENTANCE

JER 9: 17, 18 *“Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider and call for the mourning women to come; send for the skillful women to come. Let them make haste and **raise a wailing** over us and for us, that our eyes may **run down with tears** and our eyelids gush with water.”*

BURDENS

BAROS [Gr.] A weight/anything pressing on one physically, materially and spiritually.

GAL 6:2 *“Bear one another’s burdens and troublesome moral faults, and in this way fulfill and observe perfectly the law of Christ.”*

ESTABLISHING GOD’S KINGDOM

IS 62: 6, 7 *“I have set **watchmen** upon your walls, O Jerusalem, who will never hold their peace **day or night**; you who are His servants and by your prayers put the Lord in remembrance of His promises, keep not silence. And **give Him no rest** until He establishes Jerusalem and makes her a praise in the earth.”*

EX 32: 31, 32 *“So Moses returned to the Lord, and said, Oh, these people have sinned a great sin and have made themselves gods of gold! Yet now, if You will **forgive their sin** – and if not, blot me, I pray You, out of Your book which You have written!”*

When idolatry takes place, there are **demonic witnesses** built in the spiritual realm, e.g. altars, idols, etc.

Your praise and worship affects the spiritual realm. Every time you pray, an angel comes to pick up the prayers and so obey God’s commands in answer to our prayers.

MARKED BY GOD

EZEK 9:4 *“And the Lord said to him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and **set a mark upon the foreheads** of the men who **sigh** and **groan** over all the abominations that are committed in the midst of it.”*

THE SPIRIT OF GRIEF AND MOURNING

The spirit of grief draws attention to self. It disturbs the group and takes one off-track. Be careful in handling this situation.

If personal wounds and hurts have not been healed, the spirit of grief may come into operation during prayer and cause people to think they have entered into travail.

The tears are NOT those of travail and this hinders the work of the Holy Spirit.

IS 61:3 *“To grant **consolation** and **joy** to those who mourn in Zion – to give them an ornament of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment of **praise** instead of a **heavy, burdened and failing spirit** – that they may be called oaks of righteousness, lofty, strong and magnificent, distinguished for uprightness, justice, and right standing with God, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”*



A PROPHETIC WORD FROM THE LORD

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“My anger is stirred up,” says the Lord, “against the nations for they are dividing My land and seeking to destroy My heritage. My furious anger is like a boiling cauldron against those powerful states that have produced such strategies and who by pressure and manipulation are seeking to implement them. Now I will become their enemy,” says the LORD, “and I will judge them with natural disasters, by physical catastrophes, by fire, by flood, by earthquakes and by eruptions. I will touch the seas, and the atmosphere, the earth and all that is within them. Moreover, I will touch them where it will hurt them the most for I will touch their power and the foundations of their affluence and prosperity. I will smash their prosperous economies,” says the LORD. “And I will overturn, and overturn and overturn that they may know that I am the LORD, They sit like potentates, so safe, so secure, believing in their own cleverness and wisdom and power, but I, the LORD; I will cause them to stumble. I will lead them into confusion and disorder, I will blind them and delude them so that they will make mistakes because they have not regarded Me, nor honored Me, but rather they have devalued Me, deriding My word and ignoring My covenants.”

“For too long have I been quiet,” says the LORD, “but now will I arise in overflowing anger and fury. In dividing My land and seeking to demoralize and destroy My people, Israel, they have thrown down the gauntlet. I, the LORD of Hosts, the Almighty One, I will take them on.”

“Therefore, you who know Me, whom I have redeemed and saved at such cost, who seek to serve Me and to stand before Me in the place of intercession, learn to abide in Me. For all these storms and troubles will come upon both the redeemed and the unredeemed. I am your true refuge and shelter. Do not fear but trust in Me for I will be your strength. Beware of uncommanded work that you may not uncover yourselves and become casualties. For all that which I command you to do, there is grace and power and wisdom and you will be fully covered.”

“Do not fear,” says the LORD, “for I am in charge and I will fulfill all My purpose. Out of this turmoil, I will bring a saved multitude beyond number from amongst the nations. And I will bring the Bride, the Wife of the Lamb, using the pressures, the afflictions and the turmoil, to purify and to refine her, if, only in a faithful remnant. And in the midst of all this shaking, in the very eye of the storm, I will save Israel. For I will open her blinded eyes and her closed mind and her locked heart and she will recognize her Messiah, her LORD and her Savior. Tenderly and with unfailing love will I lead Israel. She who is bespattered with blood, persecuted and hated, I the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, will bring out of this turmoil redeemed and with glory.”

“Therefore in love, fear Me,” says the LORD, “your Saviour and your Deliverer, and learn to wait on ME and wait for ME. To such I will look, to those who have laid down their lives for My sake, who have humbled themselves before Me, to them will I open My heart, and reveal My mind and give understanding. For those that wait for ME shall never be confounded nor ashamed. But the self-centered, the self-serving and the self-contained, those who are proud and superior, they will be broken,” says the LORD. “Put your trust in Me alone. Let Me be your all and you will come through this time with treasure for I will be your eternal and unfading treasure.”

LESSON 13

SPIRITUAL MAPPING

PART 1

Objective: *Stepping stones to research our area.*

Dealing with Personal, Generational and City-wide Sins.

Judges 6: 25-26 *“Now it came to pass the same night that the Lord said to him, ‘Take your father’s young bull, the second bull of seven years old, and **tear down the altar of Baal** that your **father has**, and **cut down the wooden image** that is beside it: And build an altar to the Lord your God on top of this rock in the proper arrangement, and take the second bull and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the image which you shall cut down.”*

THE ROAD TO COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

Transformed communities do not materialize spontaneously. In other words, there are definitive steps that we can and should take to position our communities for a visitation of the Holy Spirit. We want to consider recent evidence that shows God’s people are acting on this proposition with great success.



Identifying Common Threads

When you bump into the same story ten or twelve times, however, your confidence will rise. You have now established a pattern, and patterns are compelling. Patterns transform inspirational stories into potent models.

Investigation into transformed communities has yielded several major hits. These include, but are not limited to the following five stimuli:

- a. Persevering leadership (**Neh. 6: 1-16**).
- b. Fervent, united prayer (**Jonah 3: 5-10**).
- c. Social reconciliation (**Mat. 5: 23, 24; 18: 15-20**).
- d. Public Power Encounters (**Acts 9: 32-35**).
- e. Diagnostic Research / Spiritual Mapping (**Josh. 18: 8-10**).

Although each of these factors recurs often enough to be considered common, two of them – persevering leadership and fervent united prayer – are present in all transformation case studies.

If these two factors play a central role in community transformation, it seems prudent to become better acquainted with them.

Persevering Leadership

Determined leaders figure prominently in the scriptural record.

Noah spent decades constructing a massive Ark while his neighbours mocked him as an eccentric fool.

Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem in the face of persistent threats from Sanballat.

Jesus ignored protestations from well-meaning friends in order to lay down His life at Calvary.

It should therefore come as no surprise that catalytic leaders associated with recent community transformations have also battled through strong opposition. These spiritual-change agents have refused to accept anything less than God's maximum – even when the pressure has come from family members and ministry colleagues.

In every case their single-minded faith, demonstrated by prayer and a steadfast commitment to the community, led to dramatic results.

United Prayer

The second factor in community transformation is fervent, united prayer. In each of these case studies, breakthrough occurred when intercessors addressed specific concerns.

United prayer is a declaration to the heavenlies that a community of believers is prepared for divine partnership.

When this welcoming intercession is joined by knowledge, it becomes focused – leading to and sustaining the kind of fervent prayer that produces results.

A New Way of Seeing

2 Kings 6: 8-18.

Elisha's servant at Dothan noted with dismay that ruthless Aramean troops had surrounded his city, Elisha responded by asking God to **open his eyes so he may see** (v 17). This was not out of concern for the young man's natural vision. What he claimed to see was really there. The problem lay with what he did not see. When the blinders were removed from his spiritual eyes, Elisha's servant discovered that the Aramean army was itself besieged by a fiery angelic host. Armed with this new perspective, he was able to reach a very different conclusion about his prospects.

Kingdom Dynamics

To believe the impossible one must first see the invisible – the lesson Elisha taught his servant: War between Israel and Syria, and the prophet Elisha informing his people of the enemy's tactics through prophetic insight (v 12).

Here is the lesson: Prayer is the key to discerning our adversary's schemes. Further, the key to dispelling Elisha's servant's panic was his vision being opened to see the invisible. Note these crucial words: "Elisha prayed"!

Elisha did not ask God simply to show the servant another miracle; he asked for his servant to see into another dimension. The answer came immediately: **The Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha** (v 17). Seeing into the invisible is a key to victorious praying – discerning spiritual issues from God's perspective rather than man's, seeing the adversary's attack plan, and perceiving God's angelic strike-force.

When God breathed "the breath of life" into Adam's nostrils (Gen. 17), he brought forth something utterly unique in creation – a being endowed with the capacity to traffic in two dimensions (the material and the spiritual).

John 4:24 <i>"God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."</i>

He wanted to insure His children could relate to him according to His nature.

Unfortunately, many people neglect to utilize their full range of endowments. Westerners, including an embarrassing number of Christians, are especially guilty of this. Having embraced the language and worldview of the Enlightenment, they dismiss spiritual vision as superstitious folly. Ask them to explain why things are the way they are in their communities, and they will instinctively turn to the oracles of sociology, economics or politics. Talk of spiritual explanations and you have bounded outside their comfort zone.

Like Elisha's servant, these individuals have become one-eyed jacks, able to discern material matters but blind to the spiritual realities standing behind them.

The problem here is a wrong assumption, namely that the material realm is the basis of reality. Unfortunately, wrong assumptions have a way of leading to wrong conclusions. If we are to succeed in our mission to further God's Kingdom on earth, we must learn to see our communities as they really are, not merely as they appear to be. As Paul reminds us in Ephesians 6, our conflict is linked with dark supernatural powers. This being true, it does not make much sense for us to try and interpret our surroundings by natural means alone.

Spiritual mapping enables us to "see" things that were previously undetectable with our natural eyes.

See **1 Kings 19:18**; **2 Kings 6:17**; **Luke 24:31**. These veiled realities can include repressed hurts (associated with unresolved social injustice), spiritual pacts (solutions to individual or corporate trauma) and demonic strongholds (both psychic and territorial) that daily hinder the advance of the Gospel.

With its inherent diagnostic capacity, spiritual mapping empowers intercessors in much the same way that X-rays serve physicians.

Although we have the power to overthrow kingdoms (**Jer. 1:10**) and demolish strongholds (**2 Cor 10:4**), this power must be discharged in a controlled manner.

When the psalmist declares (God) trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle (**Ps 144:1**), the emphasis is on **preparation** and **precision**. Power alone is not enough to win the victory. Any modern fighter pilot will tell you the same thing. Divorced from accurate targeting coordinates, supersonic aircraft and laser-guided missiles are merely expensive toys. It is the **quality of intelligence**, not raw horsepower, which ultimately determines a mission's impact. God has not left us to fight blind.

Meaningful intelligence on our communities is readily obtainable through spiritual mapping.

Biblical Precedents for Spiritual Mapping

Joshua 18:4 *"Pick out from among you **three men for each tribe**, and I will send them; they shall **rise and go through the land, survey** it according to their **inheritance**, and come back to me."*

The first example is found in **Numbers 13** where Moses, at God's order, dispatched spies into Canaan to "**see what the land is like**" (v 18). The expedition lasted 40 days and included a detailed research agenda.

The fact that God was already well acquainted with Canaan's challenges testifies to the importance he places on human interaction with spiritual strongholds. In this case, there were implications for an entire nation.

We see in **Joshua 18**, as the men left to map out the land, Joshua instructed them to "**write its description on a scroll, town by town, in seven parts**" (v 8-9). On the basis of this thorough research, the land of inheritance was divided among seven Israelite tribes.

Spiritual mapping was also undertaken in Jericho when Joshua commissioned two spies to go "**look over the land**" (**Josh. 2:1**), and in Jerusalem when Nehemia conducted three days of research prior to restoring the city's walls.

Neh 2: 12-15 *“And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem... And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung port, and **viewed the walls of Jerusalem**, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire. Then I went on to the **gate of the fountain**, and to the king’s pool... then went I up in the night by the brook, and **viewed the wall**, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and so returned.”*

In **Acts 17:16** we run into spiritual mapping again, this time in connection with Paul’s sojourn in Athens. While waiting for Timothy and Silas to join him, the apostle was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols.

Acts 17: 22-23 *“Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription; **TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.**”*

Now Paul, being a man of prayer (**Acts 21:5; Rom. 1: 9-10**), he addressed them with the wisdom of God: Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious... and by addressing them like that he had their attention and could speak freely. He didn’t criticize by mentioning their idols, but focused upon their religiosity. Paul first saw their environment, then he started speaking with power.

We also know that he understood the relationship between idols and demonic powers (**1 Cor 10: 19-21**) and that he recognized these powers as the focal point of our spiritual struggle (**Eph. 6:12**). As he made plans to penetrate the deceptive strongholds erected by these demons, Paul implored the church at Colosse to pray for an open door (**Col. 4: 2-3**).

Another reference to spiritual mapping is found in **Ezekiel 8**. In this memorable chapter, the prophet describes an intense and disturbing vision. Yielding to the Spirit’s direction, he is taken to Jerusalem’s Temple court where he is instructed to dig through a hole in the wall. Upon entering a secret doorway on the other side, he is shocked to find the elders of Israel engaged in idolatrous and perverse worship (**v 7-11**). After drawing Ezekiel’s attention to this hidden abomination, God leads the prophet past the north gate of the temple where women are weeping for the Babylonian fertility god, Tammuz. The site of this ultimate desecration proved to be the inner court of the temple. There, between the portico and the altar, the prophet observed 25 men bowing down to worship the eastern sun (**v 16**).

As Ezekiel carried this new understanding into passionate intercession, he was given a series of divine instructions designed to deliver Israel from her bondage to the doctrines of demons.

We have entered the most complex and turbulent period in human history. An explosion of knowledge (**Dan. 12:4**) has ushered in a brave new world of electronic stimulation and human cloning.

Breakthroughs in global evangelization (**Matt. 24:14**) have triggered unprecedented demonic activity (**Rev 12:12**).

Spiritual mapping makes good sense now because the end times have become our times.

SPIRITUAL MAPPING

PART 2

Objective: *Practical procedure of spiritual mapping.*

Deut 1:22 “And every one of you came near to me and said, ‘let us send men before us, and **let them search out the land for us, and bring back word to us** of the way by which we should go up, and of the cities into which we shall come.’”

The whole question of spiritual mapping is based on the principles of being informed (**Judges 7:11**) about the area where you live. “Listen to what they say ...” and spying out the land. **Lots of material on this area of intercession can be found, e.g. Deut. 1:22; the life of Paul (he was informed and knew their culture, history, etc. and could relate to them intelligently); Gideon, Esther knew about the political situation in their country.**

The big secret of spiritual mapping is not to go overboard, because this can put people off completely.

Don't trust in your own abilities but trust God the Holy Spirit to show you what is going on in the spiritual realm. Don't get hyped up and totally unnatural. This puts people off totally. Don't fabricate spiritual things happening. **Learn to keep God's secrets.** Only release them once God has told you to. Walk around with open eyes and sensitive ears.

Spiritual Mapping is not centered on the Demonic

Another tendency of many spiritual mappers is to give undue, and even exclusive, attention to the demonic.

This habit is most often seen in the rush to assign names to territorial spirits or to identify spiritual power known as ley lines.

Any investigation of the spiritual dynamics at work in a needy community must consider three fundamental questions:

1. What is wrong with my community?
2. Where did the problem come from?
3. What can be done to change things?

Don't major on negative issues (political) and be negatively influenced. Remember that the Word says our warfare is not against flesh and blood, but against powers, principalities and spiritual forces of darkness. In other words, focus on the devil who is the cause of it and break his hold, thoughts and plans over the people and area.

