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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.

PREPARING THE INTERCESSORS TO BRING IN THE END TIME HARVEST

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, and ended on March 14, 2022.

The journey continues. It is time for you to get involved. We have entered a very exciting season. The Lord has said that 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 this 360-day 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 DECEMBER

December derived its name from the Latin word “Decem” meaning ten (10). According to the old Roman calendar, it was the 10th month. This was before they dedicated their new first month to January moving December to the position of being the 12th month though it maintained its name as 10th month. According to the Biblical calendar, 1st of Tevet 5786 begins at sundown on December 21, 2025.

This month will be the fourth (4th) and tenth (10th) month of the Biblical Civil and Sacred calendars respectively. This is the twelfth (12th) and final month of the year 2025 according to the Gregorian calendar.

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

HANUKKAH (CHANUKAH)

On 24th Kislev 5786 (14th of December) at sundown the 8-day festival of Hanukkah (Chanukah) commenced – this is the Jewish festival of lights. It ends on 3rd Tevet (22nd December 2025). This festival remembers the dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem after it had been recovered by the Jewish forces of Yehuda Maccabee in 164 BC. The Syrian King Antiochus IV Epiphanes was seeking to coerce the Jews into abandoning their religion and culture for that of Greece. He issued edicts forbidding circumcision, observance of Jewish Sabbaths and feast days. He had defiled the Temple by offering a pig on the altar and raising up in the sanctuary a statue of Zeus. The defiled Temple needed to be cleansed and re-dedicated. The Temple was purified, and the wicks of the menorah miraculously burned for eight days, even though there was only enough sacred oil for one day's lighting. Yehuda Maccabee ordained “that the days of the dedication of the altar should be kept in their season from year to year by the space of eight days, from the five and twentieth day of the month of Kislev, with mirth and gladness.” (1 Maccabees 4:59)

CHRISTMAS DAY

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

WINTER SOLSTICE

This month the winter solstice in the northern hemisphere will occur on 21 December 2025 at 15:03 UTC. That is the gate of the winter season. In the southern hemisphere they will experience their summer solstice on the same day. In the Northern Hemisphere, the December solstice marks the longest night and the shortest day of the year. Meanwhile, in the Southern Hemisphere it will be the longest day and the shortest night. The North Polar Region of Earth has 24 hours of night, while the South Polar Region will have 24 hours of daylight. On December 21, 2025, at 15:03 UTC the sun reaches its farthest southward point for the year.

The solstice is an astronomical event that is caused by the Earth's tilt on its axis, and its motion in orbit around the sun. The tilt of the earth –not our distance from the sun – is what causes winter and summer. At the December solstice, the Northern Hemisphere is leaning farthest away from the sun for the year.



WEST MAMPRUSI, GHANA

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 may 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 is 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 Jehovah, 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 Jehovah 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 Jehovah be with you." And they answered him, "May Jehovah bless you."

WHY ARE WE LOOKING AT THE BIBLICAL CALENDAR?

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

The moon is given to mark Feasts—which are usually explained as a certain day of a certain month in the Bible: He appointed the moon for seasons [Hebrew moed means “festivals”]; the sun knows it’s going down (Psalm 104:19, NKJV).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In Primeval Astronomy, “The Gospel in the Stars,” Joseph Augustus Seiss explains the purpose of the stars and their constellations in their original context. In a lecture entitled, “The Starry Worlds,” first published in 1882, he attests: “Such wonderful creations of almighty power and wisdom were not without a purpose.” Seiss explains that stars and groups of stars, constellations, were created to fill the galaxy – in a particular order for a very specific purpose. God created the stars (Gen. 1:16) and positioned them in their exact places in the universe (Ps. 8:3). Stars were, “for signs and for seasons, and for days and for years, in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” (Gen. 1:14, 15).

Stars were so important that God named them. “He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.” (Ps. 147:4). The stars are a continual reminder that the Seed of the woman will ultimately triumph over the Serpent (Gen. 3:15). God’s revelation is constantly told in the stars (Ps. 19) — which is a message of salvation — available to every generation who professes faith. (Romans 9-11, Joel, Isa.) The entire ancient world received the gospel prior to Christ ever being born— through the stars.

TEACHING – HOW TO SOLVE THE HUMAN PROBLEM

NOTES FROM A TRAINING OF MINISTERS AND LEADERS BY DR. DAVID OGBUELI AT THE MANDATE IN ABUJA ON 11/22/2025

Genesis 1:26. NLT

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.”

God made us in his image. The first image of God revealed in scripture is creativity. God has attributes, qualities that define him. The first one that is revealed is creativity. God created three things. He created the universe, that is creation. He created creatures, the animal kingdom and everything that moves and crawls. Then he created creators. The one that is the creator is the one that he made in his image. He made us to be co-creators with him. God’s plan in doing this was that once you get the human person right all the other problems in that environment, in that society can be solved. God made us like himself. Look at it this way, when you give birth to a child, the child is born human, just like you. The difference between that child and the parents is development.

How do we develop ourselves? How do we develop the people that God has given to us to come to their full capacity in God? They need to come to the place where the presence of that man is like the presence of God in that environment. God planned that the earth would be a reflection of heaven and human beings would be his own reflection. Human beings would be God expressed in the flesh. Adam was the original image bearer. From Adam all of us who are his descendants would have a model.

In manufacturing when you want to create a product, you first create a mold. The mold is the first fruit. The idea is that when you take the raw materials and put it into the mold the product comes out taking the same shape of the mold. Adam was the mold. The first mold of God in human form. The rest of his descendants were to follow that pattern. When Satan recruited Adam into his rebellion, he did not attack the product, he attacked the mold. If you go to a block factory and destroy three blocks, as long as the mold is intact, you will remake the blocks. If you destroy the mold, if you change the mold, then you would have affected every product that would follow. That is exactly what Satan did. He went and attacked the foundation so that every other person that would come out of Adam, would be damaged. He destroyed human development from its foundation. He poisoned the tree from the root.

What did God do to solve the problem? He sent a second mold. He sent a second Adam. He sent someone who is exactly like him. Hebrews 1:3 NLT says:

³The Son radiates God’s own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.

