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INFORMATION ABOUT THE MONTH OF AUGUST

July 12, 2018 was the first of Av, 5778. August 11, 2018 is the 30th of Av, 5778. According to the Biblical Sacred calendar this is the fifth (5th) month, and according to the Biblical civil calendar, it is the twelfth (12th) month. According to the Gregorian calendar it remains the eighth (8th) month. This month was named after Augustus Caesar, one of the emperors of the Roman Empire. August 12, 2018 is the 1st Elul, 5778.

This month is termed “plumpness” In Gen. 17:12- the Hebrew meaning of ‘eight’ in this scripture is plumpness that represents ‘a surplus above the perfect seven’ meaning, that which is in excess, or over and above, or overflowing in every gate of society.

Figuratively, the eighth month symbolizes fatness, rich fat, lusty and plenteous. Therefore, the eighth month is a time of salvation, restoration, fruitfulness, abundance and plenty (Luke 1:23-37, 66; Acts 9:33-34; 1Pe.3:20.) The month of August is characterized by the ripening of the fruit of the date palm and summer figs.



AUGUST IN UGANDA

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 lehouah 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" (יהושע) means "Yehovah saves" and is derived from יהוה. This Hebrew name became "Jesus" 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 Massorets 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, Ezekiel 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 like those of 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 (1Kngs 6:1,37)
 - Ethanim the seventh month (1 Kings 8:2)
 - Bul the eighth month (1Kngs 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.

PROPHETIC WORD FOR AMERICA AND THE NATIONS - APOSTLE EMMANUEL KURE

On July 7, 2018 at the Conference of Throneroom Prophetic Prayer Ministry, North America, Apostle Emmanuel Kure addressed the conference via video. The theme of the conference was Raising Prayer Altars to Overcome Perilous Times. What follows are excerpts from this very important prophetic Word.

God gave me a message that I wish I was there physically to bring. This is a sensitive moment in history. There is something strategic God is speaking in this time. That strategic thing is found in Luke 10:18. This is the important thing that is happening in this moment.

As we read this scripture together, I release the finger of God to lift away the veil in your lives and to lift away the veil in America and by the finger of God I challenge the foundations of all in the land. I command them to begin to lift up their hold on North America in Jesus name.



I speak to foundations to begin to move because this is a year of movement. In this day God is going to visit you in your homes, in your houses and in your families. He is going to rewrite your story.

Luke 10:18-20 New King James Version (NKJV)

18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but [a]rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

Verse 18 says "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven." All over the world now the Holy Spirit is making Satan fall. America is not different. I saw a vision of Christ seated on His throne and angels going all around the world overthrowing the kingdom of darkness and taking back that which Satan had taken away.

There is a move of God to change foundations and landmarks and to rewrite the story of the earth and her people in this season. Israel is our example. This year Israel turned 70. I am going to bring America into the picture of God's program now so that you can have an understanding of what is happening. ...Where you are [in Orlando, Florida] is the seat of God to overthrow the kingdom of darkness. Orlando is in the program of God to checkmate hell. There are secret thrones of darkness in Orlando [and over Florida], deep ones that the church will need to attend to, address and overthrow. We need to find them where they are and begin to speak to them to lift away their gates, and to lift away their hold on America. I sense that the secret of the nation, especially for this next move of God, is in Florida. If we do the right things...we will be able to checkmate the work of Satan in North America.

Let me continue... Israel turned 70 this year. Seventy years ago in 1948 when Israel got her independence, the first nation that congratulated Israel was the United States of America. Seventy years after, the first nation that is proclaiming Jerusalem as the united, eternal capital of the present physical Israel is the same America. America was the first to recognize Israel as a nation. America was the first to proclaim the fulfillment of prophecy in this our time and age, over Jerusalem. Do you think it is a coincidence? ...This year 2018, [the eighth letter of the Hebrew alphabet is called "Chet"]. Chet is the number of life. That means that this is the year that God is giving life back to earth. He is giving life to all those that follow Him.

[Chet, is eight. ח'ח. According to Jewish tradition, Chet is the letter of life. Chayim- life and Chayah – living, both begin with Chet. The letter Chet can be seen to resemble a doorway where the blood of the Lamb was daubed during the first Passover.]

This is the year when God is visiting foundations and changing foundations that have derailed the program of the Messiah. This means that this is the year when God is attacking roots that have shifted from where He put them at creation. With Donald Trump, God is correcting the foundations of the earth and especially prophecy as it concerns Israel. The reason why God raised Donald Trump is to begin to shift foundations and change and redefine the story of the whole earth not just Israel and not just America.

America will never be the same again. The definition of trade and the economics of the earth [will never] be the same again. [Never] will the definition of politics be the same again. [Donald] Trump is a type of priesthood that is going to deviate from the normal so that the way might be made for the coming of the Messiah. He might not do it according to the principles of men but he is going to work according to the dictates of the Holy Spirit.

God is shaking all things again, everything. He is reshuffling the earth so that the earth can begin to take a new definition, a new meaning. The earth can begin to face a new direction and make way for the coming of the Son of God. Along with this are going to be the watchers. If you look at Daniel 4:23,

Daniel 4:23 New King James Version (NKJV)

23 “And inasmuch as the king saw a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven and saying, ‘Chop down the tree and destroy it, but leave its stump and roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze in the tender grass of the field; let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let him graze with the beasts of the field, till seven [a]times pass over him’;

God is cutting down ancient patterns that are standing in the way of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the season when God is reconnecting things. Things that were there before, from the ancient times that are not meant to fulfill prophecy are going to be removed in this season. God is raising an army that will help to move Satan out of the way. Every card the Devil has taken in your life, God is going to recover them back in order to graft you into the army that He is raising in this time. [An army] that will turn around things. This year is a Messianic year. It is a redemptive year. Everything God does is part of His redemptive program. Are you ready for the move of God in this season? I repeat, everything God does this year is redemptive. For you to be able to win and to prosper in this year, you must develop a redemptive attitude. [You should] try to redeem everything in your environment, in the city where you live. You must put on a redemptive garment and you must wear a redemptive oil, because the voice of the Spirit in this time is to redeem. It is to save, it is to set free, it is to open gates for the Messiah to find expression. If you are not part of that you are going to be very frustrated.

[PRAYER] Now Lord, in the name of Jesus, the landmarks that would not allow your children to prosper I rebuke them in Jesus name. Today I release the sound of the Spirit of God to begin to lift you up from your foundations and to change situations that have been destroyed by the kingdoms and the powers of hell and to resituate you in your place of prophecy where you can begin to find fulfillment in Jesus name.

Haggai 2:4-6

Haggai 2:4-6 New King James Version (NKJV)

4 Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,' says the Lord; 'and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land,' says the Lord, 'and work; for I am with you,' says the Lord of hosts. 5 'According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!'

6 "For thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land;

The Lord addresses Zerubbabel. God said that because of Zerubbabel He was going to shake the heaven and the earth.

[Prayer] I prophesy to you today that anything that would not allow you to enter into your redemptive purpose, I release the sound of that shaking into your life and into the practicality of your existence to shake them out and to begin to empower you.

It is time to move from where you are to the front. You must not remain where you are. Go to where the battle is and redeem the territories you are supposed to redeem. When you bring redemption God will set a throne for you and you will be able to rule in that place. That means look into the society. Whatever is going bad that is in your power to repair, go ahead and begin to repair it. Begin to challenge every evil you see in the wisdom of God and try to correct them. You must go back to your hiding place in the Lord and receive oil for the work that is ahead of you.