While the first two inquiries often do highlight satanic activity, it is a mistake to equate any answers we may glean with a finished spiritual mapping product. Communities do not change merely because we have become aware of the nature and origins of spiritual strongholds; they change because **revived believers enter into fervent and united prayer**. To assess the potential for spiritual breakthroughs we must consider initiatives taken by God and his people.

We must ask **what the Church is doing** to cultivate an appetite for unity, holiness and prayer and whether there is evidence that the Holy Spirit is responding to these initiatives. Unless, and until we complete this tour of "the light side" of spiritual mapping, we will not succeed in our mission.

Now, in starting, **put together a team** and **choose a leader**, not necessary a cell leader or any other leader, but **a person who prays**. Very important that every one of the team will submit and work with that leader.

Also very important, **choose a venue** and **plan proper meetings** so that different individuals will not run away on their own agendas.

In such a team there will be three units:

1. Archival Unit

They are the people gleaning all the information in libraries, municipalities etc.

2. Field Unit

They are the people persons; they extract information through their social skills.

3. Intercessory Unit

They spend a lot of time in prayer, the Word and with the saints. They are often the first of the three sub-units to perceive important cautions and patterns.

A Big Map

Get a big map (**Ezek 4: 1-3**) of the city, town or area with the following information (it is good to have more than one map):



- Indicate **churches with red crosses** and **cemeteries with black dots**.
- Where do you find temples or any of the following activities?
 - ☐ Free Masons.
 - ☐ Muslims.
 - ☐ Hindus.
 - ☐ Witch doctors.
 - ☐ Satan worshippers.
 - ☐ Various Sects e.g. Scientology, B'hai, Buddhists, etc.
- Indicate these locations with **luminous pink dots, circling them with purple lines**
 - ☐ Occultic Centres, i.e. karate, judo, eastern meditation, theosophy, spiritism, fortune-telling, etc.
- **Places of debauchery and worldly relaxation, i.e. escort agencies, prostitution, disco's, night clubs, video shops, cinemas, etc. in luminous yellow.**
- Places of addiction in **royal blue**, e.g. bottle stores, places of drug trafficking and use.
- Is there a tattersall where betting takes place? Is there a race track (Rev. 4:4)? Indicate these with **purple crosses**.
- Indicate clearly **all entrances of the town**, as well as the **station, airport, and harbour/port** with **red, capital Es**.

Micah 4:13.

- Indicate the **highest points** in and around the town with **blue, capital Hs** (1 Sam 2:2; 1 Kings 20:23). Thus one can say, he **who rules the heights, water and air, will rule the area**. Good examples are Newcastle, Table Mountain and Sir Lowry's Pass.
- Where do the **rivers** run and where are the **great dams** and lakes located in the vicinity? Indicate the run of the rivers and the locations of dams in light blue.

- Where are the **sources of the rivers**?
- Mark all **educational centres**, i.e. schools, universities, technikons in **light green**.

VERY IMPORTANT: Always ask the following questions when dealing with the above:

- Are they enclosing certain areas?
- Is there any linear connection between them?
- How far are they from the city centre?
- Which churches, schools, residential areas, market squares, parks etc. are perhaps within their sphere of spiritual influence?

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Prov. 24: 7-8.

- Which place of importance does the particular area occupy in the country's history?
- Was there a time frame when a new culture or language started due to a conquest?
- Which antique, heathen worship activities took place where the town is located?
- At which point in time did a new type of worship start?
- Under which circumstances was the **Gospel preached for the first time**?
- Were there any **wars** that affected the town in any way, e.g. conquests, uprisings, civil wars? Did wars take place on the territory of the town?
- Where are the concentration camps of the Anglo Boer War?

- What happened historically on the grounds of your church building? In Koppies, for instance, the Rebellion started on the church property where we had been ministering the Word. In Garsfontein, an area was partially a burial ground for black people, and they speak about it as “Grasfontein” because they say the grass will grow over it again.
- After whom or what was the **town named** and why?
- What is the history and meaning of the **coat and motto**?
- Why was the town or city founded? Was there a need for it, or was it a matter of greed? Here you are looking for the **foundation** on which the place was built, e.g. Johannesburg was founded due to the mineral riches of the area; Bethlehem, in comparison, as a place to worship God.
- Who was/were the **founder/s** and what were their dreams?
- Who were the **pioneers** who originally resided in the place? What was their relationship with God like?
- What kind of people were they? What names did they give to their farms and why?
- Which **political, spiritual, and military leaders** came from the town? What kind of people were they and what did they stand for?
- Did **certain immigrant groups** come to the town?
- How did they influence the town?
- Were there or are there any religious conflicts?
- What is the history like concerning **racial relationships**?
- Did the town or city experience an **economic decline, racial violence or earth quakes**?
- Are there any **legends** in connection with the town and surrounding areas?
- Was there a time of instant riches due to the discovery of precious metals or minerals?
- Did the town ever experience the birth of technology that transformed the social structure e.g. The Industrial Revolution?

CONTEMPORARY ACTIVITIES

Read newspapers, local newspapers, church pamphlets or congregational letters and tourist information to determine what is NOW going on in the area.

General questions:

- How many people are involved in church activities?
- What is the population of the black, coloured, white, etc. residential areas and how many people live there?
- The names of the VIP's and their activities.
- Make a list of the addresses of the MP's, mayors, school principles, rectors, presidents of clubs, etc.
- Read the **advertisements** to see what is happening in town. This will reveal to you **occultic centres, massage salons, escort agencies, martial arts centres, etc.** Remember the advertisement section is a mirror to tell you how sick or how healthy a society is.
- Which **industries** do you find and where are they situated?
- Which **political party** rules the constituency or city? Pay attention to signs, figures and writings on walls (graffiti) and buildings, like occultic designs etc. At one of the main entrances of Benoni we found satanic signs!

Take a tour around your city or town (Neh. 2: 11-18; Ps. 48: 12-13 Amp) and take note of the following:

- Where are the parks, church and market squares, etc. situated? Which names do they carry?
- What types of names do the buildings and streets carry?
- What type of **monuments** do you find there? How many of these are pyramids? Are there any occultic signs present, e.g. signs of the Zodiac, the "third eye" or as it is called in churches the "all seeing eye of God" (Isa. 57:8)?
- Who lives in the urban area and the city centre? Are there concentrations of certain peoples in a specific area?

ACTIVITIES

What's happening in the secular world?

- Which **sporting activities** are taking place?

- Which **conferences** are being held in your city?
- Which **concerts/entertainment** are taking place? What do these artists stand for, e.g. the Rolling Stones in S.A. What did they portray?
- Are any **abortion clinics** present in your area?
- What about new **sex shops**, etc.?

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

- Are there any seminars or special speakers? Are you undergirding their activities?
- Are you informed about prayer groups in your area? Or spiritual mappers? What are you going to do to bring unity about?

OCCULTIC ACTIVITIES

- Are occultists visiting your areas as speakers?
- Are there any occultic bookshops, music shops, night clubs etc. opening up in your area? The Odyssey magazine gives a lot of information on the activities of the New Agers.

PHYSICAL QUESTIONS

- Is there an area in the city where **accidents** always take place (e.g. certain stopping streets) or where the **drug addicts** gather, etc.? This must be shown on the map.
- Is your town or village known as one where **murders** take place, or were **racism** still prevails. Is your city or area perhaps known as a place where **homosexuals** always gather? Be very sensitive to declarations that are made about such communities/cities. Ventersdorp is called AWB-land. Imagine all the spiritual “goggas” that go with such declarations.

IT IS GOOD POLICY TO APPOINT SOMEBODY AS THE MEDIA WATCH. SUCH A PERSON WOULD KEEP PRESS CLIPPINGS OF ALL THE CONTEMPORARY ACTIVITIES THAT NEED PRAYER. ALSO KEEP A PRAYER JOURNAL OF ANSWERED PRAYER.

GOD'S PLAN

- Prophetic words and promises spoken over the area (**Jer. 29:11**).

In **Gen. 22:16** and **Gen. 24:60**, God promises Abraham and Rebecca that their descendants will **take possession of the Gates of the cities of their enemies** because it is **God's plan that the gates should belong to the children of God**. Ask therefore the Holy Spirit what God's plan was when the city was built, i.e. the spiritual purpose of the city.

In August 1991, God showed us that Bloemfontein was not only geographically but also spiritually the centre of South Africa. Remember the old saying: "If the Free State turns, the country turns"? That is, when Bloemfontein turns the country will turn.

We must ask God to watch over the city, **Ps 127:1(b)**. Unless the Lord watches over the city the watchman stands guard in vain.

STATUS OF CHRISTIANITY

- Size and nature of the church.
- What percentage of the community considers itself Christian?
- What percentage of the community considers itself evangelical?
- How does this compare with surrounding areas?
- What is the estimated number of believers in the community?
- Which denominations (if any) predominate in the community?
- What is the average-size church (attendance-wise) in the area?
- Are there any ethnic churches in the community? If so, how many and what type?
- Is the church representative of all social classes in the community?

Additional Questions

- Are most Christians in the area affiliated with denominations?
- What is the ratio of old-line churches (Pentecostal or Evangelical) to newer, independent fellowships?
- How strong is the Roman Catholic Church in the area?

Health of the church

- Does there seem to be a genuine bond of unity among Christian churches in the community? How does that manifest itself?
- Are there recognised apostolic leaders in the area who have made public commitments to the land/ community?
- If community faith was strong in the past, has this fervour grown or has it given way to a permissive, lukewarm Christianity?
- Are most Christians in the community familiar with the basic truths of Scripture? If not, why?
- Do believers in the community gather for united prayer? If so, how often do these assemblies occur?

Additional questions

- What is the history of church splits in the community?
- What percentage of the Christian community attends church more than once a week?
- What percentage of the churches in the area have home-based nurture groups?

Community perception

- How visible is the church in the community? Have there been any recent public events like "March for Jesus"?
- Does the community have a sense that the Church is truly interested in its problems? If yes, what kind of programs would reinforce this idea?

These are but a few things to consider and pray into to realize where prayer is needed.

WHAT ARE STRONGHOLDS AND HOW DO WE DISCERN THEM IN SOCIETY?

Definition: a stronghold is a fortified place that Satan builds in order to exalt himself against the knowledge and plans of God.

Personal Strongholds

Personal strongholds are things that Satan builds to influence one's personal life: Personal sin, thoughts, feelings, attitudes and behaviour patterns. The Word of God warns us in **Eph. 4:27** not to give the devil any foothold, but we do by allowing him to operate in our lives through things we love and do not want to get rid of. These strongholds are "holes in our armour" which can be closed by being humble and repentive. Watch out for things like bitterness, pride, etc. (**Eph. 4:13**). When these things persist in our lives, we are to go for counseling and sometimes even for deliverance.

Strongholds of the mind

Ed Silviso says that a stronghold of the mind is a mindset impregnated with hopelessness that causes the believer to accept as unchangeable something that he or she knows is contrary to the will of God. This can also be applied on a national level to nations.

From experience, I've found that many black people are of the opinion that they cannot achieve anything, but this is contrary to the Word of God in Phil. 4:13 that says that we can do "all things through Christ who strengthens us".

Occultic strongholds

Occultic strongholds refer to activities like witchcraft, satanism, new age religions, etc. which invite evil spirits to operate. They work as power boosters to the territorial spirits that rule over geographic regions.

In **Acts 17: 21 & 32**, it becomes clear that Diana at Ephesus influenced the whole of Asia, but her power was eventually broken by prayer, truth encounters and evangelism. In this case, the occult and a spirit of religion were very closely connected. In Africa, many of these occultic strongholds exist, e.g., in Venda, young girls are offered in the "Holy Lake" and on high mountains.

Social strongholds

A social stronghold refers to the oppression over a city or designated area in which social injustices, racism and poverty cause people to believe that God does not care about their needs.

To overcome these strongholds, it is imperative to reach out to the poor, shelter the homeless, be instrumental in the reconciliation process and clothe those in need. Love is a powerful weapon of offence to weaken the enemy!

SPIRITUAL MAPPING

A Selection of Terms and Definitions

Excerpts form “A Glossary of Related Terms” by George Otis Jr.

Adaptive Deceptions – Adaptive deceptions are employed when tradition, for whatever reason, begins to lose its potency in a given society. These can be defined either as necessary course corrections or upgrades as upgrades to the devil's product line and are introduced into situations in which traditional structures are in danger of losing their deceptive potency.

Commitment to the Land –The proposition that personal commitment to a particular territory or community invariably precedes the release of spiritual insight into that community.

Ground Level Spiritual Warfare – Ministry activity that is associated with individual bondage and demonic deliverance.

Identificational Repentance – A two-stage intercessory action that involves: 1) an acknowledgement that one's affinity group (i.e. clan, city, nation, or organization) has been guilty of specific corporate sin before God and man, and 2) a prayerful petition that God will use personal repudiation of this sin as a redemptive beachhead from which to move into the larger community.

Intercessory Prayer – Petitions, entreaties, and thanksgivings made on behalf of another. Intercession also involves the act of standing between the object of prayer and the spiritual forces. Where God is concerned, the positioning is taken in order to submit; in the case of the devil, it is to deflect his attacks.

Ley-lines – Geographic continuums of spiritual power that are *established* – or at least *recognized* – by the early inhabitants of an area (whereas European freemasons offer a good example of the former, the animistically inclined Inca merely acknowledged a pre-existing power nexus when founding the mountain stronghold of Machu Picchu). Depending on the culture in which they are found, ley lines may be viewed either as conduits through which spiritual power is transmitted, or as demarcation lines of spiritual authority.

Occult Level Spiritual Warfare – A term that pertains to intercessory confrontations with demonic forces operating through Satanism, Witchcraft, shamanism, esoteric philosophies (such as Freemasonry and Tibetan Buddhism), and any number of similar occult media.

Power Points (or Places of Power) – Specific natural or man-made locations that are widely regarded as bridges or crossover points to the supernatural world. Such sites are often made numinous by the investments of faith offered over time by large numbers of people.

Prayer Expeditions – Long-distance, trans-territorial prayer walks along strategically developed routes. Intercession is offered for entire countries and regions.

Prayer Journeys – Intentional prayer walking in cities other than one's own. Sites often include capitals and ideological export centers.

Prayer walking – The practice of on-site, street-level community intercession. Prayers offered by participants are in response to immediate observations and researched targets.

Spiritual beacheads – an initial phase when revived believers enter into united prayer.

Spiritual breakthrough – a subsequent interval characterized by subsequent church growth.

Spiritual Mapping – The discipline of diagnosing the obstacles to revival in a given community. Through fervent prayer and diligent research, practitioners are able to measure the landscape of the spiritual dimension, and discern moral gateways between it and the material world.

Spiritual Strongholds – ideological fortresses that exist both in the human mind and in objective territorial locations. Manifesting both defensive and offensive characteristics, these strongholds simultaneously repel light and export darkness

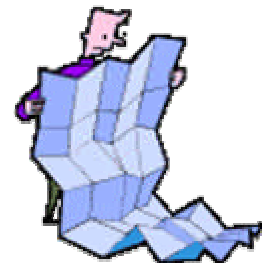
Spiritual transformation – a climatic season attended by dramatic socio political renewal.

Spiritual Warfare – Conflicts with demonic strongholds and moral deceptions that require non-carnal weaponry and spiritual armour (see **Ephesians 6**).

Strategic-Level Spiritual Warfare – A term that pertains to intercessory confrontations with demonic power concentrated over given cities, cultures, and peoples.

Syncretism – This is the common term for a blending of beliefs and practices. Its emergence can often be traced to dissatisfaction with the ideological status quo (a prime motivator in New Age thinking or to the subjugation of one society by another) it is energised by two powerful arguments: tolerance and tradition.

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LESSON 14:

QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Newspaper article reads the following:

God, the Mother takes her place in prayer books.

By STEVE DOUGHTY
Social Affairs Correspondent

Thousands of church goers will soon be praying to "Our Mother"...

