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INFORMATION ABOUT THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

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 10th month. According to the Biblical calendar, 1st of Kislev 5779 began on the 9th November 2018. The 30th of Kislev 5779 is December 8, 2018. The 1st of Tevet 5779 is December 9, 2018.

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 2018 according to the Gregorian calendar.

This month in the northern hemisphere 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.

HANUKKAH (CHANUKAH)

On 24th Kislev 5779 (2nd December) the 8 day festival of Hanukkah (Chanukah) commences – this is the Jewish festival of lights. It ends on 2nd Tevet (10th 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 2018 at 22:23 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, 2018 at 22:23 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 farthest away from the sun for the year.



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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 "JEHOVAH" 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 "Ιησοῦς" (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 Jehovah [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., Jehovah), 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 JEHOVAH printed in small capitals, to distinguish it from the rendering of the Hebrew Adonai and the Greek Kurios , which are also rendered Jehovah, 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 (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.

TEACHING – THE SPHERE OF BELIEF SYSTEMS – ESTABLISHING KINGDOM COMMUNITIES

WHAT IS THE SPHERE OF BELIEF SYSTEMS?

WHAT IS A BELIEF SYSTEM?

Belief system: A complex system of believing consisting of the following components:

- A) Beliefs: Mental acceptance and conviction in the truth, actuality, or validity of something accepted without proof (Rokeach, M. (1968) *Beliefs attitudes and values a theory of organization and change.*)
- B) Attitude: a complex mental orientation involving beliefs and feelings and values and dispositions to act in certain ways. (Rokeach, 1968)
- C) Values: beliefs about how one ought or ought not to behave, or about some end state of existence worth or not worth attaining. (Rokeach, 1968)



HOW DO YOU DEVELOP A BELIEF SYSTEM?

From the moment you come into the world, you begin developing your belief system. And just how do you do this?

Your system of beliefs forms from irrational input as well as rational inputs.

Obviously as a newborn you don't have a well formed capacity for logical deduction, so developing your belief system is not necessarily a rational process. Rather, it's a process based on your experience of the world.

Whatever information comes to you in a form that you can digest, (that is, you have the necessary perception to process it), you file appropriately into your fledgling belief system.

As you mature, your abilities and understanding expands, and ultimately you are developing your belief system based on 5 primary methods of gathering information. These are evidence, tradition, authority, association and revelation.

We need belief systems in order to filter information and create an understanding of life. These systems serve us well, but they can also get in the way and prevent us from new ways of seeing the world. An awareness of our entrenched beliefs gives us the power to accept them or change them.

Belief systems include both religions and philosophies that help to explain basic questions of human existence, such as "Where did we come from?" Or "What happens after death?" or "What is the nature of human relationships or interactions?" Many major beliefs systems that influence the modern world began during the Foundations Era (8000 BCE to 600 CE).

JUDAISM

Judaism was the first clearly monotheistic religion. At the heart of the religion was a belief in a Covenant, or agreement, between God and the Jewish people, that God would provide for them as long as they obeyed him. The Ten Commandments set down rules for relationships among human beings, as well as human relationships to God. Because they were specially chosen by God, Jews came to see themselves as separate from others and did not seek to convert others to the religion. As a result, Judaism has remained a relatively small religion. However, its influence on other larger religions, including Christianity, and Islam is vast.

CHRISTIANITY

Christianity grew directly out of Judaism. It's founder, Jesus of Nazareth, was born and raised as a Jew in the area just east of the Mediterranean Sea. During his lifetime, the area was controlled by Rome as a province in the empire. Christians believe there is only one God, and he created the heavens and the earth. This divine Godhead consists of three parts: the father (God himself), the son (Jesus Christ) and the Holy Spirit.

Christians believe God sent his son Jesus, the Messiah, to save the world. They believe Jesus was crucified on a cross to offer the forgiveness of sins and was resurrected three days after his death before ascending to heaven.

Today we see Christians all over the world meeting together to worship. Some worship in buildings called churches. Jesus said that He would establish His ecclesia (Matthew 16:18). The ecclesia is a kingdom community, a glorious manifestation of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. This month, the teaching looks at the establishing of kingdom communities.

In this teaching we will cover:

- 1) What is a Kingdom Community?
- 2) Five elements of the Kingdom.
- 3) References to the Kingdom in the Gospels.
- 4) What is the Kingdom like?
- 5) Are we the ones building the Kingdom Community?
- 6) What is the Ecclesia that Jesus is building?
- 7) How did Jesus build His ecclesia?
- 8) How did the disciples work together as an ecclesia?
- 9) The growing pains of the ecclesia
- 10) What does it mean to be of one accord?
- 11) What should we be doing?
- 12) We must become sons.

1) WHAT IS A KINGDOM COMMUNITY?

- Jesus, while he was here on earth proclaimed the “Gospel of the Kingdom”- the great victory of God in Jesus Christ, the King. He is the rightful King over all things.
- The Gospel of the Kingdom is that sin and death invaded God’s creation. Then Jesus came releasing the rule of God on this earth, an authority that sets people free and ushers in the Kingdom’s redeeming power.
- He does so by defeating sin, death, and evil in all its forms.
- As citizens and ambassadors of the Kingdom, we are a community of those loyal to the King.
- A Kingdom community is one that is influencing the society and drawing people into the Kingdom. It is a community that is defeating sin, death, and evil in all its forms. It is a community that is advancing the agenda of the Kingdom.

