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The Prayer Guide is sent to many users all over the world and can look quite lengthy at times. We have numbered the pages and provided a table of contents to allow the reader to access the areas that are of interest. We have inserted hyperlinks so you can go directly to the sections you are interested in.

THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared Coronavirus COVID-19 a pandemic. Currently, the worldwide death toll is over 6,148,000 with over 482,187,000 confirmed cases. Countries have closed their borders and ordered their residents to stay at home.

On April 8, 2020 at the conclusion of the Eagle's Fast at Logos-Rhema Central Community Assembly in Accra, Ghana Dr. Abu Bako was ministering. The Lord said that it was time to release the prophetic at unprecedented levels of expression and manifestation. The Lord also said this was the time of unprecedented release and manifestation of the supernatural and increased human and angelic collaboration.

The Lord has spoken to many prophets about the times we are in. The summary of what we have been hearing is:

- 1) Prepare for my coming.
- 2) Focus on the end time harvest.
- 3) Though part of the Lord's shaking (Haggai 2:6-9) the coronavirus pandemic should not be allowed to distract us but rather, promote us into our place in God.

As we focus on the end time harvest, we are offering resources to equip the intercessors to bring in the harvest.

Here are some recommended online resources:

Dr. Abu Bako has prepared a series entitled "Times and Seasons" that can be seen on the Facebook page of Logos-Rhema Foundation HQ. **Professor Vincent Anigbogu** has prepared a series entitled "Developing the Total Man for God's Use". The recordings are on the Facebook page of Prof Vincent Anigbogu.

WE HAVE AN URGENT CALL FOR INTERCESSORS

THE GLOBAL ALTAR WATCH 2021 360 DAYS 24/7 PRAYER – PROCLAMATION – PRAISE "Could you not watch with Me one hour?" Matthew 26:40

This is an invitation to participate in a worldwide joint event to Pray, Praise & Worship the Lord and Proclaim His Word from Genesis to Revelation on all 6 continents for a period of 360 days. It started on March 19, 2021. We celebrated the 360 Days Milestone. From March 12, 2022, at 06:00 UTC to March 13, 2022 at 06:00 UTC we had 24 hours of non-stop Praise and Worship. From March 13, 2022, at 06:00 UTC to March 14, 2022 at 18:00 UTC we had 36 hours of celebration.

The journey continues. It is time for you to get involved. We have entered a very exciting season. The Lord has said this is the season of RENEWAL OF COVENANTS.



How can you be involved?

- 1) You can become involved in making as many people as possible aware of THE GLOBAL ALTAR WATCH prayer effort.
- 2) You can inform all the prayer groups that you are aware of, who meet for regular prayer with the hope of getting them involved.
- 3) You can inform your church Leader/Pastor about this Global Prayer effort and if they need further information, visit the TGAW website (www.theglobalaltarwatch.org)

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE MONTH OF APRIL

April is the fourth (4th) month of the Gregorian calendar. The derivation of the Latin name “Aprilis” for April is uncertain. Conventionally, the etymology is from the Latin word “Aperire” meaning “to open” in relation to it being the season when trees, greenery and flowers begin to “bud” or waken. In the northern hemisphere vegetation begins to bud (open out) and blossom, new life springs forth. It is the time for restoration of life after the cold, harsh, just-ended winter months. It is also the time of release of the latter rain that culminates in establishment, preservation and progress signifying fruitfulness and hope as new life begins. In the southern hemisphere it is rather the gates of the autumn season when creation begins to prepare for the coming winter season.

The final month of the Biblical Sacred calendar ends on 1st April 2022 at sundown. From sundown on the 1st April 2022, we usher in the Biblical Sacred New Year Nisan 5782. It will be the first (1st) month of the Sacred Year and the eighth (8th) month of the Biblical Civil year.

When commanding Moses and the Israelites to keep the Passover on the eve of their independence from Egypt, Jehovah said to Moses in Exodus 12.1b *this will be the beginning of years for you*. Therefore, it marks the beginning of Jehovah’s Sacred calendar year.



ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT

Nisan 5782 occurs from sundown on 1st April 2022 to sundown on 1st May 2022. This month is the eighth (8th) month of the Biblical Civil calendar, the first (1st) month of the Sacred calendar, and the fourth (4rd) month of the Gregorian calendar.

The Passover/Pesach, Feast of Unleavened Bread and Feast of First Fruits/Chag ha Matzoh are the first set of three of the seven Feasts of Jehovah that will be celebrated from sundown on April 15, 2022 to sundown on April 23, 2022. Easter will be celebrated on April 17, 2022. Ramadan begins in the evening of April 1, 2022 and ends in the evening of April 30, 2022.

- April 15, 2022/14th of Nisan, 5782 Ta'anit Bechorot Erev Pesach - The eve of the 7-day Feast of Unleavened bread – This is the Fast of the First Born – this is a sunrise to sunset fast by all males who are the first-born children of the family.
- April 16- April 17, 2022/15th-16th of Nisan, 5782 Pesach I & II
- April 18 – 20th 2022/17th-20th of Nisan, 5782 Pesach III-V (Chag ha Matzoh – CH''M) First fruits begins (and counting the Omer commences on 16th of Nissan, the night of April 16, 2022)
- April 22nd -23rd 2022/ 21-22 Nisan, 5782 Pesach VII-VIII

WHAT IS THE NAME OF OUR GOD?

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

"Jehovah" was popularized in the English-speaking world by William Tyndale and other pioneer English Protestant translations such as the Geneva Bible and the King James Version. It is still used in some translations, such as the New World Translation and Young's Literal Translation, but it does not appear in most mainstream English translations, as the terms "Jehovah" or "Jehovah": used instead, generally indicating that the corresponding Hebrew is Yahweh or YHWH." (From Wikipedia) In the Bishop's Bible (1568), the word Jehovah occurs in Exodus 6:3 and Psalm 83:18.

The Authorized King James Version (1611) renders Jehovah in Exodus 6:3, Psalm 83:18, Isaiah 12:2, Isaiah 26:4, and three times in compound place names at Genesis 22:14, Exodus 17:15 and Judges 6:24. The Leningrad Codex is the oldest complete manuscript of the Hebrew Bible in Hebrew. It is dated 1008 CE.

You can download it at www.seforimonline.org/seforimdb/PDF/264.pdf This Hebrew manuscript contains 50 occurrences of the full spelling of the name Yehovah. The Aleppo Codex is an ancient vocalized Hebrew manuscript. It is about 100 years older than the Leningrad Codex but it is not complete. This document contains the name Yehovah. When you look at Ezekiel 28:22 in the Aleppo Codex it says: "Thus says Adonai Yehovah.."

I encourage you this month to read and study this document for yourself. There a website that will help you. It is www.aleppocodex.org.

The King James Version uses "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 "Ἰησοῦς" (Iesous) in Greek.

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF YEHOVAH (JEHOVAH)?

According to Easton's Bible Dictionary "Jehovah - the special and significant name (not merely an appellative title such as 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 COVENANT AND COMMUNION

INTRODUCTION

The greatest intercessors whose prayers are recorded and answered by the LORD were effective because they related to the LORD as a covenant keeping God. They would pray, *O LORD great and awesome God, You who keep covenant for those who love You.* You find this in the prayers of Nehemiah, Daniel and Ezra. All these people knew Him as God who keeps covenant and, in their prayer, they invoked His covenant keeping nature.

Nehemiah said *O God. You who by the prophets said that if we shall disobey You and break Your rules and laws, You will cast us to the ends of the world - You have done it; but You also promised that if we shall call upon Your name from wherever we are, and turn back to You, You will gather us from the ends of the earth and bring us back to the city of the LORD.*

What is he saying? “LORD we don’t have anything in us. Our strength is not saying ‘LORD we plead, we are suffering. Look at what they are doing to us....’ our strength is in the covenant that You have given us when You warned us and said, ‘You walk in disobedience like that, I will cast you away’; we tried You, we went in disobedience, and You scattered us. But You also said when we call upon You turn back to You and repent, You will bring us back. Since you fulfilled the other one and scattered us away, You will fulfil this one and come to our rescue. It is all about You and Your Character and the covenant You have made with us.”

Daniel prayed the same way. He said “O LORD, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. [...] “LORD, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame—the men of Judah and people of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you

You may say that was Old Testament. In Acts 4 after being persecuted the disciples gathered together to pray and said “Sovereign LORD,” they said, “you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. _You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: “Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One. Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate [...] Now, LORD, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

What were they doing? They were invoking the covenant promise the LORD Jesus Christ had given them on the Mount of Olives when He gave the Great Commission. He had said “Lo I will be with you to the end of the age (Matt 28:18-20).”

All these men of God based their prayer not in trying to convince God or looking pathetic enough, not saying “look at how we are suffering, see how difficult the situation is, look at how we are under threat.”

When we show God what we are going through, God has a way of responding. He also shows us where the challenge is. The LORD said to Jeremiah 7¹⁶. *Don't pray to Me. Don't intercede for them. Look at their city. What they are doing in their city houses, streets, don't even pray because if you pray I will not listen.*

If we pray “O LORD help my country,” He says “why should I? I don't want to look. My hand is not short that I cannot save, My ears are not closed that I cannot hear but your sin has turned Me away. I don't want to hear. Look what they do in the street, look at the abominations in your city, look at how you behave in your homes. I don't want to hear.” There is a protocol to some levels of intercession, and it has to do with understanding the covenant.

Remember what Moses said? He was before God and God said “Get out of My sight. I want to destroy these children and I will make a nation out of you.” Moses tried to plead but God would not listen. Moses finally invoked the covenant and said “Remember Your covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. O God what will the nations say? That You have failed?” God said, “I have heard your prayer”. **The God you serve is a covenant keeping God.**

God does not respond to your emotions and physical discomforts or pathetic displays of grief. He responds to the covenant promises He has given you. The Bible rightly says *Those who know their God will be strong and do exploits (Daniel 11:32)*. Jesus Christ said to the jews who believed Him, *You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free*. It is not just guess work but knowledge which is readily available in the Bible that will make you strong, and free.

If you are called by the name of the LORD and you have no understanding of the covenant you have entered into in Jesus Christ, you will be weak, fearful and you will be overcome. How do you operate without the most basic understanding and practice of the covenant relationship you have with the LORD?

FOUNDATION OF COVENANTS

The LORD has an expression of Himself in every culture; and the most common expression is the practice of covenant making and covenant keeping. In every ancient culture you will find the practice of covenant-making at various levels and for three reasons.

It was upon this practice that the LORD introduced Himself to man and built His relationship with us. Just because our modern understanding of covenants has watered them down, does not water down their significance in life. Covenants are as serious today as they were all those thousands of years ago when they were instituted among mankind.

There is an ancient covenant that was practiced by people of ancient Near East. The Chaldeans Hittites and the Assyrians practiced this covenant even before Israel was a nation. When God came to make covenant with Abraham, amazingly the Maker of heaven and earth chose to humble Himself and come into a practice men had among themselves.