The reference features in a prayer which has been slipped into a new set of Methodist services and is the first time in which a main stream English Church has given God a female label.

The prayer begins: "God our Father and our mother, we give you thanks and praise for all that you have made..."

Leaders of the church admitted yesterday that there was strong opposition among their members to the use of the word "mother".

But they said congregations will get used to the "inclusive" language.

The churches new prayer book: Methodist Worship includes a number of other concessions to feminist sensitivities.

A Bride will no longer be given away by her father, because this is said to make her seem like some medieval thing that belonged to her father's family.

Instead, a new marriage service allows both bride and groom to be presented by a relative or friend.

The service also waters down references to life-long marriage. Nearly two-thirds of the couples in Methodist weddings include at least one partner who has been married before.

The Methodist church, founded by the 18th century revivalist preacher, John Wesley, has been losing support in recent years. It now counts around 380 000 members, a million occasional worshippers and around 7000 churches. The Reverend Stuart Burgess, president designate of the Methodist conference, said: "we are trying to be inclusive; God is both male and female beyond gender.

We have not used mother all the way through – it is an option that people may use or not as they choose. This is something people will have to evaluate. People will become accustomed to it. It's a matter of education and taking people along with it."

Seven years ago a trial run with inclusive prayers in the Methodist Church raised strong opposition to any use of feminist language. But last year the churches ruling conference ordered that Our Mother be included in one of a series of alternative versions of the communion service.

Church leaders say the use of the female name is a return to ancient and pre-reformation Christian practice and that there are references to female god both in the Old Testament and by medieval theologians...

1. INTRODUCTION TO QUEEN OF HEAVEN

- ? Man was made from the earth (soil). Adam means "red earth", Ancient worship of earth as goddess, the Earth Mother. Introduced after the fall into all ancient cultures.
Ancient goddess: Purpose - **to ensure fertility and delivery.**
Origin: Because of **women cultivating the fields**, cult of **Mother Earth**, mythology of the moon conceived as female. **Goddess is both a virgin and a harlot.**

Pre-fall situation with mankind:

- ? Worshipped God without fear.
- ? Clear lines of communication.
- ? No need for sacrifices.
- ? Movement between spiritual realm (heavenlies) and physical realm (earth).
- ? God was ruling in the heavens. Man had to rule the earth: **Psalm 115:16**. Other spiritual beings (angels) were not rulers. They were servants to both God and mankind. Jealousy and pride filled the heart of one of the anointed angels who dealt with the heavenly treasures: **Ezek 28:13-15**. He cherished the position God had as ruler in the heavens: **Isaiah 14:12-14**. Because of this rebellion and cherishing God's position, this angel was denied further access to the spiritual realm (heavenlies).
- ? Satan was thrown out of heaven - came into the physical realm into Eden. Could not stand against God, what about the other ruler - man?
- ? **First strategy.** To corrupt man's trust in God, and tempt mankind to raise himself in the position of God.
- ? Introduction of paganism: **Four pillars of paganism: Gen 3:1-7** especially **v. 4, 5**.
 1. **Reincarnation**/transmigration of the soul (you shall not surely die).
 2. **Mediumism**/Clairvoyance - Third eye, psychic ability.
 3. God-realization vs. **self-realization**.
 4. **Witchcraft** ability to control white and black magic.

After the fall

- ? Cain and Abel sacrificed to God. Abel brought the firstborn of his animals while Cain brought some fruit. Not the firstfruits though. Bloodshed took place, with effect on the earth. Cain, when given a choice, chose to live without God: **Genesis 4:16** and built a city to fill God's place. Result: Endless wandering.
- ? Seth was born - people began to call on the name of the LORD: **Genesis 4:29**

- ? **Two sets of genealogies** – Seth = **Godly/righteous**; Cain = **ungodly/worldly**.
Through the line of Seth, God's purposes were revealed. Through the line of Cain, ungodliness flourished. When these lines became mixed, **Genesis 6:2-3**, God had to intervene. Corruption had spread through the one temptation - to no longer trust God's integrity but rely on other ways to solve sin.
- ? Introduction of deceptive beliefs about God, death and spiritual realm. Life is an endless cycle, reincarnation. Spread of deceptions to regions other than just outside of Eden. The earth was one body of land, a circle resting upon the waters.
- ? Flood - God's judgment in the form of water/rain.
- ? **After the flood** - 3 sons: **Shem, Ham and Japheth**. Sacrificial altars were re-introduced. **Genesis 8:20-21**.
- ? Introduction of seasons: **Genesis 8:22**.
- ? Restriction on eating blood: **Genesis 8:4-6**.
- ? God's vow to never judge mankind again by waters: **Genesis 9:11**.
- ? Introduction of **water spirits, rainmaking rituals, worshipping the fountains of rivers and springs**. Worshipped the rivers itself - two ancient civilizations arose in the vicinity of the rivers of Eden.
- ? Noah's temptation and fall: Introduced "racial supremacy" - Blessed only Shem and Japheth, cursed Canaan, left Ham without a blessing. **Not confirmed by God but a huge open door for Satan to use**.
- ? In the absence of blessing: Ham (also known as the "burnt one") had sons:
 - Cush, Mizraim, Put, Canaan.
 - Cush begot Nimrod.
- ? Nimrod built Babel, Nineveh and other cities.
- ? Mizraim and Cush filled Egypt and the rest of Africa.
- ? Nimrod built a kingdom - introduced humanism.
Humanism: Genesis 11: 1-9
 - **One language** - unity (Unity is power), also concentration of demonic powers.
 - Build **a city and a tower** (phallic symbol) and make a name for them (monument).
 - **Tower is called a gate to heaven** - the way to get back to lost Eden. To become like God himself.
 - Refused to be scattered over all the earth.
- ? **Result** - confusion and scattering. Formation of different people groups.
- ? During the time of Peleg - the earth started to break up and became divided into continents, as we know them today. People were scattered and became isolated.
- ? **Introduction of the worship of the Queen of Heaven through Semiramis and Nimrod.**

Ancient Babylon recognized the One, infinite and Almighty Creator, but worshipped innumerable gods which could influence human affairs. They saw God as far away and unapproachable. The popular religion of Babylon consisted of the worship of mother and child.

Semiramis, the mother of Nimrod, and possibly Cush's wife, was worshipped as the 1st queen of ancient 'Mesopotamia (Babylon). She was also named Rhea, the great "mother" of the gods. She was served by eunuchs and worship included unbridled lust and lasciviousness (immorality). When Nimrod grew up he married his mother. So Nimrod (Ninus) was at once both her husband and her son. She was the mother of god, or the queen mother, or the queen of heaven. Nimrod was the son of Cush. Cush was also known by the name Bel or Belus, meaning lord or sun. Another name for Nimrod was Hermes (Her = Ham, mes = son; Ramesses sun, son).

Together Semiramis and Nimrod developed the worship of Baal - the fertility god, to rule over the land. All the ancient cities Nimrod built had the worship of these fertility gods, represented by the moon. In time Semiramis became the female part of the god, while Baal became the male part. Introduced a trinity - god, goddess and child.

2. SCRIPTURAL BASE - OLD TESTAMENT

Jer 7:17 *"17 Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?"*

Jer. 44:17- 19 *"17 But we will certainly perform every word of the vows we have made: to **burn incense to the queen of heaven** and to **pour out drink offerings** to her as we have done—we and our fathers, our kings and our princes—in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; for then we had plenty of food and were well off and prosperous and saw no evil.
18 But since we stopped **burning incense to the queen of heaven** and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything and have been consumed by the sword and by famine.
19 [And the wives said] When we burned incense to the queen of heaven and poured out drink offerings to her, **did we make cakes [in the shape of a star] to represent and honor her and pour out drink offerings to her without [the knowledge and approval of] our husbands?**"*

Jer 44:25 *"25 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: You and your wives have both declared with your mouths and fulfilled it with your hands, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed to burn incense to the queen of heaven and to pour out drink offerings to her. [Surely] then confirm your vows and [surely] perform your vows! [If you will defy all My warnings to you, then, by all means, go ahead!]"*

EXEGESIS

The Lord appeals to the prophet himself, and his own inspection and observation (**Jer.7:17**): *Do you not see what they do openly and publicly, without either shame or fear, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?*

They are here charged with idolatry,

- ? **v. 18.** Their idolatrous respects are paid to the ***queen of heaven, the moon***, either in an image or in the original or both. They worshipped it probably under the name of *Ashtaroth*, or some other of their goddesses, being in love with the brightness in which they saw the moon walk, and thinking themselves indebted to her for her benign influences or fearing her malignant ones. **Job 31:26.**
- ? **The worshipping of the moon** was much in use among the heathen nations, **Jer. 44:17,19.** Some read it the ***frame or workmanship of heaven***
- ? The whole **celestial globe** with all its ornaments and powers was the object of their adoration. They ***worshipped the host of heaven***, **Acts 7:42.** The homage they should have paid to their Prince they paid to the statues that beautified the frontispiece of his palace; they worshipped the creatures instead of Him that made them, the servants instead of him that commands them, and the gifts instead of him that gave them.
- ? ***With the queen of heaven*** they worshipped *other gods*, images of things not only in *heaven above, but in earth beneath, and in the waters under the earth*; for those that forsake the True God wander endlessly after false ones.
- ? To these deities of their own making they offer
 - ***cakes for meat-offerings***, Cakes, possibly in the shape of **figurines or crescent moons**, were made for the gods of the heavens by the inhabitants of Jerusalem (**Jer. 7:18**) and incense burnt as to a deity (**Jer. 44:17-19, 25**). The unusual word is rendered as 'queen' and may be Phoenician, a title of Astarte, Assyrian. Ishtar. It may refer to *Ashtaroth or to the Canaanite Anat (so Egyp. 19th century *Bethshean); *cf.* the female personal name (**1 Ch. 7:18**). Alternatively, this may be a rare writing of 'heavenly handiwork' (*i.e.* stars), also denoting an idolatrous practice.

- **and pour out drink-offerings**, as if they had their meat and drink from them and were obliged to make to them their acknowledgement and see how busy they are, and how every hand is employed in the service of these idols, according as they used to be employed in their domestic services. **Ps 16:4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.**
- *the children* were sent to *gather wood*;
- *the fathers kindled the fire* to heat the oven, being of the poorer sort that could not afford to keep servants to do it, yet they would rather do it themselves than it should be undone;
- *the women kneaded the dough* with their own hands, for perhaps, though they had servants to do it, they took a pride in showing their zeal for their idols by doing it themselves.

Everyone involved in the worship of the QOH.

GOD'S REACTION TO IDOLATROUS WORSHIP

In **Jer. 44:4** God pleads “**Oh, do not do this loathsome and shamefully vile thing that I hate**” – Because they did not want to hear God's cry, He then sent them 70 years into Babylonian captivity! What a spiritual lesson –**THE GODS YOU SERVE WILL ENSLAVE YOU!**

Other Old Testament references:

- Lady of the Kingdoms
- King of Babylon
- Jezebel

New Testament references:

ACTS 19:24-20:1 “24 For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of [**the goddess Artemis [Diana]**], brought no small income to his craftsmen.
 25 These he called together, along with the workmen of similar trades, and said, Men, you are acquainted with the facts and understand that from this business we derive our wealth and livelihood.
 26 Now you notice and hear that not only at Ephesus but almost all over [the province of] Asia this Paul has persuaded and induced people to believe his teaching and has alienated a considerable company of them, saying that gods that are made with human hands are not really gods at all.
 27 Now there is danger not merely that this trade of ours may be discredited, but also that the temple of **the great goddess Artemis** may come into disrepute and count for nothing, and that her glorious magnificence may be degraded and fall into contempt—she whom all [the province of Asia] and the wide world worship.
 28 As they listened to this, they were filled with rage and they continued to shout, **Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!**
 29 Then the city was filled with confusion; and they rushed together into the amphitheater,

dragging along with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were fellow travelers with Paul.

30 Paul wished to go in among the crowd, but the disciples would not permit him to do it.

31 Even some of the Asiarchs (political or religious officials in Asia) who were his friends also sent to him and warned him not to risk venturing into the theater.

32 Now some shouted one thing and some another, for the gathering was in a tumult and most of them did not know why they had come together.

33 Some of the crowd called upon Alexander [to speak], since the Jews had pushed and urged him forward. And Alexander motioned with his hand, wishing to make a defense and [planning] to apologize to the people.

34 But as soon as they saw him and recognized that he was a Jew, a shout went up from them as the voice of one man, as for about two hours they cried, Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!

*35 And when the town clerk had calmed the crowd down, he said, Men of Ephesus, what man is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is guardian of the temple of the **great Artemis and of the sacred stone [image of her]** that fell from the sky?*

36 Seeing then that these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet (keep yourselves in check) and do nothing rashly.

37 For you have brought these men here, who are [guilty of] neither temple robberies nor blasphemous speech about our goddess.

38 Now then, if Demetrius and his fellow tradesmen who are with him have a grievance against anyone, the courts are open and proconsuls are [available]; let them bring charges against one another [legally].

39 But if you require anything further about this or about other matters, it must be decided and cleared up in the regular assembly.

40 For we are in danger of being called to render an account and of being accused of rioting because of [this commotion] today, there being no reason that we can offer to justify this disorder.

41 And when he had said these things, he dismissed the assembly.

1 AFTER THE uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples and warned and consoled and urged and encouraged them; then he embraced them and told them farewell and set forth on his journey to Macedonia."

Paul preached against this goddess. Left Ephesus. Later John, the apostle returned and confronted this goddess in her temple. The whole area became Christianized. Ephesus became the first Christian capital of the ancient world. John brought with him, Mary, the mother of Jesus. She died at Ephesus and was buried there. In AD **380 the shrine of Diana was rededicated to Mary.** Mary was officially declared the mother of God, not only the mother of Jesus. Since then the worship of Mary became official in the Roman Catholic Church. The Church fathers discouraged Mary worship, recognizing her as one with the ancient mother goddesses such as Aphrodite, Ishtar, Isis, Shakti, etc. By the Middle Ages she was firmly entrenched in the hearts of the common folk. All great cathedrals were temples in honour of the "Notre Dame". With the spread of Christianity, the worship of Mary, also came to other nations, which sincretised it to suit their own religions. As such, a weak gospel came to many nations with no or little confrontation of ancient rituals of witchcraft.

The Moon goddess:

The ancient moon goddess (sometimes referred to as the masculine "**Moon God**") has exerted as a great influence on the cultures of the Middle East.)

Moon = fertility, sun = giver of life

Did the Moon goddess have anything to do with Diana of the Ephesians? Well if you look at the necklace around her neck you will see it is a crescent moon! The Moon Goddess relates to Biblical history. Both Ur of the Chaldeans, where Abraham's family came from, and Haran, where Abraham lived until his father died, were cities ruled over the moon Goddess, Sin. The spiritual powers behind moon worship, whether personified as male or female have been **more deeply embedded in many Eastern Cultures** and many cultures outside the Middle East. The **symbol** of the moon goddess is the **crescent moon**.

Deut 4:19 " 19 And beware lest you lift up your eyes to the heavens, and when you see the **sun, moon, and stars, even all the host of the heavens**, you be drawn away and worship them and serve them, things which the Lord your God has allotted to all nations under the whole heaven."

Job 31 :26-28 to pour. **19:13; 32:29 Deut 32:37,38 Isa 57:6; 65:11; Eze 20:28** that they. **25:7 Isa 3:8; 65:3**

HERE THE **Asherah poles** are brought in and these are phallic symbols **showing us that BAAL is also the QOH**. A later application are the **obelisks**.

