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Letter From The Editor

2017 is a milestone year with the beginning of a new major season in Gods purposes for the Church. The Feast of Tabernacles in 2016 marked the end of an era and the beginning of a new significant season on God's calendar. This major shift will have far reaching ramification in the Church and the nations of the world. There are times and seasons in God, some of which are significant and others are extremely significant. We have now moved into an extremely significant season in God. I cannot overemphasise this enough. In 1948 Israel became a nation again with their own homeland. At the same time God began to move in the Church in a way that we have not seen since then. The 1948 move of God was a hallmark in God's purposes for the Nations and the Church. We have not seen a move of God of the same magnitude since then, that is up until now. This year we will see God beginning to move again in the Church and the nations that we have not seen since 1948. This will put a real pressure on the true Church and we must understand the magnitude of what God is about to do and prepare for it. I trust that you will enjoy and be blessed by this edition of Our Finest Hour.

Blessings
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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

A SHIFT HAS TAKEN PLACE

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and 30 percent brighter

And in the morning, It will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?

Matthew 16:3

Unfortunately a very large percentage of the Church today is asleep and ignorant of God's times and seasons. However there are those who are awake to what God is saying to the Church and the world today.

This year on November 13th there was a phenomenon rarely seen which appeared in the sky. According to NASA, this rare occurrence of a super moon marked the closest a full super moon has been to earth in almost 68 years.

Actually the last super moon was last seen in 1948 the year Israel became a nation. And the 1948 great move of God began in the Church. This in itself is extremely significant. Israel became a nation in 1948 and the Church entered an unprecedented season of power evangelism. This saw the rise of great ministries such as Billy Graham, Oral Roberts, William Branham, T L Osbourne and many others. This became known as the 1948 great move of God. The fact that this great move

of God was ushered in by a super moon is of great significance to us today. That shift that occurred in the world and the Church in 1948 is about to happen again this time at least seven times greater.

This super moon appeared up to 14 percent larger and 30 percent brighter than the year's smallest full moon according to NASA scientist Noah Petro. He advised people hoping to catch an eyeful of the super moon to find a dark place far from city lights, as well as away from tall buildings and trees, which might obstruct a view of the moon, especially when it is low in the sky.

We know the moon is a type or picture of the Church, which gets its light from the sun, and reflects the light of the sun

But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 4:2-3

This prophetic imagery of the prophet Malachi

spoke of the days, we are now living in.

And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

Revelation 12:1-5

WHAT IS GOD SAYING

This last Super Moon occurred when the sun, the moon, and the earth were in perfect alignment. The sun - Jesus, the moon - the Church and the earth have lined up for an unparalleled event. Namely the coming forth of the true Sons of God and the beginning of the greatest harvest the world has ever seen

A major shift both in the Church and the world took place at the beginning of the Feast of Tabernacles this year. This shift is extremely significant and affects the nations of the world and the Church. Things will never be the same again, this shift draws a line in the sand indicating that time has run out for many things and a new day has been birthed. We need to remember that birthing is painful and messy. No new move of God is without some seemingly crazy things happening. Make room for the unusual to start happening, we have not been this way before.

The nations of the world will see major change, this has already begun with the UK exiting the European Union triggering a chain reaction which is still occurring. There is a forming of a one world government headed by the European Union and the United Nations. Both Hillary Clinton and Barak Obama will seek to manipulate the UN in order to gain influence, seeking to establish their agenda. The present Pope will also be a major player in this.

Regarding the grace of God that was extended to grant more time for the Church to get its act together and walk in righteousness, this extension has been closed. Judgment will begin at the house of the lord. God will have a pure Church, walking in the character and purity of the Lord Himself. The cleansing of the Church is now on Gods agenda. God will have a Church walking in purity and righteousness. The time of easy grace is coming to an end.

For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, (unrighteousness).

Jude 1:4

Using the grace of God as an excuse to walk in unrighteousness will be judged

Prepare for the harvest. The Church must get ready and prepare for a great harvest. This requires preparation in the natural as well as the spiritual. Think big, how will you as a Christian leader handle a great influx of new Christians ? Pastors train your people quickly to handle a harvest. Time is of the essence now.

Donald Trump

America and the world is divided over Donald Trump winning the race to become president of the United States of America. Even christen leaders are divided over this issue. Some Christian leaders even say that Donald Trump is another Hitler. **The question is**, what does God think about this? Many of these Christian leaders obviously have not stopped to ask Him. The past Obama administration has led the country down a pathway of unrighteousness, turning the nation away from God and into iniquity, condoning evil, at least in God's eyes.

Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law

Psalms 94:20

Laws have been passed regarding Abortion and Homosexuality that came from Satan's throne of iniquity.

So what about Donald Trump? Many Christian leaders are saying God would never endorse a man like Donald Trump. My answer to that is have you ever read your Bible right through?



God said that He raised up Pharaoh for His purposes and plans in order to bless His people the Israelites, and make His name known across the earth

For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might show my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

Romans 9:17

God raised up Pharaoh an idol worshiper and an evil tyrant in order to bless God's people Israel, and to proclaim God's name across the earth.

Also God raised up a heathen king who was an idol worshiper putting him into power in order to deliver God's people the Israelites. This King was a heathen tyrant by the name of Cyrus

Let me just say this. Let's call the spade a spade. Those who voted Barrack Obama into office were the people's choice not God's. And the result of this choice is now evident, it lead the nation down into great evil, among other things legalizing same sex marriage and the murdering of babies in the womb. However God has as it were played His trump card (*pun not intended*) putting His man into office in order to save the nation. This does not mean America will have a smooth ride, there are very difficult times ahead for America. But believe me if Hillary Clinton had won the presidency it would have spelt absolute devastation and disaster for America. **Donald Trump is God's blessing for America.** He will be used to turn America back to God and help to protect America and Israel from those nations of the world who want to see America and Israel destroyed. **Like it or not we need to side with God on this issue.**

On June 14th, 2016 Donald trump turned 70 years old. On His first day in office on the 21st Jan 2017 Donald Trump will be -**70** years **7** months and **7** days old. The number 7 in scripture has the meaning of Divine Perfection. Donald Trump was the perfect man who God chose to turn America around. If you don't like it then you can complain to God about the choice that He God made.

Nations Realigning

There is a great shift and a realigning of the nations. The goat nations are realigning and starting to separate from the sheep nations see Mat 25:32-33.

There is a shifting and realignment of the world's monetary systems which will be a trigger for the true Joseph ministries to arise with an enormous transfer of wealth which will birth a new Kingdom Economy in direct opposition to the Antichrist system.

Prophetic Words

Many have been given prophetic words which have not as yet been fulfilled or have as yet not come to pass. Do not be discouraged, this shift will release and begin to bring to pass those words that have been given to you by the Lord. To everything there is a time and a season. We have just entered a season that has been on the Lord's calendar for a very long time. Much of what God had given us in the past was for this season. This shift will see words coming to pass that were given many years ago. Many real and powerful prophetic words which were given during the Charismatic Move of God which ended in the mid-seventies; will start now to unfold in this new season. Get ready change is on the way.

Crossing Over

After 40 long years in the wilderness the time had come to move on. Likewise, the time to cross over to the new day has come.

And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it.

Josh 3:3

When you see the Ark moving follow after it. There was to be a two thousand cubits space between the Ark and the people. Over two thousand years ago Jesus passed over, through his death on the cross and His resurrection. Jesus was our forerunner. We are now entering the third day. And it's time to move as the shift has occurs.

Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the



way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore.

And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

Josh 3:4-5

We need a fresh commitment and a deeper level of sanctification in order to move on to the new day.

Notice where the waters of the river Jordan dried up upstream.

They dried up at a place called Adam.

And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest.

That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho.

Josh 3:15-6

The flow from Adam was cut off. For us today this crossing over to the new day a new Promised Land occurs when the adamic natures is cut off. It is time to move on in newness of life sanctified and ready for the master's use. This day will leave behind the old adamic nature and enabling us to walk in the life, power, and nature of the second Adam Jesus. Truly this is a new day, a new long awaited season, the final lap as it were.

And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal (rolling away) unto this day.

Josh 5:9

This shift will now open up the way for us to break away from the pull of this earth on our lives, enabling us to walk with the Lord in heavenly places.

A Shift in Nature

The debate over global warming rages on. There is no doubt that weather patterns are changing. Right now as I write this in

Queensland Australia our lawn is brown and dry. Normally at this time of the year we get a reasonable amount of rain, however November this year here has been the driest on record. As the argument over global warming continues, there is no doubt that these weather conditions and cycles have happened in the past, it is not something new and we are in a season again of global warming. However this season appears to be happening much quicker than in past times, no doubt caused by our modern carbon emitting society in which we live. That said, nature is rebelling. We will see much greater frequencies of earthquakes as the plates beneath us continue to collide. In the last two weeks we have seen earthquakes in New Zealand and Japan. Drought continue to increase in many nations along with famines on a scale we have not seen before, most of which never reach the media. This shift in nature will increase, we will see some very wild weather along with earthquakes and tsunamis which will cause vast numbers of people to turn to the Lord for help. This will continue to sweep a harvest of souls into the Kingdom Of God. Nature i.e. the weather and the animal kingdom will slowly begin to assist and support Gods remnant people in way that will be seen to be amazing. (More of this at another time)

A shift in power

In this new season we are going to see a very real shift in power. Power struggles among leadership in governments and nations will escalate. There will be struggle in the UN as Barrack Obama seeks to hold a controlling position the UN, he along with the Clintons will try to manipulate the situation in order to gain a controlling influence in the UN. This would not be good for Israel as both the Obamas and the Clintons are very anti-Israel. However Donald Trump will be a friend to Israel. The power struggles in Europe are being orchestrated by four powerful fallen angels. Nevertheless God is not just powerful He is all Powerful. As the antichrist spirit continues to manipulate European Governments the battle there will continue.

The other side of the coin is this. God is about to empower the true Church with such authority that has never been seen in the Church eclipsing even what the early Church experienced, in fact seven times greater.



God is about to release upon the true Church such power and authority that will astound us.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

John 14:12

Jesus said that everything He did we will do. But more than that, He said that we will do even greater works than He did. That is amazing. We know only a little of the works that Jesus did.

And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

John 21:25

The true remnant Church is about to enter

now into a new day of amazing power and authority. Doing even greater works that Jesus did. What is quaintly called by many Philips Transport, will become very common as God empowers His people to preach the gospel all over the world. Whole teams will be supernaturally transported all over the world to preach the gospel of the Kingdom with truly amazing signs and wonders. As the pull of this earth on His people decreases many will have access to and walk in Heavenly Places. The veil between the Church on earth and the Church in heaven will become so thin that encounters with the cloud of witnesses will be come to be seen as normal. We are truly entering into a new day, a shift has taken place and WE MUST PRESS INTO THIS NEW DAY.

It is up to you and me to press in and take hold, by faith, that which has been released to us in this new major season.



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THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF GOD'S PRESENCE!

• *Approaching the Almighty*

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The Spirit of God is calling each and every believer to come aside, approach the Almighty and commune

AN URGENT WORD taken from an article written by Bobby on the 22nd December 2009

Media Madness

One of the most powerful avenues for confusion and chaos into our soul is the media—television, movies, newspapers and magazines. Much of the mainstream media has an agenda that is far removed from God's plans and purposes, with an agenda to mold the minds of the unsuspecting. Much of the media is motivated by political agendas: reporting the whole truth is no longer honored, no longer the highest aim of journalism.

Although the Scriptures admonish us to keep our mind on that which is holy, we are constantly bombarded with bad news, chaos, misinformation, censorship and conflicting reports. We have but one source of Truth, one that can bring stability and hope to every heart, and that Good News source is the Word of God. The Word of God is powerful and perfect. Psalm 19:1-11

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.

Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run its race. Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover, by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward.

The Call to Commune With God

The Spirit of God is calling each and every believer to come aside, approach the Almighty and commune, *spend time with God in prayer.*

Do you realize that there is absolutely *nothing* more powerful and productive in the whole earth than the prayers of the saints? It is a mystery of the Kingdom, that God indeed *restricts His actions*, when



we do not pray. Without prayer, He does not move; with prayer, however, He can do anything. Through our prayers and petitions to God, *all things are possible*.

Truly, prayer moves the hand of God...and when the hand of Almighty God moves, nothing and no one can stop Him. Let's set our heart to *activate the hand of God* with our prayers.

Captured, Consumed, Compelled

It is time not only to petition the Lord in prayer, but to *be still* and truly know who God is (see **Psalms 46:10**). The Spirit of God is calling each of us to prayer, but this call is not just an invitation to make our requests known, as important as that is.

On a deeper level, God is inviting us to *intimate communion* with our Maker.