2) FIVE ELEMENTS OF THE KINGDOM

- Scot McKnight in his book, *Kingdom Conspiracy*, contends that a proper view of the kingdom addresses five elements:
 - 1) A king
 - 2) A rule of a king
 - 3) A people the king rules,
 - 4) A law by which the king reveals how to live as one of his people,
 - 5) A land in which the king rules.

3) REFERENCES TO THE KINGDOM IN THE GOSPELS

- The gospels refer to the Kingdom many times. It is something that was vital to Jesus' work and message.
- In Matthew there are 50 occurrences
- In Mark there are 14 occurrences
- In Luke there are 39 occurrences
- In John there are 9 occurrences
- That is a total of 112 references to the Kingdom in the gospels.

4) WHAT IS THE KINGDOM LIKE?

- The Bible tells us that the Kingdom is like...
 - A mustard seed
 - A man scattering seeds
 - A fishing net
 - A hidden treasure
 - A merchant in search of pearls
 - A mustard seed
 - A man scattering seeds
 - A fishing net
 - A hidden treasure
 - A merchant in search of pearls
- In the present, the Kingdom is not coming with force. It comes with influence, it draws people in. It works like yeast, not a conquering army. The Kingdom of God penetrates into history, and begins to work.
- It will never be fully realized until God makes it happen.
- The grain is growing.
- We have a taste of the Kingdom.
- Jesus brings the real Kingdom, but we have not yet experienced all that the Kingdom is.
- We belong to the Kingdom, yet we are to remain in the world. We are to live among those who are not of the Kingdom.



When the Kingdom comes in its fullness, it will come with separation.

The righteous and the unrighteous will be separated. The sheep and goats will be separated. This will be at the time of God's judgment.

For now, God is appealing to all to come into the Kingdom.

5) ARE WE THE ONES BUILDING THE KINGDOM COMMUNITY?

- No.
- Jesus our King, in His words to Peter in Matt 16:16-19, said "and I tell you Peter ... on this rock I will build my ecclesia .. (and) I will give you the keys to the Kingdom ..."
- The ecclesia that Jesus is building is the Kingdom community.

6) WHAT IS THE ECCLESIA THAT JESUS IS BUILDING?

- What was Jesus saying when he declared that He would build His ecclesia? What was the purpose and function of the ecclesia at the time of Jesus?
- In Hebrews 12:18-24 the writer compares the ecclesia to the children of Israel before Mount Sinai.

HEBREWS 12:18-24

- For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more
- But ye are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church (ecclesia) of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaks better things than that of Abel.

THE WORD ECCLESIA

- This connection between the "church (ecclesia) in the wilderness" (Acts 7:22) and the "church (ecclesia) of the firstborn" (Hebrews 12:23) is an important one.
- When Christ first said the word "ecclesia" to Peter and the apostles in Matt. 16:18, "upon this rock I will build my church (ecclesia)" he was not introducing a new word. That word had a history to the Greeks and to the Jews.



7) HOW DID JESUS BUILD HIS ECCLESIA?

- We are going to see how Jesus built his ecclesia by looking closely at the Acts of the Apostles.
- We see that as the gospel was predicated (established) in the Old Testament (Deut. 18:15-18) so would the function and organization of the ecclesia be modelled and take its principles from that which was established at Mount Sinai.

8) WHAT WAS THE ECCLESIA IN ANCIENT ATHENS?

- **The ecclesia was the main governing assembly which directed the policy of the city, declared war, elected generals and magistrates, raised funds, and made peace treaties. It would also judge private citizens, and in the case of banishment (condemned to exile) there had to be at least 6,000 citizens present.**
- In the wider Greek culture, the word ecclesia meant a duly convened assembly of citizens. Literally, it was the “called out ones” but with a special meaning to be summoned, to convene together, judge and vote on political matters. It was a democracy with the slogan of “freedom and equality” for all its citizens.
- In Acts 19 the word ecclesia is translated assembly three times. Demetrius, a craftsmen of idols in Ephesus, upset over his loss of business due to the preaching of Paul, incites an assembly (v.32, ecclesia) to banish Paul and the believers from Ephesus.
- Demetrius meant this to be an official legal action but it got out of hand as the unruly mob chanted “Great is Diana of the Ephesians” for two hours. Finally, the city clerk calmed the people and chastised Demetrius for not doing this in a “lawful assembly” (v.39, ecclesia) and he dismissed the assembly (v. 41, ecclesia).
- Deuteronomy 4:10 records for us the very first time the word ecclesia is used in the Bible as a noun. Moses is speaking. Quoting from Brenton’s translation of the Septuagint (LXX), verses 9-10 say,
- “Take heed to thyself, and keep thy heart diligently: forget not any of the things, which thine eyes have seen, ... (10) even the things that happened in the day in which ye stood before the Lord our God in Horeb (Mount Sinai) in the day of the assembly (ecclesia); for the Lord said to me, Gather (ecclesiazo) the people to me, and let them hear my words, .
- This is where the writer to the Hebrews in 12:18-24 drew his reference when he compared the children of Israel at Mount Sinai with the 1st century ecclesia of the firstborn.