Rev 17

The queen of heaven is the "**great harlot who sits of many waters**". The waters where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues (**Rev. 17:15**)

Historical background

PLACE AND FUNCTION OF THE GODDESS

- Fertility is one of the functions – has nothing to do with sexuality.
- Life - creator - although not the wife of a male god.
- Mother - as protector. Psychic reality - symbol of beginning. Positive and negative images - good and bad.
- Transformation character - **LADY OF THE PLANTS - LADY OF THE BEASTS**.
- Real function - **the Great Goddess - absolute rule, creative, destructive and regenerative powers. The power of the life Creatrix and Regeneratrix was in animals, plants, water, mountains and stones.**

- Unity with nature - **snake** (serpent): Immortality of the snake because of its renewal when shedding its skin. Link between dead and living. Embodies the energy of the ancestors. So does **the bird**.
- Other functions: fertility, multiplication, and renewal.
- In European transformation: Goddess religion went underground. Became assimilated into Indo-European ideology. **Athena, Minerva**. Mother goddess lost her ability to give birth without the intervention of a male god. Started to be invoked as Queen - Queen Artemis, Regina.
- **Isis**: *"I am she that is the natural mother of all things, mistress and governess of all the elements, the initial progeny of worlds, chief of the powers divine, queen of all that are in Hell, the principle of them all that dwell in heaven. Manifested alone and under one form of all the gods and goddesses. At my will the planets of the sky, the wholesome winds of the seas, and the lamentable silences of hell be disposed. My name, my divinity is adored throughout the world, in divers manners, in various customs and by many names."* Quoted from Lucius - the Golden Ass.
- In later Christian times, the Great Goddess fused with the Virgin Mary. She is still connected with life-water, healing springs, trees, blossoms, fruits and harvests. She is the Mother of God, huge and powerful, holding a tiny Christ on her lap.

STAGES OF THE GODDESS

- Life-giving force, symbol of the unity of all life in Nature. Ancient world.
- Pastoral and patriarchal warrior gods - introduced Christianity, denied goddess worship.
- **Retreat to the forests and mountaintops in fairy stories**, Re-emerging from the forests and mountains, bringing hope of the future and returning to the most ancient human roots.

From ancient Mesopotamia, the worship of fertility spread to:

- **Egypt** (lodged in the worship of Isis, Osiris and Horus),
- **India** (Isi and Iswara with the destructive part of the goddess known as Kali)
- **Asia** (Cybele and Deosius),
- **Rome** (Fortuna and Jupiter), **Greece** (Ceres and child).
- **In Canaan** this goddess was worshipped as Asherah, the wife of El and the mother of Baal. She was also known as Astarte and Ashtoreth.
- **Southern Arabia** -Atharath, the moon god.

Images carved of wood, implanted base into ground, next to altars of Baal. Woman with protruding breasts. Nude female with arms extended to the sides, holding stalks or serpents, hands holding the breasts, one hand over one breast and the other over the genital region, hands crossed before the breasts. Some of pregnant women, other pillar figurines. **May have been used as talismans in sympathetic magic to stimulate the reproductive processes of nature.** Goddess' head is adorned with two long spiral ringlets forming horns (like the Egyptian Hathor), or wearing a Philistine like helmet (Minerva) ,

Worship: Communal and public affair, Royal court, household goddess.

Sites: Temple in Jerusalem, temple in Samaria, under every green tree and on every high hill.

Effect: Promotes fertility in women and facilitates childbirth.

Israel: Introduction in Judges. First purging during time of Samuel. Service of Astarte forcibly terminated by King Josiah.

Jerusalem: Introduced by King Solomon, Temple built by King Hiram of Tyre (the city of Asherah), worship in temple introduced by King Rehoboam (mother Maacah ruled as queen mother), destroyed by Jehoshafat, reintroduced by Joash, removed by Hezekiah, reintroduced by Manasseh, finally destroyed by Josiah. Vision of Ezekiel - **Image provoking jealousy in the temple** - caused God to abandon the temple.

Ritual:

1. The children were sent to gather wood.
2. The fathers lit the fire.
3. The women kneaded dough and made cakes.
4. The cakes were baked over fire.
5. The women assisted by the men, burnt incense; and
6. Poured out libations.
7. In return for this veneration, the Queen of Heaven was believed to provide the people with plenty of food and to secure their well being in general.
8. Kings led the ritual in capital, princes in other cities.
9. Done at altars.

Cakes: Similar rituals for Artemis in Athens, honored with cakes called *selenia*, which represented the moon; Ishtar honoured with *kamanu*, sacrificial cakes. Both these goddesses are also referred to as Queen of Heaven. Cakes in shape of Astarte with Horns (stars?). Possible precursor of the Host used in Roman Catholic Church supposedly turning into the Body of Christ.

Samaria: Introduced by King Jeroboam, Royal worship introduced by King Ahab (married Jezebel, daughter of Ethbaal of Sidon - city of Asherah), destroyed by King Jehu.

Ritual: Women weaving houses (clothes?) for her in the temple, sacred male prostitutes (qedeshim).

In time **Astarte-Anath** became known as the goddess of healing - Astar of Syria (Egypt), Shield of Pharaoh, Goddess of war, Qadesh, lady of Heaven (Egypt), Mistress of all the gods, Ashtar and Chemosh (Moab), Ashtart-Shem-Baal (Astarte of the Name of Baal); Queen of Heaven (Jeremiah 44 - remnant worships this goddess in Egypt). **Attributes:** Goddess of war, goddess of healing, goddess of love. Virginal yet wanton, amorous and yet given to uncontrollable outbursts of rage and appalling acts of cruelty.

No ancient Near Eastern goddess was more bloodthirsty than she. Go berserk in fighting, killing right and left. Binding severed heads to her back and the cut-off hands to her girdle (Kali). Foremost lover was brother Baal (sister-bride?). Suckling kings, wife of god Seth (Egypt). Worshipped in Egypt as Anath, Lady of Heaven, a war-goddess who was associated with horses and chariots and equipped with shield and spear, protecting the Pharaoh. Woman acting as a man, clad as a man and girt as a female (same with Modjadji).

Cities were dedicated to her as she became the warrior goddess: Ashtaroath or Ashtartu, capital city of King Og in Bashan, Canaan; Wives of kings of Sidon called priestess of Astarte; Sidon-by-the-Sea and Shamem-Addirim near Byblos; Phoenicia; Be'eshterah, Ashteroth-Qarnaim (Astarte of the Two Horns); Kiriath-Sefer (Devir) in Israel, Beth-Anath in Naphtali; Anathoth, north of Jerusalem (today called Anatha),

Meaning of the name: **Astarte means "womb"** or "that which issues from the womb" – pertains to a goddess of fertility. Brother-consort Baal was the inducer and symbol of male fertility. Anath – lady of heaven, mistress of the gods.

Roles of the Queen of Heaven:

Virgin: defending modesty and love as the goddess of love. In this role, she can have many children, but always stays a virgin. She can flirt with men, have sexual relationships, but never marry. Names of her in this role: **Diana, Artemis, Athena, Minerva, Hathor, Ishtar.**

Mother goddess: promoting

Fertility, especially as the Queen Mother, through her son, the king. Names of her in this role: Isis, Ishtar, Astarte, Mary, Cybele, Durga, Hera, Juno. In this role she is the **protectress of women in labour and newborn children.**

As the mother goddess, **her symbol was the moon**, connecting all fertility cults with the moon cycle.

In the role as **Cybele**, she is a hermafrodite (having both sexes, **as do many of the witches in Africa.**) Cybele's priests were eunuchs, dressed in women's clothing and decked out like prostitutes. The trance dance was used to worship her. Part of her cult was the castration of males, so that she could take the male role. (Physical castration depicts here how this spirit overthrows authority - this we find in all areas. Think about Jezebel provoking the Ahab spirit) **Durga** is the mother of gods, the power of desire, action and knowledge. In her role as **Kali**, she is the black one, demanding blood and destruction.

Warrior: violent and avenging, demanding sacrifice, especially blood.

Names: Diana, Athena, Minerva, Ishtar as **Diana, she carries the bow and arrow**

of a hunter. In this role, she is a very demanding goddess, craving worship in forests and especially **worship of trees**, where the **oak** became the focus in Europe. (Celtic gods in Germany depicted with oak leaves on their foreheads)

In her role as **Athena/Minerva** the warrior goddess, she became more closely associated as **city goddess**. In this role she was a virgin, but lived among men as one of them. One quote: "In all things my heart leans towards men, except in marriage." This may have been the cause of **feminism and gender confusion**. In this role she carries a shield to magically protect her.

Hillary Clinton calls herself a "reincarnated Athena"

- **Lady of the Sky: Names** Inanna. Sometimes Wife, sometimes mother and sometimes daughter.
- **Mistress of the waters**
The Bird and Snake Goddess – appears as separate figures but as a single Divinity. Goddess of waters and the sky. Divine ambivalence. Zimbabwean Rain bird.
- The **mythical water snake and water bird** are vehicles of energy, which has its source in water. Ritual - the invocation of rain, Symbol of Cosmic waters, e.g, Mojadji; **Nyami-Nyami the water god of the Zambezi.**
- **Bird goddess and the Bear.** Association between a female divinity and divine **moisture** from the skies. Cupping of hands to the breasts.
- **Water-bird divinity.** Bi-sexualism, not from mail/female, but from bird/snake principles. Phallic bird / snake (Zimbabwe bird). This goddess nurtured the world with mother's milk or moisture, giving rain and divine foods.
Types of birds: duck, goose, crane, diver bird, owl.

Pre-Islamic worship of the moon. (Queen of Heaven behind Islam)

Ancient worship of the moon - seasonal fertility

Lunar cycle - left crescent, full moon, right crescent, circle representing the dark moon. New moon = crescent.

Lunar cycle suggests a cyclical lunar time and the regenerative role of the Goddess in cycles of birth, death and rebirth.

According to New Age photographer. Courtney Milne and researcher writer Sherril Miller in their book "Visions of the Goddess", before Islam, the **Arabian goddess Al Lat** (note the resemblance of this name with **Allah**, and also **Elath**) was worshipped at Mecca for more than **a thousand years before the arrival of Islam** in the seventh century. The Koreshites were a matriarchal culture. **Al Lat was honoured as a triple goddess:** as Kore, the **virgin crescent moon**; as Al Uzza (the Arabian equivalent of Aphrodite), the **full moon** of the fruitful mother; and as **Al Menat, the old** woman of prophecy and divination (Jezebel calls herself a prophetess...)

It is therefore intriguing to review that the Ishmaelites and the Hebrews shared a fixation with representations of the moon that pre-dates Islam. For example take **Judg. 8:21-26** and compare to **Is. 3:18**. It is intriguing also that in **Is.14:14** the Hebrew word for ascend = Strong's #5927 "Alah" similar to Allah? (I Lucifer will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.

According to the book "Visions of the goddess", ...**the initial laws of the Koran**, the word of Kore (none other that the virgin crescent moon) are attributed to the **seven priestesses of the goddess temple at Meccah**. The deity there was Shayba or Sheby (from which the queen of Sheba or the people she ruled over may have borrowed her / their name?), the old woman who was worshiped in the form of a black aniconic stone, a piece of meteorite apparently valued for its celestial origins.

It is inscribed with the yoni, the ancient shape that is universally symbolic of the female vulva and of feminine regenerative power."

"When Mohammed returned from being cast out of Mecca, he introduced the new religion of Islam, but left the goddess symbols in place, eventually enshrining the Black Stone on the corner of the Kaaba, the large block of stone dedicated to Allah. During the ritual haji required of all Muslims, pilgrims kiss the stone of the goddess, which is still guarded by the priests of the Kaaba, who are called Beni Shaybah, or the sons of the Old Woman."

The pantheon of the Meccans had about 360 gods and goddesses. Sounds like the list of saints in Catholicism. Some other research sources indicate that the chief gods of Mecca and of Sheba were male including the moon god Haubas, as "the drier" or regulator of the tides. Also in Hadramaut (Yemen?) the moon deity was called Sin as in Babylon or Ili (Bab-Ili=Gate of god). In any case incense or frankincense was one of the main export goods from Arabia. We know from Old Testament that the queen of heaven was worshipped with burning of incense. The ancient Arabian Mother goddess Shayba or Sheba, reappears as Chaabou, mother of Dusares, the revered god of a tribe called the Nabateans. Chaabou was glorified in her temple at Petra, the sandstone city of antiquity built at the crossroads of the Silk Road trade routes in the desert of present day Jordan. In this monumental city carved from the living rock, Chaabou was renowned. Her cult has been compared to that of the goddess Demeter in Hellenic Greece. To go infiltrated to the haji, and rebuke the demon of the goddess in the Kaaba, in Jesus Name, could be a dangerous mission but worth the risk if guided by the Holy Spirit, since non-muslims are prohibited from such places.

Allah was a pagan deity. He was also known as the moon-god who was married to the sun goddess and the stars were his daughters. Archaeologists have uncovered temples to the Moon-god throughout the Middle East. From the mountains of Turkey to the banks of the Nile, the most wide-spread religion of the ancient world was the worship of the moon-god of fertility. This god or goddess's symbol was the crescent moon. One of the titles of the moon god was al-ilah, meaning "the deity". In pre-Islamic times it was shortened to Allah.

BELIEFS AROUND THE VARIOUS SYMBOLS

Male regenerative organ – **phallus**, obelisk, pillar, tree, etc. The cone is the origin of the Mountain Mother, symbol of Astarte. The cone as crown represents the earth's navel and is seen as a sign of stability and represents the womb. **Later became the pyramid. The great mother was worshiped as cone on high places, hills or mountains** especially by women seeking fertility (lots of it in Africa). In Crete worship of the pillar. Obelisks in Egypt, metamorphosed from the ancient female pillar.

Moon: Artemis/Diana – wear mural crown with moon disk. Worshiped as the Divine Virgin, revered as deity of the sun and moon, Queen of Heaven and finally became the Goddess of the New Moon. Cauldron or pot is used symbolizing the womb. North African coast - goddess Tanit

Horns: the horns of her crown are the curved posts of the gate between heaven and earth, a channel of vital force.

Water - Lady of the Waters. Magical art of rainmaking. Children baptised by Sprinkling with magical drops of water. Chevron especially magical, three levels of her domain: Sky, earth, and water.

Water is closely linked with phallus, horns, snake and waterbird. Egypt. Yugoslavia. Also called goddess of moisture.

Swastika denotes sun, moon and womb. It moves counterclockwise, alluding to the moon instead of the sun. \

Stars: Milky Way comes from the Great Mother Goddess. The milk-bringing mother is shown with pronounced breasts - like Artemis. **Five pointed star of** Ishtar stands for Mother Goddess.

Throne: The **throne** controls all beneficial relations between heaven and earth; through it the spiritual force passes to the rulers who occupy it. Enthroned female deities use this seat of power handed down from the Creatrix.

Eye: Evil eye : Inanna-Ishtar was called the Eye Goddess and had her own Eye temple at Tell Brak in eastern Assyria. As such, the protection of this goddess is used against the evil eye. We find a manifestation of this at St. Mon Odilie in the Alsace in France.

Womb: Modern day application of womb in the Freemason Temple in London.

Bird: The **bird was believed to magically command the weather, bring rain and control thunder and lightning.** Dancing was used as a prayer. Ancient form of mother goddess.

Fire was used as symbol for transformation. **Islands of the Mediterranean** were strongholds of the worship of this goddess. **Malta** - shrine of Creatrix, Mother of All. Egyptian sky goddess, Nut. Bird in Africa -. Creation myths. The wind was considered a bird, an ancestral spirit that blew on women and made them fruitful. In **Ivory Coast**, the African Senofu tribe has a **birdwoman** called **Kono**, and the emblem is the **crane**. In **Morocco**, ancient symbols of the goddess is found in jewelry and hand-woven rugs. The figure of the Mother Goddess in the **geometric designs** on the black goatskin tents of Megalithic Berbers. Sometimes a human head on a bird's body. **Atlas Mountains. Owl – emblem of the uterus. Lake Tritonis** (Triton), on the Libyan? Tunisian border, is Athena's birthplace. **Lillith - the bird woman.** Demon in Jewish folklore. Also called the former Queen of Heaven. Older deity than Inanna. She builds her house in a tree. She is enchanting, seductive and fatally destructive. Linked to the demons who had children with Adam. In folklore she became the **bride of Yahweh!**

Black virgin: Compared with the Indian Goddess of Death, Kali. Also with the Queen of Sheba and Mary Magdalene who were both black!