Imagine! We are being called to be *captured by Divine Love*. *Captured To be Set Free!*
We're invited to become *consumed by the Holy Spirit*. *Consumed To Be Fruitful!*

And we are being *compelled to ascend to the Throne of God*. *Compelled To Become A Friend!*

When Jesus Christ was crucified and finally gave up His spirit, the veil of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem was torn from top to bottom, that veil prevented access to the Holy of Holies to everyone but the high priest. What does this mean for us today? The Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ opened wide our access to Almighty God.

What an outstanding honor: each of us has an open invitation to speak with our Father, heart to heart. We as created beings are invited by the Creator Himself to communicate and commune with Him, to approach His Throne boldly because of the shed Blood of Jesus Christ.

Don't Underestimate Yourself

You might protest saying "not me, I am not important enough to approach God." Yes, you! The King of Kings and Lord of Lords has issued an invitation *to you* to draw near to Him. What could be more magnificent and heart stirring than communicating with the Creator of the entire universe? What an

awesome privilege you have been granted! You are called to *talk to God* and hear His voice in turn (see **Jeremiah 33:3**).

Why? God desires to commune with you because you are incredibly precious and unspeakably special to Him as His child. You are deeply cherished by your Abba-Father. Set your heart upon this thought. Contemplate and ponder this truth: your heavenly Father, Maker of heaven and earth, yearns to hear your innermost thoughts and desires and share His heart with you. You will quickly discover that God is a very present help for all who call out to Him (see **Nahum 1:7**).

In other words, God wants to engage with you personally, intimately, continuously, as you learn to abide in Him and practice His Presence throughout the day. He is interested in every nuance of your thoughts and feelings that rob you of His peace or *shalom*; He wants to heal and deliver you from every offense and wound because He is deeply touched by whatever touches your life.

The Disciples' Request

Although Christ Jesus was and is, unquestionably, the "Prince of preachers," His inner circle of disciples never asked Him to teach them *to preach*. Although He is the Great Physician, His disciples never asked Jesus to teach them *to heal*. The earnest, heart-felt request of Christ's followers was, **"Lord, teach us to pray!" (Luke 11:1-4)**.

As His disciples we also ask, "Lord, teach us to pray!" We need to be taught by the Holy Spirit Himself how to pray. Learning to touch our Father's heart, spirit to Spirit, must be a work of the Spirit, not a religious exercise or method. How do we learn this most important lesson?

The first step is simple: take time to *be still* and wait upon God. Spend time *alone* with your heavenly Father.

Christ's Example

Christ Himself offers this model for prayer. Christ would often find a quiet place to spend time alone with His Father (see **Luke 5:16**). The Scriptures also detail that, long before dawn, Christ would separate Himself to commune with His Father (see **Mark 1:35**). In **Luke 6:12**, we also read, **"Now it came to pass in those**



days that He went out into the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God." Not only did Christ rise early, He would, at times, spend all night in communion with His Father.

Beloved, set aside every distraction and all unnecessary activities, secondary interests and carnal, worldly pursuits, and contend *with all of your heart* to find that secret place with God. May the Spirit of God so motivate our hearts with a "*holy hunger*" that we, too, find immense joy spending time communing with our Heavenly Father and bear much fruit for His glory!

Spirit-to-Spirit Communion

After we take time to be *still*, how do we find that spirit-to-Spirit prayer of intimate communion?

The Lord does not commune with our *soul* but with our *spirit*. As you wait upon the Lord, shift your attention from your mind, will and emotions (your soul), to your spirit in your innermost being.

Where is your spirit located? The Scriptures explain that **"out of your belly shall flow rivers of living water"** (John 7:38). Your spirit does not dwell between your ears or within your blood-pumping heart. Your spirit is located in your "innermost being." So be *still*, locate your *spirit*, and then begin to shift your awareness to *Christ within*, His Spirit abiding within yours. Yield to that glorious Presence of God and allow His Spirit of Love to flow

out from deep within your belly back to Him.

But don't stop there. Continue to yield to His Spirit more and more *and yet more*. Abandon yourself to the Lord in a fully yielded will, yielding every thought and emotion to His living Word.

Beloved, this is true adoration and worship **"in spirit and in truth"; our heavenly Father "is seeking such to worship Him"** (John 4:23).

Fruitfulness through Abiding

What will the result be if we're simply enjoying His Presence and not petitioning, asking, seeking and knocking? Is this communion with Christ profitable? Yes! A thousand times yes!

A life spent in yielded adoration as we practice His Presence moment by moment is a life that *will result* in lasting eternal fruit (see **Matthew 6:6**). This yielded spirit is how we "abide in the vine." As we set our heart to seek *first* His eternal Kingdom, then (and only then) will we abide in Him and have lasting fruit.

Beloved, let the deepest cry of our spirit join with the heart of the disciples of old as we ask, **"Lord, teach us to pray!"** May the Lord teach us to set aside every distraction, be still, wait upon Him and touch His Holy Presence, deep unto deep, as our spirit yields to His Spirit in love.

Amen!

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Becoming The Dwelling Place of

God

Joe Sweet

God's will is to build the saints "together",
as "living stones" into a holy temple

The Holy Spirit was mightily poured out in Los Angeles, California in 1906 in what is now called the "Azusa Street Revival". Over the next five years, thousands of people from around the world would travel to Los Angeles. Multitudes of hungry seekers were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. Gifts of the Holy Spirit manifested. Many healings and miracles regularly occurred as the hungry and thirsty came and found the Lord. Many carried this anointing back to their cities, states and nations. By 1914 the fire of the Holy Spirit had spread to almost every major city in the United States and to many nations of the world. The Assemblies of God, the Foursquare Church, Calvary Chapel, the Vineyard movement and many more denominations can trace their roots back to the Azusa Street Revival.

As the primary leader of the Azusa Street Revival, today we recognize William Seymour as a pioneer of faith. He was not always esteemed as such. Prior to 1906, the vast majority of Christians around the world did not believe the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit were available today. Consequently, the church was mostly devoid of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Of course there were exceptions, but almost all Christians did

not believe. Many in the church reasoned that "they had never seen, known or heard of anyone that was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues", therefore it is not for today. They would reason that none of the popular or respected preachers of William Seymour's day believed like Seymour did. Therefore, Seymour was viewed by most of the church as either a lunatic or a heretic. He was neither. Although he was blind in one eye, he saw much more than the rest of the church. He was walking by the revelation of Holy Spirit illuminated Word of God.

While the rest of the church called him crazy, prior to the outpouring Seymour continued, with his small band of believers, to earnestly seek the Lord for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Their prayers were eventually answered, and the rest is history. Almost all believers today have been indirectly affected by the breakthrough William Seymour and his band experienced when the Holy Spirit was poured out in 1906.

It's Time to Recover the Glory of God

Today the body of Christ is in desperate need of pioneers like Seymour who can "see more" than the present day "status quo" and contend for all that God intends for His

church. We need faith filled, courageous men and women who will, in spite of the naysayers and critics in the church, believe God's Word for what awe are lacking and then qualify to experience it. It is time for the church to recover the manifested glory of God.

The Word of the Lord came to me

On the night of November 24, 2016, in a prophetic dream, I saw myself standing at the pulpit of the church that we have been pastoring for the past 25 years. The word of the Lord was burning like fire in my bones. Under a strong anointing and with passion burning in my heart, I boldly declared these words to our congregation:

"In the same way that God sovereignly called Zachariah in his day, with a divine purpose and destiny, in that same way, God has called you with the SAME divine purpose and destiny".

When I woke up I remembered that the book of Zachariah was about the rebuilding of the temple after the Israelites returned from exile in Babylon. I was astounded because, prior to the word received in that dream, I had been preaching and teaching for four weeks on "Becoming the Dwelling Place of God". In those weeks of teaching I had not thought about the book of Zachariah. In fact it had been a while since I had even read through Zachariah. When I re-read that book, the Holy Spirit gave me a clear message. It was an affirmation to the series I had been led to teach. Before I tell you what the Lord said to me from Zechariah, I want to take you back to the essence of the series on "Becoming the Dwelling Place of God".

Becoming His Dwelling Place

The local church is supposed to be built together into a holy dwelling place of God in the Spirit. Paul is writing to believers who are already individually indwelt by the Spirit of Christ but they are not yet "built together" into a "holy temple", a "dwelling place of God in the Spirit". They are in process.

"Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself

being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit."

Ephesians 2:19-22

Speaking of Jesus Christ, Scripture records:

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily

Colossians 2:9

God's will is to build the saints "together", as "living stones" (1 Peter 2:5) into a holy temple where God resides in His *fullness*. That means that the same "fullness" that Jesus lived and walked in would be resident in the midst of the saints who are "built together" into a holy "dwelling place of God". That means the fullness of the presence, power and ministry of Jesus should manifest in and through the church.

Because of this calling on the church (to be His dwelling place), Paul continues by praying for the church:

"For this reason (you are called to be His dwelling place) I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

Ephesians 3:14-19

Let's break this prayer down.

- a) to be strengthened with might through His Spirit
- b) that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith
- c) that you would be rooted and grounded in love
- d) that you may be able to comprehend the width and length, depth and height of the of Christ
- e) SO THAT . . . YOU MAY BE FILLED WITH ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD.



This is the prayer for becoming His holy habitation. The church, corporately is intended by God to be "FILLED WITH ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD".

In case we think that this is not possible, the two verses that immediately follow in Ephesians 3 say:

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Walking Worthy of Habitation

Paul goes on in Ephesians 4, exhorting the believers to "walk worthy" of the calling to be "built together" into His "dwelling place":

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called (to become His dwelling place), 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:1-3

In essence, for four weeks I had been teaching our congregation concerning the call to become the dwelling place of "all the fullness of God". We must see it and believe it before we can go after it. We must pray Ephesians 3:14-19 and pursue walking in Ephesians 4:1-3. God will build us into His Dwelling Place where His fullness manifests. Do you believe this?

In William Seymour's day most of the church did not believe the baptism in the Holy Spirit and the gifts were available for them. Why? Because they had never seen it. Walking by sight, instead of by faith, most professing Christians allowed their experience (or lack of experience) to form their beliefs, rather than the Scripture. Are we the same today? The Bible is clear that God's manifested glory in our midst is our inheritance in Christ. Do we believe that? If so, where is His glory? What will we do about it? Will we, like the majority of Christians in Seymour's day say "The manifested glory of God is not for us today" just because we have never seen it? Or will we believe the

Scripture?

But He (Jesus) answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

Matthew 4:4

The Glory of God in the Old Testament

In the Old Testament the glory of God manifested visibly. The Lord instructed Moses: "Let them make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them". Moses and the people obeyed and built it.

Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. 35 And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

Exodus 40:34-35

When Solomon's temple was built God's glory came in a tangible and visible way.

"Indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying:

"For He is good,

For His mercy endures forever,"

that the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, 14 so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

2 Chronicles 5:13-14

Hebrews 8:6 tells us that in the New Testament we are under "a better covenant, which was established on better promises".

Paul tells us that the glory of the New Testament should be much more glorious than the glory that Moses experienced.

"But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? 9 For if the ministry of condemnation

had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious."

2 Cor. 3:7-11

Why don't we see the glory of God in our midst today?

Before they could enter the sanctuary that Moses built, they were commanded to wash. "Whenever they went into the tabernacle of meeting, and when they came near the altar, they washed, as the Lord had commanded Moses" Exodus 40:32

Washing speaks of sanctification, or washing of water by the word.

"Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish."

Ephesians 5:25b-27

Jesus prayed "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." John 17:17

Before the glory of God appeared in Solomon's temple, all of the priests had sanctified themselves (2 Chron. 5:11) and gone into the holy place and then came out of the holy place. AFTER they had been sanctified and in the holy place, then they came together to worship. No wonder there was such unity and the glory of God manifested.

Today, many believers spend little or no time alone with God communing with Him, meditating on His Word and praying. Some stay up Saturday night involved in carnal or frivolous activities. Then they get up just in time to go to church, hoping that the worship team is anointed so they can get refreshed. Many come to church late, in the middle of worship, or just after worship is over. These same people would not be late to go see a secular movie. This is wrong. It is dishonoring to God. It demonstrates a complete lack of faith to ever expect to encounter God in the midst of the congregation.

The right way is for each believer to start each day alone with the Lord, meditating on His Word and in prayer. By spending quality time with God like this, our hearts become washed and sanctified. We begin to be filled with His presence. When we gather together with other believers, *after having sanctified our hearts before the Lord*, we can expect to meet the manifest presence of God!

As those priests praised the Lord in one accord in Solomon's temple, the glory of God filled the house. It started with sanctification.

"And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the Lord spoke, saying:

'By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy;

And before all the people I must be glorified.'"
So Aaron held his peace.

Leviticus 10:3

"But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, 'Be holy, for I am holy.'"

1 Peter 1:15-16

"Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord"

Hebrews 12:14

The difference between the Old Testament saints who experienced the manifested glory of God and modern saints is that the Old Testament saints sanctified themselves before coming into the sanctuary because they expected to meet God.