- The assembly at Mount Sinai was the birth of the very first ecclesia of God. It took place when the nation of Israel was sanctified to receive the word of God. Its purpose was to instill the fear of God, hear his words and pass it on to the next generation.
- *The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; According to all that thou desire of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly (ecclesia), saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.*” (Deut. 18:15-16)
- The actual “day of the ecclesia” that Moses relates is recorded in Exodus 19:1 as taking place in the third month. (It is the holiday of Shavuot, the Season of the giving of the law.) This is significant because the day of Pentecost (the day of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit) was in the third month (The Hebrew month of Sivan).
- This initial day for the ecclesia in the wilderness happens on the same day of Pentecost as the New Testament ecclesia (Acts 2:1). The charge that was given at this time to the children of Israel to be a kingdom of priests (Ex. 19:5-6) is the same given to Christ’s ecclesia (1 Pet. 2:9). Pentecost was the beginning of a movement that would grow and spread throughout the world.
- In the Hebrew sense ecclesia means God’s people called together by God, in order to listen to or to act for God.
- In Hebrew the word translated as assembly is the word *qahal* which means called, to summon. In the majority of the passages where the Septuagint uses the word “*qahal*” it refers to the children of Israel being called before God for a special occasion or when they needed to make a decision that effected the whole ecclesia.
- In Greek the word translated as assembly is the word *ekklesia*. An *ekklesia* is a body of people ‘who have been called together’.
- The two original words, Hebrew and Greek, put all the emphasis on the action of God. He is the one who is doing the calling.
- *“... thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my ecclesia; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”* (Matthew 16:18)
- **How would He build it?**



- The stone which the builders rejected would become the head of the corner (Matt. 21:42; Acts 4:11) and we as lively stones (1 Pet. 2:5) would be built on that foundation, growing into a holy temple in the Lord, a habitation of God through the Spirit (Eph. 2:20-22).
- Notice how Luke carefully words his introduction to the book we call the Acts of the Apostles :
- “The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all **that Jesus began both to do and teach.**” (Acts 1:1). The Book of Acts records the acts of Jesus Christ after His ascension.
- In Acts 2:33 it says “he [Jesus] hath shed forth (or poured out v.17,18) this, which ye now see and hear” referring to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This is the direct work of Jesus who said “I will send unto you... the Spirit of truth” (John 20:26).
- Acts 2:47 states “the Lord added to the church daily as such as should be saved”
- Stephen sees the Lord Jesus standing at God’s right hand (Acts 7:56). Normally Jesus would be sitting at God’s right hand but here he stands up, active to bring judgment

9) HOW DID THE DISCIPLES WORK TOGETHER AS AN ECCLESIA?

- We need to understand how they worked together as an ecclesia so that we might do the same.
- It started in an upper room with 120 disciples all of “one accord in prayer and supplication” (Acts 1:14). They were of “one mind” or of the “same passion”.
- This unity of mind would typify the ecclesia throughout the Acts (2:1, 46; 4:24; 5:12; 8:6; 15:25; cp. Rom. 15:6 “one mind”) and this is an example to us (1 Cor. 1:10).
- The ecclesia would rely on four things. These are found in Acts 2:42.
- “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”
- These four things have an analogy in the Tabernacle. It correlates to the ecclesia in the wilderness.

• DOCTRINE	• LAMPSTAND
• FELLOWSHIP	• MERCY SEAT
• BREAKING OF BREAD	• TABLE OF SHOWBREAD
• PRAYERS	• THE ALTAR OF INCENSE

- They are the spiritual priesthood and these four things that they continued steadfastly in are pillars of the true temple, the ecclesia.
- We find them in Acts 2
- Verse 43: Apostle’s doctrine – miracles and signs done by apostles



- Verse 44: Fellowship – all things in common
- Verse 46: Breaking bread – breaking bread from house to house
- Verse 47: Prayer – praising God

10) THE GROWING PAINS OF THE ECCLESIA

- Acts 6 and Acts 15 mark two times the ecclesia had to come together and solve a difficult internal issue.
- Acts 6
- We see the growing pains and with it the problem in Acts 6:1,
- *“And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations.”*
- The problem wasn’t about doctrine but about fellowship.
- This was one of those foundation principles of sharing that the ecclesia had established back in Acts 2:44-45. It seems among the welfare fund there had come some respect of persons. The Grecians (Hellenists) were Greek speaking Jews which had more of a Greek culture about them. The Hebrews were native Jews. At risk was a very important commandment of God to take care of the helpless widows among themselves.
- Moses himself had been burdened with a people who murmured about food as recorded in Numbers 11.
- In this example from Acts 6 we have some guiding principles for our ecclesia.
- The Apostles gave themselves to the two pillars of doctrine and prayer (Acts 2:42) and the ecclesia was actively involved in the decision. The result being that **“the saying pleased the whole multitude.”** Remember that phrase as we continue our study.
- Acts 8, 10 & 11
- The disciples are multiplying and Saul begins to persecute the ecclesia and scatter it (Acts 8:1-4, third time ecclesia is mentioned). Beside the ecclesia in Jerusalem (8:1) there is now one in Samaria (8:14-17, see also v. 40), at Lydda (9:32), Joppa (9:38) and others (11:19-21).
- We see this pattern of external persecution followed by internal strife throughout the first part of the book of Acts.
- Acts 15