Colossians 1:15 NLT

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, God sent a brand-new mold that is exactly like him. All the work of ministry is to build human beings, build capacity to come to the standard of God. God is in the spirit, we don't know what he looks like. He has sent us his express image, God in human form, so that we will know what God looks like and then we will know what we are created to look like. The coming of Jesus was to do two things. He came to show us the Father. He came to show us, us. In studying him I get a revelation of who the father is. I am created in his image. I cannot become what I do not know. In studying him, I get a revelation of who I am. As he is, so are we in this world.

If this foundation is clear, then we have set the goal for ministry. The whole goal for ministry is to take human beings from Egypt, redeem them from slavery to sin, and then build them to the fullness of the stature of Christ. If you understand this, you can break it down into the processes that deliver the result. It is like a manufacturing process in an industry. You create a product to solve a problem. That is how it is with human development.

The church needs to rediscover how to take men, how to mold men and produce a Christ-like man out of him. How to produce God in the flesh. You are producing a creator. You are producing a deliverer. Now take personal responsibility to pass yourself through the production process.

We are spirit beings with a soul that live in a body. We do not have to leave our destinies in the hands of someone else. As an individual you take responsibility for your own growth and outcome. As ministers, as churches, we have to now build structures and systems along the five processes you will be shown. As government, as leaders, as business leaders, as leaders of organizations, the people you call your staff are not supposed to be left at the stage you met them. You have to create a system for developing your leadership pipeline. As one CEO is leaving you are not running around looking for a replacement because you are growing them within your organization. What our organization is not able to finish, you outsource those ones. A successful business is not the one that makes only profit. A successful business is the one that makes people while making profit. A successful company is not the one that comes to a community and harnesses their resources and build a lot of wealth and escapes. A successful company is the one that makes and transforms that community where that business is found, while making profit.

If you look at Genesis 1:26, the one that is the expert, the one who invented human beings, is also the person who invented the planets, the galaxies. He invented all the resources we have on the earth. That person that invented, that person that created, that person that makes human beings, that person that even when the product got damaged put another program, a program of redemption into place. He developed three processes here in Genesis. The first we see in Genesis 1:26, is building image exactly like God. Create a human being to have God's image. This is where the nature of God and his attributes come in. God has three types of attributes. That is the standard we are copying. The second is likeness. The image of God is different from the likeness of God. The image of God is who God is. There are attributes of God that define that. For example, God is faithful. God is love. There is one phrase you can use to summarize this, his divine nature.

When we say someone is born again, this is the first thing we must produce, a man of love, a man of integrity, a man of humility. A man of compassion, just look at Jesus. A person that is merciful, a person that is gracious and generous, a person that is submissive. All those qualities that you see in Jesus, that is what he is talking about. Paul was talking about this in Romans 8:29 NLT when he said:

²⁹ For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

It is good to know what the end product is supposed to look like. Any church that pays the price to develop this will have a transformational ministry. A ministry that transforms people and a ministry that transforms society. A church will not have the capacity to transform society until you transform your people. Your people are the product you deploy into all spheres of the society. They will go and transform it. It is then that we are actually doing the job of being light and salt. If we fail in our ability to produce human beings the way God planned, then we would have failed in our ability to change our world. God is working to transform everyone to the image of Christ. Jesus is the first born, he is the mold, the model. The rest of us are like him.

Spiritual and moral development is the first one, but it does not end there. The second one is the likeness of God. The likeness of God is how God functions. How he gets the results that he gets. His first likeness is creativity. He is a creator. Another likeness is he is a builder. The Bible tells us we are going to a city whose designer and builder is God. He is a planner. The marriage supper of the Lamb is planned. Man's redemption was planned before the foundation of the world. He has foresight. He is a visionary. These are not character qualities. These are functional qualities. The likeness of God is what is called the wisdom of God. spirituality, morality is not enough.

Who will you hire? A person who will get the job done but does not have character? They have the functionalities of God. They understand how to get things done but they lack the nature of God. When it comes to their character, they are like Satan. Or will you hire a good person who is not able to produce. This is a person who has the nature of God but lacks the wisdom of God. Do you see the two problems? Which of these problems is your country facing in governance? Is it a competency problem or a character problem? This is the problem the church has to solve. There is only one factory on earth that can produce human beings the way God designed it. Men that will have both the image and the likeness of God in operation. That is the job of the church.

Daniel 9:20 - 22 NLT

²⁰ I went on praying and confessing my sin and the sin of my people, pleading with the Lord my God for Jerusalem, his holy mountain.

²¹ As I was praying, Gabriel, whom I had seen in the earlier vision, came swiftly to me at the time of the evening sacrifice.

²² He explained to me, "Daniel, I have come here to give you insight and understanding."

The angel came to give Daniel insight and understanding.

There are systems that deliver the results. In ministry you rise or fall with your capacity to build men. Your ability to build men is what will decide your success in the present and your success in the long term. If you don't build systems, the results will die with you.

Look at the ministry of Jesus. At one time he had lost all the crowd, all the disciples except eleven men. The men he built was what recovered Jerusalem for him and recovered all the nations of the earth. If he did not build men, that ministry would have ended with the cross. Jesus said it is finished twice. He said one on the cross. (John 19:30)