The Lord no longer wants the Church to play a back role, to stay in the background. The Lord wants the Church to lift its altar to the front and be part of history now. That means get involved in politics. Get involved in societal development. Anywhere decisions are being made concerning the future of your community, go to that place, join them. Be a part of those who will build the tomorrow of America. Do not stay in the background. That is what the Lord is saying. Begin to challenge any root that will not allow you to go forward and the Lord will release a watcher to cut off the foundation of that root and build a highway for you. This is the mystery of what the Holy Spirit is doing now.

The Church must not be silent. The Church must get involved. The Church must be in the forefront of the battle for change. Your voice must be heard in this season. The change army is being born now. There is a sound of revival coming and you will be the reason for the change that is coming.

[Prayer] My Father we have heard the summary of your Word. Whatever would not allow your children to prosper in this season, let your Holy Spirit find that seat of Satan and overthrow them in Jesus name. They that hear the sound of my voice in this season, bring liberty to their spirits. Bring liberty to their circumstances. Let a new change start.

God told me that America has three years. In these three years there is going to be a complete shift. Even if another government came they would not be able to change the effect of what would happen in these three years. The shaking of Haggai 2:6 has come upon America. [This is] where God swore that He would shake the Heaven and the earth. The foundations that are being changed by the actions of [Donald] Trump now cannot be reversed. It would be difficult to reverse them because it is of the Lord. The American attitude that God is going to make to shift because of this change will not be reversed. The effect right now may not feel good for many. But, I tell you it is the finger of God to change attitudes, the attitude of the blacks, the attitude of the whites, the attitude of the Hispanics, the Chinese, the Africans, the attitudes of all races. That is why everything that happens in America now shakes the whole world...God is changing attitudes, foundations. Can you work on your own attitude so that you might qualify for that which is to come? The new attitude that God is putting in to man is a redemptive attitude. You must become positive about redemption. You must begin to play a redemptive role. Only those with a Messianic spirit will prosper in this season. That means that if you cannot put on the Messianic garments you cannot prosper in this season.

Next year will be a continuation of this program. The year after next will be a continuation of God's redemptive purpose for the world, with or without [Donald] Trump.

Find those environments, those places, those cities in Florida that need to be prophesied on and speak the word of God for change over their lives and let us see what God does with that.

TEACHING – THE SPHERE OF FAMILY

We have read the prophetic word that came through Apostle Kure and it is a call to ACTION! We must begin NOW!

The women of the Global Prayer Line have prepared a workbook entitled *Taking Over the Spheres of the Society*. This workbook will be available as an e-book. Each month we will present sections of the workbook that deals with the sphere that we are considering.

We will be looking at the eight gates or spheres of the society, one sphere each month. We would like you to look at the situation in your nation as it relates to each sphere. We will be looking at what the Bible says should be the situation in that sphere. Then we will present suggested prayer points. We encourage you to take these cases before the Court of Heaven and see what the Lord will do. **WHATEVER GOD TELLS YOU TO DO GO AND DO IT! IT IS ACTION TIME!**

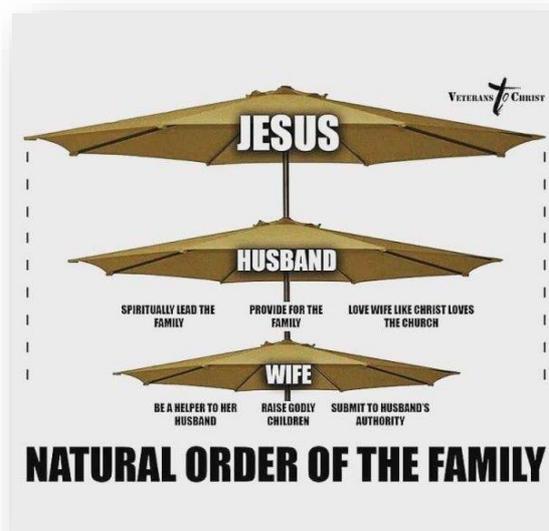
Introduction

The scripture teaches us that God created the world and all that is in it for His own glory. This was because God desired to share His life with others and to have fellowship with them. The creation of all things in the world demonstrates His glory, His love, grace, mercy, wisdom, power, goodness. Who are the others with whom God would share his life? The answer is man. Because he is God he created man starting with Adam who he created in his image (Genesis 1:26) to have fellowship with him. He went further in that same verse to say that he gave man dominion over everything that he created. He went even further and created the female with the mindset to complete his plan to establish his family. From Adam’s rib, God created Eve and instructed them to be fruitful and multiply. In this way, God established the first family with whom God would have fellowship.

Satan came along and attacked the first family by tempting Eve to disobey God in the beautiful garden that was their home. Because of fleshly desires of man, Satan was successful and since then he has been on a mission to steal the glory from God. Sin was now introduced to the world and it resulted in Adam and Eve losing their fellowship with the Father. We now have the first attack on the family and the attacks have continued through today. We are thankful that it is that same grace, mercy, and love that caused God to create man that then caused him to send his son Jesus to die on the cross to save man. That death redeemed us from sin that was first introduced to the world by Adam and Eve.

The family is not an institution designed by man. It was created by God and it would benefit man if we followed God’s model. Man was given stewardship over everything God created. It has been said that a family could survive without a nation, but that a nation could not survive without the family. God established the family by bringing a man and a woman together in marriage. From this union, God brought in children and grandchildren. That is His order. We are purposing in our hearts through this workbook to bring back that order to the eight spheres of society.

God is the head through Jesus Christ



The sphere of family is the foundation of society and therefore it impacts each of the remaining gates. Every individual came into this world through a family and, if this family foundation of society is built on God's foundation the rest of the family structure will be sound and so will all of the other spheres of society. The home is the primary and most vital factor in a child's development into a mature and stable member of society. The family is the basic building block or unit of society, thus the stability of the community depends on the stability of the families that comprise it. There is no formal school for establishing a family God's way; however God in his mercies provided something superior. It is called the Word of God. All of God's principles are recorded in this handbook for life called the Bible. If we abide by his word and make him the center of the family sphere, the foundation will be unshakeable and breakable. Now we understand why the enemy has made the family and its foundation the target of his attacks.

The Bible instructs that in the last days that attacks on the family will escalate. The Bible further reveals that one of the signs of the end times will be a lack of respect for one's parents. We read in 2 Timothy 3, "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy" verses 1-2. We have lost sight of God's commandment to "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you" (Exodus 20:12). The commandment is to honor your father and mother-not honor your father and father, or your mother and mother, or your mother and her live-in lover or partner. We tamper with God's order at our own peril. God loves the family. He established the marriage of a man and woman as a physical representation of His love for the church and the church's love for Him. God in effect says, "You want to know how much I love my people? Look at the way that a Christian man loves his wife. You want to know how much My people love Me? Look at the way a Christian woman loves her husband. This is my model. Whatever God loves the enemy hates. It should come as no surprise that the devil would try to undermine the family.

The challenge is that starting with the evil one's encounter with Eve in the Garden of Eden, that same demonic strategy to destroy society referred to in the introduction is at work throughout the world. Christians blame materialism, our hectic lifestyle as the culprit eroding the healthy God principled, God-focused family. We Christians are guilty and so we should not shift the blame elsewhere. An amazing 90% of Americans have a Bible in their home but very few ever open it, according to Billy Hallowell's report of April 27th, 2017. This has the same outcome as banning the Bible which is a policy that the enemy has instituted in many countries where there is no freedom of religion.

