



PRAYING THROUGH THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2017

The Prayer Guide is sent to many users all over the world and can look quite lengthy at times. We have numbered the pages and provided a table of contents to allow the reader to quickly access areas of interest to you.

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December derived its name from the Latin word "Decem" meaning ten (10). According to the old Roman calendar, it was the 10th month. This was before they dedicated their new first month to January moving December to the position of being the 12th month though it maintained its name as the 10th month. According to the Biblical calendar, 1st of Kislev 5778 began on the 19th November 2017. The 30th of Kislev 5778 is December 18, 2017. The 1st of Tevet 5778 is December 19, 2017.

This month will be the third (3rd) and ninth (9th) month of the Biblical Civil and Sacred calendars respectively. This is the twelfth (12th) and final month of the year 2017 according to the Gregorian calendar.

This month we are in a hibernating season when there is little productivity. While in the southern hemisphere people are going for summer vacation and shutting down for the festive season, in the northern hemisphere they are going into hibernation at the gates of the winter season.

WHAT IS THE NAME OF OUR GOD?

According to Wikipedia "Jehovah is the Latinization of the Hebrew יהוה, one vocalization of the Tetragrammaton יהוה (YHWH), the proper name of the God of Israel in the Hebrew Bible.

The consensus among scholars is that the historical vocalization of the Tetragrammaton at the time of the redaction of the Torah (6th century BCE) is most likely Yahweh. The historical vocalization was lost because in Second Temple Judaism, during the 3rd to 2nd centuries BCE, the pronunciation of the Tetragrammaton came to be avoided, being substituted with Adonai ("my Jehovah"). The Hebrew vowel points of Adonai were added to the Tetragrammaton by the Masoretes, and the resulting form was transliterated around the 12th century as Yehowah. The derived forms Iehouah and Jehovah first appeared in the 16th century.

"Jehovah" was popularized in the English-speaking world by William Tyndale and other pioneer English Protestant translations such as the Geneva Bible and the King James Version. It is still used in some translations, such as the New World Translation and Young's Literal Translation, but it does not appear in most mainstream English translations, as the terms "Jehovah" or "Jehovah": used instead, generally indicating that the corresponding Hebrew is Yahweh or YHWH." (From Wikipedia)

In the Bishop's Bible (1568), the word Jehovah occurs in Exodus 6:3 and Psalm 83:18. The Authorized King James Version (1611) renders Jehovah in Exodus 6:3, Psalm 83:18, Isaiah 12:2, Isaiah 26:4, and three times in compound place names at Genesis 22:14, Exodus 17:15 and Judges 6:24.

The Leningrad Codex is the oldest complete manuscript of the Hebrew Bible in Hebrew. It is dated 1008 CE. You can download it at www.seforimonline.org/seforimdb/PDF/264.pdf . This Hebrew manuscript contains 50 occurrences of the full spelling of the name Yehovah.

The Aleppo Codex is an ancient vocalized Hebrew manuscript. It is about 100 years older than the Leningrad Codex but it is not complete. This document contains the name Yehovah. When you look at Ezekiel 28:22 in the Aleppo Codex it says: "Thus says Adonai Yehovah." I encourage you this month to read and study this document for yourself. There a website that will help you. It is www.aleppocodex.org.

The King James Version uses "LORD" to translate the divine name in most instances. Jesus's Hebrew name "Yehoshua" (יְהוֹשֻׁעַ) means "Yehovah saves" and is derived from יהוה. This Hebrew name became "Yeshua" in Aramaic and "Ἰησοῦς" (Iesous) in Greek. What is the meaning of Yehovah (Jehovah)?

According to Easton's Bible Dictionary "Jehovah - the special and significant name (not merely an appellative title such as Lord [Adonai]) by which God revealed himself to the ancient Hebrews (Exodus 6:2 Exodus 6:3). This name, the Tetragrammaton of the Greeks, was held by the later Jews to be so sacred that it was never pronounced except by the high priest on the great Day of Atonement when he entered into the most holy place. Whenever this name occurred in the sacred books they pronounced it, as they still do, "Adonai" (i.e., Lord), thus using another word in its stead. The Masoretes gave to it the vowel-points appropriate to this word. This Jewish practice was founded on a false interpretation of Leviticus 24:16. The meaning of the word appears from Exodus 3:14 to be "the unchanging, eternal, self-existent God," the "I am that I am," a covenant-keeping God. (Compare Malachi 3:6; Hosea 12:5; Revelation 1:4 Revelation 1:8.)

The Hebrew name "Jehovah" is generally translated in the Authorized Version (and the Revised Version has not departed from this rule) by the word LORD printed in small capitals, to distinguish it from the rendering of the Hebrew Adonai and the Greek Kurios, which are also rendered Lord, but printed in the usual type. The Hebrew word is translated "Jehovah" only in Exodus 6:3; Psalms 83:18; Isaiah 12:2; "... 26:4. Let us look at some examples:

1 Kings 18:24 says:

“Then you call on the name of your Elohim, and I will call on the name Yehovah, and the Elohim who answers by fire, He is Elohim.”

Isaiah 60:19 says:

“No longer will you have the sun for light by day, nor for brightness will the moon give you light, but you will have Yehovah for an everlasting light, and your Elohim for your glory.”

The ancient Israelites used the name as a blessing in daily life. Ruth 2:4 gives us an example. It says:

Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem and said to the reapers "May Yehovah be with you." And they answered him, "May Yehovah bless you."

WHY ARE WE LOOKING AT THE BIBLICAL CALENDAR?

Our current Gregorian calendar is a solar calendar (it is based only on the length of a year as determined by the sun). The starting day of the year and the length of months are not based on any physical or Biblical principles but merely a happenstance of history.

The moon is given to mark Feasts—which are usually explained as a certain day of a certain month in the Bible:

He appointed the moon for seasons [Hebrew moed means “festivals”]; The sun knows it’s going down (Psalm 104:19, NKJV).

Blow the trumpet at the time of the New Moon, At the full moon, on our solemn feast day (Psalm 81:3, NKJV).

Genesis 1:14-16 also states that the sun and moon are the two great lights to indicate “festivals, days and years”. The sun marks the days and years, but Festivals are in certain days of certain months—marked by the moon. The first day of a month (“new moon”) was observed with a special meal in the Old Testament (1Sam 20:5, 2 Kings 4:23, Amos 8:5). That practice continued in the New Testament Col 2:16.

The practice will continue during the new heavens and new earth (Isa 66:23, Ezk 46:1,6). New moons were not the same as the annual Feast days in Leviticus 23—there is no specific command and explanation of how to keep them. But many verses say they were observed.

Most references to dates in the Bible are similar to Genesis 7:11: “In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month...” The day and the month are numbered, but the year is given as a year of the persons’ life, the year of a king’s life, or the year from some big event.

Although months are generally referred to by number, there are two systems of naming them in the Bible. The first system uses Hebrew names, the second uses largely Babylonian names acquired when the Jews were in captivity in Babylon. The four Hebrew names are:

- Abib the first month (Ex 13:4, 23:15, 34:18, Deut 16:1)
- Zif the second month (1Kings 6:1,37)
- Ethanim the seventh month (1 Kings 8:2)
- Bul the eighth month (1Kings 6:38)

The original Hebrew names for the other months are apparently unknown. (From Biblical Calendar Basics, Third edition - April 2002).

As we seek to understand the times we will look at events that took place in each month as determined by the Biblical Calendar.

WHY DO WE INCLUDE A SECTION ON PRAYING THROUGH THE HEAVENS IN OUR GUIDE?

Believers are a royal priesthood unto Jehovah (1 Pet 2:9), we have also been made kings and priests unto our Jehovah (Rev 1:6; 5:10). The priest's lips should keep knowledge and the law should be sought at his mouth (Mal 2:7). Jehovah interprets our ignorance of various aspects of the kingdom as a rejection of knowledge with grievous consequences (Hos 4:6). Knowledge of the heavens and how to deal with them in every season is a very important aspect of the Kingdom of heaven.