³⁰ When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

He said it once before the cross. (John 17:4) NKJV

I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

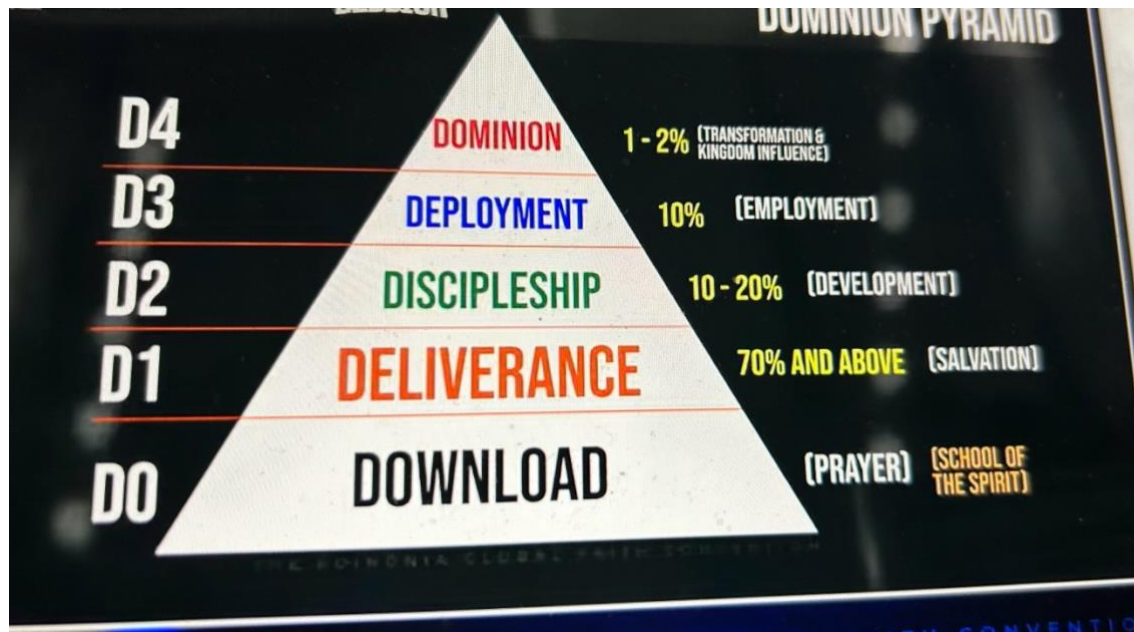
The one he said on the cross was that the price of redemption had been paid. Before he went to the cross, he was praying in John 17. Here he was giving a report to his Father. He was telling him that he had finished the work that he had given to him. What did he finish? He explained it in the prayer. He had prepared the men his Father gave him. He had taught them. He had shown them.

If you don't build people one day you will look around, there is no successor, there is no structure, there are no systems. When you build the image, the divine nature, into people and you build the divine functionalities, and the wisdom, and the systems that get results and you combine it, you produce a man that can have dominion.

In Genesis 1:26 the first is being – image. The second is doing – the wisdom of God and the third is having. The being is the transformation of that person to become. You have to become before you can have. The man that God gives a vision and the man that fulfills the vision are two different versions of that man. The man Joseph that received the vision of what he was going to do in Egypt and the Joseph that was sitting on the throne in Egypt were two different versions.

The one that God gave the vision, was an immature young man. Moses was given a vision for the people of Israel. When Moses communicated the vision three million people left Egypt and followed him. When Joseph communicated his vision, his brothers plotted how to kill him. When he communicated his vision, it was just about himself and his brothers as his slaves. When Joseph matured thirteen years after, now he was thirty years old, he was now Prime Minister and he reunites with his brother, he communicates the same vision a second time. He changed the way he communicated it. He told them that God had sent him ahead of them to preserve their lives.

When you communicate a vision and you show people what is in it for them, they will follow you. If you only tell them what is in it for you and they cannot see themselves in it, you are inviting rebellion.



THE DOMINION PYRAMID

You have a triangle broken into four segments. The foundation of this triangle is in D0. It is a building, so you have a foundation. There are five processes. D1 is deliverance. D2 is discipleship. D3 is deployment. D4 is dominion. This is where Joseph is sitting on the throne changing a nation. D0 is download. Deliverance is salvation. It is bringing people out of Egypt, getting people saved. Many of us are good at that one. D2 is discipleship. It is development. That is training and developing that human capital that got saved. There is human capital development in the kingdom and there is human capital development in nation building. D3 is deployment. This is where you get employment, where people go out to start doing the job. After education people need to get busy to create wealth. To start impacting their world. At the top of the pyramid, you have D4 – societal or organizational transformation. You have kingdom influence. This is now that man changing the world. This is now that man fulfilling destiny.

Download is communion, it is prayer, it is fasting, it is worship, it is all those times spent in the presence of God. It is the school of the spirit. It cannot be taught. People have to be taken through the experience. When they are taken through the experience, there are four things that happen.

Look at the pyramid, as you go up it narrows. In Hebrews 2:10 we see that God's plan is to bring many to glory.

¹⁰ God, for whom and through whom everything was made, chose to bring many children into glory. And it was only right that he should make Jesus, through his suffering, a perfect leader, fit to bring them into their salvation.

In reality, it is only 1-2 % that get to D4. The church needs to take the issue of human development seriously and start expanding that upper echelon. When you look at D1, here you find 70% and above of the people. In some churches it is 90%. We are very good at bringing people out of Egypt but after we bring them out,

they die there. The promised land is on top, and multitudes are not able to get there. For many of us, our ministries resemble the ministry of Moses. We are powerful at deliverance, we have miracles, we can bring people out. This is not how to build to last. The people we did deliverance on are the same ones we are doing deliverance on again. The same people that got healed once are the same ones getting healed again. When are they going to move forward?

There is a development system that the kingdom has. When you look at the pyramid you see that deployment is just about 10%. Discipleship is 10 -20%. Some don't have up to 5% of the congregation being properly disciplined. We are good at pulling crowds but after pulling them we don't know what to do.

When we do not disciple, the people are not developed. You have to take responsibility for your own growth. The fullness of what God has promised you, he will not entrust it into your hand until you come to manhood.

Galatians 4:1-2 NLT

4 Think of it this way. If a father dies and leaves an inheritance for his young children, those children are not much better off than slaves until they grow up, even though they actually own everything their father had. ²They have to obey their guardians until they reach whatever age their father set.

In training there is correction, there is rebuke. Ministry is like an airline that flies people. If you put an immature man in the cockpit without proper human development, you will crash. We have a lot of quacks in ministry, and it is human lives that are being ruined.

Dominion starts at D3. God wants many sons to be brought to glory. Deployment is priesthood. It is also purpose in action that is manifesting destiny. This could be in any sphere of society. There is no dominion without deployment. There is no dominion without discipleship.