- Since the initial brewing of trouble in Acts 11, the numbers of those promoting circumcision had grown. Officially, the Jerusalem ecclesia had sent Barnabas (11:22) but these men (not 'brethren') seemed to have no such standing (15:24 "went out" not sent, cp. 1 John 2:19). They taught, "that except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved."
- This incited a huge dispute between these men on one side, Paul and Barnabas on the other and the ecclesia in the middle.
- They (the ecclesia at Antioch) determined (or appointed) Paul, Barnabas and certain others to go up to Jerusalem" to settle the matter with the Jerusalem ecclesia.
- *"And being brought on their way by the church..."* (Acts 15:3)
- The Greek word for "brought" here is *propempe* and all modern translations use the word "sent". Therefore, Paul and Barnabas did not go of their own accord but were sent by the Antioch ecclesia. This word implies a recommendation by the sending party especially when paired with the act of "receiving", which we have in verse 4.
- And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them." (Acts 15:4)
- There is an intentional "sending" and "receiving" being done.
- Paul and Barnabas were not representatives of their own accord.
- The Antioch ecclesia granted them that position and the Jerusalem ecclesia welcomed them on that basis.
- They are received first by the church and secondly by the apostles and elders.
- The order is reversed in Acts 15: 22.
- *"Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabbas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren"*
- It was only the "apostles and elders" (v. 6) who came together to consider the matter but in the end **the decision "pleased" the whole ecclesia.**
- They had come together (15:7) to come to a decision that "pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church" (15:22).
- This is the same result they had obtained in chapter 6:5, "the saying pleased the whole multitude."



- Let us look at an example in the Old Testament when the children of Israel gathered together as an ecclesia, to take part in a decision that would please them.
- 2 Chr. 30 : 1-4 from the Brenton LXX translation says:
- *And Ezekias sent to all Israel and Juda, and wrote letters to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come into the house of the Lord to Jerusalem, to keep the Passover to the Lord God of Israel. (2) For the king, and the princes, and all the congregation (ecclesia) in Jerusalem, designed to keep the Passover in the second month. (3) For they could not keep it at that time, because a sufficient number of priest had not purified themselves, and the people was not gathered to Jerusalem. (4) **And the proposal pleased the king and the congregation (ecclesia).***
- *“And the hand of the Lord was present **to give them one heart** to come, to do according to the commands of the king and of the princes, by the word of the Lord. (13) And a great multitude were gathered to Jerusalem to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation (ecclesia).”* (Brenton LXX)
- Hezekiah knew that they were not following the word of God. He knew what was right. He knew there would be consequences if he didn’t pray. He interceded for this one time and God heard and healed the people. It wouldn’t be that way the next year. They would be prepared and sanctified.
- There are circumstances where we come up short. God knows that. If we acknowledge His way, He will guide us to walk with him. There are times for exceptions but let them not become the rule.
- The ecclesia is a powerful concept. Let us never make this word commonplace and our association together trivial. If we truly believe the word of Jesus that “I will build my ecclesia” then we stand in His very presence as His workmanship.
- We must stand by the example of the ecclesia of old, continuing steadfastly in the Apostle’s doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayer. We have our problems just like they did and **we have to find that way to be of “one accord”**

11) WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE OF ONE ACCORD?

I want to recommend that you spend some time reading and meditating on the following articles:

The Unity of the Spirit (Ephesians 4:1-6) – <https://bible.org/article/unity-spirit-ephesians-41-6>

The Unity for Which Christ Prayed – <http://www.shbi.org/the-unity-for-which-christ-prayed/>

How to Maintain Unity in the Church – <https://bible.org/seriespage/6-how-maintain-unity-church>

The following is a quote from the article *The Unity for Which Christ Prayed*:

“Biblical unity does not mean that we have exactly the same opinion about everything in scripture, nor that we all have the same traditions in our worship. It means we are united in our core beliefs and purposes and in love for each other and for the lost. It means the welfare of the church (ecclesia) and the reaching of souls are more important to us than our own preferences and comfort.”

The article, *How to Maintain Unity in the Church*, states:

- 1) To be unified Christians must focus on the right resources (Phil 2:1)
- 2) To be unified Christians must develop the right attitudes (Phil 2:2)
- 3) To be unified Christians must develop the right practices. (Phil 2:3-4)

Disunity in the ecclesia causes the world not to believe. In many of our nations today there is disunity in the ecclesia. Divided hearts yield divided results. We need to pray for unity of the ecclesia. Jesus prayed that we be one.

12) WHAT SHOULD WE BE DOING?

- Our Kingdom Communities must uphold the word of God, acknowledge our faults, pray for forgiveness so that we might rejoice together in what truly is the fellowship of the Lord.
- A Kingdom community is *a redeemed family, centered on the King, advancing the Kingdom of God in their collective sphere of influence*, knowing their Christ-centered personal lives woven together into a Christ-filled communal life should be the **“pillar and foundation of the truth”** (1 Timothy 3:15 c. Colossians 2:2, 3).
- 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?
- Jesus said we are to teach them, "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.
- Jesus was commissioned by God the Father to come to earth, to 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."

13) WE MUST BECOME SONS.

- **First:** We become a child of God.
- We become a child of God when we are saved – when we confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord, and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead.
- Within the family relationship Christians are referred to as children (Greek: *teknon*) and sons (Greek: *huios*)
- *12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:12-13)*
- This word “child” is from the Greek word “*teknon*” which does not infer any gender but is inclusive of both male and female. It denotes rather the status of the person, in this case, one whose Father is God.
- Strong’s Definition – a child, daughter, son.
- **Second:** We mature as we leave behind the wants and wishes of the natural world, and live our lives led by the Spirit, then we become Mature Sons. The ones entrusted with the administration and management of our Father’s estate. The ones who have the keys of the Kingdom who are entrusted with divine life and true authority.