He did this just to give assurance to His friend Abraham that He would do everything He had promised him. Abraham could rest assured in everything the LORD told him even when there was no sign of it because from his own background and culture, Abraham knew that men NEVER broke covenant – how much more the God of heaven and earth?

WHAT IS A COVENANT?

1. A covenant was an understanding between two parties to come into a binding relationship that was to the point of being unbreakable. The covenant in the ancient East as practiced by the Assyrians was supposed to last 8 generations. Now think about 8 generations i.e., about 800 years. Who can break the covenant kept for 8 generations? It became their culture. To men there was an understanding that a covenant is a permanent thing.
2. Covenant relationship is the strongest relationship between two people known in the history of mankind. It brings people closer than child and mother; in other words, a covenant partner is closer to you than your mother or father. Marriage itself is a form of covenant relationship. It shows you how man leaves his parent and yokes up with the woman of his choice and that becomes a relationship far more important than that with his parent. A covenant relationship is closer than brother and sister. It is the closest and strongest human relationship.
3. A covenant relationship does not only bring two people close together, it binds them into one. So whatever one represents the other also represents, whatever one owns the other also owns, whatever confronts one, automatically confronts the other. It binds them in oneness. We can see all this in the marriage covenant.

WHY COVENANT?

What were the reasons people would go into covenant?

1. When two people love each other so much that they are willing to share anything in life, willing to lay down their lives for each other, pay any price because of their love for each other
2. When two people were enemies who have been fighting for a long time and want to stop fighting permanently, or two people in the danger of fighting know they would destroy themselves, so they choose to make a covenant to avoid the situation.
3. When a stronger party made promises to a weaker party and the weaker party needed assurance that the stronger party would fulfil their promise.

They were looking for covenants because men in the ancient pagan world never broke a covenant. Why? They believed that when two people came to covenant, their gods came to a covenant too. To date when people make any oath they must finish with the statement “So help me God” to invoke the deities that supervise that covenant.

Whoever of the two breaks a covenant reaps a curse. When people came into covenant, they did not come into it lightly. They took time. Once in, there is no turning back even when you don't like the other party anymore. You know “if I withdraw, the covenant slays”. They would keep covenants by will not just by emotion.

Covenants are eternal by nature. The making of a covenant is not an automatic thing. The shortest time it took to lay any covenant conditions was at least 3 years and the longest time it took to develop the conditions was 25 years. The LORD took 25 years to lay the conditions and seals of the covenant with Abram. Jesus Christ took 3 and a half years to lay the New Covenant seals.

SUPERVISING SPIRITS OVER COVENANTS

It is the involvement of spiritual supervisors that makes a covenant a unique relationship. Any agreement or ceremony during which libations are offered invoke spirits to witness, supervise and be party to that agreement or whatever cause the ceremony stands for. In many traditional settings, libations poured during marriage ceremonies open the gates of the marriage to spirits to supervise it and be party to it. As such God is not the witness of such marriages but a demonic spirit.

Before whoever altar a marriage is contracted will end up having that deity as a witness and the supervising spirit over that marriage. If I take a woman to God's altar to marry her, I am acknowledging God and asking for his supervision in the marital covenant I have entered with the woman. If someone else allows for an altar to be raised through libation pouring during his marital ceremony, he has allowed the spirit invoked to come in to supervise his marriage covenant.

Numerous human covenants in scripture have God witnessing and supervising them (indirectly through His angelic spirits) since the covenants were confirmed by oaths sworn before him (God) or sworn by his name.

Examples are the covenants between:

- i) Abraham and Abimelech – Gen 21:22^{ff}
- ii) Jacob and Laban – Gen 31:43^{ff}
- iii) Joshua and the Gibeonites – Josh 9; 2 Sam 21:1-14
- iv) David and Jonathan – 1 Sam 18:1-4, 20:8-23, 42; 23:15-18
- v) Marriage Covenants – Mal 2:13-16, Prov 2:16, 17
- vi) From Jer 34:8-22(v 15), we may say that covenants made in the house or temple of God or a shrine may have that deity in whose presence the covenant is made being a witness and the supervising spirit over that covenant.

The example enumerated above point to the fact that covenants have supervising spirits. A supervising spirit could be an angel of God (Ps 104:4) or an angel of the devil (Mt 25:41, Rev 12:7-9) that has been specially assigned to see to the fulfillment of covenant obligations and demands on the part of all parties to the agreement. As such supervising spirits are “Watchers” and they ensure that the covenant conditions are met and consequences of breaching them are also faced to the maximum ()

Though God is the Chief Witness in covenant relations He has approved, He is not necessarily the One who Supervises directly. Angels who are all ministering spirits sent forth to minister to heirs of salvation could be assigned as supervising spirits over covenants relationships like marriages (Dan 4:17, Heb 1:13,14; Deut 32:8,9).

The devil copies and perverts these principles of God; he appoints his angels to supervise and watch our covenants and nations as we see in Dan 10:13, 20; Ps 2:2, Is 24:21, 22 etc.

COVENANT MAKING PROCESS

The procedure of covenant-making among the people of the Near East took roughly nine steps and was as follows:

THEY NEGOTIATED THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE COVENANT.

The first seal of a covenant is exchange of terms. These terms are curses and blessings – curses for breaking the covenant, blessings for keeping the covenant. **Deut 27-29; Gen 31:43; Jer 11:1-17.**

Even the basic level of the covenant of salvation had terms – Those who believe will not be condemned, those who do not believe will be condemned. **(Jn 3:18).**

In exchange of terms, the covenant parties call down upon themselves curses should they break the covenant. These were sanctions of covenants. They were penalties executed, actions employed, judgments unleashed or measures taken to:

- 1) force a party to a covenant relationship to keep to the terms and responsibilities of the covenant.
- 2) Prevent a party to a covenant relationship violating the covenant
- 3) Punish a party to a covenant relationship who has forsaken or abandoned the covenant.

THEY LOOKED FOR A VENUE TO CUT THE COVENANT.

Normally covenants were made in an elevated place where all parties were visible to each other. Here the families of the parties assembled so that they could witness the cutting of this covenant. In Abram's case, he was alone and did not have any children. He went ahead and cut the covenant and waited for the LORD.

Calvary was the location for the cutting of the new covenant. The families of the earth including people from all walks of life were present around there witnessing the sacrifice that was going to be made between God and the universe through Jesus Christ. Even the heavens witnessed the sacrifice and the earth too. When Jesus Christ died, the sun hid and there was a total eclipse, there was an earthquake. All of creation bore witness to the sacrifice on Calvary on that day.

THEY PREPARED COVENANT ANIMALS:

In the deepest level of covenant making the ancient Assyrians took a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon. They would split each animal into two halves except the birds. They would put the animals on two sides and leave a corridor in the middle of the two piles.

Notice that when the LORD instructed Abram to go and bring the animals, He did not tell Abram what to do with the animals. Abram automatically understood what the LORD was asking of him because it was the covenant practice of his people the Hittites or Chaldeans. So he went ahead and prepared the sacrifices and then waited because the next step was for the inferior party i.e. the vassal, to walk in between the bleeding animals swearing their allegiance and promise to serve the suzerain – i.e. the superior partner in the covenant.

In Assyrian/Hittite covenant making, the inferior party is the one who walked between the bleeding animals saying, "May what has been done to these animals happen to me if I contravene this covenant." In the covenant between God and Abraham, God in the form of a burning torch passed through the bleeding animals (Genesis 15:17); and took the place of the inferior party.

This reveals God's great humility, not only in coming down to Abraham's level of understanding that God could never break His promises, but also lowering Himself to be the inferior party in the agreement - by choice.

God did not only do that then. In the New Covenant, Jesus Christ, the LORD came down and lived among men. He spent 3½ years laying down the terms and conditions of the New Covenant. You read in Matthew 5-7 the account of how He raised the bar on the commandments that were given. He would tell them, "This is what your law says about such and such; but I say..." And He would lay down conditions and terms of the new covenant that would reconcile all of creation to the Father.

On the day of the Passover, Jesus Himself became the sacrificial Lamb of God; prepared according to the dictates of the LORD.

It is Jesus Himself who walked between the sacrifice and became the inferior party in the covenant between God and Man. He took the blood and brought it into the Throne room of God and set it before the LORD where it speaks on behalf of all creation for eternity.

The blood speaks of life, healing, deliverance, protection, resurrection, power to overcome the enemy, deliverance from captivity and bondages. That blood continues to speak and call forth all of creation into its rightful place as ordained by the LORD. It speaks for nations and governments. It gives us confidence to come boldly before the LORD at every opportunity to find grace for help any and every time.

When we intercede for our territories and our families, we can invoke the voice of the blood of Jesus which is speaking on our behalf before the throne-room of grace. We do not do this because of our own goodness but because the LORD sees the blood and finds the sacrifice is worthy. Because of the sacrifice we can access all good things of the kingdom. However, do we take time to get to know this? It is all in the scriptures. Lack of knowledge has made us powerless, not because the LORD has not paid it all but because we choose our way rather than His way.

What excuse do we have as the Body of Christ to fail when we have this token speaking on our behalf in the throne room of grace?

THEY EXCHANGED THE MANTLE 1 SAM 18:1-4:

The Mantle signified:

1. Covering
2. Protection
3. Reputation
4. Authority Col **3:3, 4**
5. Anointing
6. Honour

Exchange of rings in marriage is exchange of authority. The signet ring was a sign of authority (**Hag 2:23**) Also (**2 Chron 16:1-9; Gen 14:17-20; 21:27**).

1 Kings 19¹⁶⁻²¹; When God spoke to Elijah to anoint Elisha prophet in his place, Elisha was working in the garden. He went and threw a mantle over Elisha. Imagine how Elisha felt; he took the mantle and ran after Elijah and said, *“My father let me go back to my family and say bye.*

Elijah said, *“What have I told you?”* Elisha knew what it meant because it was in their middle eastern culture. The prophetic mantle meant that *“The office of prophet is passed over to you.”* Elisha destroyed everything and followed Elijah. Elijah would say to him *“Stay here and I may go.”* Elisha says *“No, as surely as the LORD lives I go with you,”* meaning, *“I know you would not have struck me with your mantle if the authority of prophet has not passed over to me.”*

When he got the mantle and returned to the river Elisha said, “where is the God of Elijah?” He was invoking covenant authority. He struck the water and immediately the water parted. The prophets said, “the spirit of Elijah is on Elisha”

A man’s coat and mantle represented his authority. In the covenant making, the father would take off his coat and give it over to his covenant partner and say to him, “Everything upon which I have authority, I give it to you. The same authority I have is the same authority you have. Whatever I can say, you can say. Whatever I can do you can do. My authority I give to you. “

Now go back and read the story of Joseph and his mantle, the coat of many colors again. You will begin to understand the emotions that gift created among his elder brothers, and what it said of him. It was a passing on of authority and power from Jacob to Joseph.

Jesus is saying “You have authority to do what I have authority to do, you have authority to take what I have authority to take, you have authority to enter where I have authority to enter. You have authority to set free what I have authority to set free. Whatever you bind on earth is bound in heaven, whatever you loose on earth is loosed in heaven. I have given you power, authority to step over snakes and scorpions, over every power of the devil and nothing shall do you any harm.” It not about you or your ability It is not about your authority, it is His authority!