Not too long ago I challenged our entire congregation to sanctify their hearts before the Lord during the week. I asked all of them to get up earlier than they usually do on Sunday morning and spend time alone with the Lord, worshipping Him and making sure they had "clean hands" and "pure hearts". I then asked them to show up at church either early or on time, EXPECTING to meet with God. No more coming to church late.

The following Sunday, when the clock struck 10:00 AM for worship to begin, about 95% of the saints at were there and ready to go. (Before this about 30-50% of the church would come late sometime during the middle of worship). From the first song, there was a



notable difference as the presence of God filled the atmosphere. The anointing of the Holy Spirit swept in and continued to grow stronger and stronger as we began to shout high praises to God. After about an hour, we could not stop praising God. Eventually the presence of God manifested into a quiet reverential awe and deep worship. Then, without warning, a clear and sharp prophetic word was spoken by a sister: "Repent! Now is the time to surrender to the Lord".

At first that word seemed to cut against the flow of the worship. "Is that You?" I asked the Lord. The Holy Spirit spoke clearly "Yes, it is Me. Give an altar call now." With the worship team continuing to play quietly I quickly gave a two minute altar call for salvation. That morning we had about 20 visitors. It seemed that all 20 of them came forward and surrendered to Christ. As they did, we laid hands on them. Some were filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in tongues. Others fell under the power of the Holy Spirit and were healed and delivered. The Lord moved sovereignly at the altar. Then like a mighty rushing wind, the Holy Spirit swept over the worship team and the congregation again and we all broke out into high praises. This went on for another hour. It was glorious. We could not stop. I never did preach that Sunday. (It would have been wrong to try to preach.) The Lord was inhabiting the praises of His people. The lost had been saved. People were healed and filled with the Holy Spirit. After two hours of praising and worshipping God, everyone went home encouraged, strengthened, refreshed and full of the Holy Spirit.

What a difference there is when believers will sanctify themselves and come together IN FAITH expecting to meet the manifested glory of God. What we experienced was not yet close to what was seen in Moses sanctuary or Solomon's temple. We are not where we need to be yet, there is MUCH MORE of God's presence to be experienced, but we are on our way.

Now is the time for saints and congregations all over the world to awaken and return to first love. We must recover the manifest glory of God in our midst.

What the Lord Spoke To Me Through Zechariah
So I had been teaching our congregation for

four weeks about "Becoming His Habitation" from Ephesians 2:19-22 when the word of the Lord came to me regarding the call of Zachariah upon our congregation. As I read through the book of Zachariah this is what the Holy Spirit revealed to me.

In Zechariah's day, the Jews were returning to a temple that was in ruins. They had never seen the temple built in its former beauty. They had lived all their lives carried away in Babylon. They had no grid for "the glory of God" filling the sanctuary. This is how we are today. We have all grown up in a generation that has not seen the glory of God. We have grown up in a mostly lukewarm and compromising generation. God wanted the Jews to believe the prophetic words that came through Zachariah, even though they had never seen God's glory. He wants us to believe today.

The first eight (8) chapters of Zachariah are concerning the temple being raised up. God begins by calling His people to return to Him.

"Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Return to Me," says the Lord of hosts, "and I will return to you," says the Lord of hosts."

Zechariah 1:3

'Therefore thus says the Lord:

"I am returning to Jerusalem with mercy; My house shall be built in it," says the Lord of hosts"

Zechariah 1:16

The Lord continues to exhort and encourage the people to build because He will dwell in their midst.

"For I," says the Lord, "will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst."

Zechariah 2:5

"Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For behold, I am coming and I will dwell in your midst," says the Lord. 11 "Many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that day, and they shall become My people. And I will dwell in your midst. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you."

Zechariah 2:10-11



In Chapter 3, Joshua, the high priest, is cleansed and given new garments. In Chapter 4, the Lord assures them that His supernatural power will be with them to accomplish the building. If we believe and obey God, we will have his SUPERNATURAL HELP.

"So he answered and said to me:
"This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel:
'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,'
Says the Lord of hosts.
'Who are you, O great mountain?
Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain!
And he shall bring forth the capstone
With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"
Moreover the word of the Lord came to me,
saying:
"The hands of Zerubbabel
Have laid the foundation of this temple;
His hands shall also finish it.
Then you will know
That the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you.
For who has despised the day of small things?
For these seven (spirits of God*) rejoice to see
The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel.
They are the eyes of the Lord,
Which scan to and fro throughout the whole
earth."

Zachariah 4:6-10

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

Revelation 5:6

In **Zechariah chapter 7** the Lord tells the Israelites why their fathers were scattered by God and lost the temple and the glory. God had sent His prophets to tell them how to walk before God, but they did not listen to or obey His words. This is the same reason why we do not have the manifested glory of God in our midst today. Many are not keeping His word of sanctification and faith. Sanctification and faith will usher us into the glory of God.

"God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, 14 to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thes. 2:13b-14

In **Zechariah chapter 8** the Lord tells them that He "will return to Zion and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem". He continues to encourage them saying that He will prosper and bless them when He is dwelling in their midst. People from far away shall come and join themselves to the Lord.

"Thus says the Lord of hosts:
'Peoples shall yet come, Inhabitants of many cities; The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying,
"Let us continue to go and pray before the Lord,
And seek the Lord of hosts. I myself will go also." Yes, many peoples and strong nations Shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem,
And to pray before the Lord.' "Thus says the Lord of hosts: 'In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you."'"

Zechariah 8:20-23

When the glory of God is manifested in the house of God, multitudes will come to the Lord.

"And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He (Jesus) was in the house. 2 Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them."

Mark 2:1-2

In essence, God is saying to us today, that the SAME calling that was upon Zachariah in his day is upon US today. This prophetic dream is not for our congregation only. It is for every congregation of believers in the world. Will we believe? Are we willing to surrender to the Lord as "living stones" that will be sanctified and "built together" into a "holy dwelling place for God"?

God is saying to us today:

"I will dwell in your midst"

"I will be a wall of fire around you and the glory in your midst"

"I will bless and prosper you"

"People from many cities and nations will



come and join themselves to the Lord"

"Thus says the Lord of hosts:

*'Let your hands be strong, you who have been hearing in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets,
Who spoke in the day the foundation was laid for the house of the Lord of hosts, that the temple might be built.'"*

Zechariah 8:9

May we be like William Seymour and his small band of pioneers who pressed in and broke through in spite of the nay-sayers. Now is the time for the dwelling place of God to be built. Now is the time to recover His manifested glory in our midst. This is not so we can enjoy better meetings (that will surely happen) but so that multitudes can find the Lord.

After I received the prophetic message on the night of the 24th day of the 11th month, I re-read Zachariah 1:7-8 and realized that the Lord was giving me yet another confirmation.

On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet: I saw by night. . ."

Zachariah 1:7-8a

I know that the Gregorian calendar that we use today is not the same calendar that the Jews used in the day of Zachariah. I also know that the Lord knows that. He was giving us another sign. The call of Zachariah to re-build the temple is upon us, so that the GLORY and FIRE of GOD would be in our midst. Let's build!

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The Voice of *The Bride*

Although the Church has experienced many expressions of spiritual outpourings, the Bride has not yet had her revival

There are many voices in this present generation. There is the voice of human reasoning, the voice of innocent blood, the voice of politicians and even the voice of the martyrs. However, the one voice that has not yet been heard in its entirety is the voice of the Bride. Revelations 18: 23 states,

The light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer; and the voice of the bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you any longer; for your merchants were the great men of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery.

Revelation 18: 23

This passage clearly outlines a season of time in which the voice of the Bridegroom will be distinctly articulated through His Bride and a specific time for it to cease. Throughout the earth there is a religious and political spirit that the Bible identifies as "Mystery Babylon." Nevertheless in the midst of this ungodly system the Holy Spirit will release great praise and worship, expressions of God's creative ability, and the distinction of His true voice.

A Mighty Outpouring

While in a conference in Regina, Saskatchewan this past April, I was in prayer for the Sunday morning service. I am not certain if I went

into a spiritual vision or fell asleep, but I saw a man standing before me declaring, "there is about to be a mighty outpouring of the Spirit and it will be the voice of the Bride."

Although the Church has experienced many expressions of spiritual outpourings, the Bride has not yet had her revival. There is a "weighty" presence or Glory that the Lord intends to place upon His people during these last days as a testimony to the nations of His redemptive virtue. We are not completely certain what this will look like but we know that it will transcend present understanding of God's Word and the working of His Spirit.

This company will be the literal fulfillment of John 14:12, doing the works that the Lord did and even more of them. Like the Lord Jesus, the Bride will be entrusted with the sevenfold Spirit of God operating in fullness to demonstrate the radiant nature of God and His great redemptive power.

This is the Time

All prophetic indications point to this spiritual season as the time when the voice of the Bride will be sounded with great clarity and discernment. Over the last one hundred years the Church has experienced many expressions of revival and spiritual outpouring; but no



generation has yet witnessed the mature Bride who has such intimate fellowship with the Bridegroom that her words are a perfect expression of His heart. The Bridegroom will speak in Heaven and the Bride will echo His voice in the earth.

Modern Church history records a progressive restoration of our apostolic heritage and the unfolding of a divine plan that prepares the Bride of Christ without spot or wrinkle. During those seasons, various forerunners provided a prophetic model for the coming corporate body that will function in the full appropriation of God's redemptive virtue. They will not only have the intimate relationship of a bride but will also function in the earth as sons of the Kingdom.

These prophetic forerunners have primarily provided a "John the Baptist" type of ministry to prepare a body of people for divine visitation and restoration to God's people of the desolate heritages. John speaking about his role stated,

You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent ahead of Him.' He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full.

John 3:28-29

Friends of the Bridegroom

Many "friends" of the Bridegroom surfaced during the 20th century exemplifying lives of purity and power that will characterize the last day Bride of Christ. They called attention to our current place in history and the mandate to come up higher to a place of revelatory insight and spiritual maturity. One of the keys to unlocking this mystery is by honoring the work of God's Spirit through these champions and imitating their faith. (Hebrews 13:7-8)

Many of God's people are recognizing and honoring the pioneering work of men and women like A. A. Allen, Alexander Dowie, John G. Lake, Kathryn Kuhlman, William Branham and others. In many ways they were spiritual prototypes of the relationship and power to be exemplified by the Bride.

Some of these have been the most

dishonored individuals of the 20th century Church, yet used most notably in soul winning and the miraculous. Our adversary has effectively attempted to neutralize the testimony of these individuals as forerunners by overly emphasizing their shortcomings and weaknesses. Even so, the Lord is allowing a body of people to recognize the pioneering influence these individuals conveyed in order to position us to carry forward the unfinished commissions.

I Will Have My Harvest

Earlier this year I heard the Lord say, "I WILL have My harvest!" The books of Daniel and Revelations highlight a mysterious and wonderful book containing mysteries of God's Kingdom and His divine plan for the end of time harvest. Revelations 5:9-10 records,

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

Revelations 5:9-10

Only the Lord Jesus was worthy to take the book and break its seals to unfold God's complete plan to redeem back to Himself men and women from every nation and culture. He will then empower them to function in a priestly role of ministry unto the Lord and delegate His authority as spiritual kings. According to Revelations 10:11 John representing the Bride said,

I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter. And they said to me, "You must prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings."

Revelations 10:11

God is presently using the spirit of this world and personal circumstances to forge for Himself a weapon for its work; that is to bring to ruin the destroyer. (Isaiah 54:16) We will function as both priests and kings through the appropriation of His blood and prophecy to the nations to bring in His purchase of souls. For the Bride of Christ to be identified with the Bridegroom she must also know something of



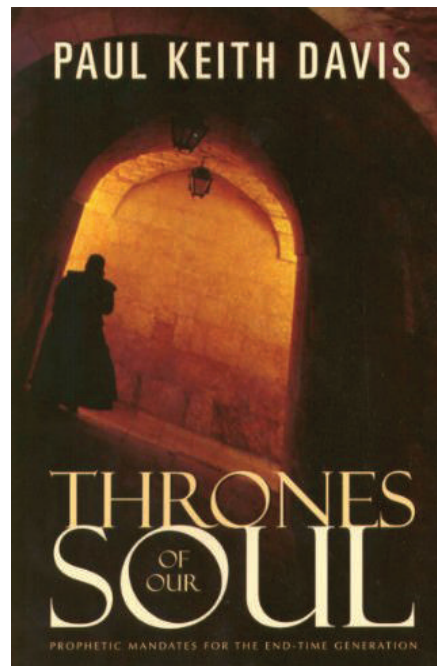
the wilderness. Song of Solomon portrays the bride coming forth from the desert leaning upon her Beloved. This picture captures our present condition. The Holy Spirit has been

alluring us into the wilderness so that He can speak tenderly to us and to the issues of our hearts. From this place we emerge with God's anointing and the power of His Spirit.