In *Primeval Astronomy, "The Gospel in the Stars,"* Joseph Augustus Seiss explains the purpose of the stars and their constellations in their original context. In a lecture entitled, "The Starry Worlds," first published in 1882, he attests: "Such wonderful creations of almighty power and wisdom were not without a purpose." Seiss explains that stars and groups of stars, constellations, were created to fill the galaxy— in a particular order for a very specific purpose. God created the stars (Gen. 1:16) and positioned them in their exact places in the universe (Ps. 8:3). Stars were, "for signs and for seasons, and for days and for years, in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." (Gen. 1:14, 15). Stars were so important that God named them. "He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name." (Ps. 147:4). The stars are a continual reminder that the Seed of the woman will ultimately triumph over the Serpent (Gen. 3:15). God's revelation is constantly told in the stars (Ps. 19) — which is a message of salvation — available to every generation who professes faith. (Romans 9-11, Joel, Isa.) The entire ancient world received the gospel prior to Christ ever being born— through the stars. A helpful resource found on the web is *Christological Interpretations of the Decans* by Dr. Dale M. Sides.

HANUKKAH

On 24th Kislev 5778 (12th December) the 8-day festival of Hanukkah (Chanukah) commences – this is the Jewish festival of lights. It ends on 2nd Tevet (20th December). This festival remembers the dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem after it had been recovered by the Jewish forces of Yehuda Maccabee in 164 BC. The Syrian King Antiochus IV Epiphanes was seeking to coerce the Jews into abandoning their religion and culture for that of Greece. He issued edicts forbidding circumcision, observance of Jewish Sabbaths and feast days. He had defiled the Temple by offering a pig on the altar and raising up in the sanctuary a statue of Zeus. The defiled Temple needed to be cleansed and re-dedicated. The Temple was purified and the wicks of the menorah miraculously burned for eight days, even though there was only enough sacred oil for one day's lighting. Yehuda Maccabee ordained "that the days of the dedication of the altar should be kept in their season from year to year by the space of eight days, from the five and twentieth day of the month of Kislev, with mirth and gladness." (1 Maccabees 4:59)

CHRISTMAS DAY

December is referred to as a festive season. It is the period of time when many in the Ecclesia celebrate the commemorative birth of Jesus on 25th December – Christmas Day.

WINTER SOLSTICE

This month the winter solstice in the northern hemisphere will occur on 21 December 2017 at 16:28 UTC. That is the gate of the winter season. In the southern hemisphere, they will experience their summer solstice on the same day. In the Northern Hemisphere, the December solstice marks the longest night and the shortest

day of the year. Meanwhile, in the Southern Hemisphere, it will be the longest day and the shortest night. The North Polar Region of Earth has 24 hours of night, while the South Polar Region will have 24 hours of daylight. On December 21, 2017, at 16:28 UTC the sun reaches its farthest southward point for the year. The solstice is an astronomical event that is caused by the Earth's tilt on its axis, and its motion in orbit around the sun. The tilt of the earth –not our distance from the sun – is what causes winter and summer. At the December solstice, the Northern Hemisphere is leaning most away from the sun for the year.

FIVE QUALITIES OF A GOOD SOLDIER

2 Tim. 2:3-4; 4:7-8

I. 2:3 HE IS A FOLLOWER

A. Implies Relationship (The first step is to join the army) No one can be a soldier for the Lord until they first get into the army. This is accomplished only through receiving Jesus as one's Savior, John 3:3; Eph. 2:8-9; Acts 16:31.

B. Implies Rank (There is always someone higher than you.) The same is true in the Lord's army. Every child of God is under ranked under Jesus and is responsible for following Him and His will for their lives, 1 Cor. 6:19-20. (Ill, God always has a way of cutting down to size - Ill. Gideon, Judges 7:1-9 - From a General to a Sargent to a Private!)

C. Implies Rule (To refuse to follow orders is treason!) When we are in the Lord's Army, we have the obligation of obeying His orders even unto the death! Notice the call of Christ that has not changed, Matt. 16:24. When we refuse to live as the Lord desires, then we have crossed the line from follower to traitor - James 4:17.

I. He Is a Follower

II. 2:3-4; 4:7b HE IS FAITHFUL (Ill. Can be seen in:

A. 2:3 His Patience - Endures hardship and does not quit. The good soldier realizes that there will be troubles along the way and is not detoured by them. He understands that pain is often part of the Christian experience, John 16:33. (Ill. Please remember that the Christian is called upon to face life with extreme patience - Heb. 12:1. (*In the NT the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings.*)

B. 2:4 His Priorities - Seeks to please the Commander. Notice that the

good soldier has no higher goal in life than pleasing His Superior. The good soldier knows that anything which interferes with his performance in the military must be done away with. The good soldier wants to please his Superior and does whatever he has to do to get that job done! (Ill. Who comes first in your life? Whatever or whoever it is, that is your god! Pleasing Jesus ought to be the first priority of every child of God - 1 Cor. 10:31; 1 Cor. 6:20.)

C. 4:7b His Practice - Guards the truths of the faith. The good soldier takes care of the things delivered unto him. He is determined to do a good job, and he refuses to do anything to bring disgrace and dishonor upon his Superior. (Ill. So it is with the Christian soldier. He wants to live his life in a manner that brings honor to the Lord and not dishonor. Are you keeping the faith this morning? Ill. Phil. 1:27; Col. 1:10; 1 Thes. 2:11-12.)

I. He Is a Follower

II. He Is Faithful

III. HE IS FAMILIAR (Ill. There are some things that the good soldier knows. He is familiar with:

A. With the Sound of The Commander's Voice - (Ill. John 10:3-5) The way to get more familiar with the Lord's voice is to spend more time listening to it. You do this by getting in the Word. Do you know Him when He speaks?

B. With the Skill of Using His Weapons - (Ill. Eph. 6:10-18) The good soldier knows that he is engaged in mortal warfare and he knows that the only way to succeed in the fight is to be proficient in the use of spiritual weaponry. You and I would do well to learn the art of spiritual warfare if we intend to succeed for the glory of the Lord.

C. With the Strategy of The Enemy - (Ill. 2 Cor. 11:14; 1 Pet. 5:8) The good soldier knows that the enemy is ever active and never rests. The good soldier knows that the enemy is shrewd and ever attacking, but he also knows the Lord is there to help him, Heb. 13:5. He knows that regardless of the trap, God will make a way of escape for him, 1 Cor. 10:13. The good soldier studies the methods of his enemy and learn his weaknesses and these exploits to the fullest extent of his ability. The good Christian soldier needs to be wise to the ways of the devil and he needs to know that the Lord Jesus is greater than any enemy we will ever face, 1 John 4:4.)

D. With the Shadows of His Friends - (Heb. 11:25) The good soldier not only cares about his own welfare, but he also looks out for the welfare of his fellow soldiers, Gal. 6:2. He learns about them by being around them. There is a need for the soldiers of the Lord to train together.

I. He Is a Follower

II. He Is Faithful

III. He Is Familiar

IV. 4:7 HE IS A FIGHTER (Paul makes 3 statements in this verse that describe the good soldier. Notice:

A. He Is Determined - The good soldier does not retreat in the face of the enemy, he does not run from a fight. Instead, he stands his ground and fights the battle until the battle is over! (Ill. Many Christian soldiers have dropped out of the battle! I challenge you not be among that number! Ill. 1 Tim. 1:19-20)

B. He Is Driven - The good soldier realizes that the battle does not run according to his time frame. He knows that another is in charge of the duration of the battle, but the good soldier is driven to finish. The good soldier is in the battle to the finish. Are you? What would it take to make you quit this morning? Many Christians are about one disaster and one service away from quitting on the Lord. Does that describe you? I challenge you to keep serving and keep fighting!