On the cross. They stripped Jesus naked, and they shared His clothes. What happened to His mantle? They fought for it until they cast lots. They never divided a man’s mantle. Who took the mantle? A Roman soldier – a gentile. This prophetically signified that the mantle of authority was rested upon the gentiles.

Knowing this fact Paul, the apostle admonished us in Romans 11:24-27

After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree! I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited; Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: “The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn the godlessness away from Jacob. And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins.

To this day we are still in “The Times of The Gentiles.” It does not mean we have replaced Israel for they have an everlasting covenant with God through Abraham. The day will come when the Bible says this mantle will be taken back to Israel and all the Israel will be saved. Then what does that mantle mean to us? We who were not a people are made people. Not only did God make a covenant with Abraham or Israel as a nation, He said in Jeremiah 31:31



Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

We, the gentiles were included in it but did not replace Israel when we came into it!

The reason you do not see a manifestation of the authority of God is because you have refused to let go of the authority you have on your family, finances, affairs, children, your job, programs etc. You say “I want to seek God I but am so busy there is no time.” Does He have a say in this ‘time’? Why? Because it is your time, your program, your family, your job, your finances and He has no say in them. He wants a part in it.

You say, “I want God to have a part but there is no space. It’s not healthy to fast long or even take more than this amount of time to seek the LORD. I have programmed in prayer or Bible study. It’s too much of a demand to do what He is asking of me now.” Nowadays we even have quick fix devotions, people complain of the time it takes to pray in detail or read the Bible in large chunks and say, God understands me. There is just too much else to do. It is a choice you make on where you will put your greatest treasure, which is time.

There are levels you will never go beyond and there are exploits you will miss. You will have to try and tame demons that have bound you because it takes time to go through various levels of deliverance. You will have to live under oppressive systems and regimes because it takes time to deal with evil foundations and establish the LORD’s patterns in the territory. It takes time to fast, pray, fellowship with others. No one writes your diary for you. You must decide whether the covenant can work for you.

Why do you struggle? “This is My World and God can surely understand. I have to wake up early, rush the baby to the babysitter, then rush to my job. Keep working for 8 to 10 hours and can’t even have a decent lunch, eat some fast food, pick up the children from school, go for my further studies program at the college in the evening, go back home and prepare a meal, help them do their homework and have some quality time with my spouse.

At the end of the day, I am so tired I am ready to sleep and do the same tomorrow. I want to pray and read the Word, but God understands. I genuinely have no time” The Bible says, “There is nothing you have that you did not receive.” He has given us all these wonderful things that create our little world and they have become a hindrance that satan has used to steal from us and eventually they can kill or destroy us.

Did God create us to reign over our world or for our world to reign over us? We have refused to surrender our authority.

THEY EXCHANGED THE BELTS OF WEAPONS.

1 Sam 18:1-4; Eph 6:10-20; 2 Cor 10:3-6; Jer 51:20-25; 50:25; Rom 6:14-16; Is 49:1-3

In the ancient covenant the next step would be thus: the men of ancient times walked around with their weapons - it was a dangerous world. They had a belt that went across the chest. It had a quiver of arrows and a sheath for the sword and a bow.

One would take the belt of weapons and give it to the “covenant partner. What do they mean? “Your wars are mine; your enemies will be my enemies. From today whoever touches you touches me. I will fight your battle; I will fight your enemy. Call upon me I will be there”

Twice you read of Abram being in a compromised position. In Egypt when he feared for his life and the end result was that Sarah was taken by Pharaoh in his harem, the LORD Himself visited Pharaoh and basically told him, “You have touched my friend, you are a dead man.” Pharaoh had to give Sarah back with gifts to appease Abram.

Abram did not learn his lesson. He was still quite fearful when he settled in Gerar and Abimelech eyed his wife. He quickly said she was his sister, and Abimelech took her as a wife. Even before the LORD came to Abimelech, He had already launched His weapon against the unsuspecting leader.

There was barrenness in the land, and they wondered what had happened. The LORD appeared to Abimelech and basically told him too that He was a dead man for taking Abram’s wife. Abimelech had to return Sarah and appease Abram with gifts. Then Abram was the only one who could pray to open the wombs of the barren in the land. That is the kind of backing those who are in covenant with the LORD can expect.

Even when Abram had not acted righteously or with faith the LORD still fought for him. Ezra invoked for the protection of the covenant keeping God when they set off from Babylon with materials for building the temple. In the long trip which took months in those bandits infested desert routes, they never suffered any attack or loss because they understood that their covenant keeping God could be depended upon to watch over them and release any weapons to fight on their behalf.

Throughout the Bible you read of how the LORD fought for Israel miraculously discomfiting their enemies even when they were still sinful. To this day, nations that surround Israel wonder how they can bring down that nation, but they do not understand that the nation’s weapons are not carnal. They have a covenant keeping God watching over them in every generation.

Read I Samuel 13¹⁹⁻²²; When they made covenant Jonathan took his weapons and gave them to David. However, in that era in Israel, only the king and crown prince had weapons but the rest of the people in Israel had crude weapons from stone and wood like mattocks, axes, stone knives. According to the historian Josephus, Israel had not even entered the iron age like their neighboring cities.



David hardly had any weapons. He protected his sheep with his bare hands and at most, with a rod or pointed stick. When it came to fighting Goliath, David only had a sling! Therefore, can you imagine the magnitude of their exchange? Iron weapons for a sling in a stone-age civilization!

Jesus has given us weapons. *The weapons of our warfare are not carnal they are not of the world. They are mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. (2Cor 10⁴⁻⁶)*

We don't see the effect of these weapons in our lives because we have not surrendered our weapons to Him. Our weapons are bitterness, un-forgiveness, we keep grudges against those who offend us, we try to undercut each other or pull rank or hinder each other. We deny one another good things to make them feel a level of emotional or physical pain or discomfort. At worst we steal or kill or destroy each other in one way or the other. What weak, childish, and useless weapons we have. They are all self-destructive at the end of it all.

It is time to step into the weapons we are given because they can pull down every high thing which exalts itself against the knowledge of God. That means that we need to begin with our own minds. Our mindset must change and adopt a Biblical world view. We must come out of the place of fear and have faith in the covenant keeping God to take on our battles in every arena. We need to take our thoughts captive and cause them to obey Jesus Christ and what the Word of God says

THEY WITNESSED THE PUBLIC DECLARATION OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

After exchanging weapons, remember the animals divided into two and the corridor of blood? Each partner would walk the length of the corridor chanting the conditions of the covenant making promises and swearing a curse upon themselves if they broke the covenants. Do you remember that God came like a burning torch in Genesis 15 and make promises to Abram?

Then each would place his hand on the other's shoulder and say "Even as we stand in the blood, with death on the left and right I promise you they may fall to the left and right, but I will never leave you in battle. I will be there even when blood flows under our feet you can count on me." That was an assurance that "Even if we are being defeated, even if there is death left and right and blood is flowing, I will be there with you." Why?

The LORD said to Abram that his descendants would go into slavery for 400 years. Even then the LORD would be with them, and He would fight for them and deliver them and bring them back into the Promised Land with great triumph.

Then the two would take the scroll where they wrote the terms and conditions of covenant, and each would begin to read to the other what they promised. "You promised that you will do this and that and will not break your promise.

If you break the promise, this will happen. And the other would say, “Yes” and the family would say “Amen.” The terms and conditions would be spoken out openly and that is called “Swearing to each other the Covenant.”

Jesus Christ hung on the cross on the day of Crucifixion and publicly declared “Forgive them for they do not know what they are doing. As He died, He declared “It is finished.” It was the covenantal declaration that all the wrath of the LORD had been finished by His sacrifice; the long separation between man and God was finished.

The broken covenant between man and God from the garden of Eden had been sealed and restored. It is a profound statement whose implications we ought to be walking in today as covenant partners.

THEY MADE THE DECLARATION STANDING IN THE BLOOD.

After that they took a razor and cut the vein in the wrist, they would bind their wrists together so that the blood mingled. Blood signifies life. The life on this one and the other are being mixed to be one blood, and it will flow down and drop into the soil. They would make a declaration and say “Today we are no longer two but one life. Even as our blood has mingled together and the soil is witness that we are one, should I ever break this covenant with you may the earth vomit me out. May I be a vagabond, cursed for breaking the covenant, and may the earth never grow crops for me, may my wives remain barren, and my children die before they are of age. May I forever be cursed for breaking the covenant for this is a covenant of oneness.” They would say such things that would bind them to their covenant, believing that their deities were witness to this exchange

The wrath of supervising spirits who watch over covenants was incurred when a covenant was violated. It is these spirits who saw to the executions of these conditions.

The sanctions on covenant breaking or violation are so awesome that, they can lead to death. In other causes they could bring about curses, disasters, misfortunes. As you look at your territory and the terrible things that happen, could it be there are certain covenants that have been breached? What kind of covenants do your leaders get into? What oaths do they swear? Those will affect the nation especially if they are made to demon-gods.

However, the blood of Jesus has already covered all. When we call on His blood and invoke the covenant conditions that are vested in the blood of Jesus, we can bring deliverance to our territories and nullify every other token that speaks in the land.

In a marriage covenant when the couple consummates the marriage as virgins then there is blood that intermingles. That is the cutting of the covenant. Every time there is that consummation there is a level of blood mingling between the two.

They become one. Even when people have adulterous affairs or fornication, then they become one, and it's a covenantal tie. That is a soul-tie. When a couple does not consummate their marriage, they can annul it because it is considered that the covenant has not been "cut."

When the LORD began to renew covenant with the children of Israel in Egypt, He instructed them to kill a lamb and put the blood on their door posts. When He saw the blood, He would pass over them. He was invoking the covenant He had with their fathers that He would indeed deliver them from their enemies.

Jesus Christ gave His blood for the redemption of all creation. When we accept Him as our LORD and Savior, we exchange our death for His life, and we become one with Him. That is why we are considered His bride.

THEY HAD THE EXCHANGE OF NAMES AND TOKENS OF THE COVENANT.

After God's Covenant with Abram, his name was changed to Abraham, likewise Sarai to Sarah. Gen 17; Also Gen 32:22-30. After that they would turn to families and if one man has been Joseph and the other Isaiah, they exchange their names.

- a. The most personal possession anyone can own no matter how poor, unknown, or despised he is, is their name. Can you write what your name represents to you?
- b. Who is the original Father of all nations? Read Luke 338b
- c. God changed Abram's name to Abraham. What does Abraham mean?
- d. Did God exchange His name with Abraham?
- e. Sarai's name was changed too to Sarah. What does that name mean?

Abram also had to do his part but how could he give his name to God? In calling him Abraham, God took part of His own name Yahweh and put it in Abram and Sarai's names and thus they became Abraham and Sarah. He would also from that time be referred to as the God of Abraham.