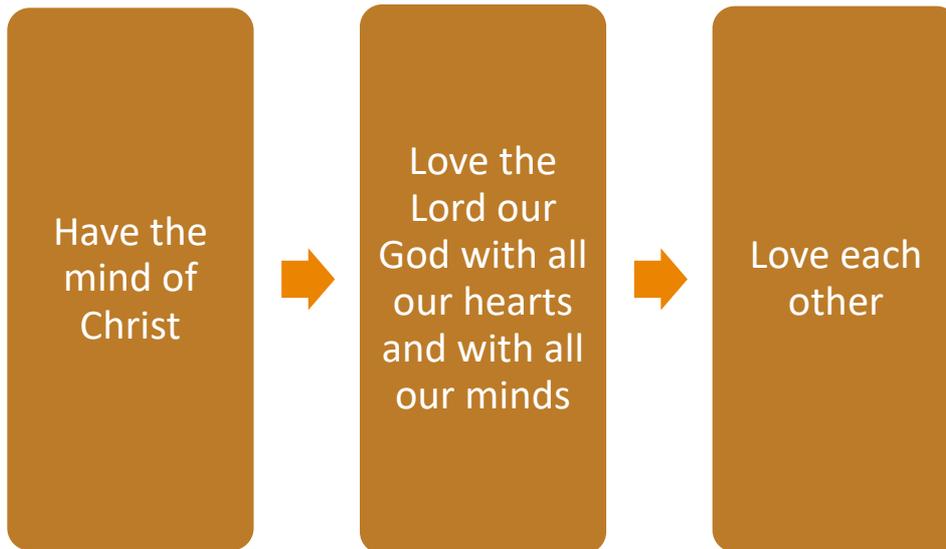
Building Blocks of a Godly Family Foundation

Let us look at the building blocks that are used to establish and maintain a Godly family foundation. If a building is constructed of solid pieces, no rotted or warped wood, no rusty metal, no inferior materials and if it is erected on a solid foundation, the result is a structure with integrity. The Bible uses the building metaphor in 1 Peter 2:1-5 *"Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious. Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and*

precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” If the family foundation is weak, the family members will crumble or crack easily and the whole family will be endangered.

The first principle and requirement for a strong foundation for the family structure is that the members must have a true relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

The following chart depicts the bedrock of a family under God:



What is a biblically driven family?

A biblically-driven family is a family where

- The members of the family are Believers in Jesus Christ.
- Members always have God as the centerpiece and foundation of their lives.
- Members spend time together as a family; this gives the family the opportunity to understand each other and their needs.
- Members take God's word as a wonderful and precious gift. What a wonderful way to spend time together as a family!
- Members study the Bible together as a family and hopefully get a deeper and better understanding of God's Word.
- Members take time to pray together because the family that prays together stays together. Praying together as a family also strengthens the family bond and builds trust among members . it also unifies the family.
- Members trust one another. If a family member cannot trust other family members, how can the family be there to help each other in a time of need?
- The family unit is a support system. Family members are there for each other in the good times and the bad times, supporting one another.
- Members love one another because in Matthew 19:19 the Bible instructs us: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
- Members engage in constructive forms of communication.
- Members always express sincere appreciation.
- Members resolve conflicts constructively and promptly.

Christians have a solid set of values against which they can measure their lifestyle. In a Christian home each member should be wise. They know how to act in any situation. Because of guidance and training in the home, children learn how to react to the temptations: they have understanding.

The attitude of each member toward life assures success. At the end of His great Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, *"Therefore, whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock"* (Matthew 7:24-25). Those who are nurtured and grounded in the Christian values from childhood to maturity have attitudes, habits, and behavior patterns that make them successful when they relate to others, earn a living, and they are victorious in all aspects of life.

In an article on the characteristics of a healthy family Charles Swindoll described the family in this way <http://www.lifeway.com/Article/8-characteristics-of-healthy-families> . “The family is where you put down your first roots, where you form your most lasting impressions, where you put together the building blocks of your character, and where you determine whether you will view life through the eyes of prejudice or acceptance. Family is where you learn to laugh and where you are allowed to weep without losing respect. Family is where you learn how to share, how to relate, and how to treat other people. Family is where you learn how to interpret your surroundings correctly. It is where you discover how to draw the line between right and wrong, between good and evil. Dysfunctional families blur that line, and boundaries become unclear. Solid, secure families have a clear view of the difference so that its members have little ethical confusion. Moral dilemmas will challenge you, but if you come from a healthy family, you are seldom unclear about what is right or wrong.”

Here are eight characteristics that he attributed to a healthy family. He said that having studied the work of a number of respected sources, he was able to put together this list. It is a composite of characteristics that consistently appear on the lists of those who have spent half of their lives working in the trenches with families - counselors, psychologists, psychiatrists, researchers, and authors. It is not an exhaustive list, but it includes the most significant traits of a healthy household common to the cross section of experts that he had studied.

- 1) The members of the household are committed to one another. The family, therefore, is a unit with members dedicated to living their lives in support of one another with unquestioned loyalty.
- 2) A healthy family spends time together. A wholesome, healthy family believes that time together cannot have quality without sufficient quantity.
- 3) A healthy family enjoys open, frequent communication. No question is inappropriate, no opinion is disrespected, and no subject is considered off limits. Important, life-determining subjects are naturally intermingled with the mundane.
- 4) The healthy family turns inward during times of crisis. Members of wholesome, healthy families work through difficulties together. A crisis brings them closer because they look within the family for strength rather than looking to something outside.
- 5) Members of a healthy family express affirmation and encouragement often. "Good job!" "I admire you for that!" "You mean a lot to me!" Notice that affirmation and encouragement are different. You affirm who people are, while you encourage what people do. Both are necessary to help others discover who they are and what they do well, which builds a strong sense of personal security. You are not born with a well-defined sense of self; you discover yourself through the influence of those important to you.

- 6) The members of a healthy family share a spiritual commitment. The family members are bound in unity by their shared relationship with God, and they learn to nurture it as a result of mutual encouragement.
- 7) Each person in a healthy household trusts the others and values the trust he has earned. This trust is built upon mutual respect and a dedication to truth.
- 8) The members of a healthy family enjoy freedom and grace. Each has the freedom to try new things, think different thoughts, and embrace values and perspectives that may be new to the family, and even challenge old ways of doing things. All of this is built upon grace. Everyone has the freedom to fail, to be wrong, and to have faults and weaknesses without fear of rejection or condemnation. In a grace-based environment, failure is kept in perspective so that members of the family have enough confidence to recover, grow, and achieve.

The Answer to taking back the Sphere of Family is in the Word of God

Conclusion - Hope

The family sphere under God enjoys one of life's greatest commodities – hope. This is the hope of sharing eternal life in heaven with the Lord. Hope is ¹⁹ *We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,* ²⁰ *where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.* ” (Hebrews 6:19 -20 NIV).

Colossians 1:27 ²⁷ *To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

A true Christian family is an inexplicable mystery to many people because Jesus Christ is a mystery. Those who do not know the Lord Jesus Christ will not and cannot be expected to understand what a true Christian family is. A. W. Tozer got to the heart of this mystery when he wrote that Christians are crazy in Roots of Righteousness:

"A real Christian is an odd number anyway. He feels supreme love for One whom he has never seen, talks familiarly every day to Someone he cannot see, expects to go to heaven on the virtue of Another, empties himself in order to be full, admits he is wrong so he can be declared right, goes down in order to get up, is strong when he is weakest, richest when he is poorest, and happiest when he feels worst. He dies so he can live, forsakes in order to have, gives away so he can keep, sees the invisible, hears the inaudible, and knows that which passes knowledge."