14) HOW DO WE ESTABLISH KINGDOM COMMUNITIES?

- I can say like Paul said in 1 Corinthians 3:9-11
- *For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.*
- *10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. 11 For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

CALL TO ACTION

As we stand at the gates of the year 2019 let us examine ourselves. My family should be a kingdom community. My fellowship should be a kingdom community. The dance ministry should be a kingdom community. The choir should be a kingdom community. Are we functioning like the ecclesia the Jesus is building? What are you going to do?



Many nations will be having elections in 2019. The ecclesia is supposed to direct the policy of the city. Remember what we studied earlier. **When Jesus declared that He would build His ecclesia, the ecclesia was the main governing assembly which directed the policy of the city, declared war, elected generals and magistrates, raised funds, and made peace treaties.**

As the ecclesia in a nation we need to go into the Courts of Heaven to unlock the destinies of our nations.

It will require that you go before the Lord for His strategy for your nation. Whatever He tells you to do, DO IT.

RECOMMENDED READING:

7 Fundamental Questions You Must Answer by Abu Bako

Unlocking Destinies From The Courts of Heaven by Robert Henderson

EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK 7 FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS BY DR. ABU BAKO

CHAPTER TWO

WHERE AM I ?

The next question, “Where Am I? ” concerns your location or position in God . . . in life, in this season and this generation. It is very important for you to locate yourself in God.

And they heard the voice of Jehovah God walking in the garden in the cool of the day.

And Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of God in the middle of the trees of the garden.

And God called to Adam and said to him, Where are you? (Gen 3:8-9)

It was not because God did not know where Adam and Eve were in terms of their physical location.

God was asking the question because, they had moved from the original position in which He had put them.

Today, millions of people the world over, have moved from the presence of the Lord. They have moved from where they ought to be in God because of sin.

Where Are You In Relation To God AND OTHERS?

Again, using this question, God has only one pattern, which we can compare with – Jesus Christ. In every question that regards to your position in God, you must look at Jesus Christ as the standard. That way, you will know whether you are close to, or far from that mark.

Where is Jesus Christ? He raised Him from the dead and *seated [Him] at His right hand in the heavenly [places], far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.*" (Eph 1:17-21 emphasis added)

According to God's blueprint then, where are you positioned with regard to Jesus position? Ephesians 2:6 says: "*And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.*"

When you became a Christian, God automatically placed you in the same position with Christ. You are seated with Him in the heavenly places. You are far above all principality, power, might, dominion and every name that is named – not only in this age but in the age to come. However, conditionally, where are you? What is the position on the ground? Have you maintained that position?

Where are you located in God? Where are you in relation to your positioning in God? Where are you in relation to the pattern of God for your life? Once you ask God to reveal the blueprint He has for your life, you will be able to begin locating where you are in His plans.

You will find out whether you are behind, or on schedule with His blueprint for you. When you discover this, you can find out whether there are things you need to put in place in your life, in order to be where He wants you to be.

You will have to check your relationships. See which relationships you ought to develop or depart from in order to be in the right spiritual location in Him.

You will be able to make plans for your life so that you are walking in tandem with God and are not lagging behind or running ahead of Him. When you locate where you are in God you are able to pray correctly, make requests for what you need right now and not request for things that are way ahead of plan, or things you should have moved on from.

Where are you in relation to the presence of God? Have you cultivated communion with God so that you are in the right position within His throne room? Are you in a place where you can receive counsel from God clearly or, are you far away so that you do not hear God? Adam was in the right position with God.

He always came down to him and communed with him in the cool of the evening. He knew he would find him in the right place in His presence. However when sin entered, Adam lost his place in the presence of God. God had to come looking for him. God could not commune with him aright from that time on.

Unfortunately, like the fallen man, many Christians have moved away from that position in Ephesians 2:6. They have moved from the place of fellowship and intimacy with God due to sin.

If you compare Genesis 3:8-9 with Genesis 2:10-17, it becomes clear and obvious that man has lost his original position of control, rulership, dominion and authority that God gave him from the beginning when he lost his position with regard to God's presence.

An appointment with God usually should be a discussion – talking to God and receiving instructions from Him. When you are in the right location with regard to His presence, you will be one who can be a guide to others. When this does not happen, you come with a one-sided relationship where you make demands, and have imagined responses from Him. God is hidden to you, therefore only a few are considered to have access to Him.

This develops the breed of Christianity that depends on “the one prophet” who hears from God on your behalf and then comes to tell you what God has said. Yet, God has said enter boldly into the throne room any time you have need (Heb 4:16).

How come you are not able to come boldly into His presence and receive the specifics of His requirements? You must check for the things that have hindered you and brought distance between you and God's presence.

Where is the salt and the light that Jesus talked about in Matthew 5:13–16? How come there is so much decadence in the system? How come there is so much darkness? It is because you have lost your position in God. You are supposed to be overcoming because you are above every principality, power, and name that can be named. However, the Spirit of the Lord is asking, "Where are you?"

(This book is available at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com))

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 DECEMBER

- 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 2018 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 Romans 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 2018. 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.