When Isaac and Jacob renewed the covenant, He was referred to as the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob; and thus, on these three patriarchs, the covenant of God's love was established. Even Jesus Christ acknowledged this patriarchal covenant of love in speaking about the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. Whatever God represented, these men and later the nation of Israel represented both to the heavens the nations of the earth.

What about Jesus Christ and us? When Jesus said in My name you will ask, it is not the identity alone but everything that it means in heaven to the angels, to the Father, all heaven, what He is to the demons and satan. He basically means "In My name you will ask anything, in My name you will step into My identity so that what I am you are, if I am a Son to the Father, you are a son to the Father, if I am LORD over angels, you are LORD over angels, if I have overcome the devil, you have overcome the devil, if I overcame the world, you overcame. In My name ask, and it shall be done. That is just a small portion of what Jesus' name represents and He is offering it to you.

When you step into His name you step into His identity. You become identical to Jesus Christ to whoever you are facing because covenant makes you ONE with Him. That is powerful

When people hear your name, i.e., your workmates, business partner, wife, children, neighbors etc what does it represent to each of them?

Read Ephesians 2⁶. Is Cancer or AIDS, a name? Is poverty a name? Is failure a name? Is discouragement a name? Is depression a name? Is satan a name? Is witchcraft a name? Is death a name? The Bible says *we are seated in high places in Him above every name that can be named. Above all principality and power and authority.* Not even the archangels have a place before God higher than we have received in Jesus Christ. However, have we given up our names to Him to receive His?

We said that the greatest fight is the fight of faith. You may say you believe the Word of God but then still be afraid. Fear to let go, fear to surrender and say, “I give it all to Jesus Christ, I want only Him”. That fear “What will happen if I give it up?” That fear destroys our faith.

Read Hebrews 11⁶; what does it mean?

Without faith, we cannot do anything. By faith all things are possible. The Bible says what is impossible with man is possible with God because with God all things are possible. When fear knocks the door, faith opens it and finds NO ONE!

After an individual has put on Christ, he is called a Christian (Acts 11:26; Is 62:1,2).

In traditional African settings, when a chief accedes a throne, he is given a stool name to seal the covenant between him and the spiritual forces behind the throne.

After the exchange of names, there was an exchange of tokens which signified that the two groups were in covenant. There were many tokens of a covenant.

- **They planted a covenant tree;** Trees are employed in this respect because trees outlive men. The implications are that covenants can be beyond one’s lifetime for one’s offspring to be able to operate in the covenant after one’s demise.

In Gen 21:33, Abraham planted a tamarisk tree (groove – shrine) to represent and seal the covenant he “cut” with Abimelech. A tree can be a groove (shrine) that represents an individual or covenant, i.e., a tree can be planted for somebody as part of a token to seal a covenant.

In some communities, trees are planted over buried foreskins or umbilical cords (gates of one life) and solemn pronouncements are made on it in the presence of and /or with the approval of people with relational authority.

Just as the cutting down of the tree, trimming of its branches, stripping off its leaves and scattering of its fruits in Dan 4:13-15 affected Nebuchadnezzar's reign (physically), so can trees planted for individuals as part of covenants affect or influence their lives.

- Some take the umbilical cord of a child when it has fallen and tie it around the child's waist or wrist as a covenant sign.
- Others buried the foreskin and planted a tree over it to signify that person's life. In some cultures in Africa to date they still have groves and forests that are supposed to be tied to spiritual beings. These are covenant trees planted or dedicated in ancient times.
- The rings in marriage or markings on the body or other jewelry can be used as tokens

THEY SHARED A COVENANT MEAL - THE COMMUNION

Gen 26:26-33; 31:43-55; Ps 106:28; 1 Cor 11:23-29; Mt 26:23-29; Ex 24:9-11; 2 Sam 36-21.

After exchanging their names, the two families would bring food. In any culture there is no relationship without eating. In 1 Cor 10:14-22, Paul compared breaking (communion) to the table of devils. Festivals and Satanic celebrations end with meals. Meals have covenant implications in the realms of the spirit, and they affect generations yet unborn. We don't eat with just anybody (1 Cor 5:9-11; Heb 13:10). Daniel purposed in his heart not to defile himself with the Kings meat, and wine (Dan 1:8). Food eaten in African cultural festivals is usually a covenant meal.

The wedding cake eaten by the bridegroom and bride is a covenant meal. By eating it, witnesses present are stamping their seal of approval on the marriage covenant. The Devil also has his copy of this. During the cutting of many satanic covenants, a component part is the sharing of bread.

Some people use this so that when you share a meal with them, you partake of whatever they are giving to you consciously or unconsciously. They may be exchanging your destiny with their own or stealing from you at soul-level. That is why Paul admonishes you to pray over food before you eat it. He understood because he lived among pagans in his missionary journeys. He knew the significance of doing such a simple action.

Even in the ancient Eastern covenants, they would bring food and all the family would come close to partake of it. One father would rise and take bread and break it and say "This is my body. I promise you; your children will not lack when I am still here. I will give my body to be crushed, to labour to take care of your children. They will not suffer while I am here. They will not go to slavery while I am here. My body will be given to hard labour, to pay any debt for your children." The father would then turn, give the bread to his covenant partner and their family and they would eat it. The other covenant partner would do the same for him.

Then they would take the wine and each partner would say “This drink is my blood. I will pour out my blood and die for you and for your children. I will never let anything that I can prevent happen to them. I will lay down my life for you and your own. Let the gods witness this.” After that he would pour some to the ground as a libation to the ancestors/gods and then give the other family to drink. The other partner would reciprocate.

This same covenant applied to Abraham, Israel and ultimately Jesus Christ and the New Covenant in which we have a portion. Can you imagine what the disciples were thinking and feeling in the upper room when Jesus Christ stood up and broke bread and gave them the wine to drink? Can you imagine the emotion in that place? These were people who understood from their culture what the deep significance was of that action. Today we do not have as much understanding of what the communion meant to them.

Peter probably looked at John and his eyes were like, “He is telling us, all that He is we are and shall become. All the power and miracles we witnessed shall be our portion, all the authority, we are partakers.” They did not need many words to convince them of what He was saying to them. It was a powerful and profound moment in their lives.

Today we break the covenant meal and do not understand that each time we do it, we are not only remembering Jesus Christ’s sacrifice; We are renewing and strengthening this covenant.

What does it mean? If His body was broken for our physical and emotional healing and deliverance, we should be walking in divine health and we should be couriers of this divine health to others. If His blood was shed for our deliverance from bondages and eternal death, then we should see these things manifest in our lives and in our ministry. However, is that what we see today?

He has already given us all thing we need for life and godliness; an assurance that He will be with us every inch of the way. He has given us all those powerful seals of the covenant and we do not utilize them because we are ignorant, we have chosen to focus on the circumstances around us, we refuse to give Him time and our schedule literally blocks Him out. We have filled our lives with all sorts of noise.

We cannot do without the news, the TV, the DVD, our phones and I-pads and Internet. We must be “current” in news. We do not even trust Him to give us the information we need without all the unnecessary extras.

We are filling ourselves with information that does not build us up. Then we wonder why we are powerless. It is not because He has not given us the power authority and everything to overcome and transform our territories and disciple them. He has but we have chosen to pick other things and we cannot recognize His voice amid all the other noise, we cannot hear Him speak, we do not understand the signals of the Holy Spirit, we don’t understand the signs of the times and we respond to situations just like our powerless unsaved neighbours.

The conditions of the covenant became the tradition or memorial so that whenever men met again and needed to renew the covenant, they would practice the ritual that sealed the covenant instead of going through all the mentioned steps. In our new covenant with Christ, we practice partaking of the Holy Communion, which has become our tradition in renewing our covenant vows.

RENEWING COVENANTS

Covenants can be renewed in periods of slackening during which commitment or faithfulness to covenant terms or obligations by either or both parties to the covenant have diminished. The renewal of the covenant at Sinai (Deut 29:12-15) is the focus of the book of Deuteronomy. Deuteronomy summarizes the history of God's dealings with Israel since leaving Sinai (Deut 1:6- 4:43), recites the main stipulations of the covenant (Deut 4:43 – 26:19), reminds the Israelite of the curses and blessings of the covenant (Deut 27:1-30:20) and closes with arrangements for its continuation (Deut 31:1 – 33:29).

Shortly before Joshua died, he called the people together for this purpose (Josh 24; see vrs 24, 25). Similarly, Jehoiada led a covenant – renewal ceremony at the crowning of Joash (2 Kg 11:1-21 (v17) as did Josiah (2 kg 23:1-3), Hezekiah (2 Chron 29:10), and Ezra (Neh 8:1 - 10:39).

The call to covenant remembrance and renewal is relevant today. The New Testament is God's covenant with us, and we renew it as we partake of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11:17-34). As we practice this daily, we become able ministers of the new covenant (2 Cor 3:5, 6).

The pouring of libation is to renew ungodly covenants. The yearly festivals in many cultures are one of the ways these satanic covenants are renewed. Similarly, the pouring of libation, lighting certain fires, during meetings of elders of various families and clans and at state or national functions are all instances of renewal of demonic covenants. Rituals and rites that accompany the installation of new chiefs and rulers as well as the burial and interment rites also constitute renewal of covenants with ancestral spirits.

Renewal of covenants with wicked spirits serves the purpose of:

1. Reinforcing the control and hold of demonic forces over the lives of the people on whose behalf the covenants were enacted.
2. Strengthen the hold of wicked spirit claim to ownership of the land.
3. Making it extremely difficult for the gospel to penetrate areas where such covenants have been enacted. Even when the gospel does come, there are areas of deliverance that the people become resistant to or get weary and refuse to deal with them.
4. Increasing the life span of both scriptural and unscriptural covenants. The life span of covenants will be considered in the very next subtopic.

You have access to the powerful Holy Communion. Why don't you begin to take it with this new understanding on a regular basis?

Why don't you couple this with a fast on the day of your birth? You are a covenant partner with the LORD.

The weekday of your birth is a powerful day to invoke the covenant and to take communion as you pray for yourself, your relationships, your career, your ministry gift and talents, your health, everything about your life. You can find more information about this from GAPNET prayer guides for every month. There is always a section on praying for your birthday/weekday of your birth every month.

Everything we have learnt, which was in the ancient Assyrian covenant is in our covenant today. Pagans of the ancient world never broke their covenants. God instituted this practice among men so that when the time came for Him to come into covenant with man, He would enter a practice that was comprehensible to man's mind! When He told him He loved him, man would understand the depth of this love.

Today, why don't you pick a leaf from the great transformers of old and renew your covenant with the Covenant Keeping God?

EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK ENTER YOUR JUBILEE BY DR. ABU BAKO

CHAPTER 3

ADVANTAGES OF THE JUBILEE

Now you know basically that jubilee is the great Sabbath. It is also a law for the entire creation. It is a season when you enter rest at various levels. You cease to struggle. The land also enters its rest literally and in the realm of the spirit. It is a season of bringing balance at various levels including people to people relationships, land and people relationships, creation and God relationship.