A lot of ministries face this problem where we develop the training system, and we find out that the people were not ready to go to D2. They loved D1. This is because D1 is backed with the supernatural. There are miracles and healings, remember what Moses did in Egypt. They experienced signs and wonders and moves of the Holy Spirit. Usually D1 is fueled by D0, a lot of prayer. The people could flow in D0 and D1. To take them to D2, you put a training program in place they do not come. How do we solve that problem to get the people to go through discipleship? It is the training period that will produce the people that will conquer Canaan. The goal of deliverance is attraction, it pulls people, but it does not develop people.

You pull people by developing ministries that are needs based. Ministries that tackle the basic problems of the people. Relationship ministry, healing ministry, deliverance ministry, prophetic and supernatural, you will pull a crowd. Then how do you pull people towards training?

To get people to follow you to the next level, you have to cast a higher level of vision. There are other needs that human beings have that are not physical. They are aspirational. Let us test one, how many of you here would like to make a million dollars cash by this time next year? Almost everyone raised their hands. This aspiration that you have requires a process to get there. Now I tell you we are starting the training that will get you to your goal. There are other things we are going to do in that training that I will not tell you. We will put those at level one and level two. This one that is attracting you, (getting the million dollars) we will put it

last. It is the money you want to learn how to get but we have to tackle character issues. We have to show you the relationship between integrity and wealth creation. When we finish tackling your values and your character, we will tackle competencies, the wisdom for creating and then we will look at building the systems and the processes. As often as is needed we will cast the vision again.

How many would like to get to the level of Joseph and Daniel where you are influencing the destiny of a nation? This is not dealing with basic needs. To become a Daniel or a Joseph requires a process. Now that you want to rise to the top, there is a training program that will help you to get there. Everything at the deliverance stage is free. Once you start getting to the level where people will have to pay a price, they are not interested. You need to cast the vision in such a way that the people will come.

There are things that people do not learn in the classroom. You can teach the courses, but you will not get the product in the classroom. You cannot produce a Benny Hinn by throwing mantles on people. It requires the two ingredients for creating natural life. It is the same ingredients required to create spiritual life. In natural life you bring a seed from the man and an egg from the woman. In spiritual life you bring the Word and the Spirit. Grace must be backed by knowledge and wisdom.

How do you take people through the school of the Spirit to produce prophets, apostles, anointed pastors, anointed men of God, anointed Governors, anointed generals, anointed presidents? You have to look at the foundation we call downloads. What do we mean by downloads? It is how to download God into a human being. The human being now becomes a container, carrying God.

There are four things that happen in prayer. Level 1 is prayer, worship, spending time with God. The first product that prayer produces is utterance. In the Bible we read that God touched someone's tongue. Utterance means you become the microphone, God becomes the speaker. On the day of Pentecost, you saw the tongues. Another one, is interpretation of tongues. Another one is prophesy. Another one is prophetic praying. It is now the Holy Spirit doing intercession through you. You have entered into that divine partnership. Then you move into prophetic preaching. When you speak now people's questions are answered. People's problems are addressed. The words you are speaking have gone beyond just giving information. That is what makes ministry different from a lecture.

The next level that comes as you pray, it is like a refinery, there are layers of purification as you move up. When you cross beyond utterance you move into intelligence. At this level you start knowing things that nobody told you. You start downloading intelligence. After a while, you start downloading revelations. You start downloading pictures, visions. At this level, Word of Knowledge starts coming. Word of Wisdom starts coming where you can see the future. Discerning of spirits in three and four dimensions start coming. You may see the glory of God. Now God starts sharing his secrets with you. You move further; you break into power. You stay in prayer until you break through. You stay committed to the project until the baby comes out of the womb. You move into travail until you gain spiritual release. It is at that moment that you come out and speak. You can speak to weather, you speak on national issues, and it will happen.

James said that man prayed earnestly that it would not rain. When he had obtained the victory, he came out and saw Ahab and declared there would be no rain. (James 5:17)

¹⁷ Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years!

Access to the throne of God is the beginning of every form of dominion. Until you gain victory in the spirit, you can forget about it in the natural. A shepherd is supposed to have authority to keep the sheep. We are supposed to have the rod and the staff. That is what Psalm 23 says. That is what you use to lead people. One is authority. God gave us people. There is power given to the shepherd to keep his people. It is called the shepherd's authority. These degrees are gained in prayer not in the classroom. They are gained while spending time in the presence of the Lord.

The work that needs to be done requires teamwork. No one church can do it. No one minister can do it.

Ephesians 4:11-12 says:

¹¹ Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. ¹² Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

If you follow the reasons for giving us this ministry you see that finally you get there to bring the church to the fullness of the stature of Christ. One ministry gift cannot do it.

The ultimate reward of intercession is not the answer to prayer. The ultimate reward is not getting utterance to become a powerful oracle of God. The ultimate reward is not getting prophetic giftings and revelations. The ultimate reward is not operating in power. These are different layers of rewards. The ultimate reward is fusion, union, oneness with God. At that ultimate level the Holy Spirit and the human spirit have so fused together that the thing explodes like something greater than an atomic bomb. The Bible said concerning Moses, Moses did not know that the fashion of his countenance changed while he talked with God. The ultimate reward of intercession is that you become a carrier of the shekinah glory. You become a carrier of God. The ultimate reward of intercession is not what your prayer accomplishes. It is who you become as a result of spending time with God.

As we behold his glory we are transformed into that same image from glory to glory even by the spirit of God. That is what happened to Jesus at the Mount of Transfiguration. At that point an explosion happened and divinity swallowed mortality. The people that came with him, Peter, James and John, could not recognize him again. In Philippians 3:10-11 Paul says:

¹⁰ I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, ¹¹ so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

There is resurrection life. There is the enabling grace. The empowering grace. The transforming grace. There are two sources of this grace. One is from the cross, the finished work of Jesus. That gives us the unmerited favor and brought us salvation. There is the transforming grace, there is an empowering grace. The transforming grace is what transforms us into his likeness. That grace sets you free from sin. We were not redeemed to be falling back again and again into sin. The key to victory over sin, the ultimate reward, is that



you produce a holy man. You produce a Godly man. You produce a man who is like Jesus. You produce a man who reflects God's glory.