A family based on biblical principles is meant to be different. We are in this world but not of this world and as we take back the sphere of family for God we do it through the hope of Christ who lives in each family member.

How Do We Take Back The Sphere of Family?

At the Personal Level

Share the idea of taking back the family sphere for the Kingdom of God with the head of the family, with your church and with your government leaders starting at the local level.

- Share with the family Alice Bailey's 10 Point Charter. You can find it at <https://www.tapatalk.com/groups/theindustry/the-10-point-plan-by-alice-bailey-the-new-world-or-t2649.html>. The purpose of Alice Bailey's strategy is to change Christian tradition. The family needs to be informed of the plans of the enemy. The bible says that we perish for lack of knowledge.
- Spend personal time with the Lord asking him for your personal strategy. We must always remember that our personal time with the Lord is key and should not be replaced by the family devotion. Both must happen.
- Personally, establish the atmosphere conducive to bible study and prayer in your home. Prayer time must not be limited to prayer when there is a crisis. There must be prayers of thanksgiving and praise and honor to our Heavenly Father.
- Introduce a prayer log that we can remember the prayer requests and capture all the prayers that have been answered so that the testimonials will be given to the glory of God.

Family Level

- Parents will make it a part of the family goal to pray together, have daily devotions, eat together, play together and in general do things together as a family unit.
- Agree on a regular schedule to for bible study and prayer and be faithful to it.
- Pray for the family needs but also pray for other needs outside of the family and most important pray for unsaved souls and the underprivileged.
- Make appointments with each other for lunch, dinner, a fun activity so that relationships will remain strong and grow stronger.
- Encourage and support the Father as he leads the family spiritually.

- Support each other with love and financially if needed.
- As a family, eat healthy and stay fit so that the family will be blessed with wellness.
- When there is misunderstanding in the family bring in to the family altar and resolve it in love with God's direction.

Assembly Level

- Meet with the head of your church and request that you make a presentation to the Board, Sunday School teachers and to Ministry leaders.
- Follow up with the Head of your church, Board, Ministry Leaders, Sunday School Teachers and present them with the workbook and schedule time to meet with the leaders to implement a plan to take back the sphere of the family.
- Share the grim statistics that show how the sphere of society is attacked at every level so that they can implement steps to protect the family. Assist with implementation of plans to protect and strengthen the family. For example, the Body of Christ can review their counseling material and make amendments that will include information on how society is slowly breaking down the society sphere so that they are informed and will not be deceived.
- Recommend the establishment of a school academy in the church and build in to the curriculum how to take back the gates of society for the Kingdom.
- Make the family and teachings about what the attributes of a strong Godly family are a focus for overall teachings in the church whether it is from the pulpit, Sunday school, the church school or various ministries.
- Become engaged with other churches and introduce the above concepts.
- Recruit others who would be passionate about the idea of taking back the gates of society for the Kingdom of God.

National Level

- Identify your political leaders and arrange to meet with them to start a dialog on the subject. Highlight that the urgency and the key to the survival of the nation and indeed the world is dependent on each sphere of society functioning under God's principles.
- Introduce to your government the goals of a family policy that is in line with the Bible and describe three objectives below that are appropriate for government.

- 1) Governments can provide the opportunities families require if they are to provide care and support for their members.
- 2) Governments can increase the motivation for shared family activity and cooperation.
- 3) Governments can provide support for families to increase the stability of family relationships and provide care for those in need.

- Request that Governments require a Family Impact Assessment of all legislative proposals.

Recruit and encourage Christians who understand the need to take back the family sphere for the Kingdom to run for office

Prayer Points (Decrees & Declarations) For The Sphere Of Family

Decrees & Declarations/Prophecies for the Sphere of Family: re - Dysfunction & Immorality

- 1) Dear Father we decree and declare that our families will function the way you designed them to function.
- 2) We declare that the family structure will comprise of one man and one woman in marriage.
- 3) We declare that Fathers will be the spiritual leaders in the homes.
- 4) We declare that divorce will not be in the family.
- 5) We declare that the family will serve the Lord.
- 6) We declare that every negative voice that is speaking over our families are blotted out.
- 7) We declare that every negative word or prophecy that was spoken over our family is erased.
- 8) We decree that in every nation families will declare you as Lord and that praying as a family, eating as a family will become the order of the day.
- 9) We prophecy the Deuteronomy 28 blessings over the family sphere.

Helpful Resources for The Sphere Of The Family

Article "Why Marriage is (and isn't) the Point" by Dale Kuehne

Article "A gift of God: Biblical Reflections on Marriage" by David and Heather Jackman.

Article "Time Poverty is Destroying Family Life" by John Alexander

Article "Biblical Building Blocks for Strong Families" by Michael Schluter

Article "Redefining Marriage: the Case for Caution" by Julian Rivers

Manual "Developing the Biblical Foundation for a Godly Family Growing Godly Families Series Manual 1"

<http://www.aibi.org/ggfs/ggfs1.pdf>

Book, "Praying through the Gates of Time" by Abu Bako

Book, "Establishing God's Altars Everywhere" by Abu Bako

"The Facts on Fatherlessness" prepared by Bill Muhlenberg Revised, May 2013

<http://www.dads4kids.org.au/resources/FACTS-ON-FATHERLESSNESS.pdf>

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, they 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 THROUGH THE MONTH of AUGUST

- Read Psalm 24:7-10; Declare Jesus as LORD over the month. Command the lunar and solar gates of the month to be lifted up unto the Jehovah Sabaot and let Him enter the gates of the month so that every moment of this month will be a Kairos moment for you and for kingdom citizens.
- Proclaim Rev 22.2 over the gates of this month: Praise Jehovah for the promise of abundant life, for fruitfulness in every Jehovah-ordained endeavor during this month that symbolizes these virtues. Pray that the fruit for the 5th, 8th and 12th months from the tree of life that was assigned for this month will be released in your life, the Ecclesia and in your territory.
- Read Lam 3.22-24, Psalm 85: The number 8 symbolizes restoration, new beginnings or foundations; thus it is a season of laying of new foundations and new beginnings; new opportunities. Praise the LORD for the opportunity of new beginnings and restoration of that which has been lost in every

aspect of your life and that of kingdom citizens everywhere. Present your spiritual life, the work of your hands, your talents and giftings, your redemptive destiny and purpose, your relationships, and ask for renewal, restoration, revival through the mercies of the LORD

- Proclaim Psa 67 and Hebrew 13.15-16; Pray that in this season you will have a praising disposition. It is praise and rejoicing in Him that releases a fruitfulness and harvest in your life. Prepare yourself to praise the LORD much this coming days IN ALL THINGS. Pray this for Kingdom citizens everywhere.
- Proclaim Isa 60-61 over your life, Israel and the Ecclesia. Pray that all the virtues of the Jubilee season will be your portion. If you have missed on praying thru them, then maximize the blessing in this month including:
 - Restoration of inheritance, virtues, fragmented soul, years the cankerworm and palmerworm has eaten, youth and vigor to serve Jehovah.
 - reconciliation of age old feuds from individual to territorial level
 - Restitution of all things that were taken away by the leaders, colonial powers, powerful individuals,
 - Rebuilding of the land, infrastructure, the people of the land
 - Returning of citizens who were refugees, political asylum seekers, illegal immigrants, return to the rightful place of inheritance and to rebuild the family, Ecclesia, government, economy etc.
 - National repentance by the Ecclesia and at individual level too
 - Revenge of Jehovah to whom vengeance is due, favor of JEHOVAH over the nation, and to those whom favor is due.
 - Release of natural resources which are locked up in the land, the waters and heavens over the land, for the benefit of all especially kingdom citizens and for building of the Kingdom on earth as in heaven
 - Rejoicing among the people for the new beginning which has been accorded. (Lev 25; Jer 22:29-30; Acts 3:21; Col 4:3) (For more detailed info order book *Enter Your Jubilee* ©2009 Abu Bako)

IS THIS THE MONTH OF YOUR BIRTH?