During that year no one sowed or reaped, but all were satisfied with what the earth and the trees produced spontaneously. Each resumed possession of his inheritance, whether it were sold, mortgaged, or otherwise alienated and Hebrew servants of every description were set free, with their wives and children. (Lev 25:1-55)

The advantages of this institution were manifold:

- 1) This law was mercifully designed to prevent the rich from oppressing the poor, and getting possession of all the lands by purchase, mortgage, or usurpation. It would prevent the accumulation of land on the part of a few to the detriment of the community at large.
- 2) It served to maintain a degree of equality among the Hebrew families and to perpetuate the division of lands and households according to the original tribes. It would render it impossible for anyone to be born to absolute poverty, since everyone had his hereditary land.

- 3) It was designed to ensure that debts would not be multiplied too much. It would preclude those inequalities which are produced by extremes of riches and poverty, and which make one man dominate another.
- 4) It would utterly do away with slavery in that slaves should not continue in perpetual bondage, with their wives and children.
- 5) It would afford a fresh opportunity to those who were reduced by adverse circumstances to begin again their career of industry in the patrimony which they had temporarily forfeited. It secured a careful registry of the genealogy of every family.
- 6) 6. It would periodically rectify the disorders which crept into the state in the course of time. It precluded the division of the people into nobles and plebeians, and preserved the theocracy inviolate. They were also thus reminded that Jehovah was the great Proprietor and Disposer of all things, and they but his tenants. "The land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me," (Lev 25:23).
- 7) It reminded each tribe that they had an inheritance of original purpose and equipping from God which slavery may have rendered temporarily impossible.

I will examine in more detail the above so that you can absorb the significance and practically appropriate the values of the jubilee in your own life, your institutional and national experience. The jubilee season is characterized by the above points which I have encapsulated with what I call the "R" words. These words which reveal the expected experience and demands of the jubilee include: RAM'S HORN, RELEASE, RESTITUTION, RESTORE, RETURN, REPENT, REJOICE, REBUILD, REVENGE, RELATIONSHIP.

Do you want be a jubilee man? Do you want be a courier of the jubilee anointing, as a leader, as a couple, as an institution or a nation? These are the characteristics or principles that you should exude in this season. These are the areas you should be praying into. These are areas where you should be doing practical things in order to see them fully manifested in your life and environment. Please note that certain types of elections and change of leadership can usher a nation or an institution into a jubilee season. You can become the type of leader who will bring a jubilee season over your nation or institution by virtue of investing in these characteristics.

JESUS THE JUBILEE MAN

The prophet Isaiah prophesied about the coming jubilee after Israel had been brought back from captivity (Isa 61). Jesus Christ reaffirmed Himself to be the ultimate Jubilee Man. The Lord of the Sabbath was the epitome of the "Rs" that represent the characteristics of this eternal Sabbath..

He came to fulfill the promise of God to bring men into God's eternal rest. This would happen to as many as believed in His name and received Him as their Lord and savior. They begin to actualize the eternal Sabbath, the rest of God through the proverbial "acceptable year of the Lord's favor".

"And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."" (Luk 4:17-19)

PART 2

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE JUBILEE

BE A JUBILEE MAN

As you learn these characteristics of the jubilee, there are prayers into the various points given. Endeavor that by the time you are entering your 50th year physically, you should be operating in the fullness of these R words. They should be part of your lifestyle.

You may be more than or less than 50 years but you can be a jubilee man. Your nation may be more or less than 50 years, but you can pray that the jubilee characteristics will begin manifesting in every institution in your land. Jesus Christ is our pattern and principle. He did not live beyond 33 ½ years but He led the jubilee lifestyle. He manifested these characteristics of the jubilee season in every aspect of his life and experience. John the Baptist also did not live beyond 33 years. Nevertheless, he too was a jubilee man. You too can become a jubilee man as you appropriate values that will usher you into the acceptable year of the Lord.

Africa should begin to display more of these R words in every area of our society. Make these R words your watchwords if you will be a jubilee man.

THE JUBILEE DECREE

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified." And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, And the sons of the foreigner Shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. But you shall be named the priests of the LORD, They shall call you the servants of our God. You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, And in their glory you shall boast. Instead of your shame you shall have double honor, And instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs. "For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery for burnt offering; I will direct their work in truth, And will make with them an everlasting covenant. Their descendants shall be known among the Gentiles, And their offspring among the people. All who see them shall acknowledge them, That they are the posterity whom the LORD has blessed." I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its bud, As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations." (Isa 61:1-11)

(This book is available on Amazon)

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 APRIL

- Happy New Sacred Year! Proclaim Psalm 24:7-10 and command the gates of the New Year to be lifted unto Jehovah so you will possess and use every part of the Year to His glory.
- Praise Jehovah at the beginning of this new month with Psalm 148,150, 117.
- Read Romans 3.4; This is a season to walk and live in humility as a counter-lifestyle to every form of pride. Whether it is dealing with a sense of self-consciousness or self-aggrandizement, shyness, feelings of low self-esteem or excessive self-confidence, stubbornness or disobedience; believing more in your circumstances than in what the Scriptures say; pride expresses itself in so many ways.



- Ask the Holy Spirit to continually show you what He means by humility in your life and endeavor to walk in what He has revealed.
- Jehovah said that humility is simply put; Agreeing with Jehovah. It means that we agree with whatever He has said in His Word concerning every situation of life despite the circumstance and despite how we feel. It is agreeing with every true prophetic word released to us for this season and standing with it. Therefore, proclaim the truth from Psalm 119 from time to time to reinforce the truth of the Word over every circumstance.
- Read Isaiah 54 and Psalm 30.4-5. This is a season of increased capacity out of a stretching season. Stretching is often uncomfortable where you are thrown out of your comfort zone. Ask Jehovah to help you see more clearly the processes you have been through because your night is over as the day breaks with the joy that accompanies it.
- Read Psalm 126 Pray that in this month Jehovah will bring to fruition and prominence every seed of His word that you had planted in your life, and every seed you have sown in terms of time, financial resource, intellectual or physical resources which have come to their time of springing forth and you will rejoice in the harvest.
- Read Nehemiah 8.10, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Philippians 4:4 This is a season of joy and release. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you songs of joy and deliverance in this season. You will rejoice and be glad in Him in all things.
- **Number 1** is the number of **beginnings and supremacy**. This is a new beginning at various levels. Prophecy into the womb of time, the things you want to see manifest in your life in this new season in terms of
 - Your life – spiritually and the way you think and act, in the work of your hands, marriage, family, your redemptive destiny in life and in your generation.
 - Your territory – the Ecclesia, your local and national government, economically, educationally, in the media and culturally
 - Proclaim the blessings of Psalm 65 and 67 over your life and territory in this new season.
- **Number 4** signifies a **level of completion**. What areas are incomplete in your life and circumstance? Bring these before Jehovah and ask for the anointing to finish well in this season.
- Read Ezekiel 37:1-14 and pray that the four winds of Jehovah will bring life into every dead and even hopeless situation
- Read Jeremiah 49.36-39; Activate the nature of the four winds to scatter the wisdom tables of any strategic meeting by the agents of darkness at the gates of this new season. Command the angel of Jehovah to take your words from this scripture and use them as the sword of Jehovah to wage war on behalf of kingdom citizens in your territory dividing the tongues of every fomenter of anti-Jehovah purposes in kingdom families, careers, and in the constitution of the land.



- **Number 8** signifies **new beginnings**. This spring is indeed a season of new beginnings and freshness. Declare Isaiah 43.18-21 over this new gate of time
- Read Revelation 22.2 This is the 1st 4th and 8th month; ask Jehovah to release to you every fruit reserved for these months from the Tree of life (Rev 22.2).
- Ask also for every portion of healing required in your life, family, occupation the Ecclesia and territory from the leaves of the Tree of life.

LIBERATION

This is a season of liberation: You do not get liberated from a nap or from a nice relaxed situation. Liberation has to do with taking by force, releasing by force; there is an element of violence and war. This is a season of war. The enemy uses such seasons of new beginnings to wage war against kingdom citizens and Jehovah's purposes in every expression. Jehovah initiated the deliverance of Israel out of Egypt in a spectacular display of battles against the kingdom of darkness and every demon-deity of the Egyptians.

- Proclaim Psalm 18 over your life and kingdom citizens everywhere.
- Call on Jehovah Sabaoth, Jehovah of Hosts with the necessary armies of the heavens and the earth, both spiritual and physical assigned to this season to enter the gates of this season before you and the Ecclesia. Psalm 46.7,11
- Declare Jehovah Sabaoth, Jehovah of Hosts as the Man of War who owns the war and the Conqueror of every battle within the war will make you more than an over-comer in every battle that you face this month. Ex 15:3; 1 Sam 17:47; 2 Chron 32:8
- Ask Jehovah to teach your hands to war and your fingers to do battle on behalf of your family, the church, nation and continent. Ps 144:1
- Ask Jehovah to equip you and His Ecclesia in general, with skills, technology and weapons for effective warfare as he did for David. 2 Sam 5:19-25; 1 Ch 14:10-17
- Pray that Jehovah will make you a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth to thresh all mountains (everything formidable, insurmountable challenge, everything that makes itself greater than Jehovah, confrontations, etc.,) and beat them small. Isa 41:15-16
- Ask Jehovah to make you His battle axes and weapons of war to deal with the plan and agenda of the kingdom of darkness and all battles of the enemy against the saints of God. Jer 51:20-24
- Read Isa 54:14-17 Jehovah says that He is the one who created the craftsmen who fabricate every type of weapon for every purpose. He assures us that no weapon has yet been created that can prosper against us. Declare this into this sacred New Year in general and into this month in particular no weapon the enemy has used in the past and in the future will prosper against you.



If he has some success in the past, this new sacred year will put a stop to the effect of his weapons against you whether in your body, your mind, your emotional state, your spirit. Pray this for kingdom citizens.

- Pray that Jehovah will activate the nature of the horse in you for battle this month so that you will successfully exhibit all the characteristics of the horse in the battles the enemy hurls at you in this month. Zech 10:3
- Pray that Jehovah will activate your input gates to sense battle i.e. your nose will smell the battle afar off, your ears will hear the battle and your eyes will see the enemy's strategies so you will not be led into the enemy's traps and temptations. Pray this for kingdom citizens too Job 39:19-25, Matt 6:13
- Pray that you will charge into the battle, fearlessly Pro 28:1, Ps 46
- Pray that in this season you will laugh at scorn and be a terrible terror to the enemies of Jehovah's purposes in your life and family, and in the Ecclesia and territory. Ps 27:3; Prov21:31

At the beginning of the sacred year, when Jehovah spoke to the children of Israel, they were experiencing the height of oppression, difficulty and seeming impossibilities. They did not realize that within 10 days from that New Year's Day, they would be an independent, rich nation setting out triumphantly into their exodus and the beginning of their nationhood. Jehovah said to Moses "This will be for you, the beginning of years."