C. He Is Dedicated - The good soldier dedicates himself to keeping his oath. He is determined to live for the Lord regardless of the personal cost. The good soldier keeps the faith, do you? He keeps it by living it, sharing it and defending it all the time. The faith is precious to the good soldier and he does everything in his power to keep it pure and undefiled.

I. He Is a Follower

II. He Is Faithful

III. He Is Familiar

IV. He Is a Fighter

V. 4:7-8 HE IS A FINISHER

A. He Has Resolve -The good soldier is in it for the long haul. He does not quit at the first hint of trouble. He is a finisher. God give us Christians with the attitude of finishers. We need some who will stay by the stuff in these days!

B. He Has a Reason -Why does the good soldier endure hardship, stay in the fight, and follow the Leader selflessly? The good soldier knows the price that was paid by his Superior to make a place for him in the army. The good soldier knows his lord loves him and that Jesus died to make a way of salvation for him. Therefore, he loves the Lord and no price becomes too high for the good soldier to pay.

C. He Has His Reward - The good soldier finishes his course because he knows that at the end of the war, every deed will be rewarded by the Commander in chief. For those who stay in the battle, there will come a glad day of blessing. They will hear the Lord say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant...", Matt. 25:21, 23. What will be waiting you when you meet Jesus?

Are you a good soldier of the Lord?

WHAT SHOULD WE BE DOING AS KINGDOM CITIZENS IN THE NATIONS?

Jesus instructed us in Matthew 28:19-20 (Hebrew Gospel of Matthew) to: "Go and teach them to carry out all things which I have commanded you forever."

This is what Paul did in Ephesus and in three years there was national transformation. Paul proclaimed the whole will of God Acts 20:27. As we pray for transformation in our nations what are we supposed to teach them? He said, "to carry out all things that He had commanded". We must teach them what the Bible says about family, government, politics...about all the spheres of society. We are called to be a transforming influence in society. The Bible provides us with a frame of reference for life.

The Jubilee Centre has over the past 30 years researched extensively around promoting good and right relationships at personal, organizational and public policy levels, as a practical expression of the biblical vision of society. Visit them on the web at www.jubilee-centre.org for resources to help you to teach them. If we don't teach them how will they know what to do?

"Jesus is LORD" is one of the most radical realities of Christianity. It means that He is the Supreme Ruler over ALL.

Jesus was commissioned by God the Father to come to earth, destroy the works of the Devil, and restore that which was lost. Jesus OBEYED everything the Father told Him to do. When Jesus left the earth, He gave His followers the same commission He had received from the Father - Go reconcile the human family to the Father, destroy the works of the Devil, and restore that which was lost. Proclaiming Jesus as LORD means we are to OBEY what He commands us to do. You are not saved to go to heaven: You are saved to bring heaven to the earth. Matthew 6:10 -- "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (From <http://www.the-covenant-kingdom.com>)

This month as you pray through this guide ask Jehovah to show you what He would have you do to bring heaven to the earth.

PRAYING THRU THE MONTH

- Command all of creation at the gates of the month to praise Jehovah. Proclaim Psalm 148 over all creation this month.
- Give thanks for thus far Jehovah has brought you. It is the end of a year and you have been privileged to see it up to this point. Proclaim Psalm 24.7-9 over the gates of this season, and declare that you and your household, will see this year ending well.
- Read Mark 11.23-24: At the gates of this season make prophetic proclamations into the womb of the month as seeds, concerning the things you would like to see happen to you and your loved ones, with regard to health, provision, all levels of relationships, salvation, deliverance, redemptive purpose and destiny, forgiveness and repentance, inheritances, ministry, the work of your hands, etc.
- Read Joel 2:25 Jehovah is able to do a quick work. Pray for restoration that you will make up for any lost or wasted time in order to finish 2016 well. Pray this for kingdom citizens in your territory.
- Read Isa 60:6 Tarshish means “distant shores”, Make a prophetic declaration from this scripture that, whatever is due us from the distant shores we call forth. Our sons, those who will build us in every sense of the word, build the nations of Africa, will bring their resources. Those in the diaspora that are supposed to help develop the continent, we call back. Those who are meant to rebuild various gates of society including family, belief systems, government and leadership, economy, education, science and technology, media, arts sports, and culture; we call them back from distant shores. We declare an African Aliyah. Foreigners will build that which will protect us. Israel will partner with Africa in various aspects of physical and spiritual development.
- Read 1 Sam 3:19-21. We are in the season of the Word i.e. Scripture. Jehovah will have us engage with His Word on a more intimate and more frequent level so that the Word will be so deeply rooted in our lives, guiding every one of our conversations, creating or destroying things to come, bringing life or death in situations depending on how we speak. Deliberately set aside time on a daily basis to pray thru a portion of scripture with regard to your life, family, occupation, redemptive purpose and the gate(s) of society you are connected to
- Psalm 141.3, Prov 18.21 Be mindful of what you say as part of your practice toward that place of authority in your words. You cannot be talking carelessly in certain forums, then be holy in your conversation when you are with other believers. You confuse the spirit realm so they are never too sure whether you mean what you say or say what you mean. When you rise to declare healing, the angels wonder whether you are joking, exaggerating, serious or lying. Pray that Jehovah will help you sanitize your speech, and grow to the point where none of your words will fall to the ground,
- There is heightened crime during the month of December, due to the increased pressure for people to have financial stability for the festivities that come with the end year functions. Pray for the Shalom and protection of Jehovah to be made manifest where you and kingdom citizens are located. Pray that you will be recognized enough in the spirit realm to command that authority.
- Proclaim Isaiah 35 over every highway and byway that you and kingdom citizens will pass thru, every vehicle you will be found in, every building or other space you occupy; that because of your presence,

those roads will be highways of holiness and nothing unclean or that which hurts, will be found on them; the spirit of death destruction and accidents will never find space on the roads you pass thru, the vehicles you use and the places and spaces you occupy. Prophecy that you will become a preservation for those who are around you every time.

- With increase in crime and other calamities during festive season, use this season to dedicate your neighborhood (at home and place of occupation). On a regular basis, remember to walk your neighborhood, at least around the block and declare the lordship of Jehovah and overthrow any contrary entity that resides or rules over the place. Ask them to pack and leave and invite the Holy Spirit and angelic protection in every gathering, every solitary person, every family and every stranger that comes within your space. Pray that there will be a shift in the Spirit realm bringing peace everywhere your feet tread in this season.
- Read Ps 89:14, Ps 97:2. Speak into the foundation of each day of this coming month, and declare that the foundation of the Kingdom of heaven and Jehovah's throne will become evident. These will be days of righteousness and justice in every aspect of your life and family, the Ecclesia and your territory at large.
- Read Gal 5.23, Prov 16.32, 25.28; This month is characterized by excessive indulgence and expenditure. Pray that you will exercise self-control in you, your family and the Ecclesia.
- Ask Jehovah to show you ways in which He will have you and kingdom citizens to fulfill responsibilities, and even do what He will have you do, without unnecessary waste of time and resources.
- Read Matt 28.18-20; Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you during this month of many interactions with various people, to provide you with opportunities to share the gospel with people whom you will encounter. Pray for boldness among Kingdom citizens to display and share the gospel so that the Great Commission will be activated across the society.
- Read Phil 1.6; This month signifies various levels of completion. The numbers 3, 9, and 12 all signify various levels of completion and stability. Pray that you will be a partaker of the Finishing anointing that comes with the 3rd, 9th and 12th months. Pray this for the Ecclesia
- Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to remembrance significant things that started in your life, your family, your relationships, in the Ecclesia in this past season that need closure that have been a long time coming. Whether it is in your work, relationships, ministry or destiny journey, as He reminds you, pray that in this season, you will experience a level of closure and in some areas a complete closure to those issues.
- Read Rom 8:14-23 Pray that you will be part of the many matured sons of Jehovah who will be manifested in this season to liberate creation from its bondage in your family, workplace, Ecclesia and in your territory.
- Read Matt 14:23-29: This is the 4th and final quarter of 2017. It is the winter season in the northern hemisphere and summer season in the southern hemisphere. Jesus watched His disciples striving and getting overwhelmed by the elements out in the open sea, but during the 4th watch, He walked on the troubled waters to their rescue. Thank Jehovah that whatever situation seems to overwhelm you, at the appointed time, He simply walks over it and you too can, in faith walk over every situation that troubles

you and seems to overpower as long as your eyes remain firmly fixed on Him Who is on the waters with you. In this 4th season, pray that there will be that miraculous intervention from Him.