Book written called *Mammon and the Black Virgin*, ancient tradition in which blackness was associated with **feminine wisdom and sexuality.** The Notre Dame is black?

Aphrodite was worshiped as the black virgin through the star Venus. It seems as if it all directs towards a goddess of death.

Lion: Role is guardian of the great mother. **Guardian of initiation. ISHTAR IN BABYLON**

Dog: Lunar **symbol of life**. Natural choice for animal sacrifice. In Egypt - Anubis.

Canis Major - **the dog star**, was the most important star to the Egyptians. Its ascendance coincided with the annual Nile flood. Thus connects with water spirits and Isis. Isis is the goddess of wisdom with winged arms. Emblems of great mother. She of the throne, Queen of the gods, Mistress of the gods, Many named lady of Heaven, Mother of God, Great Enchantress, Mistress of Magic, Speaker of Spells, Giver of barley, teacher of Agriculture.

Snake: Kundalini - Female energy in universe seen as a serpent. Used in karate, etc.

Snake goddesses in Africa: Niniganni, a goddess in python form in Baga tribe of Guinea. Presides over fortune and riches and as prophetic figure. Also the Blue Nile as python is worshiped. Python Yukanye which the Bari recognise as the mother of their tribe. Benin women's queen is a rainbow deity. Cobra.

CULTURAL ADAPPTIONS

Anat of near East, sister of Baal. Aspects include **Virgin Mother and Warrior**.

Anat, Queen of Heaven, was invoked as morning and evening star. Anat is both sister and consort of Baal.

Atargatis from Syria. Semiramis was Atargatis' part human, part divine daughter! Possesses attributes of Cybele, Hera, Athena, Aphrodite, Rhea, Artemis, Nemesis, and Mother Goddess.

Also goddess as snake Mother. **Nandi - name of the milk-white bull, consort of Shiva.**

TYPES OF THE REAL BRIDE: QUEEN ABIGAIL AND QUEEN ESTHER – THE CONTRAST

THE FALSE BRIDE

The birth of the false Goddess - Bride in Babylon

This false bride does not only masquerade as the real bride, it minifies the importance of the bridegroom, because she has taken his place.

TYPES OF THE FALSE BRIDE: QUEEN JEZEBEL / ATAHLIA / HARLOT

MODERN DAY OCCURRENCE

Throughout the world the Queen of Heaven surfaces one way or another. It has succeeded much to much to spread her power to keep people from the Gospel

HOW DOES THIS SPIRIT OPERATE TODAY?

Adaptive deceptions

Subtly Interfaith movement

Keep people in spiritual darkness. Veil them.

Culture

Syncretism

MANIFESTATION IN CHURCH FALSE OBJECT WORSHIPED

Eph. 6: 12 *"12 For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere."*

High ranking territorial spirits which have been assigned by Satan to coordinate the activities of the kingdom of darkness over a certain area in order to keep the people's minds blinded to the gospel of the glory of God.

2 Cor. 4:3-4 Diana of the Ephesians - Queen of Heaven;

Greek = Artemis Middle East -The moon goddess (crescent moon) Japan -sun

goddess; Mexico -Virgin of Guadalupe; Nepal –Sagarmatha; Calcutta – Cali; Catholic - false

Mary Queen of Heaven is the "great harlot" in **Rev. 17**

These are all adaptive deceptions!

The **Queen of Heaven (Diana in Ephesus) lost her power in Ephesus** when it became the world center for Christianity. Satan was through with Diana but the QOH's job was still to keep people in deception. **"Would it be possible to fabricate a counterfeit Mary within Christianity who could be empowered by the QOH to domiracles and make appearances, and thus attract the worship, even in Christian churches, that should be given only to Jesus Christ?"** "Mary's idol is actively worshipped 365 days a year with candles, gifts of flowers and other things. Devotees bow down, honor her, and pray to her as if she were somehow going to transmit their prayers to Jesus." Peter also notes that while he was in the Vatican a few years ago, that there was a statue of the Diana of Ephesians in a room with other statues of Christian saints. Many pictures of Mary have her standing on a crescent moon, or with one around her head. Others have a crown on her head and she is called the queen of heaven. News week magazine reported in Aug. 25, 1997 issue, that the pope had received a petition with 4,340,429 signatures encouraging him to declare officially that the Virgin Mary is the "Co-Redemptrix or co-redeemer with Christ. While in Cuba 1998 the pope crowned the idol of the virgin of Merced, declaring her to be the QOH of Cuba. It is the same idol worshipped by the satanic cult known as Santeria.

Brazil – Virgin of Aparecida, the **sun goddess of England – Stonehenge is involved**
Britannica, the spirit over England.

INFLUENCED OUR CHRISTIAN FEASTS:

The term **Easter** is not of Christian origin. It is another form of Astarte, one of the titles of the Chaldean goddess, the queen of heaven. The festival of Pesach held by Christians in post-apostolic times was a continuation of the Jewish feast, but was not instituted by Christ, nor was it connected with Lent. From this Pesach the Pagan festival of Easter was quite distinct and was introduced into the apostate Western religion, as part of the attempt to adapt Pagan festivals to Christianity. (See "Messianic Perspective of Pesach available from Kanaan Ministries.)

Christmas Tree:

Worship of the tree during Christmas. (**Jer 10**) (The Christmas Story available from Kanaan Ministries.)

POLITICAL

Europe was consecrated to Mary by the Vatican in 1309, and placed under her Patronage. The Shrine of "Our lady of Europa", in Gibraltar was instituted at the consecration. The shrine is being renovated with a £200.000! Granted from the EU about which the Vatican announced: "It is the prayer of His Holiness that the shrine will be an evermore effective centre of unification, a place where, under the patronage of Mary, the human family will be drawn evermore closely into a fraternal unity and peaceful co-existence."

Zimbabwe was also dedicated to Mary.

Prayer initiative called operation Queen's Palace or Celebration Ephesus, Prayed through all of Turkey, launched an attack on Diana of Ephesus, and raised up a prayer altar to Jesus Christ in Ephesus.

End of Queen of Heaven:

- **Rev. 12:** Woman clothed with the sun – God's Bride – Israel.
- dragon persecuting the woman and her offspring – the Church
- **Rev. 17:3:** Woman sitting on a scarlet beast, the dragon from **Rev. 12**.
- God dealing with the QOH: **Rev.18**
- After that, there will be a time of warfare between Jesus as the commander of the Heavenly armies and the beast.
- Then comes the climax, the Revelation of the true Bride of Christ, adorned in all her splendour: **Rev. 21:2**

Redemptive purpose of Africa

God created nations - **Gen 10:23** - After the flood, Noah's descendants were called nations. Before the flood it was just families.

Some time after the flood the earth was divided into continents - Gen 10:25 (Peleg).

Geological upheavals to release the waters under the earth. Mountains were formed as well

as seas dividing the continents.

3 distinctive people groups were named: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

- From Shem came most of the peoples of the Middle East and Persia.
- From Japheth came the peoples of Asia, Europe and America.
- From Ham came the peoples of Shinar (Iraq), and most of the people of Africa.

All 3 of Noah's sons received a blessing from God (**Gen 9:1**) to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.

Noah's sin and temptation, Ham's sin, curse because of that.

The descendants of Ham formed ancient civilizations (Mesopotamia -land of Shinar, Babylon, etc, and also the land of Egypt). Both these civilizations developed along rivers that were flowing out of Eden. Tigris and Euphrates and the rivers running around the land of Gush and Havilah (Pishon and Gihon, now called the Nile, both blue and white).

From these civilizations came the first destructive religions, the worship of other gods as in Babylon and Egypt and Canaan (including male gods like Sin and Osiris and Baal and female goddesses like Ishtar, Isis and Astarte). Later on these religions spread to the sons of Japheth and became the worship of the ancient mother goddess.

God put these ancient nations into their respective lands (**Gen 10:20, 31**) and set up the boundaries (**Deut 32:8**). **Acts 17:26 -27** - God determines the pre-appointed times of nations and the boundaries of their dwellings. Reason: So that they might seek Him.

Most important statements about nations. It seems as if nations are given time to seek and find God, if they do not do so, God might deal with them (Gen. 15:16).

Satanic influence and sin – Rom.1:18-25 – caused men to turn from the truth to the lie.

In history we see God's dealings with the nations:

- **He can bless them– Gen 22:18**
- Scattered nations over the face of the earth.
- **Cast out** nations before more righteous ones (**Ex. 34:24; Deut.7:1**)
- **Because of the defilement of land through idolatry, the land might vomit out the people (Lev. 18;25, 28)**
- God can **consume** nations (**Num.24:8**)
- He can **drive them out** (**Deut. 4;38**)
- He can **dispossess** them. (**Deut. 9:1**)
- He can **cut them off**. (**Deut 19:1**)
- God can even **destroy** people. (**Deut.31:3**)
- God can also **enlarge** a nation. (**Job 12:23**)
- **God can make nations to inherit other nations.** (**Deut 32:8**)
- God can **remove** nations. (**2 Kings 17:26**)
- God **sifts** the nations. (**Is. 30:26**)
- God **subdues** the nations. (**Is. 45:1**)
- **God can give certain nations the mandate to root out and pull down, to build**

and to plant other nations. (Jer. 1:10)

Satan can also work in a nation to:

1. **Weaken** it (Is.14:12)
2. To **spread a veil over** it. (Is. 25:7)
3. To **destroy** it (Jer. 4:9)

What happened to Africa?

Biblical Africa - Egypt (Mizraim), Ethiopia (Cush) and Libya.

Early Africa - Egypt, Ethiopia, Nubia (Sudan), Libya, Numidia (Tunisia and Algeria).

Before God called Abraham, Egypt were already worshipping false gods, the sun and host of heaven, in the worship of Osiris. At the time of Abraham's calling, the other nations around Ur were worshipping the same beings, called by other names (Marduk). **These two civilisations set the trend for demon worship in the ancient world.** The Bible calls Babylon the **city of sorceries**. Egypt became the focal point for **idolatry**. **Osiris cult was also an ancestral cult, through which the king becomes a god to be worshipped.**

From these 3 deceptions - Africa's religion was formed: Idolatry, sorcery (witchcraft) and ancestral worship.

Gen 12+13 - Abraham went to Egypt because of famine. He lied about Sarah, Pharaoh took her as a wife, and was plagued because he innocently took the instrument of God's blessing for his own. After God spoke to Him and he was obedient, he was restored.

Gen 26:2 - Another famine, but Isaac was forbidden to go to Egypt this time.

Whole of Jacob's family moved to Egypt because of a severe famine. God provided Joseph with the opportunity to care for the seed of God's covenant in Africa. To such an extent that Jacob's descendants got possession in the land of Egypt.

When a leader arose in Egypt and enslaved the descendants of Shem, a reversal of God's blessing on Egypt took place. God started to judge the rulers and gods of Egypt. **Egypt then became likened to**

- land of **slavery**
- land of **rebellion** (Rahab)
- land of **idolatry**
- land of **iron furnace**

After God's redemption of His people, He commanded them to leave the gods of Egypt behind. Something they never did. **Ezek 8**. In the secret of their hearts they carried on worshipping the gods of Egypt.

God dealt severely with His people, because they kept on going back to Egypt to find the security that now turned out to be false security. God judged the whole of Egypt (**Is 19**) and said that those who do not seek Him will keep on going back to Egypt (**Is 30:2-3**).

Matt. 2:3 – Joseph fled with Mary and Jesus to Egypt to escape from Herod. Her God restored the first role of Egypt as a place of refuge for the Word of God.

In the prophecies about Egypt, God dealt with the gods (**Is 19, Is 43:12-13, Is 46:25**), with the leaders (**Ezek 29**), declared war (**Is 46**), prophesied total destruction of a world power (**Ezek 29:14-15**) and proclaimed that other nations will rule over it (**Ezek 32; Zech 10:12**).

Just before the invasion of Persia around 588 B.C. Pharaoh was no longer seen as a son of Osiris and the whole Egyptian dynasty era fell. After the Persian invasion, Egypt was invaded by Greece, Christianity, Romans, Arabs, Turks and Ottomans.

Egypt's influence spread south on the Nile, to Persia, to Europe but Egypt was effectively dealt with.

- Christianity invaded Egypt and the Christian Kingdom of Nubia and Ethiopia were formed.
- Christianity invaded North Africa as far as Morocco.
- Christianity invaded Europe as far as Britain

Africa and Islam

- The **father of Islam** was a son of an Egyptian slave and Abraham, the father of the promised seed.
- **Illegitimate way of securing God's promises**
- God's promise to Ishmael (God hears) - Name given by God Himself, Wild man, every man's hand against him, shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren (**Gen 16:11-12**)
- God spoke another promise 14 years later: Ishmael will become a great nation (Genesis 21:13,24).
- Ishmael married a wife from Egypt (Gen. 21 :21) .. Joseph was sold to Ishmaelite slave traders - brought into Egypt according to God's plan (Genesis 37:25, Genesis 39: 1)
- The Lord was with Joseph in Egypt (Genesis 39:2)

It seems as if the **ancestors of today's Arabs (Muslims)** are closely linked with Africa through **slavery, rejection and trading**.



Egypt played an important role in the Biblical history.

- It **provided grain** and bread in times of famine.
- It **provided shelter** for God's people.
- It **received strangers**, people of the covenant.
- **God revealed Himself** to Moses on a mountain in Egypt.
- In Egypt, **God planned His salvation**.
- It provided **gold, ivory** and **slaves**.
- **Egypt's wisdom** was known throughout the ancient world.



Prophecies about Africa:

Remnant of God's people will be gathered from there:

- **Is 11:11**

God will destroy the idolatry in Egypt:

- **Is 11: 15** - the water spirits of the Nile
- **Is 19:3** - deal with idols, charmers, mediums and sorcerers.
- **Jeremiah 43:12-13** - dealing with the temples and obelisks
- **Jeremiah 46:25** - dealing with the sun god and ancestral worship
- **Ezekiel 29:3-9**, dealing with the water spirits and the River Nile - the dragon, **Ezekiel 32:3-4** - the water spirits will be dealt with by a multitude of people
- **Ezekiel 30: 13** - destruction of idols



God will visit Africa:

- **Is 19** -God will visit Africa in His glory
- An altar will be built for the Lord in the midst of Africa - border with Egypt.

A highway existed from Ethiopia to Jerusalem on which the pilgrims travelled.

- **Is. 11:16**
- **Is 18** - God will call the people from the south of Ethiopia, look for the time when the banner is lifted and the trumpet is blown (Morocco and Nigeria)
- A gift will be brought by people (first fruits)
- **Is. 19:23-29**
- **Zeph. 3:10**

All over the continent healing is taking place:

- Dealing with the issue of the slave trade
- Dealing with the issue of idolatry
- Dealing with the issue of bloodshed
- Dealing with the issue of injustice, apartheid
- Dealing with the issue of corruption
- Dealing with the issue of a weak gospel
- Dealing with the issue of division

BUSHMEN

BUILDING A HIGHWAY OF PRAYER

Prophecies about Africa being fulfilled,

- Africa called to become a **spiritual giant**.
- Africa called to take up her position as a **leader among the nations**.
- Story of John Mulinde from Uganda - God calling His people to prayer
- Gathering in Addis Abeba - **repentance for what Africa did towards the Jews**
- Vision of Jesus on map of Africa
- Visit to Morocco
- Africa House of Prayer -dealing with the River Nile. "Let my people go... "
- **Blowing of trumpet in Nigeria by Tom Hess** - meeting of 5 000 people, all night prayer meeting with their hands outstretched.
- **All African Convocation 2003** – Cape Town: Building a Highway from Cape Town to Cairo to Jerusalem through the Southern Gates. Gathering of Intercession leaders from every country on the African Continent and surrounding Island States for only the second time in history. The first time was in Addis Ababa in 1997.