"Thrones of our Soul" is a preparatory message birthed out of several revelatory encounters highlighting our need for the refinement of our soul in order to carry the awesome endowments of Heavenly virtue ordained for this generation. It also incorporates a historical perspective that lays a foundation for the kingdom ministry directly before us but also highlights mistakes made in the prior generations that resulted in the loss of the Lord's wine and the destruction of the precious wineskins.

An angel came one morning and took me into the Heavenly realm and unfolded the functioning of the thrones and dominions resident within the soul (mind, will and emotions) of man. When Adam was originally fashioned, the Lord was fully enthroned in his soul. As a result of the fall of man, these departments of our human existence are given over to the fallen nature. The revelation highlighted the Lord's redemptive plan and desire to be fully enthroned in the soul of man according to His perfect design with Adam.

That is part of the prophetic mandate and high calling for this generation emphasized in 1 Thessalonians 5:23 (and other places). It is our hope that the readers of this book will be awakened to this destiny and set on the course for its fulfillment. Additionally, there are many saints who have been through a season of refining and preparation without a full understanding of its purpose. This book will hopefully bring a spirit of understanding to their process and restore hope and expectation for its fruitfulness.



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Back to Basics

I knew the Lord was instructing me to get back to the basics of praying in tongues and exercising my prayer language

College football is a big thing in my home state of Alabama where my family and I live. We have had great success at the University of Alabama as Coach Nick Saban has guided the Crimson Tide to victory after victory. He is famous for the many national championships he has won and his simple strategy, which is do the basics well and the victories will come.

Personally, the last decade has been a very trying time for us as a church as we have been contending for victory over many promises we believe God has spoken to us. To be honest, it has left us weary.

Recently, while seeking the Lord, I experienced a strong word in my spirit that led me to Isaiah 28:11-12. This is what the Holy Spirit reminded me: For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, to whom He said, "This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest." And, "This is the refreshing." Yet they would not hear.

I heard a teaching years ago that related this scripture to praying in tongues. I researched the scriptures and found that Paul the Apostle used this reference in I Corinthians 14:21. In the law it is written: "With men of other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; and

yet, for all that, they will not hear Me," says the Lord.

As I continued to pray and ask for clear revelation, I knew the Lord was instructing me to get back to the basics of praying in tongues and exercising my prayer language, and as I listened and obeyed that I would find a place of refreshing that would lead us to victories in this season.

As I have energetically applied this principle to my everyday life and challenging circumstances, I am finding a refreshing and renewal in my faith and expectation of God's promises to be fulfilled as I engage in this basic spiritual practice.

My study of scripture pertaining to praying in tongues has also been encouraging and enlightening. I would like to present to you for your own edification and exhortation four basic scriptural steps that will prayerfully encourage you and activate or reactivate your prayer language so that you may experience the same refreshing and renewal that I am enjoying.

1. According to I Corinthians 14:4, "He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself." Praying in tongues builds us up in the spirit.

2. Jude 20 tells us this, "But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, pray in the Holy Spirit...." Praying in tongues builds us up in our faith.

3. Romans 8:26-27 encourages us, "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God." Praying in tongues ensures us of praying God's will.

4. I Corinthians 14:2 connects us. "For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries." Praying in tongues brings me into communion with God and gives me access to the mysteries of God.

If you have never engaged in this basic spiritual practice, I encourage you to pray to the Father the prayer that Jesus instructed us to pray in Luke 11:9-12: "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a

fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

This may be a very basic teaching for those of us who understand the revelation and power of being filled with the indwelling of Holy Spirit and practice praying in our prayer language. However, I know that many of us get sidetracked and move away from simply doing the basics well. In every aspect of life from the military to the sports arena, constant preparation and training is necessary to be prepared to win the victory in the battles that rage in the spiritual realm and in the natural.

I want to encourage you that if you find yourself weary or have moved away from the basic spiritual practice of praying in tongues that you take this opportunity to heed the words of Paul in 2 Timothy 1:6, "Therefore, I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you...."

Many blessings to you and yours as you move with God's Spirit in this season as you engage in praying in tongues while being refreshed and led to even greater victories.

We believe Paul must have had an Alabama spirit when he said in 1 Corinthians 14:18, "I pray in tongues more than you all."

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RUN FAST

To run fast means we need to do the works of God quickly

On Rosh Hashanah eve, October 1, 2016, I saw a vision: I saw the heavens opened before me. In a certain part of heaven, I saw many horses as if they were tied. As I kept on looking and wondering what this might signify, the Word of the Lord came unto me: "These horses will be released on Rosh Hashanah to them for whom it is appointed."

I then pondered in my heart, "Why a horse? What does it signify?" Then the Lord God began to say, "You need to run fast, really fast." That does not mean we sign up to run in any track events for the Olympic Games. To run fast means we need to do the works of God quickly.

The Lord further said: "Finish up any unaccomplished works." Which means whatever God has asked you to do in this year—2016 or in the previous years which you have not done so far, it must be done quickly—fast without delay. So let's put away every manner of giving excuses to God, and be diligent and steadfast to do the works of God.

At the writing of this message, I see, in a vision, the Lord Jesus standing before me with a long drawn sword in His hand. The vision signifies:

"The Lord's patience is waxing thin against compromisers and procrastinators." I hear the Lord Jesus, "My Spirit will not strive with them forever." He is stretching out His sword straight at you and says, "My Spirit will not strive with man forever. My Spirit will not strive with their churches forever. My Spirit will not strive with their compromisers forever. My Spirit will not compromise; will not put up with the procrastinators anymore. Let them put their house in order for time will delay no longer."

The house of the Lord must be built according to His plans and His visions. His patience is waxing thin. Let's not despise the days of grace.

The Lord God is also going to release the Spirit of Elijah all over the world. Malachi 4:5 says: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." The Spirit of Elijah is going to be released all over the world. All over the world, people are going to say that they saw Elijah in a vision, and they had a visitation from Elijah, and he brought scrolls to give them.' The Bible says very clearly that Elijah will come to prepare the way of the Lord.

The Sword



October 3, 2016, being the first day of Rosh Hashanah, I spend the morning hours waiting on God. The Lord visited me and laid a long sword on my bed. It was a very glorious looking sword. It was very intriguing in design. The Lord then spoke to me five things concerning the Sword.

It will cut and heal.

It will go in the midst of the nations and cause destruction.

It will plead before the sinners (cp. Isa 66:16).

It will war against Satan and His wiles. The Bible says very clearly that we should be ignorant of the devil's wiles (2 Cor 2:11).

The Lord's Word is a sharp sword (Heb 4:12) that has been sharpened seven times (Ps 12:6).

When a person meditates the Word of God, the Word of God as a sword will enter deep inside you. And it will do three things: it will cut your flesh; refine your soul and purify your spirit.

There is another very interesting thing about this Jewish New Year. The English calendar is the year 2016. But for the Jews, it is the year 5777. It signifies the *Year of the Shining Sword*.

The Year of the Shining Sword signifies five things:

God will make His people a weapon. You will become a sword in the hand of the Lord. The Bible says that the children are like arrows in a man's hand (Ps 127:4-5). The Scripture uses the metaphor of an arrow for children. An arrow is an instrument of weapon. In the same way, God says that His people will be a sword in His hand.

The sword will expose everything hidden in our hearts (Heb 4:12). The sword will expose everything that is hidden deep in our hearts so that we can become a living and worthy sacrifice unto God.

The Spirit of Elijah will be released to bring division in the church. The Lord Jesus Himself said that He did not come to bring peace but to bring a division (Lk 12:51). In the same

manner, the Spirit of Elijah will come to bring division in the church. What kind of division? The division to separate the sheep from the goats, to separate the weeds from the tares, and to sift the wise virgins from the foolish virgins, and to sift the true believers who have made themselves ready as the bride from the apostate believers.

The Spirit of Elijah will come upon the last days' prophetic company so that they will rebuke the wickedness in the church today. They will call the church to accountability. The prophet Elijah, during his days, rebuked King Ahab and Israel for their wickedness to worship idols (1 Kg 18). The prophet John the Baptist rebuked King Herod and his wife Herodias for their adulterous and wicked lifestyle (Matt 14:3-4).

The Spirit of Elijah will come upon the last days' prophetic company to make them bold against fear. After the prophet Elijah had killed 850 false prophets, King Ahab reported this to his dear wife, Jezebel. Jezebel was so mad because she was trying to make Israel a haven for demons. That is why she appointed 850 false prophets to set up altars for demon worship all over the country. And the prophet Elijah had slaughtered every one of them and destroyed all the high places and altars. She was extremely mad and issued a challenge, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time" (1 Kg 19:3).

As soon as the prophet Elijah heard this threat, this great and bold man of faith and power, became fearful and ran away for his dear life. *He failed*. He failed because instead of being bold he allowed fear and intimidation to dominate him. So where he failed, the Spirit of Elijah will now come upon the last days' prophetic company to make them bold against fear.

Where the previous generation failed, where our forefathers failed, where the biblical heroes of faith failed, the last days' prophetic company will overcome and be a triumph.

When this message was shared, I saw a mighty sword appear before me. It is as tall as about 5 ½ feet; the blade is very thick at the top, and it gets narrower at the base. The Spirit of the Lord said to me, "Look at the sword; the blade



is very thick. The handle is thick and round and golden, and is very weighty." That's how this last days' prophetic generation will become. They will be upright before God; they will be strong and bold inside them, and God will use them as a sword.

Wherever you have failed in the past, you should not remain discouraged. Don't let the devil lie to you that God has forsaken you. Don't let the devil lie to you saying that God has removed your calling, and your gifts, because the Bible says that the gifts and callings of God are without repentance (Rom 11:29).

Council In Heaven

On October 4, 2016, being the second day of Rosh Hashanah, as I was waiting on God my spirit was caught up into the heavenly realm before the Council of Elders.

I saw many ancient prophets from biblical days seated around the table. When I came, they asked me to sit with them as a witness to hear their discussion (cp. 2 Chr 18:18; Amos 3:7). I heard them discussing the things that are shortly coming to pass.

One World Religion

The Pope will join hands with a political world leader to establish a One World Religion. People from all over the world will be required to worship his One World Religion of peace. This new religion will remove all the barriers of race, caste, and creed. As a result, it will be accepted by all the world's political leaders as it will promote and guarantee peace. When this is enforced a large percentage of Christians will embrace it (cp. 2 Thes 2:1-3).

The One World Leader will come to establish a One World Religion. The Bible calls the One World Political Leader the *man of sin* (2 Thes 2:3-4). Though a large percentage of the church believers will fall away, yet the true remnant church of God will remain strong, steadfast and faithful. Like a ship that is on rough sea waves, it will sail safely through the shaking. Even though the waves—demonic waves taller than the sails of the ship will come to crash on it, but the ship will remain steady. How is that possible? Because the Hand of the Spirit of the Lord will hold it strong. Many will die trying to keep the boat afloat. Those who die—*martyrs*, angels will come to bear

them up safely to the Father's presence. A huge company of martyrs will rise in the last days (cp. Rev 6:11).

One World Government

The One World Government will arise under the leadership of this political leader. Most of us have been hearing this for many years. Now the time has come closer. This political leader will have a defiant spirit like Nimrod. Who is this Nimrod? The Bible calls him a *mighty hunter* before the Lord (Gen 10:8-10). Some original Hebrew translation says: *he was a mighty defiant--rebellious against God*.

Nimrod dared to defy God just like how his father—Satan had done. He tried in the past to unify the people to build a huge tower—a One World Empire (Gen 11:3-4). He wanted to be the One World Leader. But he failed. Where he failed the last days' One World political leader will succeed.

In those days, the Bible says that everybody spoke one language (Gen 11:1). It was then easy to communicate with one another and command work to be done. God came down from heaven to thwart their effort by confusing their language (Gen 11:7) so that no one understood each other. And the tower called, *Tower of Babel*, was not completed.

The Word of the Lord came to me: "Where Nimrod failed in the past, the next Antichrist with the spirit of Nimrod will succeed in this last days." But how is he going to succeed when there are thousands of languages in the world. Though there are many languages the world over, there will come a *unifying code of communication* that will unite the whole world as one. How is that possible? It is through *telepathic communication* through the microchip that will be inserted in every person (Rev 13:16).

Today, everyone has a mobile phone. Even school going children carry mobile phones in their hands. It has become a very common tool in everybody's hand today. But a mobile phone is useless without a SIM card. The SIM card with a microchip in it is connected to the phone company. When the SIM card is inserted into a mobile phone, it is activated for use and is connected to the phone company. From then onwards you can send and receive messages, texts, voice and video



messages. It's all because of this chip in the SIM card.