- Pray mentioning every situation that has become overwhelming to you at the individual level, at the family level, on the national level, shall find lasting solutions in this 4th season.
- Pray that Jehovah will cause you to step out and walk over it by faith. Pray for the wisdom, the faith and focus required to successfully skim over all overwhelming circumstances in your life, in the Ecclesia and for your nation and continent. Jehovah can skim over the economic and financial crisis hitting the nations, He can cause kingdom citizens to triumph and prosper in such times, He can walk over adverse climatic challenges that are threatening nations, over wars and unrest, and over every situation that seems to have few or no solutions.
- Pray that you will no longer delay or derail His purposes or bring Him displeasure by misusing the created things released to you. Pray this for the Ecclesia and your territory
- Read 1 Cor 15.10; This is the final season for Africa to be prepared to enter fully into her redemptive destiny as the 4th man in the relay of the nations¹. Africa must make up for any lost grounds. It means we must run faster, aim higher, and shoot further. It is her season. Pray for the necessary grace and strength to work harder than the rest and fulfill this calling.
- Many Africans and people of African extraction in the nations are so concerned for their personal salvation and prosperity or oppression from the enemy, that they are unaware of the importance of the times we are living in. Pray for Africa and people of African extraction especially kingdom citizens in the diaspora, to really understand the significance of this season and to key into it spiritually.
- Prophetically proclaim Isa 60 over Africa; Pray that in this final season the Holy Spirit will release a sense of urgency so that as many as shall be prompted, will begin to seek Jehovah, and to have their ears and eyes opened to see, perceive and understand the times; and respond to Jehovah's behest to arise, work and shine among the nations.
- Thank Jehovah for this season of completion. Pray that every area where there is incompleteness within every gate of society, whether it be family, in the government and leadership, in the education system, media or culture, that Jehovah will begin to release the wisdom to bring closure where it is needed, completeness where there is a lacking, stability where there have been shakings; so that only that which is permanent and eternal will remain.
- Read Matt 18.16,20, John 8.17, 2 Cor. 13.1 When Abram stopped asking for the deliverance of Sodom and Gomorrah, kingdom citizens interpret it to be a failing and that he should have continued asking for 5 righteous people or even one; however, in the Eastern cultures, the number 10 was the minimal governmental quorum that could legally make decisions and pass laws for any situation. Thank Jehovah that in Jesus where two or three are gathered in His name, we can make legislations on earth that heaven

¹ Further reading: *7 Fundamental Questions You Must Answer* ©2012 Abu Bako kindle version downloadable from Amazon or order for a copy by email.

will align to. Take advantage of your gatherings to make decrees that will transform your lives, families, workplaces, and territory at large.

- 12 is the number for divine government. Read Isa 19.1-3, 1 Cor 3.11; In this season of divine governance, Jehovah is visiting the foundations of the thrones of nations and these are the beginnings of a great shaking especially in Africa. Pray that the foundations of every throne which does not reflect the patterns of the kingdom i.e. righteousness and justice, whether they are already in place or are campaigning to be in place, shall receive a visitation of Jehovah. Every unjust and unrighteous foundation shall be shaken, broken, so that The Foundation which is Jesus, the ONLY foundation shall be laid in the nations of Africa.
- Read Ezek: 47.12, Rev. 22:1-2, The tree of life bears fruits every month and its leaves are for the healing of nations. Pray that you will receive the fruit of the tree of life for the 3rd, 9th and 12th month and enjoy every one of their benefits.
- In paradise, there will be no need for healing. The leaves for the healing of the nations are for our dispensation. Pray that the leaves that are needed for the portion of healing for this month in your territory shall be released. Where there is need for healing from individual illnesses, epidemics, and pandemics, age-old feuds, unresolved wounded-ness, bloodshed, loss of human or natural resources, in every gate of society, pray that the leaves for the healing of your life family and territory will be released.

IS THIS THE MONTH OF YOUR BIRTH?

- Thank Jehovah that you were made manifest on earth at such a prophetic season as this. Pray that every virtue that goes with the numbers 3, 9 and 12 will be your portion as you enter a new year of your life.
- Thank Jehovah for the new beginnings He is releasing you into as you begin a new year of your life. Pray that you will benefit from every virtue that goes with this jubilee season of your life.
- Read Psa 144:1, 18:39, Isa 62:10, 1 Cor 16:9 Pray that every gate or door ordained by Jehovah for you to possess on your birthday and the season ahead will be possessed - every strength you need from that day to accomplish Jehovah's will for this new year of your life, will be released and every lesson or discipline Jehovah wants you to endure will be learnt.
- Read Eph 2.10; Pray that every good work for which Jehovah has created you to fulfill, shall be fulfilled and you will not let anything fall to the ground, which was ordained for you to become and to do; and you will also receive every redemptive blessing that was prepared in advance for you
- Read Joel 2.24-25; Pray that every area of your life where there has been a delay or waste of time and every year that the cankerworm has consumed from your life shall be restored so that you will fulfill all your purpose and make up for lost seasons, opportunities etc.

THE SEASON OF KISLEV

EVENTS IN THE SEASON OF KISLEV – (From the book *Triumphing at the Gates of the Stars in Their Seasons* by Steve Ogan)

1.	Greeks set up the “abomination of desolation” in the Temple.	Pray that the release of the Redeemer’s triumphant Archer will restrain the practice of abominations.
2.	Ezra compels the Jews to put away their strange marriages. (Ezra 9:12).	Pray that men and women who have strange marriages will willingly bring restitution.
3.	The Flood rains ceased in Kislev (Genesis 6-8). The first rainbow, observed after the Flood was seen in Kislev.	The rainbow is the sign of the covenant between Jehovah and the earth. Pray that the nations will worship Jehovah as the only true God.

FESTIVALS OF THIS MONTH

CHANUKAH: FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

It will occur for 8 days from the evening of 12th December 2017 to evening of December 20, 2017 - 24th Kislev to 2nd Tevet 5778. This Hebrew festival is observed by the kindling of the lights of a unique candelabrum, the nine-branched Menorah or Hanukiah, one additional light on each night of the holiday, progressing to eight on the final night.

Nevertheless, in the light of Exodus 25:1,31-40, please note that the lamp-stand is seven-channeled (seven branches), not nine, even if some celebrations involve one such Menorah. This is tradition, not the word (a branch each for 'eight days the miracle lasted for' & one extra for lighting the others - making nine).

The typical Hanukkah Menorah consists of eight branches with an additional raised branch. The extra light is called a shamash (Hebrew; שמש, "attendant" or "sexton") and is given a distinct location, usually above or below the rest. It depicts a Messianic picture of Jesus the true light of the World who came as a servant, meekly serving and saving all.