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PRAYER PROJECTS

Information for Prayer Leaders:

- **Pagan Calendar**
- **Wicca Calendar**
- **Satanic Calendar**
- **Hindu Calendar**
- **Islam Calendar**

PAGAN CALENDAR (Southern Hemisphere):

LAMMAS - FEBRUARY 1ST

Lugnasadh, the first of the Harvest Festivals, marks the end of Summer and the beginning of Autumn. The days grow noticeably shorter; there may be a cool spell or two to cut the heat of summer, and showers wash clear the soot and allergens from the skies, an intimation only of the season to come.

'Lammas' is actually a medieval Christian name meaning "loaf-mass" or the "Feast of Bread" from the Saxon. As the feast name indicates, this was the **grain harvest** from which loaves of bread were baked and given up in offering. In Irish-Gaelic, the name for the festival was 'Lugnasadh' and referred to the games or "nasad" of the **Irish sun-god**. Lugh, or as he was known in Ireland, Lugh of the Long Hand, son of the Sun, held the games in honour of the memory of his foster-mother, Tailte.

Lammas is the first of the three harvest festivals, and symbolises the waning strength of Bel the Celtic god of light. It emphasises his willingness as **Corn King** to sacrifice himself so that the tribe may endure the winter months ahead with sustenance and hope; that hope being grounded in the mystery of the Cauldron of Rebirth. To many of us, Lammas represents the unbroken physical link of seed to harvest and back to seed. This is the most obvious concept, as seed from one crop has always been saved back as seed for the next crop. The importance of the transformation of the grain into flour is most evident, as well, as we head towards the winter months. But inherent in this is the crux of our spiritual beliefs, as we see the symbolism applied not only to the physical world, but also to our own spiritual lives.

The grain seed is the **kernel of soul**, our **unbroken link to the Ancestors**; the Harvest King's sacrifice is the harvest that we, ourselves, reap from our actions and thoughts of the year just passing, and from that which we bring with us from our previous dances on the Wheel.

And so Lammas is not merely a time to celebrate and feast and make merry in the largess of the God and the Goddess, but a **time to take stock of what we have sown and are now reaping** in our own personal lives, and what we wish to plant for not only the coming year, but for the life that comes after this for us, as well as for those who will one day call us "Ancestor."

MABON - MARCH 21ST **AUTUMN EQUINOX**

Mabon is the second of the harvest festivals. Also known as Harvest Home, it is the time the spirit of vegetation sacrifices itself so that we may live. It is a happy time, one of plenty and comfort, when people assure themselves there is enough to see them through the coming winter.

Mabon is an equinox festival, the day half way between the solstices. It is a time of **balance**, a time when light and day are equal. Just as the God of Light defeated the God of Darkness at Ostara, so does the God of Darkness vanquish the God of Light at this time of year, creating balance and the changing of the seasons. Harvest home is the end of the hardest work of the year. The crops are gathered in. The nights become colder, yet the days have not yet assumed the chill of winter. It is the day autumn commences and leads us towards the depth of Yule and the rebirth of the sun king.

Decorations at this time of year include the **cornucopia**, the **horn of plenty**, filled to overflowing with the fruits of the year. Certainly this is a sympathetic magick symbol of the largess of the Mother. The Goddess appears in her guise as **Mother Bountiful, Mother Land and Queen of the Harvest**. The God is seen as **Mabon, Sky Father, Corn King**, and the **Lord of the Harvest**. The Lord and Lady reign over the celebrations of thanksgiving which **begin at sunset** and continue through the night. Christians mistakenly associated this time with sacrifice. There was, indeed, sacrifice, but that of the plants and animals who gave themselves to feed the people throughout the balance of the year. Modern pagans honour the gods by hanging corn as decorations, offering thanks to the gods for the bounty of the year, and celebrating beneath the harvest moon.

SAMHAIN - MAY 1ST

Pagan tradition begins the wheel of the year at Samhain. This date is the time when the **veil between the worlds of the living and the dead are thinnest**. It is a time for visitations and **scrying the future**. This is a cross-quarter festival and a final harvest festival.

At this time the Horned God, the **god of cattle and wild creatures**, dies as the cattle are slaughtered to feed the people during the long Winter. The Celts understood that life cannot exist without death and honoured the passing of the life given to sustain theirs during the long, cold months of winter when starvation stalked the land. The God enters the **underworld**, much as Arthur Pendragon went off to the Summerlands at the conclusion of the Arthurian legend. The Horned God, however, is reborn at Yule as the Sun/Son God, something Christianesque Arthur never managed.

Cottagers set places at the table for those who'd gone ahead to the Summerlands in order to honour their dead. Young people costumed themselves in order to protect themselves from

whatever malevolent spirits or fairies might be about. They entered the night, going from door to door in order to receive the largess of the householder. As this is the time of the **apple harvest**, cakes and soft and hard cider flowed freely. Those Cottagers who provided largess were blessed and wished well. Those who were stingy and unwilling to provide for the revellers were considered cursed by the Gods and all manner of misfortune was believed would befall them during the depths of the winter.

Today Samhain is popularly known as **Halloween**. Modern pagans consider Samhain a time of endings and beginnings. It is considered the time the God enters the Summerlands prior to his rebirth at Yule. It is a time to release all old problems and look forward to what the future brings. Many pagans scry using various methods - tarot, runes, scrying mirrors, or crystal balls, to name a few. **The most magical night of the year**. Exactly opposite Beltaine on the wheel of the year, Samhain is **Beltaine's dark twin**.

YULE - JUNE 21ST. WINTER SOLSTICE.

The word Yule is said to have come from the Norse word "Jul" or "Yul", meaning **wheel**. Solstice celebrations have been around a long, long time. From the time mankind observed the days lengthened after midwinter there was an understanding something significant had just occurred. Without the lengthening of the days winter would last forever and humankind would die. Following that line of reasoning, it makes sense evergreens would be considered sacred reminders of everlasting life. During the depths of the worst winters evergreens, in the form of **holly, mistletoe**, and various forms of **conifer** were a beacon of hope to a cold weary world. Life springs eternal!

The **Roman Saturnalia** was a solstice celebration of note. Ten days and nights long, friends and family gathered for great feasts and an exchange of presents. We continue these customs today relatively unchanged - the exception being the reversal of status of slaves and masters as one hopes today's neopagans have no slaves. Most ancient cultures celebrated Yule for longer than a day. In fact, the solstice is two to three days long in terms of astronomical length of day, something the ancients undoubtedly noted in their astronomical observations.

Elves, trolls and other magickal beings are thought to roam freely, coming into homes in friendship and peace when invited. The antiquity of **24 hour fires or burning of actual logs** on the night of the solstice stretches back to the time of the Roman Saturnalia and legend has it Egyptians burned logs in a similar fashion around the solstice. As a form of sympathetic magick it would make sense to encourage the Sun God to burn brightly, returning to the world, by burning a log all night. In the British Isles and in Gaulic Europe Solstice usually included a Yule log. This was anything from a large tree to a log that would fit into the hearth. The log was anointed with wine, salt, holly and other evergreens, then set alight - sometimes by young girls who had saved bits of last year's log, sometimes by their mothers. Later this practice devolved into the **Yule candle**, a large candle that burned a full 24 hours. Today many pagans use Yule candles in lieu of Yule logs as most homes and apartments do not come equipped with hearths. From the mists of unrecorded history has

come to us the legend of the Great Mother Goddess giving birth to the Sun/Son God. This is a time of great anticipation and celebration.

IMBOLC - AUGUST 1

Candlemas is the **Christianised name for the Pagan celebration of Imbolc**. This is the time of transformation of the Goddess from **Crone** to the **Maiden of Spring**, celebrated in old Ireland by the kindling of hillside bonfires and the lighting of candles.

Also known as **Brigit's Day**, it is a Fire festival to honour the great Irish Goddess **Brigid**, the **goddess of fire** and the patroness of smith craft, poetry, and healing. This is also the time for a great amount of spring cleaning of mind, body and soul. While the house gets a thorough spring cleaning, it's symbolism prepares our minds and bodies for the resurgence of the coming season of warmth. The Maiden sweeps away the debris of the old, dead season with her **new broom**; thus, we sweep away the outdated and useless from our lives, and fill our minds instead with new ideas, plans, and goals.

This Rite marks the first stirrings of the new Spring. And, while it may seem strange to be celebrating Spring while the bitter winds of winter still whip around your shoulders, the old name of this Sabbat actually explains the reasoning. Imbolc (or Imbolg) literally means "in the belly;" thus, though the land is still partially asleep, within the belly of the Mother (earth), the first faint stirrings of the seeds of the new season are beginning.

A festival celebrating light in the darkness, it is the celebration of the rekindled fire both within ourselves and within the world, as personified by the growing strength of the new Sun God. Dark clothing is put away at this time and to celebrate the return of the warm Sun/Son God, Pagans adopt a **bright yellow or orange** for this celebration.

OSTARA - SEPTEMBER 22 **VERNAL EQUINOX.**

Ostara also known as the Spring or Vernal Equinox, is one of two dates where day and night are equal; a **point of balance**, after which the forces of light gain power and pre-eminence over the powers of darkness until it reaches its ultimate at Midsummer.

Deities honoured during this festival are those of the **Maiden Goddess** and the youthful, warrior God. Some see this as the time of courtship between the God and the Goddess, whose relationship will then be consummated at the following Sabbat of Beltaine. Ostara is the beginning of the fertility festivals.

Buds begin to push their way through the earth to reach the strengthening sun's light; animals in the wild feel the ancient instinct to breed; the energies of Nature shift subtly from the torpor of Winter to the exuberant activity of Spring.

It is a time of new beginnings, of action, of saying goodbye to the old and making room for the new. We can see this urge reflected in our lives even today. We talk of "**Spring cleaning**" and "In Spring, a young man's fancy turns to..."; the desire to run the greening fields (or, in our world, walk the parks, fish, and other outdoor activities) vies urgently with the obligation of our workday routines, often resulting in "sick leave days" and spur-of-the-moment "personal days" where the real excuse is "Spring Fever." Symbols of this holiday include eggs, rabbits, and flowers of all kinds.

Modern secular activities such as the dying of **Easter Eggs** are remnants of ancient Pagan traditions. The Anglo-Saxons painted eggs with their hopes and dreams and presented them as gifts. **These eggs were then buried in the Earth, so that the Earth-Mother would know dreams** of her children, in hopes that she would see fit to help them realize their desires.

Activities appropriate to celebrate the day include randomly **collecting wildflowers** on a walk through the woods, or buying a **mixed bouquet** from a florist. The flowers you choose will often reveal your inner thoughts and emotions, and their meanings to you can be divined through books, **pendulum**, and your intuition. Some groups set the seeds they'll soon be planting within the sacred Circle of their Ostara rituals.

In this way, either a special charging ritual can be done for the **seeds**, or the seeds can simply absorb the **energy of the Circle**. They can then be planted safely after the **next full moon**. Use Ostara to clean out all the mental cobwebs and to throw away all the old, negative modes of thought. Throw open the doors to your mind, heart, and soul and let the gentle breezes of Ostara breathe new hope and the vigour of youth into your newly awakening life. Ostara is also known in some traditions as **Lady Day**.

BELTAINE - OCTOBER 31

Beltaine is traditionally considered to be the **marriage of the God and Goddess**. Celebrated as one of the cross quarter festivals Beltane is the time of the ripening Earth and the **gay colourful flowers**. In many parts the **Maypole**, a phallic symbol, is erected and danced in a **sunward motion** the dancers following the rising and setting of the sun.

The **Maypole** itself is traditionally of **Oak** (a sacred tree of the Druids) and decorated with **Hawthorne wreaths**. The **ribbons** of the Maypole signify the **softness** of the Mother as the Maypole itself symbolises the God. The ribbons are of **many colours** and in some traditions each colour has significance. When the dancers choose a ribbon it is not uncommon for them to announce, "**I dance red, for romance.**" or "**I dance green for good fortune.**" As the dancers weave and twine the ribbons around the Maypole a cone of power is raised and their wishes are bound tightly into that cone. Traditionally, the last woman left **holding a ribbon is crowned Queen of the Maypole**. We in the South have kept the names the same to avoid confusion. She is identified with the Goddess. There are a variety of methods

of choosing the Oak King or King of the May. Often he is the man who is able to toss a wreath high enough and accurately enough to "ring" the Maypole. In other traditions he is the last man holding a ribbon after dancing the Maypole.

Yet other traditions the King is selected by the Queen to be her consort. The King symbolises the Sun God. In times past the royal couple consummated their marriage in the fields, to bring new life to the Earth. In these times it is common for them to share a loving cup. If they wish to consummate their spiritual marriage they, of course, may do so - however, it is more likely that this will happen if they are a married couple and there is a quiet place nearby. The new life they engender is as likely to be new intellectual life as actual life.

The name Beltaine means "**good fire**", and **bonfires** were once used to mark the symbolic return of the sun and renewed life. Beltane is also known as Cetsamhain and is directly opposite Samhain in terms of the wheel of the year. **Beltane is a fire festival.**

Some **leap the fires** to show the exuberance of the season. It is believed that leaping the fire and declaring one's desire or intentions will help seal the outcome of what is wished for.

The battle of the **Oak King** and **Holly King** occurs at this festival, with each fighting for the love of the Goddess. The Oak King wins and presides until Samhain when the Holly King wins as Lord of the waning year.

LITHA - DECEMBER 22 **SUMMER SOLSTICE**

On this day, the noon of the year, light and life are abundant. This is the longest day of the year, the Summer Solstice, when the sun has reached the **Tropic of Cancer**. The Lord of Light has reached His penultimate zenith of strength and as He crests, must give way to **His twin, the Lord of Shadows**, Godking of the dark half of the year.

As the flowers of spring herald Beltane, the flowers of the summer bring us into the full appreciation of Midsummer. **It is a time of promise**, yet it is not the time of the harvest - **lambs are born** but not ready for the slaughter, **wheat is growing** tall but has not yet matured. Much can turn a year of plenty into a year of privation even at this point in the cycle. So, while Midsummer is filled with the expectation of plenty, it is still not assured. There are nature spirits to be encouraged to produce and there are offerings to be made. **Protection** of the largess of the land is to be applied whenever possible. Though still in the throes of plenty, the year begins its waning journey to winter. Many customs are associated with this night's celebration. Large bonfires were lit in England, thus "setting the watch" as the wards on city boundaries were renewed, with celebrants **jumping over, through, or between bonfires for good luck**. Revellers wandered from one bonfire to another, known as the "marching watch," and were often attended by Morris dancers.

Shades of these old customs are still practised today in England. Contrasted with Yule when we look inward in meditative silence, Midsummer sets us to a time when our focus is turned outward, joyfully experiencing the delights of the Lord and Lady's abundance. We delight in

the first fruits of the season and revel in the company of others, dancing with wild abandon in a blissful celebration of the season.

EXAMPLE:

Pagan Holiday Celebrations in June

June was dedicated to the Old Roman Goddess **Juno** (*Uni*), the Queen of Heaven, identified in classical times with the Greek Goddess Hera. Juno, Jupiter, and Minerva together were the most important of the Old Roman Deities.

Juno is the protector of brides and the family, and guarantor of faithful marriage. She is also, as Juno Lucina, concerned with labor and delivery and the first light seen by the infant. As *Uni*, she is the personification of the New Moon, and all beginnings.

The Temple of *Juno Moneta* included the Roman mint, and so she guards money and wealth, and protects family finances as the general well-being of the community by supporting covenantal agreements.

Both Juno and Her Greek counterpart, Hera, are symbolized by the **peacock**, whose tail bears 100 eyes. As the Mother Goddess, her eyes were ever watchful for her young. Even today, **Greek infants** are given **talismans** in the form of a **blue eye**, often stylized and produced as a bead. These are worn constantly by the infant or pinned onto the cradle.

Misogynists vilify Hera as demonically jealous, because the myths show her punish philandering husbands and their girlfriends.