- Tap into all the virtues and significances of this statement which was made in Exodus 12.1-2. Is there an area of bondage in your body? Infirmities that have bound you? Financial situations? Habits? Relationships? Consider these "Pharaohs" that have hindered you from being and operating in the fullness of your redemptive destiny and declare to them "This is the beginning of years for me therefore let Jehovah's people go!" Pray this for Kingdom citizens in your territory.
- Consider the bondage of soul. Are there emotional challenges? Mindsets that are detrimental, and that hinder you from receiving the fullness of Jehovah's good purposes? Are there attitudes that have so far held you back? Make the above prayer and command a release as you tap into the prophetic significance of this new year.
- Consider the bondage of spirit. Are you operating in the fullness of the Holy Spirit? Are there areas where you have struggled spiritually to see the full manifestation of the potential power, wisdom, peace, love, patience, self-control, and all other gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit that resides in you? It is time to tap into the prophetic significance of this season and command a letting go so you can wholly and fully serve and love Jehovah.
- If the children of Israel who had been slaves for 430 years could end up into a formidable feared and much revered nation in the Old Testament, how much more can Jehovah lift you up from any bondage, use you and make you a vessel through which He will display His manifold wisdom and splendor to the principalities and powers of this new Testament day? Proclaim Psalm 113.7-8 and Ephesians 3.10 over your life and the Ecclesia at large.



- Are you discouraged or weary of a situation? It is a time to rise up and command every hindering power whether from within yourself, from around you or from afar to let go of every good thing that Jesus already paid for 2000 years ago for your life and existence. Meditate on 2 Peter 1:3-4

Birthing has to do with forcibly pushing out the baby. Jehovah saw such a season as this, as a time to bring Israel out of incubation and hibernation and into a nation from a family of 70 members. He was forcibly breaking their slavery from a master who was unwilling to release them. It took a great deal of warfare to achieve this.

- Pray that through the Ecclesia, Jehovah will forcibly bring forth His purposes in this season. Where you have grown weary, pray that He will give strength to push until His purposes come forth especially with regard to His prophetic words concerning Africa's renaissance.
- Spring time is a season of resurrection. Do you have any areas that seem to have "died" in your life business, career, relations, health etc.? Declare a springing forth into life for every GOD-ordained purpose that had hitherto seemed inactive or dead for all intents and purposes.
- Number 1 denotes primacy. It also denotes unity. It is a number that marks the beginning. "In the beginning God..." (Gen1:1) It symbolizes the foundation of any activity or event. Pray that every virtue of the number 1 which symbolizes the beginning, the foundation, the starting point of all that will be said and done to be Jehovah Himself.
- The number three represents Unity as in the Trinity; and represents the mystery of a three-fold cord which cannot be easily broken Pray that the virtue of the number 3, which denotes the unity in the Holy Trinity, the unbreakable strength of a unified three-fold chord to be evidenced and then released to the territory at large, in every God glorifying event this month.
- The number seven represents perfection, fullness and completeness. Pray for the virtue of the number 7 which depicts completeness, fullness and perfection will be evidenced in every God glorifying event this month. Even where there seem to have been any short-comings, Jehovah will iron out all challenges and make all things perfect

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 at regular basis to be praying for yourself and prophesying over your own life. Speak into the foundations of your life and prophesy good things.

- Prophecy that you will live and not die prematurely in any area of your life. Your family will live, the work of your hand will live and grow from strength to strength Deut 33:6, Psa 27:13, 118:17.
- Prophecy and proclaim the blessing of Levi upon your life as a priest unto GOD 2 Pet 2:9, Deut 33:8-11.



- 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 and proclaim the blessing of Benjamin upon your life Deut 33:12.
- 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 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. Rom 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. (Psa 139:13)
 - Thank Jehovah that when He thought of you, he already thought of your entire life. Thank Him that He did not leave anything to chance. (Isa 49:1)
 - Thank Him that he knew exactly what your redemptive purpose was going to be. (Psa 139:16)
 - Pray that He will reveal the original you more and more as you enter another year of your life. (Psa 139:13-15)
 - Pray that He will restore the heavenly label, and the heavenly name He gave you before you were conceived. (Jer 1:5).



FESTIVALS DURING THIS MONTH

THE MONTH OF NISAN or ABIB

This year the month of Abib 5782 begins at sundown on April 1, 2022, and ends at sundown May 1, 2022.

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

	Events in the Season of Nisan	Implications for Prayer and Practical Action
1	The Passover Lamb was slain in Egypt by the Israelites based on God’s instruction.	Atonement is made and the Angel of death passes over the home with the Blood mark.
2	The firstborn of Pharaoh and all the animals in Egypt died.	Divine judgment is proclaimed against the forces of bondage and enslavement.
3	Pharaoh and the Egyptians were compelled by a mighty hand to let Israel go.	Freedom from slavery is ensured and bondages are supernaturally broken.
4	Jesus was crucified on the 14 th of Nisan as the ultimate Passover Lamb.	The final price paid for every sin past, present and future is activated. Grace is released for salvation.
5	The nation of Israel gained her first independence from Egypt on the 14 th of Nisan.	Nations can be delivered and liberated from the forces of bondage and wickedness.

Pesach/Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread

Various feasts and commemorative events take place during this month. Jehovah commanded the children of Israel to observe 7 specific festivals. These were referred to as the Pilgrim Feasts of Jehovah. They are not festivals for the Jewish believers or for religious people. These are feasts that were commissioned by Jehovah and have very specific spiritual significance to kingdom citizens. They may be referred to as” National Days of Jehovah’s Kingdom.” (ref. “Enter Your Jubilee” by Abu Bako.)

Four of these seven feasts fall within the Spring season. Three occur on the first three days of the Passover season. These are the Passover feast, the Feast of Unleavened bread, and the Feast of First Fruits. These are festivals of hope and new life. This launches the counting of the “Omer,” for 49 days. On the 50th day the celebration Feast of Weeks (Sha’vuot, or the Pentecost) is observed. It falls normally in the month of May or June.



- Read Exodus 12, John 1:29, 1 Pet 1:18-20, Rev 7:9-11; The Passover commemorates the “Independence Day” of the Jewish nation as they were released by Jehovah’s mighty hand from under the bondage of the Egyptians. The band of nomadic ex-slaves began their journey to nationhood on that night of the Passover. It was a type and shadow of the ultimate Passover where all creation would be released from the bondage of Sin to redemption through Jesus's sacrifice. Thank Jehovah for redemption from sin through Jesus the ultimate Passover Lamb at Calvary.
- Read Malachi 2:5-7, Ezekiel 37:26, Zechariah 1:17 Passover and Unleavened Bread commemorate the establishment of Jehovah’s covenant with the Israelite community. In this month pray that the covenant of life and peace will be activated in the lives of the Messianic Jewish community around the world, in your life and in the Ecclesia in your territory
- Read Hebrews 9:11-28, 12:24, The blood of the Lamb was painted on the door posts as a sign of covenant between Jehovah and every household where He saw the blood during that night of Passover. When He saw the blood, He passed over them and they lived while every household which did not have the blood was marked for destruction of their first-born children and livestock. Jesus's blood became the ultimate and final Passover sign. It speaks better things than the blood of all bulls and goats and lambs. It speaks deliverance, healings (Physical and spiritual) restorations wealth, joy, peace with Jehovah, reconnection into Jehovah’s divine plan, over your life, your family, the kingdom citizens, your territory. Proclaim these truths over your life and all kingdom citizens in your territory.
- Proclaim and pray through the Paschal hymns called “the Great Hallel” – Ps 113-117 and Ps 136 praising Jehovah for His awesome wisdom hidden in the significance of the Passover feast and the Feast of Unleavened bread.
- Read Exodus 12:27 Pray that this month there will be a Passover experience for the Messianic Jewish believers, the Jews in the diasporas and kingdom citizens will experience in a personal unique way the deliverance of Jehovah where judgment is being passed in their territories.
- Read Ezra 7:22, Exodus 11:3, 12:36 Pray that just as Jehovah filled His people with joy and changed the attitude of their oppressors to favor them, Jehovah will similarly cause our adversaries and circumstances to bless and favor us in our homes, places of occupation, institutions etc.
- Read John 6:35-39, 48-51 During the Feast of Unleavened bread they wrapped the un-leavened dough in linen and buried it to signify how the Messiah, the Unleavened Bread of Life from heaven, would be wrapped in white linen and buried. Celebrate that Jesus has risen and fulfilled this prophetic act.
- John 3:8, 14-17 During this season we are reminded of the purpose for which Jesus came on earth as Jehovah’s ultimate sacrificial Lamb to redeem the universe forever. Write down a list of persons whose salvation you will specifically pray for.

Feast of First Fruits:

The third Feast is held on the “morrow after Sabbath” following Unleavened Bread: *Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest unto the priest: And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it (Lev. 23:1011).*

Jehovah wanted a special feast during which the Israelites would acknowledge the fertility of the fine land He gave to them. They were to bring the early crops of their spring planting ("First Fruits") to the priest at the Temple to be waved before Jehovah on their behalf. This was to be done "the morrow after the Sabbath,".

Since the Feast of Unleavened Bread was seven days long, one of those days would be a Sunday and that Sunday would be First Fruits each year. We have come to call this feast Easter, after the Babylonian goddess, Ishtar, the pagan goddess of fertility. We even continue to deify the objects of fertility—the rabbit, the egg, new costumes, etc., but the celebration was to be over Jehovah's replanting of the earth in the spring and its ability to replenish itself even as He commanded in the beginning ;(Gen 1:11-13, Psa 65, 67).

We miss a very important biblical truth by not using the term "First Fruits" as the name of this feast, because "first" implies a second, a third, and so on, and that is the real meaning of the feast. We do not merely celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on First Fruits, on which it indeed occurred, but even more so, the resurrection of the entire Ecclesia! We shall all be resurrected and go to heaven, just as Jehovah did, *"Every man in his own order."* The apostle Paul presented this brilliantly: *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming (I Cor. 15:23).* Paul makes very clear the real point of the feast.

- Praise Jehovah that when Jesus rose from the dead, He was FIRST among MANY brethren who are asleep and will rise again to be with Him forever. This old hymn is an apt picture of the first fruit resurrection “Up from the grave He arose! With a mighty triumph o’er His foes. He arose a victor from the dark domain and He lives forever with His saints to reign He arose! He arose! Hallelujah Christ arose!
- You are not just a statistic, but you have an appointed time to go and be with Jehovah in your own order; not the devil’s order because of infirmities and afflictions, not in the order of men because of accidents or other misfortunes. You will not die before your time, and not for any other reason but because you have died at the appointed time IN YOUR OWN ORDER! Thank Jehovah that you have a number within the order since Jesus the First born died and rose again, so will you, whether you are the 4 trillionth born or any other number within the order; unless you will be alive at His second coming.



- Think of your loved ones, colleagues, your community and those around you who do not know Jesus. As you commemorate this Feast of First fruits, pray that they shall come to the knowledge of Jesus and will accept Him as their Master, LORD and Savior because there is coming a day when everyone will resurrect; some to eternal joy with Jehovah and some to eternal perdition with the devil. Pray that none shall perish but each will have eternal life with Jesus.