Likewise, when the chip is inserted inside you, all you need to do is think of a message or speak the message. Then the message will be wirelessly transmitted to the person to whom it is intended. The message will appear to the person right before their eyes as a text message or as an audio message, or they will see it in living colors as a video message. You may think right now, "O, this is great imagination!" It is not imagination but a reality to come.

Several decades ago there was a science fiction drama series called *Star Trek*. It's about a group of space travellers who travel throughout the star systems in a huge spaceship called the *USS Enterprise*. Every person working in the spaceship wears a badge-like communication device affixed to their top-left chest. When they want to talk to each other, they just tap on that badge and speak. As soon as they touch and speak, they can speak directly to the intended person.

A few decades ago, such a communication device was imagination. But this will become a reality in the last days. Technology, today, is changing rapidly. A few years ago we had an ordinary SIM card. Then there was a 2G SIM card. After a while it became 3G. Now, 4G is standard. Mobile phone companies are now planning to introduce a 5G SIM card very soon.

When we first had Internet installed in our ministry in 1998, the Internet company besides fixing a phone line also gives a device called *modem*. You need to connect your computer to the modem. And a telephone line is connected to the modem. Whenever you want to use the Internet, your computer will connect to the modem and the modem makes weird noises while dialing to connect to the World Wide Web. After that came *broadband*, and the speed to connect to the Internet increased. A little later came *fiber net*, and speed increased drastically. Now, we have wireless—*Wi-Fi*. With that, you can connect to the Internet virtually anywhere using your laptop or mobile devices. Wireless technology has now become a very common and necessary part of our life.

The technology of the world is now ready for the Antichrist to use. In the next two years, technology will increase rapidly that this will become a reality. People all over the world will embrace this technology as something wonderful and marvelous.

Just before baby Jesus was born, Rome introduced a law for the census to be taken in the Roman Empire. Everybody went back to their home cities to register their names and their births (Lk 2:1-3). When the census was taken perhaps they were all given an identity card; we don't know. But, as it was in the first century so will it be in the last days.

Another census will be conducted all over the world. A *unified code* of a *universal number* will be assigned to everyone. It will replace your *identity card, social security number, passport, driving license, phone number, debit card, credit card, ATM card* and *passwords*. This one number that will be given to you will replace everything else. Each person will be assigned a unique code. How will this unique code be formed? Each person's retina and fingerprints will be scanned.

The data from the retina and fingerprints will be combined to form a unique code of computer generated numbers that is person specific and which cannot be hacked or duplicated. It cannot be hacked or duplicated by scammers because that number will be embedded in a chip and put in a person's body: forehead or right hand.

Today we carry so many cards and we also have a passport for traveling purpose. Only once in my life, I have forgotten to bring my passport for travel. When I went to the airport to check-in, only then I realized that I don't have my passport with me. So I had to forego my flight that day and catch the next flight. But when this chip comes all such worries will be gone; no need to worry about *Passbook, ATM card, passport, or driving license*. All this sounds very exciting and a matter of convenience. This is how deception will come.

We will be deceived into thinking this is something of great technological convenience. Presently, in India, the government has demonetized two old currencies. In the midst of chaos and troubles and government ministers including the Prime



Minister is advising the people to go cashless. They are urging the people to use mobile and Internet banking for convenience. Cashless society!

Over in Israel, the Israeli government has announced that it is mandatory for all Israelis to be biometrically scanned: eyes, and fingerprints. The data will be embedded in a chip, and for now, will be implanted in their new national ID cards. A few other nations in the world already has that now. Most credit and debit cards already have a microchip embedded in them.

Wow! The forerunner to the mark of the beast is already here! (Rev 13:16-18).

These are the last days. Please do not be blind any longer. Don't be stubborn in your old thinking and beliefs. Don't be fooled into thinking that you'll be caught up in the rapture before the Mark of the Beast comes. It's already here. Only one thing can save us: *hiding in the Lord, praying earnestly that you will escape the wrath to come, putting your house in order, putting away everything that defiles away from you, and putting your life right before God.*

Israel

Israel will be the nation that will kill the Two Witnesses who are going to come (Rev 11:7-8). As they have always done in the past by killing the prophets during biblical days, they will do it again in the last days (Matt 23:31). Why would they want to do that? Because they will align themselves together with their new messiah—the Antichrist. The Antichrist is that new political world leader who is going to come. Why would the Jewish people consider him to be their messiah? It is because he will forge peace between the Israelis and the Arabs and the rest of the world (Dan 9:27).

Presently, every Arab nation, except Jordan and Egypt, wants to destroy Israel. Especially Iran, which wants to wipe Israel off the face of the world totally. But on the other hand, Israel has been trying to make peace with the Arab leaders for the last 68 years. All their efforts have been futile till now. Even many Western, African and Asian nations are also becoming hostile towards Israel. But the New World Leader will come to bring Israel, Arab nations and the rest of the world together

and make peace between them. The Arabs will once again hug Israel and accept her as their long lost brother.

When this happens, the whole of Israel will accept and embrace this world political leader as their Messiah. If today you visit Israel, you will find concrete wall-like barrier separating Palestinian land from Israel. In the coming days, these wall-like barriers will come crumbling down as how the Berlin walls came down.

To maintain the new found peace and stability in Israel, it will be the secular-minded Jews who will order the killing of the Two Witnesses. Because during the 3 ½ years ministry of the Two Witnesses, many Jews will turn back to the living true God—the Lord Jesus Christ, their true Messiah. And also the people of the many nations of the world will also turn back to the living God. That which Jezebel failed to carry out in her—beheading of the prophet Elijah (1 Kg 19:1-2), the spirit of Ashtoreth and Jezebel combined, will accomplish in the last days by killing the two end times' witnesses.

Church

New things are going to take place in the Church worldwide. New revelations will be given to moving in the Spirit and to walk with God like how Adam walked before he sinned. God made man in His image and in His own likeness and gave him power and authority over everything in the air, on the land, and in the sea. This means that Adam practically was like a god of this world (Ps 82:6; Jn 10:34). The whole of creation obeyed Adam. Besides the power and authority that Adam had you will also be given to walk with God by seeing and talking with Him face to face.

When the early first-century church was born, many new revelations were given to her. If you read the epistles of the apostle Paul, many new dispensations, revelations, and mysteries were given to him. They were given to him to give birth to the church.

Likewise, new understandings and revelations will be given in this last days to perfect the church. The church will begin to walk in a new high level of purity and holiness like never before. This will be the adornment for the Bride of Christ to wear (Rev 19:8). The clean and white garment signifies purity and holiness.



The end time prophetic church will move towards a new and high level of holiness, and purity. The children and youths and the whole church will begin to *run like cheetahs, fly like eagles and roar like lions*.

So, put on your running shoes and get ready to run fast.

The Art of Waiting on God

Soaring above the thermals while out hunting for food, an eagle will soar even higher at the scent of approaching storm. In this place of safety, the eagle patiently waits, basking in the relative calm until the fury below him passes on. The perception and knowledge of the eagle, who lives in habitats usually marked by inclement weather, should accompany every believer in Christ who wants to ride out the tempests of life triumphantly.

Whence comes such sacred wisdom, however?

From the place of greatest safety no less—under the shadow of the Almighty, a sanctum entered by the process of waiting on God. Thankfully, waiting on God isn't quite like playing the maître d' of a bustling restaurant. Even in our mad-rush world, everyone who truly desires can wait on God. And the rewards are priceless. Open these pages. Let the life and counsel of a Seer-Prophet who waits on God many hours each day—and who has soared like an eagle into the realms of the heavenlies—deposit nuggets of wisdom into your heart.

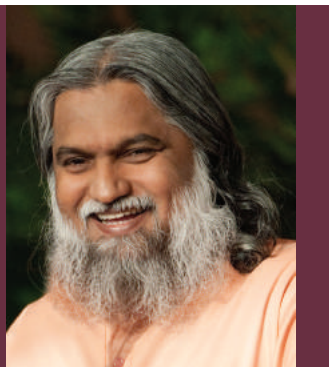
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It is a purifying fire, testing, cleansing and shaping the hearts and lives of those that are called to be the Bride of Christ

When we keep in mind the objective for building of character and conforming to the likeness of God, we are able to understand more fully the purposes of God in this day and age. What we see the Lord doing in the life of the individual He is doing in His very own body. If we hold any other goal or objective in mind this day, then we will become confused and end in defeat. The Spirit of God is changing us and conforming us into the image of His Son. If we have any other focus other than knowing Him in the days ahead we will miss Him.

And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come into the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, and unto a perfect man, unto the measure and the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13

Take note here! The purpose of the five-fold ministry is not only to equip the saints; it is, "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ," etc. It is clearly shown that it is the perfecting

and maturing of the body that He is after!

Perfection here, or the word perfect, does not mean sinless perfection but rather being full-grown and mature. For us to enter into this mature walk with the Lord requires a separation from the world and the world system and an adherence to the principles of the Word of God and the Spirit of God.

Let's look again at Revelation 19:7-8

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him: for the marriage supper of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints.

Revelation 19:7-8

This is possibly a different look at the second coming of Christ than most of us have heard before and I hope it will stir you to greater reflection and more of a hunger for Him. Let's examine the words, "and His wife hath made herself ready."

From this passage it almost looks as though Jesus will come when He has something ready to come for. Look at the next verse

and find why she was ready. In what does this readiness consist? "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints."

This preparedness relates to a garment. In the Greek and Revised Version of the Bible it would read, "And it was given unto her to array herself in fine linen, bright and pure, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints," or as some translations give it, the righteous conduct of the saints.

Salvation is always a gift, while character (a privilege granted) is a result of cooperation in the building and arraying (clothing) of ourselves. Character is developed as we grow in relationship with Him. It has been said that you become what you behold. If Jesus is our constant focus and our constant companion, then it is a natural consequence of that relationship that we will become like Him. Hence, His character will be found in us.

We can clearly see that this is not a garment of salvation. That garment was woven on the loom of Calvary by Christ or Lord. He worked out the finished act of redemption. He made the garment of salvation. In this scripture it says, "It was granted her" – a privilege – to "array herself." It was something she could accept or reject – to array herself – something she could do.

When we were saved it was Christ who put the garment of salvation on us. It was Christ who made the garment and Christ who put it upon us. But here is a wedding garment which we weave.

It says distinctly that the linen is the righteous acts of the saints. No righteous of any saint ever made the garment of salvation! It says here it is the garment of a saint! This passage is not talking about sinners, but the bride! It was her readiness her fitness and her preparedness, these qualifications which gave her this position.

She has at this point all the necessary training and equipment in character to move in this capacity and to hold this lofty place. She has passed all the tests and holds the qualifications necessary for this heavenly, spiritual, holy and sacred union. She is not a

stranger to the atmosphere of this place – she speaks the language of the bridegroom. She has learned! This garment speaks clearly of preparation. It is a process, not a gift! How do we obtain it? How do we get it?

...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Philippians 2:12b

I can tell you how we don't get it. We do not get it by going to the altar and saying, "I will now take a wedding garment." It doesn't work that way! We may go to the altar and offer ourselves as a candidate for this garment and submit ourselves to the Spirit for the necessary discipline and training to qualify for it. Then the Holy Spirit will take us in hand and train us by way of the many experiences, trials and tests through which we go throughout life.

Keeping in mind, let's review the story of the talents found in Matthew 25:14-30. Did you ever notice what it was the man who gave the talents was really after? It was the character of the individual, not the works. The works were there and necessary but wholly for the reaction found in the user of the talents. Vs. 21 says, "His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Notice there are three commendable character qualities which had been developed in this man's life.

Well done – not how much done. Quality, not quantity.

Good servant – Godlike. A quality of Godlikeness is found in him.

Faithful servant – he has been faithful with the measure given.

Nothing is said as to the magnitude or extent of the work. That was all a means to an end. The end was the training of the man, the developing of character.

Listen, Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee a ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Matthew 25:21

It was his qualifying through his service to the master which made that possible! He was already a servant not a sinner.



The gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Five-Fold Ministry are so alluring and captivating to so many that they forget that all this, even tongues, shall pass away - but the likeness and character of Christ etched upon our spirit abides forever!

The gift of salvation alone will never qualify anyone to rule and reign with Christ. Crowns are not given as souvenirs - they are won! So in the picture of the Bride, she has clothed herself, made herself ready. Not for salvation - she is already saved and wears a garment of salvation. She clothed herself and made herself ready to be a bride. She is distinct from the masses. She is separate from the world!

She is now able to enter into deeper intimacy and fellowship with the Son. It is not a question of God's loving one soul more than another, He is not a respecter of persons - all may qualify if the individual should so desire. It was granted unto her - a privilege. The new creation, you and I, are made for the highest heaven has to offer, yet we must make a choice and pursue after Him with all of our heart, soul and strength.