Romans 8:12-13

¹²Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. ¹³For if you live by its dictates, you will die. **But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live.**

Beyond salvation there is sanctification. There is victory over sin. There is a sanctifying power. An enabling power. The ultimate product of human development is to produce people who live like Jesus. To produce people who can do the works that Jesus did. Those people are the ones the world is waiting for.

Galatians 5:18

¹⁸But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.

Romans 6:14

¹⁴Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.

That grace here is an enabling grace that enables us to live above sin. That thing he calls grace is the Holy Spirit at work in the believer producing Christ's nature through him. When that law of the Spirit of life is at work, the law of God is written upon my heart, and the power of the Holy Spirit works within me to produce the results you are making external laws to produce.

Romans 8:1-4

8 So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ²And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. ³The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. ⁴He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK – KINGDOM PATTERNS FOR PRAYING EFFECTIVELY BY DR ABU BAKO

CHAPTER 5 BE A EUNUCH

Eunuchs were popularly used in most kingdoms that rose to greatness, including Egypt, Ethiopia, Assyria and Babylon. These were men who were set apart to carry out specific tasks for monarchs at court. Many of them were castrated or had their testicles crushed in order to cripple their ability as progenitors. Others were set apart but had their wives specially selected for them by the king himself. For instance Joseph was a eunuch in Pharaoh's court, but had his wife selected for him. Potiphar was a eunuch too but he had a wife.

In the Hebrew laws, a eunuch or any who was maimed or halt in any way was not allowed into the congregation of the Lord. However, as the kingdom arose when they settled in the Promised Land, they began to copy the ways of the gentile nations. Thus, they brought in eunuchs especially from Africa and parts of the Middle East from among the conquered peoples.

In the courts of these monarchs, the charge of the female and interior apartments was committed to eunuchs. The Romans also castrated male slaves and made them eunuchs.

Most of the highly educated and well-trained slaves especially physicians, were castrated, because their work exposed them to intimate medical sessions with women and men of high society. Others who held position as eunuchs were the royal court officials including financiers, army generals, lawyers, wise-men and court jesters.

According to historians, Daniel and his friends are recorded to have undergone through this inhumane treatment. It is also believed that Luke who wrote the books of Luke and Acts could have been a freed slave and a eunuch.

For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs

Of the eunuchs described above, the particular stock of eunuchs that God is addressing are the type of eunuchs who have cut off everything that has to do with the flesh.

“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the [life] which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” (Ga 2:20)

Be Castrated:

The most distinctive mark on these eunuchs is castration. Castration comes from a Latin root word “castrare” which has to do with weakening. Castration has to do with incapacitating the male seed-bearing organ – the testicles. Some people crush and some remove the testicles completely. In the ancient eastern cultures,

slaves were put through this very brutal action of cutting off the seed bearing penile organ of a male human or animal.

It was to hinder them from involving in sexual activity with their masters and mistresses. People who were enslaved were considered an inferior race therefore castration would hinder them “contaminating” as it were, their captors’ race.

The most disturbing thing about castration is that, cutting off the penile organ did not stop the male from getting sexual thoughts or feelings. Sexual stimulation originates from the brain and not the organ itself. However, there was nothing physically evident to express these feelings through. It was very frustrating and tormenting.

The only way one could curb those feelings was to master their thought patterns and do whatever it took to crash those feelings thus gaining mastery over their physical body and subduing the flesh.

In this context I refer to the spiritual aspect of castration. The eunuch cuts off any corrupting traits of the flesh. Castration is mainly with regard to thought patterns and resultant responses of the human nature.

“Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told [you] in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.” (Ga 5:19-21)

The works of the flesh which Christians manifest tend to be within the heart, e.g. jealousy, envy, selfish ambitions, dissensions, adulteries of the heart; when your heart longs for other loves and not Christ, or outbursts of wrath, or when you are self-seeking in your motives for doing even good things. These are things that can be hidden in the heart. These ought to be cut off when they manifest.

Every time you think of yourself and your rights first in the circumstances, every time you feel that you are being used and abused, whether real or imagined, it is the flesh. When you harbour bitterness and hurt, when you forgive and cannot forget it is of the flesh. When you grumbling and take offence easily, that is the flesh.

Human nature finds it hard to submit to the word of God and love our enemies, bless those who curse us and abuse our love and service. The act of castrating the works of the flesh as they manifest in our lives is no gentle or merciful action. It is a choice to cut off those manifestations, refusal to allow them to be expressed.

They are feelings that the flesh enjoys. When you think of how you shall revenge somebody for the evil they have done, it produces some feelings of sadistic pleasure. When you hear that someone who did you wrong has fallen into misfortune, there is a certain sadistic pleasure that, “God has vindicated” you.

Now if you are to bless those who do you wrong, IT IS HARD; virtually IMPOSSIBLE. You do not want to do it but you will yourself to do it and rejoice in doing it. That is brutally cutting off of the flesh response; that is what castration is about. You are not going to let it manifest. You have no outlet for it. You have to get the

spirit response in order to quench that overpowering desire to have your flesh express itself especially when you are right and the other party is wrong.

You saw that the eunuch has sexual thoughts and feelings but has nowhere to express them through because his sexual organ is cut off. Unless he masters them, they will drive him crazy and make him deeply frustrated and bitter. They will find expression in another negative way if they are not quashed; you too have to master your emotions.

You may cut off the human reactions to circumstances by suppressing them. The result is that you will eventually become bitter, angry and frustrated. Your emotions will find expression and explode in another way because they must be expressed one way or the other.

Rather, you should kill them off and will your spirit to rejoice in doing the opposite good until you train your mind and emotions to respond in God's way. Therefore it is important to submit to God again and again and by practice and constant use, you will gain mastery over the flesh responses and exchange them with Holy Spirit responses.

Cain was angry with his brother and with God. God made a statement when He saw Cain was about to be overcome with evil. He told him

““Why are you so angry?” the LORD asked Cain. “Why do you look so dejected? You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master.”” (Ge 4:6-7 NLT emphasis added)

Cain refused to master his negative emotions and ended up killing his own brother.

It does not mean that negative emotions and works of the flesh do not rise up in you from time to time. You must be honest with yourself and with God that you feel unloving, or jealous, or envious, or hateful, or angry, or unforgiving, or fearful.