You may pray these on the weekday of your birth every week of the year.

- Thank Him for your specific day of birth. Declare that day blessed.
- Thank Him that He ordained that you will be made manifest on earth on a specific day in that month at a specific hour and minute.
- Thank Him that He has a purpose for your life and it will be fulfilled.
- Ask Jehovah to forgive you where you have for one reason or another, ignored or rejected to recognize your day of birth.
- Thank Jehovah for the day of your conception. (Psa 139:13)
- Thank Jehovah that when He thought of you, he already thought of your entire life. Thank Him that He did not leave anything to chance. (Isa 49:1)



- Thank Him that he knew exactly what your redemptive purpose was going to be. (Psa 139:16)
- Pray that He will reveal the original you more and more as you enter another year of your life. (Psa 139:13-15)
- Pray that He will restore the heavenly label, and the heavenly name He gave you before you were conceived. (Jer 1:5).

Speak into the foundations of your life and prophesy good things.

- Prophecy that you will live and not die prematurely in any area of your life. Your family will live, the work of your hand will live and grow from strength to strength Deut 33:6, Psa 27:L13, 118:17
- Prophecy and proclaim the blessing of Levi upon your life as a priest unto Jehovah (2 Pet 2:9, Deut 33:8-11)
- Prophecy and proclaim the blessing of Benjamin upon your life Deut 33:12
- Prophecy the blessing of the wisdom of Issachar in every area of life. Wisdom to establish the work of your hands, your family, as you grow a year older 1Chron 12:32, Deut 33:18b-19, Pro 24:3-4
- Prophecy the blessing of Dan concerning your role as a leader. Prophecy over your inheritance that Jehovah will indeed ensure you leave an inheritance for your descendants. Deut 33:20-21, Psa 16:5-6.
- Prophecy the blessing of Joseph. Speak to the earth and declare that the earth will bring forth its best for you in this year. Prophecy to the heavens to declare the glory of Jehovah over your life every day of this year. Deut 33:13-17, Lev 26:4-5, Hos 2:21-22, Psalm 19:1-2, Isa 55:12
- Prophecy that you will grow in your spirit man into a matured son so you can receive your inheritance. Wherever you go in this year, creation will experience release from frustration. Rom 8:19-20, Gal 4:1-2
- Praise Jehovah that your birthday marks the entry into another season of Jubilee. Thank Jehovah that immediately you were born, you cried out prophetically blowing your own jubilee cornet, and prophetically rejoiced in yourself. Ask Him to give you joy no matter your circumstance, to rejoice on this day

FESTIVALS DURING THIS MONTH

August 22, 2018 Eid Al Adha

Eid al Adha (Eid-ul-Azha), also called the “Festival of Sacrifice” is an Islamic holiday. This year will be celebrated from the evening of Monday, August 20, 2018 to the evening of Tuesday, 21st of August 2018. This is the tentative date as the actual date is contingent on the sighting of the moon of **Dhul Hijjah**.

Every year on the **10th of Dhul Hijjah**, Muslims all over the world celebrate **Eid ul Azha**. On this day, Muslims slaughter a lamb, sheep, goat or a camel to honor the sacrifice of Ibrahim. A sense of generosity and gratitude colors this festival.

This festival is meant to make a Muslim more virtuous in his or her deeds. It should not be meant only to offer sacrifices; rather it is meant to learn hidden lessons of freedom from selfish desires and to elevate a Muslim from anything that hinders his ability to fulfill his responsibilities as a Muslim. Allah says in the Quran: **“Their meat will not reach Allah, nor will their blood, but what reaches Him is piety from you. Thus have We subjected them to you that you may glorify Allah for that [to] which He has guided you; and give good tidings to the doers of good.” (Quran 22:37)**

The first 10 days preceding Eid al Azha have great significance as they are meant to motivate and encourage Muslims for **Eid**. A Muslim must do maximum Ibadat (service) in these days and then as an expression of reward, one celebrates Eid al Adha.

August 26, 2018 Raksha Bandan

Raksha Bandhan is considered to be one of the most important Hindu festivals.

A brother is supposed to be a stronger counterpart to his sister. When it comes to protection, the sister freely finds a safe refuge with her brother. This unique bond between a brother and a sister calls for the celebration of Raksha Bandhan.

Rakhi is an awaited festival that is expected to bring more spark in the relation between brother and sister. Relationships have always been the essence of any festivity. And, Raksha Bandhan brings along a similar carnival.

A festive celebration brings the family together and initiates a feeling of togetherness. Raksha Bandhan is one such festival. Raksha Bandhan brings the belonging of brotherhood between a brother and his sister.

On the day of the Rakhi festival, also called Raksha Bandhan, sisters tie Rakhi on the wrists of their brothers and pray for their well-being. In response, the brother pledges to protect his sister from troublesome situations and be by her side. The brother also gifts his sister in a merriment approach on Raksha Bandhan.

Raksha Bandhan, rituals are also performed. The rituals of the Rakshabandhan take place on Shravana Purnima, also known as Rakhi Purnima. The family members take bath early in the morning and get ready as the customs proceed. This process purifies the soul and the body.

The Rakhi Thali embodies all the elements required in the ritual. Sisters prepare the Rakhi Thali that consists of Roli, Tilak, Rakhi, grains, rice, incense sticks and sweets. The Rakhi Thali is used to perform Aarti for the brothers on Raksha Bandhan.

After performing the rituals for the family, sisters put Tilak on the brother's' forehead and perform Aarti proceedings. The rituals and proceedings take place amidst the mantra chanting.

On these days pray for those who are trapped in these false religions.



THE SEASON OF AV

This year the month of Av 5778 began on July 13, 2018 and ends on August 11, 2018.

EVENTS IN THE SEASON OF SIVAN – (From the book, “Triumphing at the Gates of the Stars in Their Seasons” by Steve Ogan)

| | Events in the Season of Sivan | Implications for prayer and Practical Action |
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| 1 | De-robing and death of Aaron the High Priest. | Pray that members of the royal priesthood will not be disgraced out of office or die before their time. |
| 2 | Destruction of the first and second Temples in Jerusalem. | Pray that the temple of the human body will not be destroyed because of sin. |
| 3 | Disengagement of Israel from Gaza because of international pressure. | Pray that the leaders of Israel will not yield to global pressure to give up land given to them by God, especially, East Jerusalem. |

PRAYING FOR NATIONS

SYRIA

At least 270,000 people have fled their homes in south-western Syria since the military launched an assault on rebel-held areas in June, the UN says.

Many of those displaced by the fighting in Deraa and Quneitra provinces have headed towards the borders with Jordan and the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights.

But neither country has said it will allow an influx of refugees, sparking fears of a humanitarian crisis.

Government forces have been advancing with the help of Russian air strikes.

More than 130 civilians have been killed since hostilities escalated, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a UK-based monitoring group.

SOUTH SUDAN

South Sudan's parliament has voted to extend President Salva Kiir's term in office until 2021 amid failure to hold elections this year.