- Read Joh 8.12 Pray that the Holy Spirit will brood over every activity during the 8 days of the festival. As He visits the observers of the season, may they receive a revelation of Jesus the Light of the World Who has already paid the price for their redemption and salvation?
- Read Deut 4.19-20, 2 King 17.16, Jer 7.15-19 According to Roman mythology Jupiter is the supreme god of the Roman pantheon, called Dies Pater, 'shining father'. He is a god of light and sky, and protector of the state of Rome. This month those who are in the New Age and occult exalt this god and draw light from him. This is a counterfeit. As you have read this is Hanukkah the Festival of Lights which was a foreshadow of Jesus the Light of the World. Pray that as the heavens declare the glory of Jehovah this season, those who are in darkness and do not understand that Jesus is the true Light will receive a revelation

of Him during this season. They will come to understand that rather than worshipping the elements in the heavens, they should worship the Maker of the Elements, Jehovah.

- Have you been involved in any kind of Eastern “exercise” especially Yoga which is growing in popularity even among Kingdom citizens? Do you realize you are performing a veiled act of sun and serpentine worship in the various poses and bodily expressions of that “exercise?” Ask the Holy Spirit to open your inner eyes so you can truly come to an understanding of worshipping the heavenly lights in this season; and that Jesus the true Light of the world will bring understanding of the areas of bondage you have inadvertently brought upon yourself.
- Read Psalm 84:11, Joh 8:12, 9:5, 12:46 Declare that all counterfeit Light-bearers will fade in the face of the Son of Righteousness Jesus, who is our Sun and Shield and Light of the World
- Read Matthew 5:1-18 Pray for the virtues in this scripture to manifest in your life and pray for kingdom citizens in this season that as many as seek Jehovah will receive a great revelation of what it means to become a light to the world around us.

GATES OF WINTER/ WINTER SOLSTICE

On December 21 the winter solstice occurs @16:28 UTC in the northern hemisphere. The South Pole of the earth will be tilted toward the Sun, which would have reached its southernmost position in the sky and will be directly over the Tropic of Capricorn at 23.44 degrees south latitude.

That will be the gates or first day of winter (winter solstice) season in the northern hemisphere and the first day of summer (summer solstice) or gates of summer in the southern hemisphere. It is the shortest day and longest night in the northern hemisphere and it will be the longest day and shortest night in the southern hemisphere.

During these key seasons when the sun is over the lay-lines (sometimes called boundary lines or survey lines, or measuring lines in Scripture or latitudes/longitudes in geography) of the earth, those in the kingdom of darkness will speak into the lay-lines of the earth i.e. the equator, prime meridian, tropics of Cancer and Capricorn and international dateline, and seek to manipulate the occurrences in the nations from those places.

Why? The voice of the day runs along these lay lines to go throughout the earth. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth and their utterances to the end of the world. This means that if a person wants to control what will happen in the earth they just need to understand at which points of the earth they need to make decrees.

- Read Job 38:4-5, Psalm 19:1-6, the threshold of this month, prophetically pray into the womb of the month and declare that the heavens including the sun, moon, and stars will declare only the praise and glory of Jehovah and ignore enchantments and prognostications from any other contrary voice.
- Command the earth and its lay-lines to hear and receive only instruction that gives praise to Jehovah and will render void and vomit out every sacrifice, libation, and utterance that is contrary to His purposes.

- Speak to the earth and remind it that the blood of Jesus flowed into it and His altar of Calvary was raised from the earth to redeem it from the bondage and curse of defilement from the activities of the kingdom of darkness.
- Speak to every lay line of the earth and command it to praise Jehovah as the sun is overhead the tropic of Capricorn. Command the day to obey only the voice of Jehovah and to declare only His glory.
- Pray into the womb of December 21, 2017, and sanitize the spiritual atmosphere over that day. Read out loud Psalm 17, 18, 46 calling on Jehovah our Fortress, and deliverer to shelter you, your family, the Ecclesia and so many in the territory who do not realize that He is their Refuge at such a time as this.
- Proclaim Proverbs 18:10 and call on the name of Jehovah to be a strong tower for your entire territory on that day.
- Declare Psalm 91; Speak the Scripture over every lay line, the Prime Meridian, the International Dateline, the equator, the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn and over all of Jehovah's people who are vulnerable to the attack of the enemy and the spirit of death in this season. Declare that the enemy will not get the price that he is asking on this day because Jesus is the Price which covers as the heavens declare. He has already destroyed the spirit of death and the enemy has no right over anyone. The blood of Jesus covers all.
- Read Ps 92:14-15 Jehovah never intended the winter season (Old age) of one's life to be dry, unfruitful and dreary. Jehovah pronounced it fruitful, fat and flourishing.
- Read 1 Tim 3:2c; 2 Tim 2:24c; Exo 35:34 If you are in the winter season of life, it is an exciting time to gather the youth in your field of specialization and pour into them all the experiences you have gathered. Pray for ability to mentor, teach and impart.

Winter is a cold season, a time to share with others those physical things which are needful to the body especially with those who are less privileged.

- Read Luk 3:11; Jam 2:15-16 Practically give away food, clothing, and money to those the spirit of Jehovah will lead you to give to, demonstrating your love for them as an act of thanksgiving to Jehovah for His love, care and provision throughout the Gregorian year.

FESTIVE SEASON

Whereas a large part of the world commemorates the birth of Jesus during the winter solstice in December, these dates are also rooted in ancient pagan celebration. There is need for revelation, wisdom, and understanding concerning how to deal with this season that is so deeply ingrained in the lifestyle of the Ecclesia and the world at large. Numerous Kingdom citizens join in these celebrations and choose this season to carry out charitable deeds and quite a lot of good is done. Jehovah has given different revelations to different people groups concerning the significance of such a season.

- Proclaim Psalm 18:23-24 over the festive season. Each day is Jehovah's day and not given to any other deity. Command the season to praise Jehovah and do only His bidding for you, your family, the Ecclesia and territory at large.

- As you are aware, Jehovah can turn any situation we hand over to Him for His own purpose and good. Where the enemy has chosen to pervert this season, hand it over to Jehovah and invite Him as King over the season. His purposes alone will come to pass and nothing that is self-seeking, humanistic or even demonic will find expression in these days. Speak into the womb of time and declare that those days shall bring forth Jehovah's redemptive purpose.
- Read Rom 14.5-12; After all, has been said and done, take all the revelations you have heard from people, pray that Jehovah will bring His own revelation to each individual Kingdom citizen starting with yourself, concerning His own purpose for this season.
- There is heightened spirituality among Kingdom citizens during the festive season. It is sad but true that more people attend fellowships, pray and pay greater attention to Jehovah during this season. As their hearts are open and receptive to Him, pray that He will reveal Himself in a special way, and bring the true revelation to the Ecclesia worldwide, on what He originally intended for these dates which the kingdom of darkness took up and used to dedicate to pagan rites.
- While the world and the Ecclesia at large continue to use this as a holiday season of rest, celebration, family reunion, traveling etc.; there is plenty of bloodshed through vehicular accidents, excesses in drinking, eating, expenditures, spiritual rededication, heightened sexually immoral activities and decadence at all levels, pray that Jehovah will cover the nations with the blood of Jesus.
- Read Heb 12.24; During this season, pray that wherever the enemy is calling for your blood, or that of anyone in your family, Ecclesia or the territory, the redemptive blood of Jesus which speaks better things than the blood of Abel, will answer on your behalf and stay the hand of destruction until all come to the knowledge of Jehovah's truth concerning such a time as this.

As the year comes to a close there are several festivals, end of year parties, giving of bonuses and gifts to employees, a number of which are veiled ritual ceremonies that give honor to various ungodly powers for seeing people, organizations and religious groups through the year. The blood of Jesus is the acceptable sacrifice. All other bloodshed and ritual drinking and eating, ritual giving of gifts and bonuses is demonic and releases ungodliness in the territory. Many kingdom citizens come under bondage through these "end of year parties" and bonuses/gifts. Thus, there is increased accidental death and bloodshed during this time of the year.