The Lord is not so concerned with how much we may do for Him as He is with the question, what has all our service done to our nature and spirit? Has it been developing the man or woman into the person of faith, strength, love, and yieldedness He so desires for find? What are our conduct and or ministry doing to our personalities? One thing that it is doing is continually registering upon our spirits and weaving a garment. What type of garment will it be?

Now let's look at the story related in Matthew 22.

And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: and he saith unto him, "Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?" And He was speechless. Then said the king to his servants, "Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.

Matthew 22 (vv. 11-14)

The word "chosen" means, "The best of its

kind or class, excellent, preeminent, applied to certain Christians." The "called" and the "chosen" here are alike partakers of salvation but the "chosen" are the "choice" ones, (Strong's/Thayer's No. 1588)

Here is a man without a wedding garment. Remember, "called" refers to those who are saved, so we are seeing a picture of a man who is saved, or "chosen." The analogy we are looking at is very clear. There are many Christians today who refuse the necessary discipline and training needed to qualify for the privilege of wearing a wedding garment, while there are others who embrace the cross and suffer the loss of all things that they may satisfy the desire of God in obtaining a Bride worthy of the Son's fellowship.

Notice the word of the king. He calls the man Friend. He is not talking to a sinner about his sins. He says, "Friend."

Ye are my friends..." (John 15:14)" (Strong's No. 2083 (#5382)- fellow clansmen).

Sinners are seldom if ever spoken of as friends; they are rebels. The king does not rebuke nor chide the man about his sins. Rather, it is a point or place or position. "How camest thou hither...?" Place, Location!

The argument again speaks of character, and fitness. He had no fitness or adequate degree of fellowship and understanding to move in the sphere of a wedding feast and all that this type suggests. He had no garment - no qualifying attributes to adapt him to the order of life suggested.

Note also that he is not cast into hell, Sheol, Gehenna, or the pit. Outer darkness is the word. The same term is found in Matthew 8:12 "But the children of the kingdom shall be cast into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Here also it does not refer to hell, the pit, or Gehenna, etc. He is speaking on the part of the Jewish people, (the children of the kingdom). Because of their refusal to accept and move into the kingdom of heaven (vs. 11) they are cast into outer darkness.

This word, darkness, is the same word used in Matthew 4:16



The people which sat in darkness saw a great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

Matthew 4:16

(Strong's/Thayer's No. 4655 "obscurity, darkened eyesight or blindness; ignorance respecting divine things and human duties.")

The same term is used again by Jesus in the story of the talents and servants (not sinners) in Matthew 25:30. The sinner has no talent or pound for which he must some day give an account. But the servant (Christian) has. In this story the reward (vs. 21) was a privilege of ruling (because he had qualified) and also the joy of the Lord.

The unprofitable servant (not sinner) because he had not qualified and had no results to show at the reckoning, was cast into outer darkness. He was not burned up but he lost the reward of ruling and the joy of the Lord. He was excluded from the special fellowship which he might have had, had he allowed the Holy Spirit to train and develop him for it.

So we see from the teaching of Jesus himself that outer darkness does not mean hell or the pit, but the Loss and Denial of a great privilege.

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain...."

1 Corinthians 9:24

A person does not run to obtain salvation - it is not a prize, it is a gift. A person runs because he or she is already saved and is after a prize. Therefore let us run that we might obtain, by yielding to the Holy Spirit.

The scripture talks about being bound hand and foot and then cast into outer darkness. There is tremendous significance here. The hands represent service. He is not qualified to serve in this realm. He has a form of Godliness, but without the power thereof. We are about intimacy, relationship!

The feet represent the walk. He may have walked around the world in his natural strength and understanding, but he does not know "the walk in the Spirit." That walk is always too demanding and restricting for him. He

may have walked all around the Lord, but never really with Him. So his feet are bound. He has no power to enter such fellowship as is suggested by this scripture.

Brothers and sisters, we are now qualifying for entrance into this place of privilege, and God will place each soul in the realm for which He has fitted him. Can you imagine the disappointment and ache in the heart of Jesus to find in that day that so many have not valued His deepest fellowship enough to cultivate and build a life for it here and now?

God does not arbitrarily say, "You go to heaven; you go to hell. You reign over ten cities; you are cast out. You may enjoy the kingdom; but you can't come in. That is very unscriptural. No, each person determines his or her own destiny. The sinner goes to hell because he or she chooses to. The saint has or has not the rewards of fellowship and future association because he or she either does or does not desire it.

The carnal Christian even though baptized in the Spirit may even be saved, but miss the reward and glorious privilege Christ holds out to them. He who is spiritual suffers the loss of all things that he may know Christ in the deeper and fuller relationship to which the Lord has been calling us. He who is spiritual has a garment of Christ-like character wrought in them by the Spirit as the self-life is surrendered.

Do not confuse the gift of salvation with character. The prize is not given; it is obtained. It is not a reward for those who are saved or baptized or someone who has done great works. We are looking to Him and long for His return but remember the scripture, "And His wife hath made herself ready."

The days ahead promise to be very trying. The Lord is leading His own into tests and trials and He is faithfully disciplining those who dare to love Him enough to die and let go of this natural perishing world, learning to live in Him and discover the joy and wonder of intimacy and relationship with the Lord.

This is a day of separation. Many are called, but few are chosen! Our first step is to make the choice. Once we have made the decision, then we must choose to be obedient and to rejoice in our tribulations as they work out



patience and Christ like Character in us.

There is a fire burning and it is devouring all the chaff in our lives as we yield to the Spirit of God and submit to the character developing process of the Lord. If we resist this fire we will, with the lost and rebellious world, taste the harshness and wrath of God.

The Lord is after a people today who will unreservedly, and without complaint and with total reliance on Him, surrender to His purifying and transforming fire. Are you such a one?

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ISRAEL & ISLAM

DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

The vast flow of refugees across Europe has caused a problem which is bigger than most countries can handle. While we need to recognize that many of these refugees are genuine and desperately need help, the other side of the coin is that mixed in with this flow of refugees are jihadist that are bent on destroying anything that does not bow to Islam. It is somewhat like the "Trojan Horse" which provides a backdoor for extremists to enter western nations. The reason we include Israel and Islam news is because so many Christians are unaware or are complacent about what is happening around the world in regard to Radical Islam. You will have to draw your own conclusions from these bulletins.

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The Muslim Tsunami

Turkish President Erdogan has threatened Europe with a new wave of refugees. "Allow me to join the EU or else I will flood Europe with another wave of Muslim migrants," he said. Turkey has been gathering boats to ship Muslim migrants to Greece in revenge over the EU talks freeze.

The EU has ordered the British not to report when terrorists are Muslims. In France, Muslim terrorists are never Muslim terrorists, but "lunatics," "maniacs" and "youths".

The number of boat migrants reaching Italy from North Africa this year surpassed 171,000, topping the previous record of 170,100, set in 2014, the Italian Interior Ministry says. But 2016 is also the most lethal year for those trying to cross the Mediterranean to Europe. So far, 4,690 people have died en route, compared with 3,777 deaths for all of last year, according to the U.N. refugee agency. The surge in fatalities reflects the ever greater numbers of people attempting the journey deep into

autumn, even as the sea turns colder and choppy by the day. More than three times as many reached Italy this November as did so in the same month last year, the U.N. says. On one Monday alone, Italian and international rescuers reportedly pulled 1,400 people from the water.

"In Berlin or in the north of Duisburg there are neighbourhoods where colleagues hardly dare to stop a car -- because they know that they'll be surrounded by 40 or 50 men." These attacks amount to a "deliberate challenge to the authority of the state -- attacks in which the perpetrators are expressing their contempt for our society." — Rainer Wendt, President of the German Police Union. "Once Duisburg-Marxloh was a popular shopping and residential area. Now clans claim the streets for themselves. The police are powerless. The descent of the district is nightmarish." — N24 Television. Two police officers stopped a driver who ran a red light. The driver got out of the car and ran away. When police caught



up with him, they were confronted by more than 50 migrants. A 15-year-old attacked a policeman from behind and began strangling him, rendering him unconscious. German authorities steadfastly deny the existence of such areas, but confidential police reports, testimonies from police on the ground and anecdotal evidence from local citizens all confirm that parts of major German cities have descended into pockets of lawlessness where criminal migrants have usurped control of the streets from German police.

A parallel justice system has established itself in Germany. Sharia law is being enforced in many areas. The Muslim vigilante patrols say they are not breaking German law and were simply exercising their right to free speech.

The Sarah Nubaum Haus, a kindergarten in Kassel, said that "because of the high proportion of Muslim children," and because of the different cultures of the children, the school was "renouncing" Christian rituals. During the first six months of 2016, more than 2,000 migrants who requested asylum were found to be carrying false passports, but German border control officers allowed them into the country anyway. Migrants with false papers could be linked to the Islamic State, security analysts warned.

Muslims are attacking Christians at refugee shelters throughout Germany. "The religious minorities in refugee accommodations are now experiencing the same oppression prevalent in their countries of origin," according to the NGO Open Doors.

A 49-year-old Syrian refugee in Rhineland-Palatinate is seeking social welfare benefits in Germany for his four wives and 23 children. Germany has discovered 20 Islamic jihadist in its army.

Police launched dawn raids across Germany on about 190 mosques, flats and offices linked to an Islamist group after the government banned the organization, accusing it of radicalizing youngsters. Germany's spy agency has finally admitted that the Islamic State is infiltrating refugee groups to get into Europe.

Muslim migrants smashed a bistro with iron bars and said, "We're Somalis, we don't pay." It is Islam's idea that non-Muslims have a duty to provide for the upkeep of Muslims. (British jihadist Anjem Choudary said in February 2013: "We are on Jihad Seekers Allowance,

We take the Jizya.)

Five people linked to ISIS have been arrested in co-ordinated raids in Germany, including a senior Islamist figure, reports say. Flats were raided in northern and western Germany and a mosque was searched near Hanover. In Germany: Muslim migrants burnt down a hall, screaming, "There isn't enough Nutella, Gummi bears, and chocolate." A Muslim migrant raped and murdered the daughter of a top EU official who had spent her spare time working in refugee centres. A veteran Santa Claus was fired for opposing child marriage. Muslim migrants continue committing numerous rapes and assaults of women in and around refugee centres. A "pickup artist" has been training Muslim migrants how to win women.

A German court has thrown out a case against a group of extremist Salafist 'sharia police,' for the second time, claiming they have not broken the law. According to the judges, however, the Islamic patrol was not illegal because the uniforms were not "suggestively militant" and did not have an "intimidating effect."

A Muslim group has set up an Islam information stand at a Christmas market.

A radical Islamist infiltrated the German Federal Intel Service and planned an 'HQ bomb attack.'

Angela Merkel has called for a widespread ban on 'full veil' Islamic covering. Her backing could add Germany to the growing list of European nations imposing restrictions on Islamic coverings as debates sharpen across the continent over religious tolerance, perceived threats to European identity and possible security threats from Islamists.

France is reported to be on the verge of total collapse. France's Muslim population is growing in numbers while failing to assimilate. Polls show that one-third of French Muslims want the full application of Islamic sharia law. They also show that the overwhelming majority of French Muslims support jihad, and especially jihad against Israel, a country they would like to see erased from the face of earth. There are "no-go zones" storing thousands of weapons of war.

France is in turmoil. "Migrants" arriving from Africa and the Middle East sow disorder and insecurity in many cities. The huge slum



commonly known as the "jungle of Calais" has just been dismantled, but other slums are being created each day. In eastern Paris, streets have been covered with corrugated sheets, oilcloth and disjointed boards. Violence is commonplace. The 572 France's "no-go zones," officially defined as "sensitive urban areas", continue to grow, and police officers who approach them often suffer the consequences. Recently, a police car drove into an ambush and was torched while the police were prevented from getting out. If attacked, police officers are told by their superiors to flee rather than retaliate. Many police officers, angry at having to behave like cowards, have organized demonstrations.

A transport company, tired of seeing its buses stoned and burned regularly in some Paris suburbs, has begun to hire as drivers young Muslims who were living in the suburbs. The result of this hiring policy is that buses continue to be stoned in the suburbs, but Islamist ideology is now spreading within the company. At France's national railway (SNCF), as at RATP and Air France, similar problems are arising: mainstream unions are losing ground to religion. Unions have to accept infiltration by Islamists, or they lose elections. In daily life, the company tries to cope with the fact that prayer comes first, before serving the public. Trains can be delayed because of a driver's prayers, changing rooms become prayer rooms, men refuse to shake the hand of female colleagues, and intolerance of homosexuals is spreading.

A town in eastern France has been ordered to remove a statue of the Virgin Mary to comply with secular rules banning religious symbols in public. The offending statue overlooks Lake Geneva and has been in place in a public park since 2011. However, burkinis are okay.

Austria: A grandmother raped by a Muslim migrant has "lost the will to live."