The resurrection of Jesus Himself is happy news indeed, and worthy of a celebration, but we are not so surprised by it. After all, Jesus could raise the dead Himself; He walked on water. He is Jehovah's Son. The *real* miracle is that each of us ordinary mortal sinners will experience this resurrection! Jesus even presented His proper First Fruits offering to the Father. Graves were opened and dead people rose and were seen after His resurrection in Jerusalem. Jesus, not unlike a Jewish planter, gratefully showed the Father the early crops of what will be a magnificent harvest later on. First Fruits was the last of the feasts that Jesus was seen personally fulfilling on earth

- Proclaim Colossians 1:15-23 and praise Jesus for His example to us that He not only overcame death in Himself, but He overcame death for every single human being who will ever live on this earth.
- Read Matthew 27:53, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Do you have loved ones who have gone to be with Jehovah? Is it hard to reconcile yourself to this reality that you will not see them again in this lifetime? Encourage yourself in at this Feast that indeed there is coming a day when we shall all meet again. It is not just an encouragement to make us feel better, but an unbreakable promise that is given by Jesus who demonstrated it on the Feast of First fruits, even causing the dead to rise again when graves opened in Jerusalem on that day
- Proclaim 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 over every spirit of premature death and discouragement where loved ones have died prematurely as a statement of the hope that this Feast brings.

EASTER – APRIL 17, 2022

Easter Sunday is a festival and holiday celebrated by millions of people around the world who honor the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred three days after his crucifixion at Calvary. It is also the day that children excitedly wait for the Easter bunny to arrive and deliver their treats of chocolate eggs. Easter is a 'movable feast' which is chosen to correspond with the first Sunday following the full moon after the March equinox, and occurs on different dates around the world since western churches use the Gregorian calendar, while eastern churches use the Julian calendar.

Most historians, including Biblical scholars, agree that Easter was originally a pagan festival. According to the New Unger's Bible Dictionary says: "The word Easter is of Saxon origin, Eastr, the goddess of spring, in whose honor sacrifices were offered about Passover time each year. By the eighth century Anglo-Saxons had adopted the name to designate the celebration of Christ's resurrection."

RAMADAN 2022 – Begins in the evening of April 1, 2022 and ends in the evening of April 30, 2022.

Kindly find on the GAPNET website the Prayer guide for the Ramadan season together with prayers to deal with terrorism in the nations especially through groups like Al Shabab, Boko Haram and ISIS among others.

PRAYING FOR NATIONS

ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH

Currently 222 countries and territories around the world have reported a total of more than 482,187,000 confirmed cases of the coronavirus COVID-19. The death toll is more than 6,148,000.

Ukraine and Russia

Russia launched a full-scale military invasion into Ukraine on February 24, 2022. It is reported by the United Nations that as of March 22, 2022 there were 977 civilian casualties in Ukraine and 1,594 injured.

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

- 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 nurses, doctors and all those taking care of the sick. Pray for their families.
- Pray for the Body of Christ in the nations. Pray that the Body of Christ will be a witness to God's compassion and care for all who suffer. God is inviting us to be His watchmen in prayer and find Him as our refuge in hard times.

Unrest in Nations

While a part of the world is celebrating a happy new year, it is not so happy in other nations; joy and peace are a rare commodity for some. While we celebrate positive prophetic words for the year, there is a sound of the trumpet call sending out a warning that all is not well in some parts of the world. We are in a global village. Whatever happens in one little corner, affects far-flung nations:

- Proclaim Isaiah 62 and kindly take time to pray for Nigeria, Yemen, Sudan, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Syria, North Korea that indeed Jehovah Shalom will brood heavily as these territories as His watchers raise intercession, and resist the works of the enemy until each becomes a praise on the earth.



- Genesis 4.10-12 Repent for the bloodshed that has defiled these nations and brought a vagabond curse upon the people making the land and people unfruitful, refugees, easy prey for destruction and death wherever they go (thus the drownings of those trying to escape war in Syria, hostility from host nations for refugees, accidents)
- Galatians 3.13-14 Jesus PAID IT ALL for every single territory and every single individual more than 2000 years ago before they were nations and before they even sinned or did anything good or bad. Appropriate the finished work of the Cross of Calvary over each territory and its people wherever they may be. Their deliverance was already sorted out. Proclaim this truth over the lies of the enemy
- These people groups have the opportunity to enter into the blessing of redemption. Salvation is their blood-bought right. The enemy has deceived the Ecclesia into a position of weakness and hopelessness. Pray that the church will arise triumphant in this season and recognize her powerful and authoritative role to steer the nation into the path of redemptive purpose at the place of prayer.
- Prophetically pray Isaiah 4.2-6 and Psalm 23 for the women, children and youth who are most vulnerable victims in these nations; pray for families that have been torn apart as loved ones disappear, run away, die in the confusion.
- Proclaim Isaiah 2.2-4 and Psalm 46 over each territory and each warring faction and call upon Jehovah Sabaoth to arise and send angelic assistance to cause wars to cease.
- Prophetically pray Isaiah 60.17-20 over each government leader, and each fighting faction; that every man of violence must be stopped by the angel of Jehovah as His people arise to stand in the gap and pray over the territory.
- Declare Amos 5.23-24 over the nations that have called for a cease-fire that these ceasefires and peace treaties will be upheld and nations may move forward.
- Pray for the Ecclesia to arise as a voice for righteousness and justice for this new leadership in the land.

NATIONAL DAYS

The following nations celebrate national days in this month

- Iran 1 April (Islamic Republic Day, Iran voted an Islamic Republic in 1979)
- Uzupis 1 April (Declaration of independence from Lithuania in 1997)
- Guinea 3 April (Independence from France in 1958)
- Senegal 4 April (Independence from France in 1960)
- Denmark 16 April (Queen's birthday)
- American Samoa (US) 17 April (Flag Day)

- Syria 17 April (Independence Day, from France 1946)

- Zimbabwe 18 April (Declaration of independence from United Kingdom in 1980)
- Aragon 23 April (St. George's Day, Patron Saints)
- England 23 April (St George's Day, not a Bank Holiday)
- Vatican City 24 April (Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger is inaugurated as the 265th Pope)
- Tanzania 26 April (union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar in 1964)
- Togo 27 April (Independence from the France in 1960)
- Sierra Leone 27 April (Republic Day, independence from the United Kingdom in 1961)
- South Africa 27 April (first democratic general election in 1994)
- Netherlands Antilles 30 April (Part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands)
- Netherlands (country) 30 April (Queens day)

- 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 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 – (APRIL, MAY, JUNE)

April

- 3 April:
 - [Costa Rica, President \(2nd round\)](#)
 - [Hungary, Parliament and Referendum](#)
 - [Serbia, President and Parliament](#)
- 9 April: [The Gambia, Parliament](#)
- 10 April:
 - [France, President](#)
 - [Mexico, Referendum](#)
 - [South Ossetia, President](#)
- 19 April: [East Timor, President \(2nd round\)](#)
- 24 April: [Slovenia, Parliament](#)

May

- 9 May: [Philippines, President, House of Representatives and Senate](#)
- 15 May:
 - [Lebanon, Parliament](#)
 - [Switzerland, Referendums](#)
- 29 May: [Colombia, President](#)

June

- 1 June: [Denmark, Referendum](#)
- 11–24 June: [Papua New Guinea, Parliament](#)
- 12 June: [France, National Assembly](#)



- Thank GOD for the above nations that have different types of election activities over the next three 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 spring 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 uses 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 16 April 2022 @ 18:55 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. Psa 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 Psa 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 23 April 2022 while the First Quarter moon will occur on 9 April 2022.

- 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 1 April 2022 @ 06:24 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 April 19, 2022, to May 13, 2022 the Sun will be moving into a **cluster of 66 stars** called **Aries**, the constellation symbolized by a **ram or lamb**. The sign of Aries is replete with strength and hope for the people of the Abrahamic Covenant. It is set in the 15th century BCE, in the month when the Passover occurred in Egypt and again in the 1st century CE in the month of Passover when Jesus the Messiah was the final Lamb of Jehovah totally satisfying Jehovah’s requirements for redemption of all creation.

The first Passover secured the redemption of the firstborn nation Israel from slavery in Egypt. The final offering of Jesus the sinless Lamb of Jehovah secured the redemption of the lost sheep of the House of Israel and all of creation and brought forth the Bride of Christ which consists of all who will call upon His name. Aries also reveals the complete defeat to come of the dragon and his surrogate spirits.

Aries lay above the head of Cetus the sea monster (Leviathan in the waters above the heavens), with a foreleg across the Band holding Pisces. Named: *The lamb; the pierced; the sheep; gentle, merciful*. And the stars speak of *the sacrifice of righteousness; wounded; slain; the bruised; the bound*. In the year of the crucifixion of Jesus the Messiah, the sun was positioned in Aries on 14th Nisan, the set day for the slaying of the Passover Lamb. There was a total solar eclipse on that day.

- Read Revelation 13:8: Praise Jehovah who through the heavens has accurately declared and told the story of the LAMB OF Jehovah who became the final sacrifice to save all of creation for eternity.



- Thank Jehovah Who, from the foundation of creation already made a plan to secure the redemption of all creation from the clutches of the dragon and his surrogate spirits. He already had a good plan for every person who will ever live and secured their salvation and redemption. He already put the record of His action in the heavens in the constellation Aries that the Lamb would be slain and would crash the head of the dragon
- Proclaim Revelations 5 and worship the Lamb of Jehovah who was found worthy to receive the title deed of the universe, open the scroll and break the seven seals.
- Read Psalm 19:1-2 In this season may the heavens declare that salvation truly belongs to Jehovah and may it be known in all the parts of the earth, where shakings continue to rock nations and territories, that only Jesus the Messiah, the Lamb of Jehovah redeemed nations and brings healing to every part of creation.
- Read Philippians 3:7-12 Pray that you will receive a revelation of the Cross and its significance as the most powerful altar that was and will ever be raised through all eternity. Pray this for the Ecclesia
- Read Isaiah 53:3-6 as the heavens declare the virtues of the lamb that was wounded, pierced bruised and bound, for our transgressions, iniquities and healing, receive by faith, your healing and deliverance for this season.

The other smaller group of stars called decans that form part of Aries describe the details of the process of redemption and enthronement.

Cepheus/the Crowned King – Son of David/Bridegroom: A Redeemer will come to rule as a glorious King, enthroned in the highest heaven, with a crown of seven points and a scepter in His hand named: *This one comes to rule; the branch; the king, Coming quickly; the Redeemer; who bruises or breaks.*

- Colossians 1:15-20, Ephesians 1:20-23. The heavens declare that the sacrificial Lamb is also the glorious King of the universe. His sacrifice qualified Him to rule and reign over everything. Pray for a revelation of Jesus as King and join the heavens in praise to Him who is King of righteousness
- Declare that Jesus is King of kings over every aspect of the coming month in every part of creation.
- Read Psalm 107:10-16 Thank Jesus that He bruised the head of the serpent as prophesied in Genesis 3:15, and broke the gates of brass to set captives free establishing justice and righteousness equity and peace
- The prophet Isaiah prophesied about the coming jubilee after Israel had been brought back from captivity (Isa 61). Jesus Christ reaffirmed Himself to be the ultimate Jubilee Man. The Lord of the Sabbath was the epitome of the “Rs” that represent the characteristics of this eternal Sabbath..