- This is not meant to release panic or cause you to avoid parties and gifts because it is only some which are ritualistic. However, it is to give you knowledge to pray and plead the blood of Jesus over all you receive and gatherings you attend; eating together is a covenantal action; therefore, ask for wisdom and heightened discernment in this season.
- Prophetically cover yourself, your family, organization and every event, with the blood of Jesus in this season.
- Pray for a release of angels from Jehovah to sabotage and derail any plans for ritual activities that are contrary to the purposes of Jehovah and will only serve to bring individuals and people groups under bondage. Pray that any such gatherings that may have a hidden agenda will be exposed and fail in their diabolic agenda.

- Break off all evil communication lines and gatherings of darkness that capitalize on the season to bring worship and dedications to their various demon-gods. Pray that angels of Jehovah are released to bring complete communication breakdown in those gatherings.
- Read Hos 2:12-13 Some gifts are snares and it's better to pray more over them than to ignore. During this season many organizations prepare bonuses and gift packs for their staff. Again, these are occasions that some of these organizations use to rededicate themselves and bind their workers to subservience as they give them bonuses and gifts that have been offered and dedicated to demon gods. If you are a recipient of such gifts, ensure that you pray over them, break every curse over your life, every stolen virtue, every curse off oppression at work and income attached to these gifts and cast out every demon that is attached to the gift. Always ask Jehovah how He would have you pray and utilize these gifts.
- Read Gen 4:10-12 The earth is defiled by any level of bloodshed. Speak to the earth to reject every blood shed or sacrifice, every libation, every ritual activity that does not glorify Jehovah the Creator of the times and seasons during this month. Sanctify all that you will eat or drink during these coming days in the various festivities that will take place.
- Hos 2.14; Pray that during this month, kingdom citizens will receive and utilize every opportunity given for sharing the love of Jesus to as many as come their way. Pray that your life, environment, and territory will be filled with the glory of Jehovah as the waters cover the sea.

PRAYING FOR THE NATIONS

Egypt

Militants detonated a bomb inside a crowded mosque in the Sinai Peninsula on Friday, November 24, 2017, and then sprayed gunfire on panicked worshipers as they fled, killing at least 305 people and wounding at least 128 others. Officials called it the deadliest terrorist attack in Egypt's modern history.

Iran

At least 452 people were killed, and thousands injured after a powerful earthquake struck near the border of Iran and Iraq late Sunday, November 12, 2017. The earthquake was the deadliest of the year and was felt as far away as Turkey and Pakistan. Around 100 of the dead are believed to be from one town in Iran's Kermanshah province.

Zimbabwe

Emmerson Mnangagwa was sworn in as Zimbabwe's president on Friday, November 24, 2017, officially ending Robert Mugabe's 37-year reign over the southern African country.

Please use these prayer points as you pray for the nations listed above:

- Pray for the victims- that Jehovah would comfort them, pray that family members will be reunited.
- Pray for healing and mercy - God is our comfort and strength Psalm 46:1, Psalm 57:1-2
- Pray for wisdom and safety for those responding to the people in need. Pray for the safety of the rescue workers.
- Pray for the Body of Christ in the nation. Pray that the Body of Christ will be a witness to God's compassion and care for all who suffer. God is inviting us to be His watchmen in prayer and find Him as our refuge in hard times.

NATIONAL DAYS

1. Finland 6 December (Independence Day of Finland, declaration of independence from Russia in 1917)
 2. Laos 2 December (People's Republic declared 1975)
 3. United Arab Emirates 2 December (Independence from the United Kingdom in 1971)
 4. Saba (Netherlands) 3 December Independence
 5. Thailand 5 December (birthday of King Bhumibol Adulyadej)
 6. Kenya 12 December (Independence Day, from the United Kingdom in 1963, and Republic Day (Jamhuri_Day), in 1964)
 7. Malta 13 December (Republic Day, republican constitution of 1974)
 8. Bahrain 16 December (Independence from the United Kingdom in 1971; accession day for Amir Sh. Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa in 1961)
 9. Bhutan 17 December (Ugyen Wangchuck elected hereditary king 1907)
 10. Central African Republic 1 December Independence Day
 11. Niger 18 December (Republic Day, autonomous state within the French Community 1958)
 12. Qatar, 18 December (Official National Day; the assumption of power of Sheikh Jassem bin Mohamed al-Thani in 1878)
 13. Macau 20 December (Transfer of sovereignty to the PRC in 1999)
 14. Nepal 28 December federal republic 2008, earlier the king's birthday)
- Speak a blessing over each of the above nations as they celebrate various national days especially in this season of divine governance. Prophecy Rev 11:15 over each of them that indeed the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Jehovah and of His Messiah and He shall reign over them forever.
 - To that end, pray for the Ecclesia in each of the above nations. Pray that Kingdom citizens in these nations will be strengthened and encouraged to pursue after the Jehovah and exercise their faith in the Jehovah more than their fear of men.

NATIONAL ELECTIONS

- 7 December: Nepal, Parliament (2nd phase)
- 17 December: Chile, President (2nd round)
- Liberia, President (2nd round) (by 31 December)

Please use these prayer points to pray for the nations that will be having Presidential elections.

1. Pray for evil in government and in the world to reveal itself to the point that it cannot be masked any longer.
 2. Pray that the Body will rise above its place of fear and hiding and will step into its place of increased intercession.
 3. Pray that the children of God will remember who they are and will take authority in the realm around them.
 4. Pray that what Jehovah have worked in His children will cause them to rise up in the fullness of who they are and who He has made them to be.
 5. He has done much in His Body in this past season. Pray that not one bit of that will fall to the ground as things begin to shake more violently.
 6. Pray that His children will keep their focus on Him and not on the world around them.
 7. Pray that His children will seek Him and not the media.
 8. Pray that His children will see through the lies around them and will not fall prey to the works of the enemy.
 9. The times are so strategic, and His people must step into place. There is not time for hesitation, but it is a time to stop and listen for His voice. It is a time to seek wisdom in everything. Pray for wisdom for His people.
 10. Pray that the path each child of Jehovah is to take will become clearer and clearer with each passing day.
 11. Pray for peaceful and fair elections in every one of the above nations.
 12. Pray that in this season the Jehovah will raise righteous and just leaders in every area of government and politics through the newly elected people.
 13. Pray that the Ecclesia will fully participate in these and future elections in each of the above nations.
- While men slept the enemy came and sowed tares. There are leaders who have many good policies and leadership capabilities. However, there are negative plantings in the form of a few ungodly policies, some negative character traits, or ungodly advisors or colleagues around them. Pray that every negative agenda that is not of Jehovah, in any form shall be exposed and uprooted at the right time, without disregarding what is good in the leadership.

PRAYING THRU THE HEAVENS

Believers are a royal priesthood unto Jehovah (1 Pet 2:9), we have also been made kings and priests unto our Jehovah (Rev 1:6; 5:10). The priest's lips should keep knowledge and the law should be sought at his mouth (Mal 2:7). Jehovah interprets our ignorance of various aspects of the kingdom as a rejection of knowledge with grievous consequences (Hos 4:6). Knowledge of the heavens and how to deal with them in every season is a very important aspect of the Kingdom of heaven.

- Gen 1:14-19, Ps 104:19, Psa 148:3 Command the heavens to declare the glory of Jehovah in this season and to ignore any other voice giving it instruction to do anything contrary to Jehovah's original ordination and purpose
- Read Job 38.33, Psa 121:5-6; 2 Tim 2:15 Pray first for yourself then for the Ecclesia that Jehovah will help each one to pursue knowledge of His Word, so they will not be victims to occult manipulations with regard to the heavens and their role on earth.

LUNAR MOVEMENTS

The **Last Quarter moon** will occur on 10 December 2017 @07:51UTC; and the First Quarter moon will occur on 26 December 2017 @09:20UTC.