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

- 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 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 fruit 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.

As you draw to the end of the year and strategize for the next, there are many decisions to be made, you are at a cross-roads and sometimes at cross-purposes. Therefore it is a season to step back, slow down, get back into focus. It is the beginnings of the season for hibernation in the northern hemisphere. Creation prepares for a time of a sabbatical, a time to rest and recuperate, a time to rebuild depleted resources to get in touch with their nature and their Creator. That way they keep that original decree to multiply and replenish themselves.

You may not be able to take physical time away, but you can retreat during this season by doing the following:

- Reduce your information intake and limit it to consuming more of the Word of the LORD. Read or listen to large chunks of scripture rather than watching TV or listening to the radio or reading newspapers. The LORD is so faithful He will ensure you receive every information you will need during this season.



- Spend quality time in song ministrations and prayer to the LORD.
- Have fellowship with people who will help you grow in the word and in Biblical doctrines; this includes reading literature to this end.
- Throughout the year you have heard much. You have spoken much. It is time to begin to slow down and digest all that information. Pray and ask Jehovah the following: What is the LORD speaking for the next year? What does 2019 hold for you? What does it hold for your family, your business or ministry? The Ecclesia? The nation? Jehovah is faithful to answer questions pertaining to His kingdom agenda.
- Read Isa 50:5, Isa 30:21, Prov 18:15, Mic 6:6-8 It is time to listen to Jehovah's strategy. Spend time in silent meditation and create an atmosphere of listening to the LORD.

Ask the LORD to open your ears this coming month so you can hear what He is saying and His purpose and plan for each moment. Pray that you will also have the grace to humbly obey each time you hear His voice.

- Participate in various types of fasting as a way of waiting upon the LORD.
- Read Job 33:14-17 This is a season that creation prepares for hibernation in the northern hemisphere? A time to retreat and meditate, plan and dream into the days to come. Pray for Jehovah-given dreams and visions concerning His plan for your life, family, the Ecclesia and territory in the days to come.

IS THIS THE MONTH OF YOUR BIRTH?

Even if this is not your month of birth, pray into the day of your birth on a weekly basis (that is the weekday in which you were born). Take time on a regular basis to be praying for yourself and prophesying over your own life.

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

- Prophesy 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 27:13, 118:17.
- Prophesy and proclaim the blessing of Levi upon your life as a priest unto GOD 2 Pet 2:9, Deut 33:8-11.
- Prophesy 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.
- Prophesy and proclaim the blessing of Benjamin upon your life Deut 33:12.
- Prophesy the blessing of Joseph. Speak to the earth and declare that the earth will bring forth its best for you in this New Year. Prophesy to the heavens to declare the glory of GOD over your life every day of this New Year. Deut 33:13-17, Lev 26:4-5, Hos 2:21-22, Psa 19:1-2, Isa 55:12.

- Prophecy that you will grow in your spirit man into a mature son so that you can receive your inheritance. Wherever you go in this new year, creation will experience release from frustration because you are growing not just in years but also in maturity of spirit to take responsibility of your Father's estate i.e. the territory GOD has allowed you to inhabit. Romans 8:19-20, Gal 4:1-2
- 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. (Psalm 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. (Psalm 139:16)
- Pray that He will reveal the original you more and more as you enter another year of your life. (Psalm 139:13-15)
- Pray that He will restore the heavenly label, and the heavenly name He gave you before you were conceived. (Jeremiah 1:5).

Speak into the foundations of your life and prophecy 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 new year. Prophecy to the heavens to declare the glory of Jehovah over your life every day of this new 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 new 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

THE SEASON OF TEVET - Begins at sundown on December 8, 2018 and will end at sundown on January 5, 2019.

In this month Israel was visited with its first major national tribulation, marked by the fast of the Tenth of Tevet (Ezekiel 24:1): "And in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me, saying: Son of man, write the name of the day, of this same day; the king of Babylon laid siege against Jerusalem this very day."

Tevet reflects a beginning of hardships. However, a time is coming when we will be able to erase these hardships from Israel, as the prophet Zachariah says:

"Thus says the Lord of hosts: The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall become times of joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts to the house of Judah; therefore love truth and peace" (Zachariah 8:19).

The "fast of the tenth" refers to the fast of the Tenth of Tevet which is in the tenth month.

CHANUKAH

Chanukah is the Hebrew word for "dedication." The eight-day Jewish celebration bearing that name — it is also called the Festival of Lights. This celebration 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 (a forerunner of the anti-Christ, foretold in Daniel 11:21), seeking to coerce the Jews into abandoning their religion and culture for that of Greece, had issued edicts forbidding circumcision, observance of Jewish Sabbaths and feast-days. He had defiled the Holy Temple by offering a sow on the altar and raising up in the sanctuary a statue to Zeus.

As depicted in the First Book of Maccabees (an account of Jewish history found in the Apocrypha), a revolt was launched by the priest Mattathias and later led by his son Yehuda (Judas) Maccabee. It led to the defeat of the Syrian forces, and the defiled Temple was cleansed and re-dedicated. Another account relates how

during this cleansing there was only enough sanctified oil left to burn in the menorah for one night—yet a miracle occurred, and it continued burning for eight days. The victorious warrior Yehuda 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). Today, part of the celebration includes the use of a special eight-branched menorah upon which a new oil lamp or candle is lit each evening. Each light is ignited from the flame of a separate “branch” called shamash—“servant.”