In archaic times, the invading Greeks assimilated local cultures by "marrying" the sky-God Zeus to each local version of the Earth Mother Goddess. A thousand years later, poets collecting these local traditions presumed that these were various girl-friends of Zeus, and that Hera would be therefore jealous of her prerogative as the "real" wife.

Secular Month	Sacred Name	Secular Month	Sacred Name
January	Wolf Moon	July	Herb Moon
February	Chaste Moon	August	Barley Moon
March	Plow/Seed Moon	September	Wine Moon
April	Budding Moon	October	Blood Moon
May	Mother's Moon	November	Mourning Moon
June	Mead Moon	December	Oak Moon

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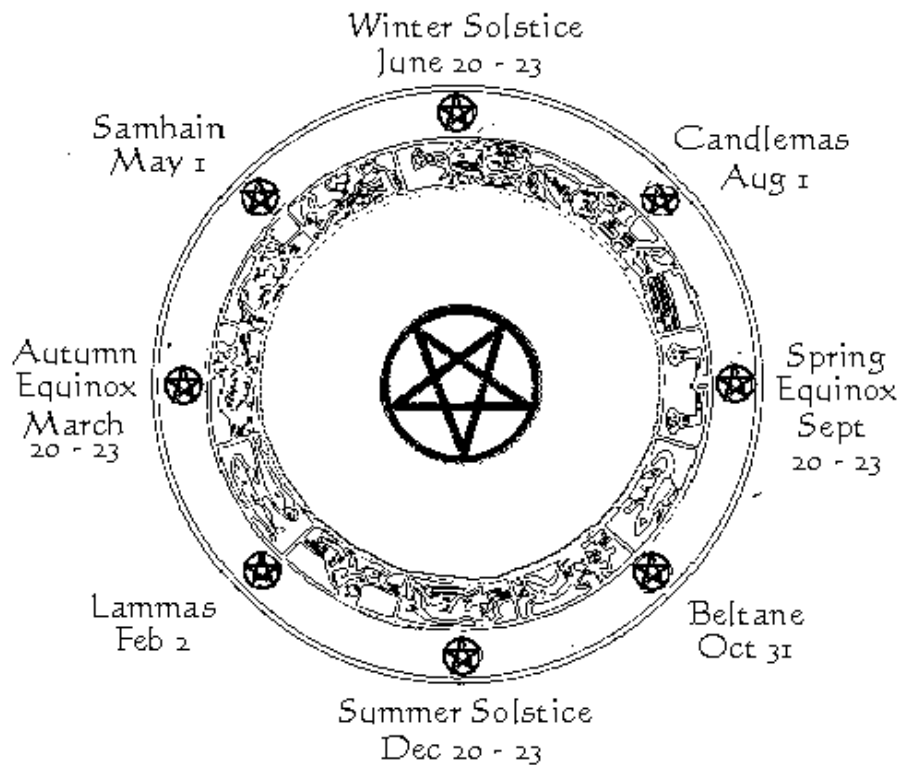
The Wiccan Calendar: Southern Hemisphere.

In the Wiccan calendar, there are four main days of power, (Sabbats), all revolving around the Solstices and Equinoxes - the astronomical beginnings of the seasons, and with deep connection to the agricultural year. In the southern hemisphere, the Sabbats don't always align with the traditional understanding of goddess spirituality - for example, Easter is named after the Spring goddess Eostre, whose feast day is celebrated in the northern hemisphere's Spring time (Mar 20 - 23). In the southern hemisphere, Easter lands in Autumn, not an entirely appropriate time to be celebrating "new life"! Nevertheless, we can still celebrate the essence of each Sabbat.



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Click on the map to read about the Sabbat or a goddess that is remembered at that time.

Yule (Winter Solstice), the time of the shortest day of the year, the sun begins its path out of winter towards Spring.

Candlemas or Imbolc (Brigid's Day) - the light of rebirth grows stronger. It is a time for purification as we continue to emerge from the dark of winter.

Spring Equinox, when the day and night are equal length. By now, we are feeling re-energised and are ready to burst forth with renewed energy.

Beltane (May Day in the northern hemisphere). The name is derived from the Celtic god Belenus, and is a time to celebrate fertility and the earth's ripe abundance.

Summer Solstice (or Litha), when the sun reaches its zenith, and then turns southward and the days begin to shorten. Make hay while the sun shines!

Lammas (Harvest Festival), a time of thanksgiving and preparation for the dark, cold winter and the death of nature.

Autumn Equinox (or Mabon), a time when nature declines, draws back into bounty, readying for winter and its time of rest.

Samhain (Hallowe'en) The most sacred holiday celebrated throughout the Wheel of the Year is Samhain (pronounced sow-en), which may mean "summer's end". Samhain is the time to celebrate the Crone, the wise one, the healer.

SATANIC CALENDAR:

Date	Celebration	Type	Usage	Age
Jan 1	New Year's Day		Druid Feast Day	15-33
Jan 7	St. Winebald Day	blood	animal and/or human sacrifice and dismemberment	(male, if human)
Jan 17	Satanic Revels	sexual	oral, anal, vaginal	7-17 female
Jan 20-27	Abduction, ceremonial preparation and holding of sacrificial victim for Candlemas	sexual and blood	oral, anal, vaginal human sacrifice	female or child (any age)
Jan 29	St. Agnes Eve		casting of spells	
Feb. 2	Candlemas (Sabbat Festival)	blood	animal and/or human sacrifice	
Feb. 2	Satanic Revels	sexual	oral, anal, vaginal	7-17 female
Feb. 25	St. Walpurgis Day	blood	communion of blood and dismemberment	any age
Mar. 1	St. Eichatadt	blood	drinking of human blood for strength	any age (male or female)

			and homage to the demons	
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Mar. 15,17	Eides			
Mar. 20 date varies	Spring Equinox (Sabbat Festival) (Major fertility Sabbat)	orgies	oral, anal, vaginal	any age (male or female, human or animal)
	Shrovetide - three days before Ash Wednesday (which is a Witch Sabbat)			
date varies	Good Friday Day of Passion (death of Christ)	blood	human sacrifice	male only (adult)
date varies	Easter Eve Day	blood	human sacrifice	male or female (adult)
Apr 21-26	Abduction, ceremonial preparation and holding of sacrificial victim			
Apr 24	St. Mark's Eve		divining and herb gathering	
Apr 26 - May 1	Grand Climax	De Meur	oral, anal, vaginal Corpus De Baahl	1-25 (female)
Apr 30	Walpurgisnacht Roodmas Day	blood	animal and/or human sacrifice	any age
	Beltane Eve (often celebrated with a festival that includes bonfires and fertility rites) - greatest Witches Sabbat			
May 1	Beltane Walpurgis Day May Day		Druid Fire Festival Coven Initiations	
Jun 21 date varies	Feast Day (Summer Solstice)	orgies	oral, anal, vaginal animal and/or human sacrifice	any age (male or female or animal)
Jul 1	Demons Revel	blood	Druid sexual association with demons	any age (female)
Jul 20-26	Abduction, ceremonial preparation and holding of sacrificial victim for Grand Climax			
Jul 25	St. James Day		gathering of herbs	

Jul 27	Grand Climax (5 weeks, 1 day after summer solstice)	Da Meur	oral, anal, vaginal human sacrifice	female (child or adult)
Aug 1	Lammas Day (Sabbat Festival)	blood	animal and/or human sacrifice	any age (male or female)
	(Feast of Sun God, Harvest seasons begin)			
Aug 3	Satanic Revels	sexual	oral, anal, vaginal	7-17 (female)
Aug 24	St. Bartholomew's Day (Great Sabbat and Fire festival)		large herb gathering	
Sep 7	Marriage to the Beast	sexual	sacrifice, dismemberment	infant - 21 (female)
Sep 21	Midnight Host	blood	dismemberment and hands removed for Hand of Glory	(female)
Sep 22 date varies	Feast Day (fall equinox)	orgies	oral, anal, vaginal	any age
Oct 13 - 30	Preparation for all Hallows Eve, Samhain (Halloween) Abduction, holding and ceremonial preparation of individual for human sacrifice (13 -Backward Halloween Date)			
Oct 28-30	Satanist High (Holy Day related to Halloween)	blood	human sacrifice each day	any age (male or female)
Oct 30-31	All Hallows Eve and Halloween Night	blood and sexual	sexual climax, association with the demons, animal and/or human sacrifice	any age (male or female and/or animal)
Nov 1	Satanist High (Holy Day related to Halloween)	blood	human sacrifice	any age (male or female)
Nov 4	Satanic Revels	sexual	oral, anal, vaginal	7-17 (female)
Dec 22	Winter Solstice (Sabbat Festival)	orgies	oral, anal, vaginal	any age (male or female, human or

	(Feast Day)			animal)
Dec 24	Demon Revels	Da Meur	High Grand Climax	any age (male or female, human and/or animal)
	Christmas Eve	blood	Receive body parts as Christmas gifts	infant male

- A. The highest ritual holiday is the member's birthday. It usually involves the member or a victim of the member's choice and someone in authority, usually the coven's leader.
- B. The first and third of every month. Put 1 and 3 together and it makes 13, though ritual/worship can occur at anytime, frequently coinciding with times of stress.
- C. All Friday the 13th's are high satanic days.
- D. All full-moon nights provide reason for major occult activity (easiest to move around without difficulty and without being detected).
- E. Holy week (Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday). Some groups are thought to sacrifice, cook and eat a human baby on Easter Sunday.
- F. Satanic holiday dates change annually according to the regular calendar and differs from cult to cult.

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Holy days, i e:

1. TEMPLE FESTIVAL - once a year.
2. HOLY FESTIVAL - beginning of Spring Feb/March. All Phallic Symbols (male sexual organ, symbolizing fertility) and spraying of coloured water as symbol of orgasm.
3. DASERA - 10 days in Sept/Oct in honour of Durga. Fireworks and explosions as sacrifices to him.

4. DIVALI - 4 days celebrating the New Year, in honour of Vishnu, Rama, Lakshmi and all the spirits of death. Lighting of oil lamps and ``spring cleaning" in honour of Lakshmi. Also opening of accounts for Lakshmi in order to ensure success in business.
5. MAKAR SANKRANTHI - 14 January
6. VASANTH PANCHMI - 1 February
7. MAHA SHWARATHRI - 25 February
8. HINDI/TELEGU NEW YEAR - 28 March (also, RAMAYAN WEEK begins)
9. SHRI RAAM NAUMI - 5 April
10. SHRI HANUMAN JAYANTHI - 11 April
11. NAAG PANCHMI - 28 July
12. GITA WEEK begins - 8 August
13. SHRI KRISHNA ASHMEE - 15 August
14. SHRI GANESH CHAETH - 26 August
15. PITHAR PAKSH - 6 - 20 September
16. DEEPAVALI (MAHA LUXMI POOJA) - 19 October
17. GUJURATI New Year - 21 October.

ISLAM:

THE ISLAMIC CALENDAR

The Islamic calendar (or Hijri calendar) is a purely lunar calendar. It contains 12 months that are based on the motion of the moon, and because 12 synodic months is only $12 \times 29.53 = 354.36$ days, the Islamic calendar is consistently shorter than a tropical year, and therefore it shifts with respect to the Christian calendar.

The calendar is based on the Qur'an (Sura IX, 36-37) and its proper observance is a sacred duty for Muslims.

The Islamic calendar is the official calendar in countries around the Gulf, especially Saudi Arabia (but see section 4.5). But other Muslim countries use the Gregorian calendar for civil purposes and only turn to the Islamic calendar for religious purposes.



4.1 WHAT DOES AN ISLAMIC YEAR LOOK LIKE?

The names of the 12 months that comprise the Islamic year are:

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| 1. Muharram | 7. Rajab |
| 2. Safar | 8. Sha'ban |
| 3. Rabi' al-awwal (Rabi' I) | 9. Ramadan |
| 4. Rabi' al-thani (Rabi' II) | 10. Shawwal |
| 5. Jumada al-awwal (Jumada I) | 11. Dhu al-Qi'dah |
| 6. Jumada al-thani (Jumada II) | 12. Dhu al-Hijjah |

(Due to different transliterations of the Arabic alphabet, other spellings of the months are possible.)

Each month starts when the lunar crescent is first seen (by an actual human being) after a new moon.

Although new moons may be calculated quite precisely, the actual visibility of the crescent is much more difficult to predict. It depends on factors such as weather, the optical properties of the atmosphere, and the location of the observer. It is therefore very difficult to give accurate information in advance about when a new month will start.

Furthermore, some Muslims depend on a local sighting of the moon, whereas others depend on a sighting by authorities somewhere in the Muslim world. Both are valid Islamic practices, but they may lead to different starting days for the months.

4.2 SO YOU CAN'T PRINT AN ISLAMIC CALENDAR IN ADVANCE?

Not a reliable one. However, calendars are printed for planning purposes, but such calendars are based on estimates of the visibility of the lunar crescent, and the actual month may start a day earlier or later than predicted in the printed calendar.

Different methods for estimating the calendars are used.

Some sources mention a crude system in which all odd numbered months have 30 days and all even numbered months have 29 days with an extra day added to the last month in "leap years" (a concept otherwise unknown in the calendar). Leap years could then be years in which the number $year \bmod 30$ is one of the following: 2, 5, 7, 10, 13, 16, 18, 21, 24, 26, or 29. (This is the algorithm used in the calendar program of the Gnu Emacs editor.)

Such a calendar would give an average month length of 29.53056 days, which is quite close to the synodic month of 29.53059 days, so *on the average* it would be quite accurate, but in any given month it is still just a rough estimate.

Better algorithms for estimating the visibility of the new moon have been devised, and a number of computer programs with this purpose exist.

4.3 HOW DOES ONE COUNT YEARS?

Years are counted since the Hijra, that is, Mohammed's emigration to Medina in AD 622. On 16 July (Julian calendar) of that year, AH 1 started (AH = Anno Hegirae = year of the Hijra).

In the year AD 2003 we have witnessed the start of Islamic year AH 1424.

Note that although only $2003-622=1381$ years have passed in the Christian calendar, 1423 years have passed in the Islamic calendar, because its year is consistently shorter (by about 11 days) than the tropical year used by the Christian calendar.

4.4 WHEN WILL THE ISLAMIC CALENDAR OVERTAKE THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR?

As the year in the Islamic calendar is about 11 days shorter than the year in the Christian calendar, the Islamic years are slowly gaining in on the Christian years. But it will be many years before the two coincide. The 1st day of the 5th month of AD 20874 in the Gregorian calendar will also be (approximately) the 1st day of the 5th month of AH 20874 of the Islamic calendar.

4.5 DOESN'T SAUDI ARABIA HAVE SPECIAL RULES?

Saudi Arabia doesn't rely on a visual sighting of the crescent moon to fix the start of a new month. Instead they base their calendar on a calculated astronomical moon.

Since 1999 (1420 AH) the rule has been as follows: On the 29th day of an Islamic month, the times when the sun and the moon set are compared. If the sun sets before the moon, the next day will be the first of a new month; but if the moon sets before the sun, the next day will be the last (30th) of the current month. The times for the setting of the sun and the moon are calculated for the coordinates of Mecca.

LESSON 15

ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH

THE BOOK (SCROLL) OF RUTH

This is a **prophetic book**. Every name and event is significant for the friendship between the **praying church today** and the emerging reconstituted **state of Israel**.

The land was in chaos in these days when the judges ruled. For ± 400 years the land was like a moral, spiritual roller coaster. There was famine in the land.

Elimelech broke the law of Moses and defied the Word of God in which Israel was legally forbidden to depart from the land.

Every name is prophetic, every person is symbolic. Naomi is Israel, the Bride, the woman. Her name means *pleasant, full of grace, full of good things*.

“Eli” - *my God.*
“Melech” - *king.*

She was (Israel is) married to “my God Who is my King”.