Mr Kiir has been in power since South Sudan's independence in 2011 and elections in 2015 were also postponed.

In June Mr Kiir signed a deal with his rival Riek Machar in which both agreed to a permanent ceasefire.

The agreement was supposed to be followed by further negotiations and the setting up of a power-sharing government - with Mr Machar reappointed as a vice-president and other opposition politicians also taking up positions in an expanded cabinet.

Mr Kiir's critics accuse him of being an authoritarian ruler clinging to power. He denies the allegation.

The civil war was began in 2013 because of rivalry between Mr Kiir and this then-deputy Mr Machar, who had ambitions to succeed him.

There are over 1,000,000 South Sudanese refugees currently in Uganda.

ETHIOPIA

Months of clashes over land in southern Ethiopia have forced more than 800,000 people from their homes, the International Red Cross (ICRC) says.

There is a rapidly swelling humanitarian crisis in Gedeo and West Guji, where the displaced are sleeping on the floors of crowded schools, office buildings and churches and food and water are scarce, the ICRC added.

Last year hundreds of thousands of people were displaced during clashes between ethnic Oromos and Somalis.

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) Switzerland 1 August (Alliance against the Holy Roman Empire in 1291, between Uri, Schwyz and Unterwalden)
 - 2) Cook Islands 4 August (Self-government in free association with New Zealand in 1965)
 - 3) Bolivia 6 August (Proclamation of Republic (independent from Spain) in 1825)
 - 4) Singapore 9 August (National day parade, separation from Malaysia in 1965)
 - 5) Ecuador 10 August (Proclamation of independence from Spain in 1809)
 - 6) Pakistan 14 August (Independence Day, independence from the United Kingdom in 1947)
 - 7) India 15 August, (Independence Day, India gaining independence from the British Empire 1947),
 - 8) Liechtenstein 15 August (The Hereditary Prince becomes Regent in 2004)
 - 9) South Korea 15 August (both the liberation from Japanese rule in 1945 (Gwangbokjeol) and the declaration of the South Korean state in 1948)
 - 10) Dominican Republic 16 August (independence from Spain in 1865)
 - 11) Indonesia 17 August (Proclamation of Independence Day (*Hari Proklamasi Kemerdekaan R.I.*) from Japan in 1945)
 - 12) Hungary 20 August (St. Stephen's day, Hungary is established as a Christian kingdom by Stephen 1 of Hungary),
 - 13) Ukraine 24 August (Independence from the Soviet Union in 1991)
 - 14) Uruguay 25 August (Día de la Independencia) Declaration of independence from Brazil in 1825)
 - 15) Moldova 27 August, (Declaration of independence from the Soviet Union in 1991)
 - 16) Slovakia 29 August (Constitution, independence from Czechoslovakia in 1993)
 - 17) Tartarstan 30 August (Declaration of independence from the RSFSR in 1990)
 - 18) Turks and Caicos Islands 30 August (Constitution Day, 1976)
 - 19) Kyrgyzstan 31 August (Declaration of independence from the USSR in 1991)
 - 20) Malaysia 31 August (Hari Merdeka) Independence from the United Kingdom in 1957)
- Proclaim Psalm 117 over each of the above territories. Thank the LORD for each of the above territories as they mark a national mile-stone. Pray that there shall be seasons of reflection of the goodness of the LORD among kingdom citizens in these territories and a desire to pray for their nations and territories in this coming season.
 - Proclaim Acts 17.26-28. There is a purpose to each territory having clear boundaries and identity. Thank the LORD that it is His inspiration that raises nations and divides boundaries. Pray that the purpose for nations i.e. that men should seek Him and find Him will be fulfilled as the Ecclesia takes her position to fulfill the Great Commission in the above nations.
 - Pray for peaceful gatherings wherever the national milestones are marked and there will be no accidents, no harm on any person as they celebrate in masses at various national gatherings.
 - Pray that spiritual Fathers and mothers will arise in the Ecclesia in these nations to disciple youth and children who will form a strong generation of kingdom citizens to disciple these territories in their generation.
 - Using Acts 17:26-28, pray into the womb of time for the above nations. Thank God that He is the One Who determined the boundaries of each nation at an exact time and season during a particular year for the purpose of redeeming each of these nations and causing men to seek Him and find Him.

NATIONAL ELECTIONS

We encourage you to keep praying for a nation's election for at least 2-3 years before the fact. That way, you pray without the frenzy of campaigns and the attendant pressures. Also Jehovah can begin to reveal the person whom He wants to raise in position of leadership.

Be like Mary who anointed Jesus for his death and burial way before the actual event. While everyone else was scrambling around to do their good deed after He had died, and missed the opportunity because He was risen, she could rest content that she had done her bit on time. Be like the five clever virgins who paid the price of preparation before-hand, so that when the bride-groom did appear, they entered into their rest while the foolish virgins scrambled around trying to do a hasty last minute job.

Let us not be fire-fighters and crisis intercessors. Such an important matter as a nation or region, or constituency leadership should not be taken as lightly as it has been done in the past. Let this sacred new year commence a new beginning and new attitude toward matters of elections.

THERE ARE NO NATIONAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 2018

- Thank the LORD for everyone who has desired to become a leader (overseer) in any capacity. This is a noble thing and God honors those who have such a desire even if they do not win. (1Tim 3:1). This is a season of divine governance. It is reflected in the number of leaders losing jobs and those gaining the job in each nation. Continue to proclaim the Lordship of Jehovah in this season over every seat of authority.
- During this very season of elections pray that even as the heavens declare the ruler-ship of the King of kings, it shall be reflected on earth with the preparation of the right men and women to take up office in each territory.
- Pray that kingdom citizens will participate actively in voting and in seeking for political office in each territory and to push for the purposes of God in the offices they seek to represent Him.
- Pray that Jehovah Shalom will oversee every election, every referendum and there shall be no unrest or chaos in any of the above territories.

PRAYING THRU THE HEAVENS

These heavens were placed for the purposes of governing times and seasons and it is important for each kingdom citizen to know and understand what goes on in these upper chambers which we were given authority over in Matthew 28.18 through Jesus Christ. To better understand the significance of praying thru the heavens, you may make a request for a teaching on "Understanding the Heavens" so as to effectively pray concerning heavenly activities rather than dabbling in ungodly astrology and other manipulations of the heavens inspired by the kingdom of darkness.

LUNAR MOVEMENTS

The **Last Quarter Moon** occurs on 4th August 2018 @18:18UTC while the **First Quarter Moon** occurs on 18th August 2018 @07:48UTC.