The first day of Chanukah is December 2, 2018.

GATES OF WINTER/ WINTER SOLSTICE

On December 21, 2018 the winter solstice occurs @22:23 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 the 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, 2018 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 Luke 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.



THE SEASON OF TEVET

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

	Events in the Season of TEVET	Implications for prayer and Practical Action
1	Esther was made Queen on the 1 st day of Tevet in the year 362 BCE	The Lord makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up. (1 Samuel 2:7)
2	The translation of the Torah into Greek by 72 Torah sages was completed on the 8 th day of Tevet. This Bible is called the Septuagint.	Behold I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth....I will make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (Isaiah 43:19)

COUNTERFEIT FESTIVALS

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, 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 of 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 NATIONS

SUDAN, ITALY, INDONESIA, IRAN, IRAQ, KUWAIT, JORDAN, BRAZIL, THAILAND, ARGENTINA, PERU

All the countries listed above had floods during the month of November 2018. In Argentina over 3,000 people were evacuated. In Thailand about 45,000 people were affected. In Brazil at least 10 people died. In the Middle East at least 12 people lost their lives. In Italy at least 12 people died. In Sudan 4 people died.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The death toll in the California wild fires has reached 87. There are almost 500 people who are still unaccounted for.

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 of 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

The following nations celebrate national days in this month:

- 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)



- 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.
- For each nation celebrating an independence day, pray that the LORD will follow this with the independence of His people from the kingdom of darkness into His glorious kingdom of light. Many will have a personal encounter with Him which will lead to their decision for salvation over eternal death. Pray that the people in each of these nations will choose life and that there shall be fellowships which will be on hand to receive and disciple them into strong disciples of the LORD. Matt 28:18-20.
- Thank the LORD that He is Governor over the above nations and He rules justly (Psa 22:28)
- Pray that a level of kingdom governance will begin to reflect in each of the above nations as they mark various milestones during this month.
- Prophetically proclaim Isaiah 61 to the Ecclesia in each of the above nations.
- Pray that the LORD will strengthen the weak hands and knees of the Ecclesia in each nation. One common feature in each of the above nations is that the Ecclesia is not very strong. There is a strong occult presence in each of these nations. Pray that the LORD will raise a prophetic Ecclesia to deal with all forms of the occult in this season.
- Pray for nations that have turned heavily to secular humanism because of the relative successes they have enjoyed in areas of economic development. Many of these nations have become centers of immorality and defiance of the LORD. Pray that the LORD will in this season do something that will cause the people in these nations to turn their hearts back to 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.

NATIONAL ELECTIONS – (DECEMBER, JANUARY & FEBRUARY)

December

- 9 December:
 - [Armenia, Parliament](#)
 - [Peru, Constitutional referendum](#)
- 16 December: [Mali, Parliament \(2nd round\)](#)
- 19 December: [Madagascar, President \(2nd round\)](#)
- 20 December: [Togo, Parliament](#)
- 23 December: [Democratic Republic of the Congo, President and Parliament](#)
- 30 December: [Bangladesh, Parliament](#)
- [Guinea-Bissau, Parliament](#)

January

- [Guinea, Parliament](#)

February

- 3 February: [El Salvador, President](#)
- 16 February: [Nigeria, President and Parliament](#)
- 24 February:
 - [Cuba, Constitutional referendum](#)
 - [Moldova, Parliament](#)
 - [Thailand, Parliament](#)

- Thank GOD for the above nations that have different types of election activities over the next two months.
- Pray that GOD'S Shalom shall brood over each territory as they participate in elections.
- Pray that the elections will be free and fair and that the individuals whom GOD has marked for leadership will emerge as winners as the Ecclesia partners with GOD in making the proper selection
- Pray that the Ecclesia will no longer be used as a pawn in campaign activities in these nations. Rather the Ecclesia will have a strong voice in representing the kingdom of GOD in the national matters.
- Pray against the party spirit that breeds division in the Ecclesia whenever election seasons come.

PRAYING THRU THE HEAVENS

- For any army to win a war, they will ensure their air-force is in place. Whether it is simple Calvary in ancient times, or soldiers positioned on the city walls, or on high hills or elevated places, these have the best view of the battle. For you to overcome the enemy in this season, ensure that the heavens are in agreement with you. Speak to the heavens over the month and ask them to declare the glory of Jehovah. Command the sun, moon, stars and every heavenly being to do Jehovah's bidding, and to do that which they were created for - to give Him pleasure (Ps 19:1-2, Rev 4:11)

GOD created the heavens and gave them their role in creation – to determine the times and seasons on earth (Gen 1:14-18). It is a must for every kingdom citizen to study and understand the heavens and know our role as stewards of His estate toward them – not the ungodly astrology, horoscope and other occult practices.

Once we acquire GOD's ordained knowledge for the heavens, we will be able to set up their dominion here on earth (Job 38:31-33). Remember that in Mathew 28:18-20 Jesus commissioned the fledgling Ecclesia with all the authority given to Him to go out into all nations and disciple them. This authority included that which is in heaven and on earth. It is our duty to answer in the affirmative, the question that Job was asked concerning the visible firmament in Job 38:31-33. (For further teaching on "Understanding the Heavens" make a request of the teaching by email).