In Italy, a Muslim migrant was arrested for sexual assault of an eight-year old boy playing outside his house. The head of the Italian Interior Ministry has declared to citizens, "You will surrender your homes to the Muslims or you will be prosecuted and sent to jail."

Sweden: A Muslim brutally beat a TV chef because he "looked like Mr Trump." Sweden paid thousands to a Muslim while he was waging jihad for ISIS.

UK: Prosecutors are afraid to tackle honour

killings for fear of unrest from Muslims. They use the term "Asian communities" reflecting the British media's fear of identifying Muslims as Muslims. The same term "Asian" men was often used as a euphemism for Muslim men in describing the perpetrators in the Rotherham sex scandal, in which Muslim men violated some 1400 young girls. A Sharia court has ordered a woman to return to her abusive, rapist husband. A Muslim couple was jailed for sending money to an ISIS nephew. The police are hunting for a veiled woman who stabbed a teenager to death.

The UK has banned three bishops from Iraq and Syria from entering the country. One said that Islam is a religion and is a belief system that mandates warfare against unbelievers for the purpose of establishing a societal model that is absolutely incompatible with Western society. In contrast, UK Home Office recently admitted Shaykh Hamza Sodagar into the country, despite the fact that he has said: "If there's homosexual men, the punishment is one of five things. One – the easiest one maybe chop their head off, that's the easiest. Second – burn them to death. Third – throw them off a cliff. Fourth – tear down a wall on them so they die under that. Fifth – a combination of the above." The Home Office recently admitted two jihad preachers who had led a campaign in Pakistan to praise an Islamist assassin, who had murdered a liberal Pakistani politician who had criticised Pakistan's strict anti-blasphemy laws. One of them was welcomed by the Archbishop of Canterbury. But these three bishops from areas where Muslims are persecuting Christians cannot enter. Probably Home Office officials were afraid of offending their own Muslim population by doing so.

A 72-year-old Muslim has been jailed for grooming and repeatedly raping a nine-year-old girl. A Muslim who works for the government's counter-terrorism unit supports a pro-jihad group. No disciplinary action is being taken against her. A major UK Muslim leader has declared that "It's you white people who have to integrate with us Muslims because we are the victims."

IS (Islamic State)

ISIS has vowed jihad massacres on Trump's Inauguration Day. (20th Jan)

Islamic State's new spokesman, Abuu al-Hassan al-Muhajer, has promised more attacks on Europe, urging supporters to target "markets,



roads and clubs" in his inaugural audio message. "We will attack them in their own countries," he said. "Your operations make a difference, change the situation ... burn the ground under their feet."

Two-State Solution

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he hoped President Barack Obama would not back any new UN initiatives on Palestinian-Israeli peace in the final weeks of his term. In Israel and among some pro-Israel groups, there is concern that Obama in his final weeks will back a UN push to recognize Palestinian statehood or lay down the parameters of a final-status agreement between the Israelis and Palestinians. Obama has not indicated plans to do any such thing. US lawmakers have called on Obama to refrain from action on Israel at the UN.

A "sense of" resolution adopted by the House of Representatives puts a majority of members on record in favor of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations that lead "to a sustainable two-state solution," and against efforts at the UN Security Council that would "impose a solution" on the parties. The resolution is non-binding.

Jimmy Carter wants the UN to impose a Palestinian state by fiat, with US recognition. He said this on the "International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people. (November 29th) Carter wants Obama to divide Israel before January 20th.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has accepted French President François Hollande's invitation to meet with him and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas in Paris later this month, as long as there is no international conference. Israel has made clear that it sees a French-led conference, a follow-up to a meeting of foreign ministers in Paris over the summer, as an effort to impose a settlement on it, and that it will not take part.

Pray for all those who are taking the gospel message to the Jewish people. Many new converts be well-discipled. Pray for Messianic congregations, especially that they would not be led into the deceptions flooding the western church. Pray for open doors and open hearts to receive the gospel message.

Pray for the Gospel message to reach the Palestinians and all Muslims wherever they live. Pray for Muslim children who are being

taught to hate Jews and Christians and that jihad and martyrdom are good things.

Muslims are the most under-evangelised people group in the world. Pray for many more harvesters.

Pray for the blinded church. Many of the mainline Protestant churches have been actively boycotting Israel, encouraging pro-Palestinian activism and demanding that Western governments stop sending aid to Jerusalem. Pray especially for eyes to be opened to see that Allah is not the God of the Bible and that Muslims are not saved and that God's promises have not been shifted to the Palestinians.

Pray that the eyes of church leaders would be opened to the threat of Islam and Christian Palestinianism

Israel

The UN has adopted overwhelmingly yet another six anti-Israel Resolutions. These resolutions address a wide variety of issues including "a two state solution", the status of the Golan Heights and a "lasting solution to the question of the City of Jerusalem". The six motions were passed during a special session which began on the Tuesday for the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people, commemorated every year on November 29.

Israeli forces killed four fighters from the Islamic State-affiliated Yarmouk Martyrs Brigade after the terrorists had fired at Israel Defence Forces soldiers in the Golan Heights border region. The exchange drew significant attention because it was the first report of an Islamic State attack on Israel from Syria.

A Muslim group has claimed responsibility for the devastating wildfires in Israel. It doesn't mean that they did it, but that they want the world to believe it. Tens of thousands had to flee as massive fires raged across Haifa and other places. Arab social media rejoiced over the fires. Israel arrested 23 suspected arsonists. While Palestinian Authority (PA) leader Mahmoud Abbas was accepting praise for sending Palestinian firefighters to help put out fires in Israel, the PA Finance Ministry was busy doing the paper work to start paying salaries to the Palestinian arsonists who were arrested for setting many of those same fires. Israel's tax authority said that it would recognize a number of recent wildfires as 'nationalistically motivated'



arson, making people whose property was damaged eligible for compensation from the government. 180 were injured and 560 homes burnt after 5 days of raging fires.

Israel's security cabinet has unanimously agreed to purchase 17 new f-35 stealth fighter jets, bringing the total number of the US-made aircraft in Israel's fleet to fifty.

For the first time, Israel denied entrance to a NGO official allegedly affiliated with the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement, citing "anti-Israel activity" as its reasoning. Dr. Isabel Apawo Phiri, a citizen of Malawi, was interrogated upon her arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport on Monday. Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan and Interior Minister Arye Deri decided against issuing a tourist visa to Phiri, who was then deported. According to the Interior Ministry, Phiri, who is assistant general secretary of the World Council of Churches (WCC), was denied entry due to the organization's support of the EAPPI plan – Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel.

A Palestinian boat disguised as a fishing vessel was caught on camera by the IDF while attempting to smuggle weapons into the Gaza Strip before eventually being destroyed. The boat was observed departing from the southern Gaza Strip and heading towards the Sinai. Several days later, the ship suspiciously reappeared with the rear of the vessel weighed down by cargo. "The Egyptians have destroyed most of the smuggling tunnels between Rafah and Egypt and as a result, Hamas is being forced to use maritime smuggling routes more," said Maj. Maor, who added, "It is more complicated to operate in the southern Gaza Strip than it is in the north, but the relationship with Egyptian forces is very good and cordial. We maintain dialogue and coordination with them through battalion-level meetings on the beach."

The Ministerial Legislative Committee approved the Muezzin Law for limiting the sound level of the muezzins' call. The bill is still to be enacted by the Knesset. However, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas instantly threatened the measure would "drag the region into a disaster" and vowed to bring it before the UN Security Council. Israel's Arab community have held protests across the country to protest a bill that would ban mosques from using loudspeakers to call Muslims to prayer in the early morning hours.

In recent decades, the call of the muezzin has been amplified by multiple loudspeakers, resulting in tremendous noise pollution starting at 4:30 AM every morning.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has announced Kemal Okem as the country's ambassador to Israel. The nomination comes just 24 hours after Israel appointed 53-year-old Eitan Na'eh as the ambassador to Turkey, the first appointment since the reconciliation agreement was signed in June.

Terrorist attacks in Jerusalem have been down 40% since last year.

A Palestinian gunman, known to Israeli police for violence and incitement on social media, killed two Israelis and wounded several others while shooting a rifle from his car in Jerusalem. The US condemned the shooting spree.

The Shin Bet, in conjunction with the Israel Police and IDF, have arrested eight Palestinians from the West Bank [Judea and Samaria] and east Jerusalem suspected of being involved in planning terror attacks in Israel and the West Bank. An investigation revealed that the suspects were planning on creating and using improvised explosive devices (IEDs) against Israel Defence Forces in the West Bank and were also planning other joint attacks.

Moscow has never denied Israel's rights to Jerusalem, the Temple Mount or the Western Wall, Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said in advance of his visit to the Jewish state. "These rights are clear and it would be absurd to deny them." He spoke warmly of Russia's ties with Israel, despite Moscow's votes against the Jewish state at the United Nations and its delivery of the S-300 missiles to Iran.

The Israeli authorities reported an arson attack on the weekend of November 12, in the area of the "Tomb of Absalom" and the "Cave of Jehoshaphat," situated in the Kidron Valley on the eastern side of the Old City separating the Temple Mount from the Mount of Olives.

The election of Donald Trump has led to the fast-tracking of plans to build 1,400 new homes in the Jerusalem neighbourhood of Ramat Shlomo as Israel anticipates an end to the "de facto" building freeze in place during the Obama administration.

Biblical Jacob's sheep have landed in Israel for the first time in millennia. After three years of high-level negotiations between the Israeli



and Canadian governments, 119 heritage sheep, which trace their lineage back 5,000 years to the Middle East, began arriving in Israel on November 30. It is the first time that the breed, called Jacob's sheep, has been represented in Israel since biblical times. Further sheep are to be sent.

Temple Affairs

"I hope that [Trump] will ascend the Temple Mount and, from that source of light and energy in the world, lead us in a dialogue of peace and reconciliation," Yehuda Glick, a Knesset member and leading figure in the Temple Mount movement, told Israel

National News.

"The status quo on the Temple Mount today discriminates against Jews," said Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan, referring to dictates on the Mount which prohibit Jews and other non-Muslims from praying or visiting the site, Judaism's holiest, freely. "Muslims can pray there, and millions do each year," he noted.

The Nascent Sanhedrin is calling on Russian President Vladimir Putin and US president-elect Donald Trump to join forces and fulfil their Biblically-mandated roles by rebuilding the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. - Rabbi Hillel Weiss, spokesman for the Sanhedrin.

Palestinians

The Palestinian Authority is working on a proposal at UNESCO to have the Dead Sea Scrolls returned to their hands from Israel, where they are currently on display. Palestinian MP Nayef Rajoub, a member of the Hamas-affiliated Party of Change and Reform, has blasted the Palestinian Authority (PA) Finance Ministry's decision to stop paying the salaries of 30 released terrorists, on the grounds that they are working against the legitimacy of the PA government. It has been estimated that six percent of the PA's annual budget goes toward the payment of some \$4.5 million a month to jailed terrorists and another \$6.5 million to their families. In recent years, the PA has come under increasing pressure, including from several European countries, to stop paying salaries to terrorists, both those who are currently in jail and those who have already been released. Recently, Republican senators in the United States introduced legislation that would withhold funds from the PA until it is clarified that it has stopped rewarding terrorists or their families for attacks on Israelis and Americans.

Lebanon

The Lebanese parliament has elected former army commander and Hezbollah ally Michel Aoun as president, ending a 29-month presidential vacuum as part of a political deal that is expected to make Sunni leader Saad al-Hariri prime minister.

An Israeli map has revealed thousands of Hezbollah positions, infrastructure and armaments along a section of the Israeli border. The map, according to Channel 2 News, features over 200 towns and villages which the organization has turned into its operations bases, and shows over 10,000 potential targets for Israeli strikes in the event of a new war with the terror group. A caption on the photo noted that it had been declassified, in an apparent calculated move by Israel to build a case for any future military action. It could also serve as a warning to the terror group itself, demonstrating Israel's intelligence gathering capabilities as a deterrent.

Syria

Thousands have fled Aleppo as President Assad's forces move into the old city which has been held by rebel forces. The army and allied militiamen now hold three-quarters of east Aleppo, four years after the area fell from government control.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a monitoring group, said forces allied with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad took over the old city after rebels withdrew south into what remains of their territory.

As the United States and Russia prepare talks on the prospect of a rebel withdrawal, the militants themselves now seek escape. They called for civilians to be allowed to leave for the northern countryside during a five-day ceasefire.

But officials within the armed opposition, said a much broader agreement was in the cards involving full withdrawal from what was once their most important stronghold. Activists said dozens of rebels had already fled.

Iran's military forces and operations in Syria are significantly more than what has been generally reported so far. The Syrian war has led to the rise and export of terrorism abroad as well as to one of the worst humanitarian tragedies, in which more than 470,000 people have been killed. Iran has played a crucial role in maintaining in power President Assad,



who has repeatedly used chemical weapons on civilians. Iran has promoted continuing the conflict.