- Thank the LORD because He made a decree concerning the moon that shall not pass away. Thus nature is held in balance because of these ordinances that are everlasting. The moon continues to mark seasons. Pray that God's purposes for this particular lunar season will be accomplished in your life and in the Ecclesia and your territory
- Read Psalm 89.34-37: At each phase of the moon thank the LORD that He is faithful to His word as the moon is a faithful witness in the sky. He is faithful to keep these heavenly elements in their courses, He will keep His word concerning you, concerning the Ecclesia and your territory. If He has said the Ecclesia will be His agent on earth, then nothing will overrule that promise. If He says He will never leave nor forsake you then nothing will overrule that promise. His faithful word is witnessed in each phase of the moon. Therefore praise Him for His faithfulness
- Proclaim Psalm 64, against every wicked arrow that agents of the kingdom of darkness shoot at the righteous and the ignorant in the season of the quarter moons when they are shaped like a bow.
- Proclaim Psa 19.1-2, and Psa 148 to counter every arrow of wicked instructions released to the bow-shaped moon including incantations, curses, ill-spoken words. They will be rejected as you command the moon to declare the glory of God and receive instruction to do His bidding alone. Rev 4.11

The **New moon** will occur on 11th August 2018 @ 09:57UTC

- Read Psa 81. The scripture inform us that in seasons of new moon, it is time to gather properly and give adoration to God as a new month is ushered in. This particular month is ending of a year. Spend time in worship and adoration to God as you proclaim Scripture in Psalm 8, 18, 19, 24, 29, 30-33, 144-150.
- Prophecy Psalm 112-118 into the womb of the new month at the gates of time. Prophecy these Scriptures over your life, and in the Ecclesia in your territory.
- At the new and crescent moons, those in the occult use the moon as a sickle to harvest the gains of the ignorant and the righteous. Hecate is a demon goddess of dark places often associated with familiar spirits, ghosts (djinn) and sorcery and they use Hecate's sickle in their diabolic plans. Proclaim Isaiah 60:18-20 over every gate of your life, the Ecclesia and territory at large. Whatever does not praise the LORD and bring redemption cannot be allowed in your life and territory because the gates of this new month are gates of praise.
- Proclaim Rev 14:14-20 and ask the LORD to send His own harvester angels who are the true harvesters, to stop every counterfeit spirit that comes to reap the gains of the righteous and bring untimely death and destruction
- Pray that Jehovah Nissi our Banner shall be a covering over the territory at this new gate of time.

The **Full moon** will occur on the 26th August 2018 @11:56 UTC

- Thank the LORD for the full moon. In this month which signifies fruitfulness and plumpness, pray that you will experience the provision of the LORD in abundant measure over and above other times of the year. Pray this for your family, the Ecclesia and your territory. Psa 67
- Psa 19.2; Pray that every full moon night will display the wisdom and knowledge of their Creator. Pray also that every prophetic seed of Godly proclamations planted in the heavens during the new moon will come to full fruition at full moon and as the moon begins to wane, the fruit will begin to manifest in every gate of society.
- Proclaim Isa 44:24-25, Jer 10:10-13 During the full moon there is a lot of prayer activity going on and monthly prognostications into the heavens to gain unfair advantage and instructions to fight against perceived infidels by those who worship the moon deities. Declare that every divination directed toward the full moon will be turned to madness and every moon deity is rendered impotent.
- Pray that the Ecclesia will come to a better understanding of working with the heavens to establish the LORD's purposes on earth.

SOLAR MOVEMENTS

There will be a partial solar eclipse on August 11, 2018. This is the third solar eclipse in 2018.

From 21 July to 10 August 2018 the sun will experience one of its shortest sojourns within a constellation. The sun will enter a cluster of 83 stars in the gates of the constellation called **Cancer – Scarab**. Sited centrally over the ecliptic and facing the time of the end, is what looks like a giant crab but, the ancient picture of this sign is a Scarab, which begins its life as a worm then changes into a winged beetle. The correct symbol is a Scarabeus Beetle which is an emblem of RESURRECTION. Continue praying thru the July 2018 guide on this section until 10th of August.

From August 10 to September 17, 2018 the sun passes through a cluster of 95 stars in the **constellation called Leo** symbolized by the Lion and represents JESUS AS THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH. Its lodging in the cluster of Leo brings the story of Jesus in the heavens to full circle – completion; how aptly this falls within the last month of the Biblical Civil Calendar. It is depicted by a mighty charging lion which lay across the ecliptic. Its feet are over the head of Hydra, the great serpent and are about to descend upon and crush it.

The bright star in the heart means *'treading under foot'* and the bright star in the tail means *'the judge'*. Named: *Arieh/the Lion hunting down his prey*. (Nahum 2:12; 2 Samuel 17:10; Numbers 23:24)

Stars: *Treading under foot; the Judge who comes; exaltation; shining forth; the joining; the punishing, tearing of the Lion; the judge cometh who seizes; the enemy put down*. (Revelation 5:5; Numbers 24:8,9; Amos 3:4,8)



- Command the star cluster Leo to praise God and declare Him alone as King of kings and LORD of Lords in this season.
- Declare Hab 3.1-15. This season the heavens declare victory, conquering and subjugating every enemy. The heavens truly correspond with the activities on earth where kingdom citizens will willingly take up their stance in territorial intercession and spiritual warfare. Victory is sure for them. Pray that kingdom citizens will join the heavens in making this declaration as you battle the forces of darkness in your life, family and territory concerning false religions, terrorism and violence at every level.

Read Exo 15.8-10, Obad 17, 1 Sam 30.8, Psa 18.37, It is a season of victory with regard to territorial intercession. Have you been praying over your territory? The heavens declare that the Lion of the tribe of Judah is roaring over the nations and His roar silences every false roar from satanic forces that aspire to roar like lions and have hitherto been terrorizing nations. It is a season that you will pursue, overtake and without fail, recover all.

- What areas of life are you targeting to see the LORD's victory? This is the time to join the heavens as you pray in faith for infirmities, poverty, restoration of lost grounds, possessing gates for the kingdom and the Great Commission. Pray that you will be counted victorious in every area
- Read Isa 28.5-6, Psalm 149:9. The stars in Leo declare judgment over the enemy. As you pray in this season, you will join those whom the LORD will strengthen to execute the written judgment of the LORD over matters that hinder His purposes from being fulfilled in the territory including peace, good governance, righteousness and justice in every aspect of life and existence in the territory.
- Pray that in this season of Leo, as the heavens declare, the Ecclesia that will truly represent God in judging wickedness and re-aligning their territories back to His purposes with regard to policies that are ungodly will enjoy success and recovery of destiny and purpose.
- In eschatological times, the Lion of Judah, Jesus Christ, will come to make war on Satan, tread the winepress of the fury of His Father and rule the nations with a rod of iron for 1000 years. (Isaiah 63:1-6; Revelation 19:11-21) He will throw the anti-Christ and the false prophet into the lake of fire. He will imprison Satan in the Abyss for 1000 years. He will cause the dead in Christ, who did not worship the Beast in the Tribulation, to be raised to life to rule with Him for the 1000 years. (Revelation 19:11-20:6) There is an additional meaning in this sign that suggests it also spans the Millennial Reign. Finally Jesus will come to judge the nations and destroy all remaining enemies. Thank God that the heavens indeed accurately declare not only present events but show us that there is a Day of the LORD coming. Pray that you and kingdom citizens in your territory will be counted among those who will victoriously stand on the side of the Lion of the tribe of Judah as you operate by faith in Him. Pray that you will finish well.

The three smaller groups of stars called decans that make up the constellation called Leo describe the details of Christ's complete triumph over the enemy. **Hydra (the serpent)** represents the old serpent Satan/Babylon destroyed; An immense constellation extends beneath Virgo, Leo and Cancer, its head coming between the signs of Cancer and Argo. Named: *The abhorred*. Stars: *The separated, put away; the abhorred; the piercing of the deceiver*.