- Command the moon in these phases to praise the Jehovah.
- As the moon is waxing, it grows with every instruction that has been given to it. And in its waning stage, it releases every seed that was planted in it at the crescent stage. Therefore, command the quarter moons to bring forth their best for you in this month.
- Those in the occult and in ancestral worship wait for these phases so that they can fortify themselves and draw strength for ungodly control over people and territories' destinies. Pray that in this month, the moon will not obey ungodly instructions but will hear only the voice of Jehovah and do what He commanded it to do.
- The moon in its D shape or mirror represents a bow. The enemy's agents will use these quarter moon to shoot arrows at those whom they want to gain an unfair advantage over. In this season pray that every arrow that is shot at kingdom citizens will not come near you. Proclaim Psalm 91 over the Ecclesia and every unsuspecting victim of such cosmic attacks.

The **New moon** will occur on 18 December 2017 @06:30UTC. The new moon is like a womb that is empty and waiting for the seed of instructions for how it respond over your world. During the new moon prophesy all the good things that the heavens should do concerning your life, the Ecclesia, the Jehovah's purposes in your territory. The moon waits for these instructions so that as it waxes, it grows the instructions to its fullest. At the full moon, it is time to begin to command the moon to release that which has been implanted in it through the words of the Jehovah in your mouth.

- Read Isa 51.16; This month, ask the Jehovah to put His words in your mouth so that you can plant the heavens and lay the foundations of the earth in every area of society
- Read Deut 33.13-15; Command the moon to yield forth its best for you as the month goes and as it waxes. Command it to release ever increasing benefits to you, to kingdom citizens and to your territory
- Read Psa 121.6; Command the new moon not to smite you by night. Pray this for kingdom citizens in this season.
- Read Deut. 33:13-14, Hos 2:19-22 Command the moon to speak to the earth so that the earth can yield for you the best for this season
- Read Psa 91.1-4; Pray that you will make this new month, a time of dwelling in the secret place of the Highest so you will build that intimacy with Jehovah for times to come
- Read Rev. 14:19-20 The new moon is the shape of a sickle and those in the kingdom of darkness use this as Hecate's sickle to harvest the gains of the ignorant. Pray that Jehovah's angel will use his sickle to reap them and cast them into the place of judgment.

The **Full moon** will occur on 3 December 2017 @ 15:47 UTC

This will be the year's one and only Super Moon. A Super Moon is a new or full moon which occurs with the moon at or near (within 90% of) its closest approach to Earth in a given orbit.

- Read 2 Cor 4:4; Isa 61:1-3 Pray that the fullness of the light of the glorious gospel of Jesus will shine on all men on earth as they hear the preaching, declarations, proclamations and the singing of Jehovah's Word throughout this month so they will be delivered from the god of this world
- Pray that the full moon will not smite you by night but will release its best and most precious fruit for you in this season
- Read John 8.12; Just as the light illuminating the full moon is a reflection from the sun, pray that you will reflect the light of Jesus fully in this season. Pray this for the Ecclesia in your territory.

SOLAR MOVEMENTS

From 29th November to 18 December 2017 the sun will move into the cluster of 134 stars in **SERPENS** and **OPHIUCHUS**. This represents the struggle with the enemy. In Scorpio we see merely the effort to wound the mighty Man Ophiuchus the healer in the heel; but in Ophiuchus, we see the effort of the serpent to **SEIZE THE CROWN**, which is situated immediately over the serpent's head, and to which he is looking up and reaching forth. The contest is for dominion.

Serpens – the Serpent; stars the serpent held; Gen 3.15 bruise the head; Psa 91.13 tread on the adder; the accursed, encompassing, the reptile

Ophiuchus – the serpent holder; fighting with Satan; the Desired, holding the serpent, his foot on the head of the scorpion Hag 2.7; enfolding, in the foot bruised, the wounded, contending, head of him who holds

It was the Devil, in the form of a serpent, that robbed the first man of his crown, but in vain he struggled to wrest it from the sure possession of the Second Man and the last Adam - Jesus. Not only does he fail in the attempt, but is himself utterly defeated and trodden under foot. Throughout His passions from the betrayal, the last Supper, to the intercession at Gethsemane, the false accusation and torture at the hands of Pilate's soldiers and the Via Dolorosa to the Cross and the resurrection, Jesus was contending with the enemy.

- Read John 1:12, Heb 2:9-18 It is a season to join the heavens and all of creation as they declare the glory of the Jehovah in His capacity as our Kinsman Redeemer, as our Savior and Deliverer, the First-fruit among many brethren, the Healer of the breach between man and Jehovah, the Son who has made all who believe to become sons of Jehovah.
- Proclaim Psalm 45 and 136 The Victor Jesus then rides forth victoriously on behalf of humility, righteousness, and truth. Take time to praise Jehovah Who is revealing His overcoming power in the heavens over this entire season. Praise Him who has not left Himself without a witness in the heavens.
- Proclaim Psa 103:1-3, Isa 53:5-6, 1 Pet 2.24. The heavens declare that our Healer has arisen. Do you have any infirmities? Join the heavens in declaring divine healing from the Healer Himself who destroyed the works of the evil serpent including infirmities.
- Read Col 1:15-20, Rev 4:11, 5:12-14. Praise Jesus that He triumphed over the enemy so completely and all the authority, all the power, all the dominion was given to Him. He is crowned with many crowns and rules all things in righteousness and justice.
- Read Matt 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-18. Pray that in this season Jehovah will reveal to you a glimpse of this authority and power that was released to you through Jesus to overcome in your generation even as the heavens declare.

From November 21, 2017, to 21 December 2017 as the sun makes its circuit through the heavens, it passes through a cluster of **69 stars** in the constellation called **SAGITTARIUS** symbolized by the archer. This represents the triumph of Jesus "The Coming One" who is represented as going forth "Conquering and

to conquer.” The Bible testifies that He wrested from the enemy the keys of Death and Hades. He led captivity captive and released from eternal bondage the entire universe.

- Praise Jehovah that the heavens continue to so accurately declare the times and seasons we are in. It is a season to celebrate the Light of the world, Jesus who has set us free from bondage for eternity. After the season of warfare and intensive struggle, there is coming a time of succor, of triumphing over the enemy.
- The year 2017 has been a powerful year, a season of great trials and stretching to many. Yet we can celebrate at the end of the year that indeed through it all the heavens give assurance of the victory that Jehovah has won over every rebellion, and usurping spirit. Prophecy that what the heavens are declaring concerning the season we are ending shall be made manifest in your life, in your family, the Ecclesia and the territory you live in.
- Thank Him that throughout this year He has revealed through the heavens, His will concerning the earth and all that is in it.
- Rev 19.11-14 Pray that Jesus, the Conqueror, will go forth and conquer every opposition to His rule on the continent at every level and rule as King over every territory this month and in the year 2018.
- Pray that Jehovah’s arrows as the Archer will pierce deep into the heart of every enemy of His purposes in every area of life and destiny in your territory and scatter their wicked plans.

The other three smaller group of stars called decans that form part of Sagittarius describe in detail, Praise to the conqueror.

LYRA (the Harp) represents praise prepared for the conqueror. Stars: Two natured Conqueror is going forth; Praise prepared for the conqueror; Rejoicing; Be glad, give honor, blessing and honor Rev 19.7, Rev 5.13.