Emotions Motivate You Toward God or Satan

The root word from which the word “emotion” is derived has to do with “motivate”. The purpose of emotions is to motivate you to respond to your situation. Emotions are given to you by God Himself. He has all these emotions that we display. However they are channelled to fulfil His purposes.

Emotions are natural and God is the one who has given them to you to drive you to Him. When fear arises you can choose to respond in the flesh and become self-defensive or you can run to God and submit the emotion to Him. If the circumstance is that you are reacting in fear because of a human standard that requires you to compromise, God will give you a greater fear of Him so that you are brave enough to withstand your human fear.

If you are feeling fearful because the enemy is intimidating you, when you bring it to God He can display His might and power to you so that you become strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

If you are feeling hateful because someone has cheated you and abused your generosity, when you take that emotion to Him, God can show you how Jesus was despised for doing good, yet He was able to love, die for and forgive the whole world. You draw strength from that and get sustenance to go back and continue serving anyhow.

He can on the other hand take that hateful feeling and simply surround you with His love so that no amount of wickedness from the circumstances around you can cause you to stumble or fall. You bask in His love.

When these emotions arise, they should motivate you to turn them over to God and not satisfy them by turning to the natural human responses. As you turn them over to God, He is faithful to show you a better way. He is faithful to train you to think in a different pattern that reflects after His own nature.

When you yield to that better way, you kill the flesh in that area. The Spirit of God gains more ground in your life and operates more effectively in and through your life.

“In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,” (Col 2:11)

That is castration - your human natural responses have been weakened in that area and you respond according to the Holy Spirit’s leading. Your response becomes more Christ-like.

As you continue to do this, you begin to gain authority in every area. You overcome the flesh and can therefore help others overcome too. It comes by practice and constant use. You keep trying, you fail sometimes, but you rise up again and keep on practicing until you get it.

Illustration

For instance you may have a short temper. When something happens to trigger that emotion, rather than giving in to insults or even fighting with your offender, you turn your emotion to God.

Express it before Him and let Him know what you feel about the situation. As you release your frustrations or anger the Holy Spirit begins to show you what the situation really is about. Sometimes you recognize the spirit behind what your offender was doing, or you recognize the spirit behind your own responses.

By the time you have emptied your feelings on Him rather than on that person and cooled off, you will be able to get a better perspective on the matter that would otherwise have ended up in a big clash between yourself and your offender.

As you do this from time to time, you begin to recognize the spirit behind your responses, and replace it with the God-response. It is drastic. It goes against the grain of your flesh.

You will castrate and therefore render impotent, the reactions of the flesh in that area, and instead the Spirit of God will fill you with a different emotion should the same situation arise again. You have castrated the flesh.

Endurance, gentleness, brokenness, patience and perseverance become part of the fruit that gains a hold on your nature. With time, as you overcome in that area, you will also be able to help others overcome in the same area with greater impact. You become broken, vulnerable – defenceless in and of yourself. Your defence and preservation rests in God.

Castration Rejects Self-preservation and self defense

Another mark of castration is a loss in your sense of self preservation. The male is the progenitor – the bearer of seed for the generations to come or the preserver of posterity. When the male is castrated, it means his ability to preserve future generations is cut off and literally his male-ness is removed. He cannot produce seed to bring forth future generations.

Whatever you produce is not of human conception because you have no seed of your own. If you conceive anything at all or produce anything, it is a product of God Himself. Therefore, you produce after the God-kind whether in prayer, in your ministry, your business or office, your school or anywhere you are.

Another mark of castration is loss of self-identity. A big part of the male's identity is removed. He is no longer male nor female really. If you are to become a eunuch, you will have no identity except what God defines you to be at each point in time.

In ancient times, eunuchs could be anything to their masters or mistresses. They could be used as play things, as warriors, as chamberlains, as bed-mates when the master or mistress is lonely. It did not matter. They were anything their masters wanted them to be.

That is the same with you. You become anything that the Lord will have you be. For each assignment God requires from you He will define what you will be. Therefore, your ministry gifts and callings become dynamic and not static.

The other mark of castration is a loss of self-defence. The male is the defender of the household. When his male-ness is removed, he is weakened. He can no longer be considered a defender.

We saw that one of the meanings of castration is “to weaken.” When someone has a wound of any kind, they will by reflex action try to protect it from being touched by anyone to avoid further hurt to it and allow it to heal. They develop self defence.

A castrated person has nothing to defend – not anything he has “founded” because it is God who is the Founder. He has no sense of loss because he has lost the very thing that would define him. Therefore there is nothing which happens that would be threatening in any way to him. God can use him as He pleases. That is why eunuchs could be used as warriors. They were fearless. They had nothing to lose.

They had no pride, no status, no identity except the one given to them by their master. They would defend only their master's interests because that is the only thing that defined them.

Can you imagine when you translate that to your Christian life? If you are to become a castrated eunuch, and were interested only in defending the interests of your God isn't that what the kingdom should be all about?

If your identity was only in God and not in what people call you, or what you perceive to be your calling or gift or label in the world, how much more effective would you be?

Eunuchs remained slaves for life. If they were set free where would they go? They are “useless” to anyone else. Most of the time they would remain highly loyal to their captors and serve them in whatever capacity they were required because only that identity and the training they received maybe as physicians, or warrior, or philosopher or lawyer defined their lives.

Castration has to do with you understanding the true meaning of being a bond-slave of Christ. That is what Paul and the other apostles called themselves. They did nothing but the bidding of their Master even to the death.

Defensiveness and Protectiveness

People with wounded spirits also have the tendency to defend and protect their hearts and minds from further hurt. This is manifested in defensiveness and protectiveness. Two things make you protective of your own emotions.

1. You defend yourself from being used and abused.
2. You protect yourself from being hurt.

You find people refusing to unite with other Christians to pray for the nation because of the sense of self-preservation, “what is in it for me?”

Defensiveness hinders your child-like response to the Holy Spirit’s promptings even in your worship and prayer times. You find it harder to express emotions of love, crying, laughter, even real anger or fear. You find it hard to accept prophecy or open yourself up to new experiences. You become inward focused.