- Hydra has spanned the time of the Abrahamic Covenant. Displayed in the heavens in an anti clockwise position makes clear that Hydra has been working against the Abrahamic Covenant since its inception. (Rev12:10-17). Today we have one manifestation of the false prophet and false god worshipped in Islam manifest with the false covenant working against the purposes of the LORD and drawing millions away from His purposes from their lives. Bring before the LORD all those who worship Allah especially those appointed as suicide attackers, terrorists, and other religions that do not acknowledge the Lion of the tribe of Judah as God. Pray that during this season there shall be signs in the heavens which will draw them to the true LORD of their lives.
- Proclaim Psa 29. There is a high level of deception being released over the universe with the New Age agenda and spirit of Islam. Utter the voice of the Lion of the tribe of Judah to roar and thunder over all creation silencing every other speaking.
- Read Heb 12.24, Col 2.14-15; Utter the voice of the blood of Jesus to blot out every other voice print that is contrary to the covenant He made with His own body and blood and which speaks better things than the blood of Abel. His blood speaks of the blessing, justice, righteousness, salvation, eternal life, redemption, forgiveness, mercy, peace with the Father, reunion and adoption as joint Heirs, acceptance in the Beloved; while the blood of Abel speaks of the vagabond curse, rejection, judgment, revenge, terror, slavery and oppression, death on perpetrators.

Crater (the cup) represents the cup of divine wrath poured out upon him. A deep cup lies below the ecliptic and the head of Virgo. It is fastened to the body of the serpent and shares stars with it. (Psalm 11:6; 75:8-9) Stars: *The cup* – 2 stars mark the bottom of the cup where it is fastened to the body of Hydra. Thirteen stars in the cup – thirteen can be the number of Apostasy.

- Babylon is the epitome of apostasy and includes all individuals, systems, regimes and empires, which have sought to replace and destroy the purposes of the LORD, and kingdom citizens. She and her daughters will drink the cup of wrath to its dregs. (Revelation 14:10).
- Read Isa 48:12-20; Jer 51:6; Zech 2:7 There are many warnings in the Scriptures to flee Babylon to avoid sharing in her punishment. These warnings are given to Kingdom citizens. Many are deceived and must flee false teaching from those who are not ministers of the true gospel. The nearness of the Cup to Virgo shows the redeemed are near to Babylon and in great danger of sharing in her cup of wrath if they are not discerning. Pray for a spirit of discernment in the Ecclesia in your territory for this is a lacking gift and many are tossed about by every wind of doctrine and cunning sleight of men. It is the discerning spirit that will keep off Babylonian deception.
- Proclaim this 7 times; Deliver yourself O Zion, who dwells with the daughter of Babylon.
- Read Gen 3.15; Rejoice with thanksgiving that Jehovah Shalom ordained that the seed of woman shall crush the serpent's head – or the head of the kingdom of witchcraft and darkness thus rendering its entire system powerless. Jesus the Lion of the tribe of Judah fulfilled this prophecy fully on the Cross; the greatest altar ever raised. Rejoice in Him and apply this victory in your territory, in your constitution and in the upcoming UN General assembly. **The 73rd session of the UN General Assembly will open on September 18, 2018.**

Corvus (the raven) represents the birds of prey devouring the serpent, they are the cleaners: A bird of prey perches close to the Cup and beneath Virgo. It devours the serpent and all who worship it after they have drunk the depths of the cup of wrath. (Psalm 76:5, 12) Named: *The raven; the breaking up of the enemy*. Stars: Nine (number of judgment) stars; *accursed; the raven; the raven tearing to pieces*. (Prov 30:17; Rev 19:17,18 t; Jer 25:30-33)

The Raven is the final constellation of the planisphere. He is appointed to cleanse the earth by eating everything that is unclean. It is fitting that a raven was the first creature to leave the Ark of Noah after the first cleansing of the earth by flood. Now the raven is the last creature in this story of the purification of the seed of Abraham in readiness for her role as the Bride of Christ.

- Read 1 Joh 1:7-9, Heb 10:22; Because of the defilements spewed out by the kingdom of darkness through ungodly policies in our constitutions in this season, there is a need for cleansing for kingdom citizens. The Blood of Jesus cleanses us from all unrighteousness and sprinkles our consciences from all defilement of sin. Plead the blood of Jesus on a regular basis over your life, your family and the Ecclesia. Pray that as many as are sensitive will seek God for His direction of what they ought to do to purge and purify themselves as they work out their salvation in this season when so much ungodliness is being pushed to become legal in the nations.
- Read John 13:8-10; The word of the LORD is the water that purifies and cleans us. This is a season that the heavens declare that a cleansing is required. Endeavor to read the word, meditate on it and let it shine through your life. As you apply yourself to the word's cleansing, ask the Holy Spirit for the humility and grace to accept and obey His leading in areas that require a purging. Pray this for kingdom citizens in the territory
- Read Mal 3:2-3; Pray that you will be found worthy to experience God as the Purifier as described in this scripture in this season. Pray this for kingdom citizens in your area.
- Read Eph 5.26-27; Pray that kingdom citizens will receive a revelation of the Holiness of God and His desire to have a holy and pure Bride. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you areas where you ought to begin to walk in the level of holiness and purity that would delight Him.

Draco – the Dragon: Though Draco is not listed as a separate constellation in ancient zodiacs, it is a central and pivotal constellation in the heavens. In the time of Noah, the static Polar Star used for navigation was located in the tail of Draco. This is the emblem of Satan, thrown out of heaven to the earth, where he tried to rule because of the sin of disobedience of Adam and Eve. Named: *Trodden on; to tread; the punished enemy*. Stars: *The subtle; the head of the subtle; the long serpent, dragon*.

Note: For a little over 2000 years now the Polar Star is no longer located in Draco but in Ursa Minor, within the sign of Cancer. **That is why the horoscopes are wrong and astrology is a lie.** It operates in the old constellation arrangement. This corresponds to the transfer of authority over the heavens and the earth (Matt 28:18) when Jesus resurrected as the star constellation Cancer declares.



- Thank God for the greatest sacrifice on Calvary which caused the rearrangement of constellations in the heavens as all authority was released to Him when He rose again! Praise the LORD for the fulfillment of Haggai 2:6-7,21-22 when He died the eclipse in the heavens hid these great events and the earthquake signified a shifting of covenant, and everything that attended it. Today we rejoice in authority because of His great sacrifice which the heavens have duly noted and continue to declare.
- Rejoice in the LORD for His faithfulness to reveal His plan to His servants the prophets through the heavens. Praise the LORD that as you come to the end of another year the Lion of the tribe of Judah rules and reigns over all.
- Praise the LORD that no matter how subtly the enemy tries to jeopardize the affairs of the kingdom He reveals it and as many as will arise to pray and install His Kingship, He will rule and reign forever and ever.
- Pray that everything that seems to be aligned with scripture but is a counterfeit will become more clear to you as you seek the LORD in this season and you will not be deceived.
- Thank the LORD that your destiny is not determined by the dragon and his surrogate spirits and that you have a choice to take responsibility for your destiny. Pray that you and your family and kingdom citizens in your territory will be pushed into your redemptive destiny and will not fail.
- Proclaim Deuteronomy 28:3-14 over your life and Kingdom citizens in your territory



PRAYER REQUESTS FROM GAPNET PARTNERS

We receive prayer requests from our GAPNET Partners every day. We will 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 healing for those in the GAPNET family that are sick.
- Pray for those who are struggling with addictions.
- Pray for strong Christian families.
- Pray for our ministry partners for financial provision.
- Pray for Christian spouses for our children.
- Pray that the leaders of the nations would have a Damascus experience.
- Pray for our children who are disappointed with the Body of Christ and see it as hypocritical.
- Pray that they will build a personal relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for the financial resources that we need to advance the work of the Kingdom in the nations.

PROPHECIES FOR 2018

The prophecies for 2018 will be posted on the GAPNET website once they become available. Also refer to the website for the complete 2017 prophecies and those from previous years that continue to be fulfilled.

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