- Proclaim Psa 148-150 The harp is a celestial instrument of worship. The heavens declare a season of increased worship and song ministration to the Jehovah. Take time ever so often to have long moments of adoration to the King of kings as you crown Him with many Crowns.
- Proclaim Ps 117; 68:32 Instruct all creation to praise Jehovah who has conquered the kingdom of darkness and forever obtained salvation for all creation.
- Read 2 Chron 20:1-30 During this month the theme of praise and worship is strong and the heavens do declare this truth. Have moments of praising Jehovah as Jehoshaphat and the Israelites did. As you praise Him over every circumstance, you lift His name and enthrone Him as the Conqueror. He will deploy help for you. Therefore, keep that PRAISING DISPOSITION

ARA (The Altar) represents consuming fire prepared for His enemies. It is written that “... whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast in the lake of fire” (Rev 20:12, 15). Stars; burning pyre; finishing; cursing; fire shall devour them; Psa 21.9

- Read Joel 2:1, Rev 20:11-15 These are the LAST days. The many calamities and disasters that befall nations are enough to warn any discerning kingdom citizen that indeed the time is short and we are in the

last days. Many times, in the midst of the vicissitudes of fortune and seasons, we lose focus of this truth. Most sermons we listen to are focused on making us very comfortable with the earth and with no preparation for that Great Day of Jehovah. The heavens remind us that there is a Day coming when your life will cease when the whole creation will stand before the Judgment seat of Jehovah. Will you be ready? Will your loved ones be ready? Pray that Jehovah will in this month of many festivities, bring back to your mind the REALITY of that Day and the desire to be PREPARED.

- Read Luke 12:5, Rev 20:10-15 There is a real hell prepared for the devil and his surrogate spirits. It was never prepared for man. The heavens declare the severity of punishment of the Jehovah's enemies. Pray that as many as you know who don't know the Jehovah today will have a real encounter with Him and receive an opportunity to accept His sacrifice (as the brazen serpent that was lifted up in the wilderness) for the redemption and healing of the nations; because when the grace is no longer there, the punishment for those who reject Jesus will be great.
- Read Prov 11:30b Pray for the Ecclesia to preach more about the second return of Jesus, not to redeem, but to judge. Pray that in the midst of all the festivities there will be sobriety with regard to the reality of this Savior and Redeemer, who will return as Judge over Creation.

DRACO (The Dragon) represents the old serpent or the devil cast down from heaven. Since the fall of Adam and Eve in the garden, the devil has caused untold harm to humanity. His purpose is to ensure that on the Day of Jehovah he will have as many people as possible condemned with him to the lake of fire. Hell was never created for men but for the dragon and his surrogate spirits. It will be much more harrowing should any man be cast out of Jehovah's presence on that Day.

- Pray for yourself. Do not be deceived, Jehovah cannot be mocked. What you sow is what you will reap. Examine yourself. Are you living a life which will be found worthy to enter into the Master's joy, or will you be cast into the outer darkness with the dragon? Ask Jehovah for a spirit of repentance and reflection over your life. Ask Him to help you walk in line with Him so that you will be found worthy to enter into His rest. Pray this for the Ecclesia in your territory.
- Read 1 Joh 3:8; Have you often been tormented or seen great suffering because of the works of the devil? There is a season when all of it will be over. The pain, the death, the destruction will come to an end both in your lifetime, and ultimately when the causer of all pain – the devil himself will be removed and all of creation will go back to its original order before sin entered the earth. Praise Jehovah for this hope and assurance that we have in His divine justice against all evil and unrighteousness.
- Read Num 6:23-26, Deut 28:1-13 and proclaim these blessings over your life and family for this coming month.

From December 21, 2017, to 19 January 2018 as the sun makes its circuit through the heavens, it will pass through cluster of **51 stars** in the constellation called **CAPRICORNUS** symbolized by the sea goat. This represents Jesus as the Goat of atonement slain for the Redeemed.

“GOD hath given it to you to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD” This is what is written for the goat of the sin-offering. (Lev 10:16-17) The purpose and its fulfillment was the reason Jesus came to the earth. (Heb 9:11-14). Jehovah demands in this season that we demonstrate our unconditional love for one another as true followers of Jesus.

- The heavens declare redemption and atonement of sin. During this season, take time to pray daily for at least 5-10 minutes for the lost who are unaware that Jesus already paid the price for their redemption from every bondage of the enemy and into a glorious life according to His purpose. Start with your family, those connected to you at work, school, in the community, church goers who are not saved etc.
- These are days of the harvest of souls. Jesus is asking that you pray for laborers (starting with yourself) to go out and bring in the harvest of souls in every age group. Pray for the ministry of evangelism to be revived not only in your life or your congregation but in the Ecclesia worldwide.
- Jesus lay down His life to become an atonement for all iniquity ever created. Pray that the Ecclesia including yourself will go back to this Great Commission to reconcile all creation back to Him who already paid the price (1Joh 3:16; Joh 15:12-13; 1 Thess 3:12).

The other three smaller group of stars called decans that form part of Capricornus describe the details of Jesus's death and resurrection.

SAGITTA (the arrow) represents the arrow of GOD (death) sent forth to His Son.

- Proclaim Isa 53:5 as a thank offering to Jehovah for the depth of His wisdom because the arrow of death sent forth to His son, struck Jesus for the sake of all creation. He was pierced for our transgression; bruised for our iniquity and by His stripes, we were healed. Thank Him for this wonderful sacrifice that continues to speak on our behalf through all eternity.
- Pray that during this month you will be an arrow of integrity in the hand of the Jehovah and as He releases you to your purposes in this month, you will land on target and you will strike deep in the heart of the enemy's camp.

AQUILLA (the eagle) represents the smitten one falling.

- 1 Cor 15:31 Joh 12:24 Jesus died for all. He requires us to carry our own Cross, and die daily to self and sin so that we may truly represent Him in our territories as glorious sons. Pray that in this season, you and kingdom citizens in your territory will receive understanding of this level of sacrifice so as to activate the same power that raised Jesus to operate in our lives; but it starts with dying to self (Heb. 2:9-10)

DELPHINUS (the Dolphin) representing the dead one rising again.

- Matt 22:31-32; 1 Joh 5:4; Isa 38:19; Neh. 12:46; Jehovah is GOD of the living. The resurrection of Jesus made the resurrection of the dead possible, it gave us victory that overcomes the world and it is only the living who shall give Jehovah praise and make known His truth; so, celebrate the resurrection with songs of praise and thanksgiving.
- Psa 37:24, Micah 7.7-10 Isa 53, The heavens declare that He rose again. Thank Him that His downfall resulted in our uprising. Thank Him that the righteous fall seven times but He will never remain down. You rise again toward the goal set before you just like He did.

- 1 Cor 15:50-51 Thank Jehovah that the heavens in this month remind us that those who have died in Jehovah do not perish but are translated to be with Him forever. Thank Him for this hope and that you will meet those loved ones again and rejoice forever with Jehovah.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM GAPNET PARTNERS

Thank you all for your prayers. We receive prayer requests from our GAPNET Partners every day. We put the general categories from those requests here and ask you to remember to pray for them during the month. Thank you.

- Please pray for good health for the members of the GAPNET family.
- Pray for financial provision for our ministry partners. Many of them are missionaries.
- Pray for strong Christian families.
- Pray for those who are struggling with addictions.
- Pray for safety for those who minister in places that are hostile to the gospel.
- Pray for the spouses and children of those who minister.
- Pray that the leaders of the nations have a Damascus experience.
- Pray for the children who have been disappointed and who see the church as hypocritical. Pray that they will have a personal relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for safety as we travel.
- Pray for successful completion of the kingdom projects in the nations.

PROPHECIES 2017

The prophecies continue to become fulfilled and new ones are released. Please pray through the various prophecies you received for 2017 and those of previous years. You will find these from our website.

PROCLAIM

YOU CROWN THE YEAR WITH YOUR BOUNTY, AND YOUR CARTS OVERFLOW WITH ABUNDANCE. THE GRASSLANDS OF THE WILDERNESS OVERFLOW; THE HILLS ARE CLOTHED WITH GLADNESS. THE MEADOWS ARE COVERED WITH FLOCKS AND THE VALLEYS ARE MANTLED WITH GRAIN; THEY SHOUT FOR JOY AND SING. PSALM 65:11-13

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