Defensiveness breeds over-sensitivity. You become over-sensitive to people and their behaviour toward you. You lose the abandon you ought to have in your spiritual life as you approach your heavenly Father.

You become inhibited, you make vows not to let your guard down. You weigh every word anyone says to you. You become wary of people and try to read a motive in every action toward you whether good or bad. You are untrustworthy and cannot let people come near and work with you. You want to hold everything because people might steal from you or take advantage of you.

When you are bitter and wounded, soon you close people out, you close out meaningful relationships, you lose meaningful lessons that would have molded you into the person God wants you to be, you become introverted and divided.

When you are wounded, you become jaded, world-weary, lackluster and cynical. When anything happens, you read the negative vibe in it, you have a ready judgement for it and lock people out even more; yet the scripture says Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (2Cor 3:17). Defensiveness means building a high fortress wall around yourself and making yourself prisoner to yourself!

Jesus had no sense of self preservation. He knew that Judas was a traitor, He knew that he was not faithful as the keeper of the purse yet Jesus chose to work with Judas. Jesus knew that there are levels of His destiny which could never be fulfilled had Judas not been part of His life.

It took Judas to bring prophecy in Psalm 22, Psalm 69 and Isaiah 53 to come to pass in Jesus' life. Which other person would have brought Him to that place of being handed over to His captors?

Jesus understood that each person who came into His life, both good and bad, was relating to Him for a purpose and He chose to let that purpose play itself out however painful it was.

Prayer Stop!

Lord, that I may recognize that each person and each situation I find myself in has been allowed by You so that all the redemptive purpose You have created me for will be brought to pass. I have been taught and often thought it very astute to be self defensive, to have self identity and to be self preserving but these traits have denied me the ability to truly fulfil Your purposes in my life.

Help me to see especially the relationships I have both good and bad, as coming from Your hand, to bring out the best and worst in me. May they bring out the best so that I can continue to perfect it. May they bring out the worst in me, so that it can be dealt with at Calvary where I can trade my sorrow, pain, hurts, wounds, bitterness, envy and every other vice coming out of me for what You would have me bring forth. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

GROW INTO A CHILD

Maturity has to do with growing in the Lord to the place of becoming a child again to Him. It is a full circle experience. You start as a child, and end as a child. Children express best the lack of self-defence or self-preservation or identity. They identify themselves by their parents. Everything is in Daddy or Mommy.

As long as a child is with its parent, they trust implicitly in the ability of their parent to protect them, preserve them, provide for them, and defend them from any harm. With that settled the child can go ahead and play freely. If anything should happen to hurt them, they run to mama or papa and they know they will kiss it better and deal with anyone or anything that may harm them.

When you are defensive, and self-preserving, you cannot grow or mature. How will you repeat where you fell before when you have the attitude, "once bitten twice shy?" How will you learn to grow by constant use and practice, if you cannot accept failure or falling, as part of the lessons? How will you know that you can rise again and move on?

When you have grown into a child you are willing to risk falling and rise again and keep learning and learning. You do not fear new adventures with God, you become teachable and can learn from every circumstance and everyone who comes into your life whether older or younger, more knowledgeable or less knowledgeable than you. That is maturity.

When you are a child, you do not treat failure as the unpardonable sin which “a whole Christian”, “a whole pastor”, a “whole choir leader” has committed. You see everyone as human and fallible no matter their rank in the spirit. You learn to identify that only your Father, God in them as infallible.

When you grow into a child again, you learn that there are seemingly erroneous things that you experienced but they were all part of the learning process. Without those experiences you would not be able to stand and understand others or minister to them effectively. These all are part of the righteous standards that God expects from a life that will pray effectively.

When you are grown into a child again you do not continually compare yourself with other people. You realize that your walk with God is unique to your own experience and destiny in Him. Therefore Jesus Christ becomes the only standard which you compare yourself with.

When you examine David’s life, he failed God so utterly when he organized for the death of Uriah one of his most loyal mighty men and took his wife Bethsheba. He committed other very public sins that were costly to him, his family and the nation.

However, every time, he was able to pick himself up, repent and walk to his Father just like a little child – climb on His knee and basically say, “I know You love me all the same, I am weak but You are strong. You will not push me away for my failures. Help me to rise again to the place I ought to be in You. Let my mistakes become part of my message to generations to come.”

Another time, when he had ruled for a long time, his son Absalom committed treason in a most treacherous way. What did David do? He had no sense of self preservation. He simply relinquished the throne and walked away.

He did not try to defend himself even though it would have been so easy. How many would be willing to let go when someone is trying to usurp your authority in ministry? There is no vocabulary in your spiritual dictionary to do such a thing as that. You will use all the spiritual arsenal to “deal” with that person.

It is uncommon for anyone to walk away from something he has “built from scratch” and “sweated over” and had “sleepless nights” over. It means he considers it a product of his conception and not of God’s conception. Its easier said than done. Many times each of us has to catch ourselves thinking that things belong to us.

David said “God put me on this throne from the sheepfolds. Will I start fighting for it or defending it? It is God’s throne. He will defend His own cause.” When he was insulted as he ran away his mighty men wanted to “deal” with Shimei. He told them “Leave him be. Maybe God has sent him to do it. God would deal with him.” No wonder he was a man after God’s own heart – a eunuch. He wrote a psalm

“LORD, how they have increased who trouble me! Many [are] they who rise up against me. Many [are] they who say of me, “[There is] no help for him in God.” Selah But You, O LORD, [are] a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head. I cried to the LORD with my voice, And He heard me from His holy hill. Selah. I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the LORD sustained me. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set [themselves] against me all around.” (Ps 3:1-6)

May this become your experience as you grow in this area of righteousness - maturity.

The more you yield yourself to God, the less defensive you become. You no longer feel the need for self-preservation or self-defence. Your defence and preservation remains in His hands, He becomes your shield and your great reward (Gen 15:1, Psa 84:11).

You become freer, more transparent with those around you, you love more easily, you respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit more easily. You feel His compassion and weep with His tears more easily. You receive a quiet spirit which is very sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Yes, I am still expounding what righteousness is all about. You only need to begin identifying areas where you need to cultivate the righteousness of God in your own experience and lifestyle.