TWO SONS: Mahlon - *to be sick with infirmity.*
Chilion - *to perish.*

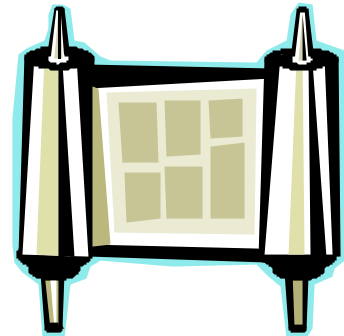
Moses had warned God’s people that should they leave the land that God had allotted to them, they **would become sick and die among the other nations**. Because they left the land, her husband died. **Naomi is cut off from God.**

Then both sons die and she’s left amongst the nations.

No God, no future hope or restoration. All she had were two daughters-in-law representing **two kinds of churches**.

Orpah - *back of the neck that you turn when you walk away.*
Ruth - *someone who sticks closer than a brother.*

Israel has been stuck amongst the nations, left their land, no living relationship with a Heavenly Husband, future generations are doomed to die from sickness and disease, being



herded from one ghetto to another, pushed around from one concentration camp to another, one death camp to another.

All that there is amongst the nations is **the Christian community** that also is divided.

Some are like Orpah and some by revelation have the heart of Ruth.

When Naomi decided to go back to Judah, **she three times tries** to discourage her daughter-in-laws to stay behind. They were being **tested**. (Rabbi's test a person's conversion three times to make sure the person really understands what they are doing.)

Do we make it too easy when leading people to take up their crosses to follow Jesus?

Israel is coming back into the land.

The Orpah church and Ruth church are both married into the covenant, but one of them has not the courage to go through the whole length of the trip. Her destiny: Going back to her people and also back to her gods. The gods of her forefathers - generational curses.

WARNING

When you turn your back on God's people, Israel, it will put you on a path where, eventually, you might find that you've turned your back on God.

RUTH 1: 16, 17 *"And Ruth said, Urge me not to leave you or to turn back from following you; for **where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts me from you.**"*

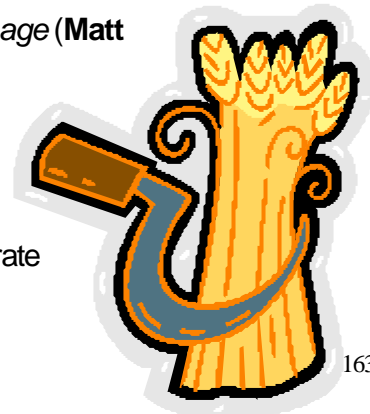
These words were spoken between two women; one a daughter of the covenant and the other married into the covenant.

Verse 22 tells us that they returned to Bethlehem at the beginning of the **barley harvest**.

Jesus said, *The harvest is the close and consummation of the age* (Matt 13:39).

STATISTICS

More than one million souls upon the face of the earth turn to the Lord Jesus Christ every week. Three times faster that the rate



of birth. The world is being harvested!! God is wrapping things up quickly!!

WAKE UP!!! The Harvest needs workers with **sickles**.

Naomi returns and tells her people “call me Mara - bitter”.

Many Israelites have been returning to their land. Some **walked** back. Many are **embittered** and **frustrated**. Many are hurting and many feel hopeless.

Naomi returned with one daughter-in-law, **leaning on her arm** limping back into her destiny. Christians helping the Jews back home!!

Boaz - *kinsman redeemer.*
“Bo” - *in Him.*
“az” - *the Strength.*

God loves love-stories!

We are motivated by love - not discipline.

In the fields of harvest, Boaz met Ruth. He was working very long hours with his workers busy with the harvest.

REMEMBER

The harvest is a very short season. You cannot sit back and say, *I'm too tired today, I'm staying home / My back hurts, I'll rest today.* You cannot take it easy!! ***Do you know where to find Jesus today?*** In the harvest fields!

Naomi and Ruth - two women - not married; uncovered; no children. This placed them at the lowest level of society with the beggars. They could glean the edges of the fields by law.

WHAT CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF BOAZ, KINSMAN REDEEMER?

RUTH 2: 10, 11 *“Why have I found favour in your eyes that you should notice me, when I am a foreigner? Boaz answered, I have been made fully aware of all you have done for your mother-in-law ...”*

Her attitude toward Naomi was the key.

**Are you showing compassion, kindness and faithfulness
towards Israel?**

Ruth asked Naomi's advice on how to approach Boaz.

There are many things that we can learn from Israel as we enter into intimacy with the God of Israel.

Get your best clothes on, clean up your act, anoint yourself and then come quietly, lie at His feet, be quiet and listen to what He will tell you.

According to the Hebrew law, the kinsman marrying the widow must be a blood relative in order to redeem three things:

1. The **name** of the deceased (children that follow).
2. The **bride** must be restored back to livelihood.
3. The **land** can be kept within the family.

Boaz married Ruth and they had a son and chapter 4:16 tells us that Naomi laid him in her bosom and became his nurse.

The child's name was Obed - *a servant* - grandfather of David.

Naomi, old and embittered, who had no hope, her breasts long dried up, began to nurse this baby. Verse 17 tells us that the women said a son had been born unto Naomi. It was **Ruth** that carried him, that suffered backache, and that gave **birth** to him.

Israel must serve the world one last time in the closing of this age. But Israel is too old and embittered. She needs **Ruth!!**

Womb = INTERCESSION!! CHURCH

That is why Christians from all over the world are praying for Israel. Day and night there are watchmen on the walls, interceding and expectantly waiting for God to fulfill His Word of **COVENANT KEEPING FAITHFULNESS** to His Bride Israel!!

Father, let us be a fruitful Ruth church. Plant Your seed in our hearts so that we will have compassion for Israel, to intercede for her, to stand in the gap until all of Your purpose for Israel be fulfilled.

DECLARATION

We, as the Ruth Church, say to Israel, Urge me not to leave you or to turn back from following you; for where you go I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if anything, but death parts me from you.

CHALLENGE:

If we say "**your people will be my people**"; are you celebrating God's **feasts**? Are you aligning yourself with **Jerusalem** and God's timetable?

We need to **divorce Rome** and **marry Jerusalem** if we say we are truly an Apostolic Endtime Church. (**See: Shadows of things to come – Rick Joyner**)

(Teachings on New Testament believers and the Feasts; “One Covenant”; “Initiation into Adulthood”; God’s Pattern and Plan for Intercession to be aligned with Israel – God’s Holy Space and Holy Time and “A Hebrew Mind to Legacy” are available from Kanaan Ministries.)

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

NATURE: Promise – given by grace (75 yrs old).

Gen 12: 1-3 *“I will make you a great nation.”*

INHERITANCE: *I will bless you and make your name great and you will be a blessing and all the families of the earth will be blessed.*

Response

A. OBEDIENCE

1. Get out of your country (Ur), and so Abraham departed.
2. Sacrifice of Isaac.

B. FAITH

- **Gen 15:6** And he believed in the Lord and He accounted unto him for righteousness.

Presence of God: ONLY ABRAHAM **SAW, HEARD AND EXPERIENCED IT.**



MOSAIC COVENANT

NATURE: Promise – protection of a people already **redeemed**.

DEUT 7:6 *“For you are a **holy** and set-apart people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a special people to Himself out of all the peoples on the face of the earth.”*

DEUT 4:14 *“And the Lord commanded me at the time to teach you the statutes and precepts, that you might do them in the land which you are going over to possess.”*



INHERITANCE:

DEUT 6:23 *"Then He brought us out from there, that He might bring us in to give us the land..."*

DEUT 5:33 *"You shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land which you shall possess."*

DEUT 7:12 *"12 And if you hearken to these precepts and keep and do them, the Lord your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love which He swore to your fathers."*

Deut 11.

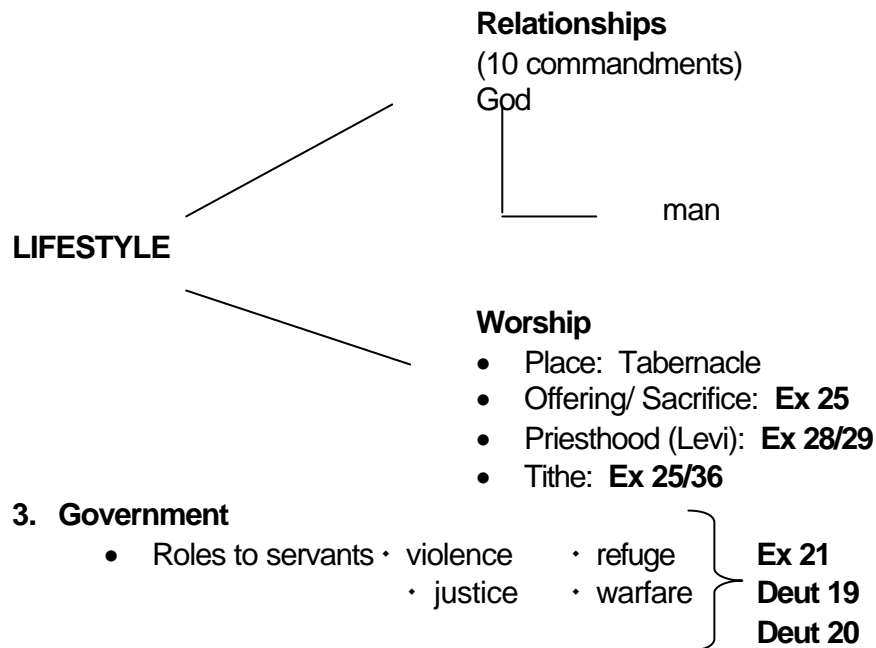
RESPONSE

A. OBEDIENCE

1. Leave Egypt.
2. Change lifestyle.

Deut 10: 12, 16 *"...what does the Lord your God require of you but to fear the Lord in all His ways and to love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with your entire being.
So circumcise the foreskin of your minds and hearts; be no longer stubborn and hardened."*

Deut 6: 6, 7, 8 *"These words which I am commanding you this day shall be first in your own minds and hearts; and then you shall whet and sharpen them so as to make them penetrate, and teach and impress them diligently upon the minds and hearts of your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up. And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes."*



A KETUBAH (Contract for Marriage)

GOD→ISRAEL ON MT SINAI	JEWISH WEDDING	CHRIST & CHURCH
Ex 6: 6-7	woman to be his wife	Eph 5:31
Ex 19:9	“Chuppah”	Eph 5:23
Ex 19: 5-7	Endearing Name	Eph 5:27
Ex 31:18	Legal agreement	Eph 5: 25, 26
Ex 31: 12-17	Ring	Eph 5:2

PRESENCE OF GOD

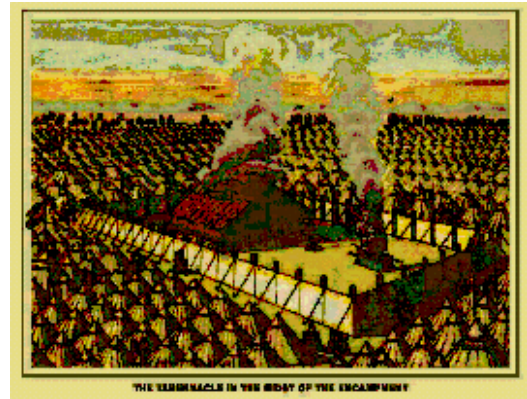
- In Tabernacle
- All could see but only priests could experience.
- Celebrate – by Cloud & Fire. feasts.
- Reminders - sabbath.

NEW TESTAMENT COVENANT

These things that were in the natural were replaced by only an understanding that these could be seen and experienced in the spiritual by faith.

THEREFORE...

- Tabernacle changes → a living person.
- Priesthood of few → priesthood of all.
- Things in Tabernacle → prayer.
- Sacrifice of animals daily and annually → sacrifice of Jesus once and for all.



The Tabernacle is an image of the real substance that exists in the spirit realm. So, that which doesn't manifest in the spiritual can't manifest in the natural.

- A. Faith is a tangible and real substance existing in the spirit. I.e. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (**Heb 11:1**).
- B. Man in the natural is a reflection of God.
Gen 1:26 God said, Let Us make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness...
- C. **Heb 8:5** But these offer service merely as a pattern and as a foreshadowing of what has its true existence and reality in the heavenly sanctuary...

THEREFORE...

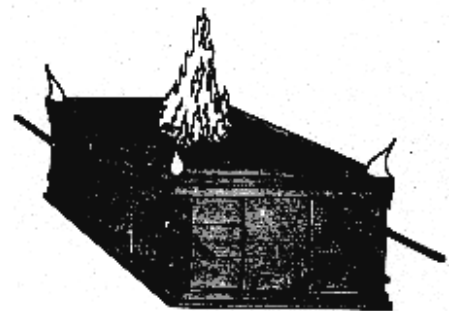
The “things” in the Tabernacle already existed in heaven **before** Moses made them.

THIS IS HOW WE ARE TO PRAY TODAY:

- **BRAZEN ALTAR**

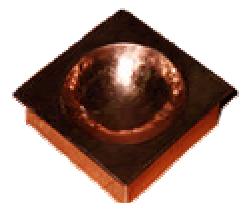
Rev 5:6 And there between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God Who have been sent into all the earth.

Rev 13:8 And all the inhabitants of the earth will fall down in adoration and pay him homage, everyone whose name has not been recorded in the Book of Life of the Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world.



- **LAVER OF WASHING**

Rev 22:1 Then He showed me the river whose waters give life, sparkling like crystal, flowing out from the throne of God and of the Lamb.



- **CANDLESTICK**

Rev 1:12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands.

Rev 4:5 Out from the throne came flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne seven blazing torches burned, which are the seven Spirits of God.



- **TABLE OF SHOWBREAD**

Rev 19:3 And again they shouted, Hallelujah! The smoke of her burning shall continue to ascend forever and ever.

Rev 20:12 I saw the dead, great and small; they stood before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged by what they had done in accordance with what was recorded in the books.



- **ALTAR OF INCENSE**

Rev 8: 3, 4 And another angel came and stood over the altar. He had a golden censer, and he was given very much incense, that he might mingle it with the prayers of all the people of God upon the golden altar before the throne. And the smoke of the incense arose in the presence of God, with the prayers of the people of God, from the hand of the angel.

Rev 9:13 Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and from the four horns of the golden altar which stands before God...



- **ARK OF COVENANT**

Rev 11:19 Then the sanctuary of God in heaven was thrown open, and the ark of His covenant was seen standing inside in His sanctuary...

- **SHEKINAH GLORY**

Rev 4:2 At once I came under the Spirit's power, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with One seated on the throne!



I COR 15:46 *"But it is not the spiritual life which came first, but the physical and then the spiritual."*

YEAR	ISRAEL	CHURCH
1897	Birth of Zionist Movement	Godly outpouring – Topeka Azusa
1900	Hebrew language reinstated	Gift of tongues
1948	Israel statehood	Fivefold ministry
1967	Jerusalem	Wave of charismatic renewal
1980	Exodus from Russia	Gospel to Russia
?	Ultimate healing	Blessing for Church

NOTES

1. Lesson 1: Altars - For more information, contact **Herald Ministries** at herald2@mweb.co.za
Books available from Kanaan Ministries: Prayer Altars; Altars and Covenants.
2. Lesson 2: Thrones - For more information, contact **Africa House of Prayer**.
3. Lesson 5: Weapons of Warfare - Scriptural research was done by **Elna Kleynhans**, Kroonstad.
5. Lesson 6: Shophars - Information partly gained from ***Shofar - Instrument of God for Jew & Gentile alike*** by **Nancy James**.
6. Prophecy by **Lance Lambert** gained from ***Christian Friends of Israel***, PO Box 2362, Tzaneen 0850; cfi@cfijerusalem.org .
7. Hebraic Roots:
 - o Shabbat (Every Friday Evening)
 - o Purim (Esther) (Feb/March)
 - o Pesach (Passover), Hag Hamatzah (Feast of Unleavened Bread) & Bikkurim (Feast of First Fruits) (April)
 - o Shavuot (Pentecost) (May)
 - o Rosh Hashanah (New Year), Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) & Succoth (Feast of Tabernacles) (September)
 - o Chanukah (Festival of Lights) (December)
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