A US-led coalition air strike killed at least 16 civilians in a village north of so-called Islamic State's Syrian stronghold of Raqqa, activists say. The UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported that six women and a child were among those who died in the raids on al-Heisha overnight. The ISIS-held village has been the target of a US-backed alliance of Kurdish and Arab fighters seeking to capture Raqqa.

Israel has been blamed for strikes on Hezbollah sites near Damascus. One reported target was an arms convoy belonging to the Shi'ite terrorist organization Hezbollah on a highway between Damascus and Beirut on its way to Lebanon, and the second was a military site belonging to an organization loyal to the Assad regime. The Israeli Air Force has also struck an Islamic State held target in the southern Syrian Golan Heights in response to an attack on Israeli soldiers near the Syrian border.

Turkey

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has started talking about Turkey's borders, hinting they should be shifted outward a bit. In Syria and Iraq, his army is involved in wars over territory once ruled from Istanbul. Maps of a Greater Turkey have circulated.

Turkish police detained more than 70 academics at an Istanbul University, NATO said Turkish soldiers had sought asylum and more pro-Kurdish mayors were arrested as a crackdown after July's failed coup entered its fifth month.

Reporters Without Borders (RSF) declared that it is "appalled by the accelerating extinction of media pluralism in Turkey," and referred to Cumhuriyet ("The Republic") as "the latest victim of 'never-ending purge' of Turkish media."

Raids on Cumhuriyet's offices and the arrests of its journalists are attacks on freedom of speech. More tragic is that Cumhuriyet was established in 1924 as a result of the victimization of the Armenians in Turkey.

Iraq

The Islamic State has launched 632 vehicle bombs against Iraqi forces since their offensive to reclaim the city of Mosul began.

It has increased its use of suicide car bombs. Mosul has been held by ISIS since 2014. An Iraqi paramilitary force says it has seized a key road west of Mosul, effectively encircling the city controlled by so-called Islamic State. The Popular Mobilisation (Hashd al-Shaabi) declared it had taken control of the road between Tal Afar and Sinjar after linking up with Kurdish forces. IS militants still control the section of the road between Tal Afar and Mosul. A suicide truck bomb killed about 100 people, most of them Iranian Shi'ite pilgrims, at a petrol station in the city of Hilla 100 km (62 miles) south of Baghdad.

Officers from the Iraqi Special Forces report that a suicide car bomber from ISIS attacked them in Mosul. Iraqi Special Forces reported pushing deeper into Mosul, despite heavy resistance from ISIS using civilians as cover.

ISIS has forced 1,500 families to retreat with them, and has abducted 295 Iraqi Security forces. They will now be killed, enslaved, ransomed or freed outright.

Islamic State fighters have executed scores more people around Mosul and are reportedly stockpiling ammonia and sulfur in civilian areas, possibly for use as chemical weapons... A mass grave with over 100 bodies found in the town of Hammam al-Alil was one of several Islamic State killing grounds. The information was gleaned from sources on the ground including a man who played dead during a mass execution.

Iraqi government forces say they have captured Nimrud, the site of an ancient Assyrian city overrun by Islamic State (IS) group militants two years ago. In March 2015, officials and historians condemned IS for the destruction of the archaeological site, which dates back to the 13th Century BC. The UN's cultural body described the act as a war crime.

Iran

A UN watchdog has hailed a letter by nearly a dozen Arab nations that accuses Iran of sponsoring terrorism throughout the Middle East, and of ramping up its support of jihadist groups since the signing of its nuclear deal with the US-led P5+1 nations last year. The October 27 letter to outgoing UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon cautioned that Iran "continues to play a negative role in causing tension and instability in our region," and cited Tehran's "expansionist regional policies, flagrant violations of the principle of sovereignty and



constant interference in the internal affairs of Arab States." The letter was signed by the UN ambassadors of Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

"We stress that the Islamic Republic of Iran is a State sponsor of terrorism in our region, from Hezbollah in Lebanon and Syria, to Houthis in Yemen and terrorist groups and cells in the Kingdom of Bahrain, Iraq, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and elsewhere," the countries wrote. The Arab countries charged the Islamic Republic "calls for the export of its revolution to other countries" through its religious and political leaders. "Unfortunately, since the signing of the nuclear deal, we have seen nothing but increased Iranian aggression in the region and the continuation of support for terrorist groups," the letter said.

Riyadh cut diplomatic ties with Tehran earlier this year after demonstrators burned its embassy and a consulate following the Saudi execution of a prominent Shiite cleric.

Iran must stop repeatedly overstepping a limit on its stock of a sensitive material set by its landmark deal with major powers, the U.N. nuclear watchdog has said. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which is policing the deal, said in a report that Iran had slightly exceeded the 130-tonne soft limit on its stock of heavy water for a second time since the deal was put in place in January.

A Sharia court in Iran has sentenced Christians to 80 lashes for drinking communion wine. It is not illegal for Christians to drink alcohol in Iran but under Islamic law, Muslims are forbidden from drinking and it is illegal for Muslims to convert.

From the Gatestone Institute:

It now appears that the Obama Administration's failed policies in the Middle East have increased the Iranians' appetite, such that they are convinced that they can expand their influence to the Palestinians as well.

Iran has one goal only: to eliminate the "Zionist entity" and undermine moderate and progressive Arabs and Muslims.

"Relations between Iran and Hamas are currently undergoing revitalization, and are moving in the right direction," announced Osama Hamdan, a senior Hamas official. He

went on to explain that "moving in the right direction" means that Iran would "continue to support the resistance" against Israel.

Hamas and Iran have no meaningful ideological or strategic differences. Both share a common desire to destroy Israel and replace it with an Islamic empire. Iran expects results: Hamas is to use the financial and military support to resume attacks on Israel and "liberate all of Palestine, from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea."

As far as Iran is concerned, there is nothing better than having two proxy terror organizations on Israel's borders -- Hezbollah in the north and Hamas in the south.

Israel's presence in the West Bank has thus far thwarted Iran's repeated attempts to establish bases of power there.

Iran is smuggling weapons and ammunition to Hezbollah through commercial flights from the Islamic Republic to Lebanon, according to intelligence information revealed by Israel's UN ambassador to the Security Council. UN Ambassador Danny Danon sent an urgent letter to the Security Council members in which he revealed the smuggling route from Iran's Revolutionary Guards to Hezbollah: "The Iranian Al-Quds Force packs weapons, ammunition and missile technology to Hezbollah in suitcases and puts them on Mahan Air flights." Danon added that "these planes fly directly to the airport in Lebanon or Damascus and from there the weapons are transferred on the ground to Hezbollah."

Iran says it has transferred 11 tons of heavy water to Oman, which can be used in the production of nuclear arms.

Egypt

In post-Arab Spring Egypt, Muslim attacks on Christians are rising. - The Christian and Muslim villagers grew up together, played on the same soccer fields as kids, and attended the same schools in this riverside hamlet. But that didn't matter on a recent day: An argument between boys sparked clashes between neighbours, with Muslims torching shops owned by Christians. Gamal Sobhy, a Christian farmer, ran into the melee to protect his two sons. Someone in the crowd hit him with a stick. Then others jumped in, striking him repeatedly until he fell to the ground with blood seeping from his head. "The Muslims were yelling, 'Kill him, kill him,' " Sobhy said a few days after he was released from the



hospital.

Five years ago, many among Egypt's minority Orthodox Coptic Christians thought the discrimination they had long faced from Muslims would begin to disappear when President Hosni Mubarak was ousted in Egypt's revolution and the military seized control of the country. But in the years since then, as an Islamist government was elected and overthrown, that sense of hope evaporated.

At a time when President Abdel Fatah al-Sissi's government is jailing its opponents and struggling to revive a sinking economy, the violence adds a new layer of populist frustration: Christians strongly supported Sissi's rise, expecting him to protect them after the former army general led a coup that toppled the Islamists.

Muslim police have tortured then murdered a Christian in a police station.

Muslims attacked a Christian village on a rumour of a church opening. They blocked the road so fire trucks couldn't enter.

Egypt will try 292 jihadist suspects linked to the Islamic State over plots to assassinate President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi and the Saudi crown prince and attacks in the Sinai Peninsula, a prosecution official said.

Antisemitism

There has been an unprecedented spate of anti-Semitic vandalism across US colleges in the wake of the presidential election, leaving Jewish students feeling vulnerable. An unprecedented rise in Anti-Semitism was confirmed at the Anti-Defamation League summit in New York. American Jews are worried about their future. The greatest threat might be coming from American Universities.

Israel has slammed France for implementing a settlement labelling regime.

Catholic tourist maps and pilgrimage brochures omit the name "Israel", instead using the sanitized expression "Holy Land," one of the visible effects of the Catholic replacement theology. Catholic pilgrims spend virtually all their time visiting holy sites in the Palestinian-run territory, staying in Palestinian Arab hotels and listening to Palestinian Arab tour guides. As a result, these pilgrims return filled with hatred towards Israel.

A top European rabbi has warned that the

world has entered a new era of antisemitism... The UK Times reported that antisemitism in Germany has risen threefold in one year, citing data published by the German daily *Süddeutsche Zeitung*... German Justice Ministry revealed that there had been 2,083 cases of attacks on Jews, Jewish property and hate speech against Jews last year, in contrast with 691 in 2014.

America and Islam

The American Jewish Committee and the Islamic Society of North America launched the Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council, a group of religious and business leaders from both communities who will help draft domestic policy legislation and advocate on issues of shared concern.

The Shalom Hartman Institute's Muslim Leadership Initiative, which educates young Muslim leaders about Judaism and Israel, held a retreat over a weekend titled "Living in Trump's America: Muslim Vulnerability and Jewish Echoes."

The Ohio state University attacker said, "By Allah, I am willing to kill a billion infidels." ISIS has claimed responsibility for the ram and stab attack which left the suspect dead and 11 people injured. The attacker was one of some 99,000 Somali Muslim refugees admitted to the US since 9/11. He was helped to resettle in the US by Catholic charities.

In an explosive new book, CIA contractor James Mitchell talks of his time as an interrogator of al Qaeda leaders and alleges that their plan was not to destroy the U.S. militarily but to use lax immigration laws, weak politicians and procreation to take the nation down from the inside. - [Khalid Sheikh Mohammed] said the terror attacks were good, but the "practical" way to defeat America was through immigration and by outbreeding non-Muslims.

Obama's justice Department has sued a NJ township for rejecting a mosque. People have legitimate concerns about mosques going up in their neighbourhood. Four separate studies since 1999 all found that 80% of U.S. mosques were teaching jihad, Islamic supremacism, and hatred and contempt for Jews and Christians.

Various

A Muslim book condoning sex-slaves and stoning was handed out at an Ontario Islamic



Month event.

The Canadian police force has held a seminar against "Islamophobia."

In the UK, a Burton mum who became the first woman from the UK to be jailed for joining ISIS, received more than £132,000 to pay for her defence while facing the charges in court back in January.

In the UK, 96% of Muslims do not believe that al Qaeda was behind the 9/11 jihad attacks. 31% believe that America was behind the murderous attack on its own citizens. Nearly half will not report to police if they knew someone was involved in jihad plots in Syria, while 40% say they would support Sharia law.

Studies show that ISIS terrorists are not poor and illiterate, but rich and educated. "The proportions of [Islamic State] administrators but also of suicide fighter's increase with education," according to a World Bank report. "Moreover, those offering to become suicide bombers ranked on average in the more educated group." Britain's MI5 revealed that "two-thirds of the British suspects have a middle-class profile and those who want to become suicide bombers are often the most educated". The West seems to have trouble accepting that terrorists are not driven by inequality, but by hatred for Western civilization and the Judeo-Christian values of the West. For the Nazis, the "inferior race" (the Jews) did not deserve to exist; for the Stalinists,

the "enemies of the people" were not entitled to continue living; for the Islamists, it is the West itself that does not deserve to exist.

Despite a major Muslim protest at the Colosseum against the closure of illegal mosques, Rome police have continued shutting down so-called "garage mosques," and now Muslims are threatening to invade Saint Peter's Basilica to pray there. Recently, authorities closed down another makeshift mosque in Rome for failure to meet building norms and for non-compliance with safety standards, the sixth such mosque-closing in the last months. The threat to invade the Vatican to pray in Saint Peter's Basilica, is called Islamic "blackmail" by the Italian media.

The Canadian Parliament has condemned free speech. "Now that Islamophobia has been condemned, this is not the end, but rather the beginning." — Samer Majzoub, president of the Canadian Muslim Forum. Majzoub is affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood. The question, naturally, is whether Canada's motion will be replicated in other parliaments in the West. The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is particularly active in Europe, having opened a Permanent Observer Mission to the European Union in 2013. A Canadian ISIS supporter says, "I love jihad more than everything." An Australian-born jihadi says he has no obligation to have any loyalty to Australia.