LUNAR MOVEMENTS

Crescents and Quarter Moons

When the moon is shaped like a C or its mirror image (Sickle), it is considered a crescent moon. The quarter moon is shaped like a D or its mirror image and considered to be a bow. The occult will use the bow shaped moon to shoot arrows of wickedness to the unsuspecting in order to draw unfair advantage in various areas of life. The occult use the crescent moon as sickles (e.g. Hecate's sickle), for harvesting the gains of the ignorant and for demonic strength and fortification with intense enchantments.

- Proclaim Psalm 148 and Command all creation especially the crescent and Quarter moons to praise GOD as instructed in Psalm 19.
- Proclaim Psalm 64 and fasten that judgment into the heavens.
- Proclaim Isa 26:1-9 and command the heavens to receive this instruction and reject every other voice of destruction; pray for strength and fortification "Trust in the LORD forever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength". Isa 26:4



- GOD abhors enchantment so He warned His people not to be involved in enchantment. (Lev 19:26b) Pray that the occult, involved in intense enchantment will equally and certainly face the fierce wrath of GOD. Is 13:9

The Full moon will occur on 22 December 2018 @ 09:34 UTC

- Praise GOD for the full moon this month.
- Declare that as the moon has waxed into fullness this month, so shall you receive a double portion of the prophetic release which will wax to fullness during this season.
- Command the full moon to declare the glory of GOD alone and reject every other instruction from any other source that is not ordained by GOD. Psalm 19.
- Proclaim Zech 9:15-17; In this month, command the full moon to praise GOD. As the enemy comes in like a flood, as he comes as a terror by night or shoots arrows that fly by noonday, the Word of the LORD will be your shield and buckler. Psalm 91
- Ask Jesus who is the Conquering King, to ride forth victoriously on behalf of righteousness, humility and truth during the full moon season. Every enemy instruction for the full moon to strike the righteous by night will be returned to sender as the moon rejects every other instruction except that which is from the LORD Psalm 45.3-6
- During full moon seasons the gravitational pull of the moon on the earth causes an ebb and flow of waters resulting in tidal action and instability of the waters on earth even in bodies of all creatures. Pray that the waters of your body will stabilize and be still during the full moon season when the waters ebb and flow, and body fluids are also affected adversely. Ask the LORD to be the stability of your times; pray this for your economy and for the political landscape in your territory.

The Last Quarter moon will occur on 29 November 2018 while the First Quarter moon will occur on 15 December 2018.

- Command the Quarter moons to praise GOD in this season.
- Pray that GOD will teach your hands to war and your fingers to do battle so you can break the steel bows of the witches, wizards, sorcerers, necromancers, diviners, monthly prognosticators, astrologers, traffickers of familiar spirits and the queen of heaven (Ps 18:34; Ps 144:1)

The New Moon occurs on 7 December 2018 @ 07:20 UTC

- Command the new moon to praise GOD who created it to mark the times and seasons. Psalm 104:19, 136:8-9, 148:3,



- Command the new moon to receive instruction only from GOD and from Kingdom citizens to fulfill only the purpose which GOD created it for in this season. Pray that the moon shall reject the incantations, prognostications and manipulation from any other ungodly source.
- Pray that as the new moon waxes as a witness in the sky, so shall their desire to know the true LORD GOD grow with it.
- Pray that GOD should cut off those that handle the sickle in the time of harvest against the ignorant and cause them to flee. (Jer 50:16)
- At the new and crescent moon proclaim and enforce Num 23:23 over your life, family, and the ignorant in the Ecclesia and territory.

SOLAR MOVEMENTS

From 30th November to 17 December 2018 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 Psalm 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 December 18, 2018 to 18 January 2019 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 2018 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 2019.
- 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 Psalm 148-150 The harp is a celestial instrument of worship. The heavens declare a season of increased worship and song ministrations 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; Psalm 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.



PRAYER REQUESTS FROM GAPNET PARTNERS

We receive prayer requests from out 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 sees 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.

PROCLAIM

THE LORD IS WITH ME; HE IS MY HELPER. I LOOK IN TRIUMPH ON MY ENEMIES. IT IS BETTER TO TAKE REFUGE IN THE LORD THAN TO TRUST IN HUMANS. IT IS BETTER TO TAKE REFUGE IN THE LORD THAN TO TRUST IN PRINCES. ALL THE NATIONS SURROUNDED ME, BUT IN THE NAME OF THE LORD I CUT THEM DOWN. THEY SURROUNDED ME ON EVERY SIDE, BUT IN THE NAME OF THE LORD I CUT THEM DOWN. THEY SWARMED AROUND ME LIKE BEES, BUT THEY WERE CONSUMED AS QUICKLY AS BURNING THORNS; IN THE NAME OF THE LORD I CUT THEM DOWN. I WAS PUSHED BACK AND ABOUT TO FALL, BUT THE LORD HELPED ME. THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH AND MY DEFENSE; HE HAS BECOME MY SALVATION. SHOUTS OF JOY AND VICTORY RESOUND IN THE TENTS OF THE RIGHTEOUS: "THE LORD'S RIGHT HAND HAS DONE MIGHTY THINGS! THE LORD'S RIGHT HAND IS LIFTED HIGH; THE LORD'S RIGHT HAND HAS DONE MIGHTY THINGS!" I WILL NOT DIE BUT LIVE, AND WILL PROCLAIM WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE. PSALM 118.7-17

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