This is the One whom Balaam 'saw' would arise: *"I see Him but not now; I behold him but not near; a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel ..."* This King would crush Israel's enemies and utterly destroy Esau. (Numbers 24:17-19) Thank Jesus for the heavens which so accurately declare this fulfilled prophecy; and that you are partaker of His redemption and rule.

- Read Isa 11:2 This King is the Branch with the seven spirits of Jesus depicted in the seven stars of His crown. Pray that in this season Jesus will release to you and kingdom citizens everywhere the portion of His 7-fold Spirit to navigate the days ahead.
- Read Ephesians 5.16, Psalm 90.12 Revelation 22.16-17 Much as the world, even most Kingdom citizens don't want to focus on the truth that Jesus is returning soon, as the heavens declare, He is returning soon. The Day of Jehovah is at hand whether one dies and goes to meet his maker, or He returns in the rapture. We all have that appointed day. Pray for a Holy Spirit revelation of this truth that will cause kingdom citizens to adjust how we operate and how we use our times.

Cassiopeia the enthroned woman; The captives freed, set up as bride and queen preparing for her husband; the Redeemer. An enthroned woman prepares herself. Her throne is beside the throne of Cepheus the King. Named: *The freed; set up as Queen; the daughter of splendor; the beautiful.* The other stars in this decans declare: *The freed; the branch.* This is the Bride of Messiah who has been freed from her bondage by the sacrificial offering of the Lamb of Jehovah (John 8:36). She is seen in the constellation of Aries because the Lamb gave His life for hers and freed her from bondage to Satan. *"Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb."* (Revelation 21:9)

- Read out and prophesy Revelation 19:6-9 Isaiah 54:5-8; 61:10,11; 62:3-5; Jeremiah 31:3-12; Psalm 45:9-17 over your life and kingdom citizens everywhere.
- Many kingdom citizens do not recognize that they are royalty. They carry on like beggars in the kingdom, they do not recognize their identity as a bride, a queen prepared for her King. Pray through Psa 45.8-17 and prophesy it into your life and kingdom citizens everywhere.
- Read John 15.1-8 The Bride is the branch. The branch-life implies that the branch is everything that the tree is; the branch exists to produce fruit from the tree, the branch can only exist if it is attached to the tree as it draws its sap from the tree. Pray that Jesus will reveal to you what it means to lead the branch-life so that you will do only what is derived from the Vine.

Cetus The Sea Monster represents the great enemy bound. A huge monster, a Leviathan, with the tail of a fish, great claws and a large horn between its eyes is fastened to the Band. The feet of the monster are in Eridanus, either attempting to arrest the flow of the river of judgment or beginning the journey down it. The sea monster is the largest of the constellations named: *Subdued, the bound, chained enemy; overthrown, thrust down; the rebel.*

- Praise Jesus that He crushed the dragon leviathan's heads when He died on the Cross over 2000 years ago.
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- Read Psa 74:12-14 and rejoice at the broken heads of leviathan; Though he tries to deceive that he has some form of power, rejoice that 2000 years ago he was truly destroyed, and today he is all mouth and no power no hold over you, your career, family, and over your territory. Jesus triumphed over Him in this season of the Pesach.
- Read Isa 26:21, 27:1; Ezek 29:2-5, 32:2-8 and ask Jehovah to pass through the waters of every part of your life and family and drain it of every leviathan marine power influence in this season.
- Read Psalm 29 and utter the voice of Jehovah over every troubled waters of your life, the Ecclesia and your territory.
- Read James 4:4-10 Leviathan is the king over all who are proud. Pray that in this season as the heavens declare a defeat of this enemy you will see the manifestation of its defeat in every area of your life. Also pray that you will lead a life of humility; i.e. a lifestyle where you are obedient to, and agree with Jehovah and His word despite any circumstance

Perseus the breaker; who fights and subdues; delivering His redeemed; Jesus is the agency of deliverance

- Read 1 Joh 3:8, and thank Jesus that during the Pesach the heavens declare His great victory over Sin and the agent of all sin- the dragon and his surrogate spirits.
- In this season pray through Isa 49:24-26 that even the legal captives who seek for deliverance will receive a deliverance from their bondages including addictions, habits that are unpleasant and debilitating etc.
- Read Revelation 3:8; Isaiah 22:22 The heavens declare the season of breakthrough. The Breaker Jesus Himself has gone ahead of you to bring ensure every door that He has opened for you cannot be shut by any other Leviathan power. Rejoice and lay claim on every door that must open to you in this season. Pray this for kingdom citizens in your territory.

From 14th May, 2022 to 19th June, 2022, the Sun moving from Aries will enter a new gate through a cluster of **141 stars** in the constellation called **Taurus symbolized by the bull** (rushing forward). A charging Bull, immediately behind Aries, is rushing forward with energy and wrath. His lowered horns connect with both Orion and Auriga. Named: Coming, ruling; exultation, power, pre- eminence.

- Pray that these attributes of the LORD will be made manifest in your life, in the Ecclesia and in the territory as judgment sweeps through the land.

The stars signify: Leader, governor; wounded, slain; belonging to the judge; center, foundation; the abundance; vertex/turned on, rolled around; the center; the congregated.

The star clusters include: Pleiades/Seven sisters; Succoth/booths; the congregation of the judge or ruler; the heap, accumulation.



The Rushing Bull is the risen Messiah, rushing with full authority and speed to judge, shepherd and govern. Messiah Jesus Christ is the foundation, the center of the universe, coming judge of all the earth and He will bring His congregation with Him. Zech 9:16; Rev 14:4

- Command the star cluster Taurus to praise the LORD and reject and nullify every astrological prognostication influenced by the kingdom of darkness. Isa 47.12-15
- This star cluster portends judgment and righteous governance on the earth. Prophecy that the judgments of the LORD which are right will visit, starting with kingdom citizens, then the leadership and trickle down to every part of society, so that the purposes of the LORD will begin to flow. Psalm 19:7-11, Isa 26:9
- Judgment has to do with the LORD dealing with anything whether in an individual or in a group or a system, which is hindering His purpose from being fulfilled. Are there any areas of your mindset, character, in your family, community or territory that need a doing away of hindrances so that purpose can be fulfilled? Present all of these areas before the LORD asking Him for righteous judgment to happen so that you fulfill purpose and besetting sins are done away with.
- Pray that this season will strengthen trust in the LORD the righteous Judge within the Ecclesia as He purges and gives a new beginning.
- Proclaim over governments in your territory Isa 9.6-7

The other smaller group of stars called decans that form part of Taurus describe the details of the stages of the coming Judgment and government.

ORION: Below the ecliptic, a victorious hunter stands with his left foot at the entrance of Eridanus, the river of judgment and upon the head of the enemy; His sword is the head and body of a lamb. In his right hand is His raised mighty club; in his left hand is the head and skin of a lion. His belt contains three bright stars.

- When the LORD rose from the dead He led captivity captive and gave gifts to the sons of men. Praise the LORD and join the heavens in declaring this glorious triumphant victory over the kingdom of darkness the dragon and all his surrogate spirits when Jesus Christ rose again Rom 16:20, 1 Cor 2:7-8 Col 2:14-15.
- Pray that kingdom citizens who continue to diligently make demands on the finished work of Jesus Christ over various bondages, oppression from the enemy, will experience breakthrough in those areas of deliverance and inner healing.
- Pray that the Great Commission will be pushed forward and that the Ecclesia will become more dynamic in taking the gospel with the changing culture and lifestyle in the territory so that the Light of Jesus Christ will begin to shine forth in the dimmest corners of the world.

PERSEUS (The Breaker – Jesus Christ the Redeemer) A man of war moves swiftly on winged feet to rescue captive Judah/Andromeda. It is named - He who fights and subdues.



Stars: Who helps; who carries away; who breaks. Stars in Medusa’s head: Rosh Satan; the trodden under foot; the head of the adversary; the subdued; the evil spirit; rolling round

Like Orion, Perseus carries the evidence of his victory – the severed head of anti-messiah. Jesus Christ alone can break the chains that bind. Jesus Christ is the Man of War Who alone will redeem those in chains and destroy the dragon and his surrogate spirits. He rules with an iron scepter and dashes to pieces all opposing rulership.

- Proclaim Psalm 2 over the territory
- Praise the LORD that the heavens continue to declare His total destruction and decapitation of the enemy even as He comes swiftly to rescue His people, judge the wicked and above all, the dragon and his surrogate spirits and install governance which will align to His purpose.
- Pray that every enemy resisting the LORD will suffer every one of the prophetic portents that the heavens declare in this season, including subjugation, severing of their authority and power, confusion and complete destruction in every gate of society.

ERIDANUS (The River of the Judge) This immense constellation issues from the foot of Orion and flows down out of sight. The sea monster Cetus is either trying to stop its flow or will be cast into it. Named: The River of the judge; the mouth of the river. It represents the river of wrath breaking forth for His enemies

- This is a season for chastisement of the LORD’s enemies and those who continue to resist His purposes even when they are warned. Thank the LORD that indeed the heavens do declare all that He is and all that He has in Him –HE is the Judge and this is a time for justice to move. Pray that His purposes shall come to pass.
- Pray that as the river of the Judge flows over the nation, kingdom citizens will be purged of a rebellious spirit, so that when they have overcome, they too will bring deliverance to those who do not know the LORD.

AURIGA (The Shepherd) A seated shepherd holds a trembling she-goat with two newborn kids. Stars: A she-goat; band, chain of the goats; a flock of goats; wounded, slain; wounded in the foot; kids. Jesus Christ is the Great Shepherd raised from the dead, the Chief Shepherd in the day of His coming glory. (1 Peter 5:4) and it represents safety for the redeemed in the day of wrath.

- This is a season when there is a shaking in the areas of justice and righteousness in governments. Pray that the LORD will, in this season, move through each area of your territory, re-defining the government and justice system. Isa 33:22, Psalm 22:28, Psalm 103:19
- Proclaim Psa 23 over your life as the heavens declare
- Pray that the LORD will establish the following promises within your gate(s) in this month: Deuteronomy 33:13-17, Psalm 121, Deut 28:1-14, Rev 21:7



Program your prayers into the Sun, Moon, stars and the heavenly elements. Using the blood of Jesus Christ, program them into the Interplanetary Magnetic Field, which sends the heat and energy of the Sun to all creation. As nothing is hid from the heat of the Sun (Ps 19:4-6), so nothing will hinder all that you have spoken to the heavens.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM GAPNET PARTNERS

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

- Please pray for healing for those in the GAPNET family that are sick.
- Pray for those who are struggling with addictions.
- Pray for strong Christian families.
- Pray for our ministry partners for financial provision.
- Pray for Christian spouses for our children.
- Pray that the leaders of the nations would have a Damascus experience.
- Pray for our children who are disappointed with the Body of Christ and 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 2022

The prophecies for 2022 are available from the Logos-Rhema Foundation in Accra, Ghana. Also refer to the GAPNET 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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