When God finds a castrated, open, defenceless heart, He finds one with whom He can share His heart in any circumstance. He finds one to whom He can show the burdens of His heart freely because that heart has allowed things to come and go, it has allowed the Holy Spirit, through life's lessons, to stretch it, mould it, shape it into a vessel that can carry heavenly treasures and it has grown through each experience and learned from it the lessons God wants to teach.

God wants a safe, understanding environment within which to expose His heart. A castrated heart is just that. It's a heart that can say "Lord, I do not understand what You are going through, help me to understand because I have not been there but how can I help?"

He finds a sanctuary. Sounds strange, doesn't it? He finds an abode, a place He can abide in; one through whom He can display unconditional love to others. Jesus told His disciples

Abide in me and let my words abide in you "Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." (Joh 14:23)

God could wake up Samuel a little boy, and share His heart with Him. God could share with Moses face to face as one friend to another. Joshua was so sensitive even in the midst of battle to stop and receive inspiration to command the sun and moon to stand still.

David could speak to God in the night watches and listen to Him share His dreams and visions of future generations. Daniel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Anna, all were God's confidantes. What a privilege to be such a eunuch.

Philip had such a quiet, listening spirit that God could easily pull him out of raging revival fires in Samaria and still send him to a lone traveller in the desert. O that God would give us grace to allow the castration of our flesh and bring it under subjection.

Castration is crucifying of the flesh. The same way that a eunuch cannot express his feelings because there is no vessel through which to express them because it is "dead", a dead man does not rise up and get angry, does not retaliate, does not grumble and complain, does not fight for position, does not feel spited for one

reason or another. That is what we are supposed to attain to – crucified flesh. I explained earlier how to subdue and quash the responses of the flesh. That is all part of the crucifixion.

It is neither a short nor easy process because the flesh dies hard; but neither is it impossible to achieve, for all things are possible with Christ Jesus in you.

And true circumcision is not merely obeying the letter of the law; rather, it is a change of heart produced by God's Spirit. And a person with a changed heart seeks praise from God, not from people." (Ro 2:29b NLT)

Prayer Stop!

Jesus I thank You for leading the life of a eunuch as our example, so that You showed us the way. Help me to see each experience that comes my way in the light of being castrated. May I with each experience cut off the works of the flesh and the influences of the kingdom of darkness.

May each passing moment bring with it a weakening of my human nature so that the Christ life will be manifest and strengthened in me, that I can become a sanctuary that is TRIED, tested through circumstances and found to be TRUE, faultless, with integrity for Your habitation.

Teach me from Your word, raise up people around who will guide me in such a way that I shall not out of disobedience, miss out on the castration You ordained for me. I want to pray effectively and I want You to make my heart Your habitation so that I am always in the centre of Your will by virtue of my flesh having been castrated. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

Be fully sold out to God. A eunuch is one that is fully sold out. "Sold out" means you are no longer available to any other. You have been bought with a price and you are not your own. You are a slave to your owner – in this case God.

You are fully consecrated, fully committed, devoted, dedicated to the Most High God and flesh has been cut off and brought under. As long as there are some desires of the sinful nature still driving you, you will need castrating in that area.

When you are not sold out totally, God can use you now and the devil can use you the next moment. That is the scenario with many Christians today. We dwell in our highs and lows, we have "good" days and "bad" days; yet each day is the day of the Lord. We are not fully sold out to God. A part of us remains our own and a part is given over to Satan.

Your obedience to yield to God when He shows you those self-exclusive areas of your life, is the beginning of being sold out to Him. Everything that you give up for the sake of the kingdom of God is something you trade in exchange of being owned by the kingdom. The following scripture is the reality of being sold out;

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Ga 2:20)

Let God be your Source: The eunuch's fruitfulness is totally dependent on God: Let not the eunuch say I am a dry tree. When in humility you realize that on your own you are nothing, you own nothing except that

which is given to you by God, and no good can come out of you except that which is of God, you will give God the glory for anything great or small that comes out of your life.

A wise Christian said, “The only good thing about Christians is Christ.” It means nothing else is worth a dime. Everything in the Christian has been qualified by Christ being in him and producing through him whatever he may boast of.

Choose to do His will: For this is what the Lord says to the eunuchs who choose..... God has given us a great gift - a free will. He allows us to choose to be the type of people who can stand in His council and effectively represent men to Him and represent Him toward men.

The eunuchs who will pray so effectively that they activate the house of Tephillah, have only two choices - to obey or disobey, choose to do right or wrong. They have a choice to be in the presence of God or outside the presence of God.

The safest place to be is in the presence of God and the most dangerous place to be on earth is outside His presence. The safest place to be is in the will of God. The most dangerous place to be is outside the will of God. It is a choice to do God’s will. God will never “force” you or “take over”, or “control” the choices you make. All this is part of righteousness.

God was addressing eunuchs “That keep my sabbaths, and choose [the things] that please me, and take hold of my covenant.” This eunuch chooses the things that please God not things that please him or those around him. He is not motivated by the reactions of the people around him and the circumstances around him.

After all has been said and done, this person examines the circumstances, the opinions around him, matches them up with God’s word, hears from God concerning the matter, and CHOOSES that which pleases God even to his own detriment. He hold’s fast to God’s covenant first.

Once you make the first crucial right choice of pleasing God, other choices along the way will become easier and easier to make. You will only do that which is in line with God’s word therefore you bear fruit that is in line with His word.

Joseph was a fine example of one who lay hold of God’s covenant first. He did not get enticed by anything. Even though he had opportunity to hasten his promotion through Potiphar’s wife, he chose to do that which pleased God even when it cost him.

Daniel is another example of a eunuch who chose right from the onset to hold fast to God’s covenant and do without the delicacies from the Babylonian king’s table (Dan 1:8). We know how God answered the prayers of these two men whenever they required divine intervention (Gen 41:15-16,39-40, Dan 2:17-23)

Prayer Stop!

Lord teach me to walk in these areas of righteousness. I want to change my ways. I want to do that which pleases You. Thank You that it is no longer I but Christ who lives in me. For too long, I have tried to do it using



my own efforts, side-stepping Christ who can so easily accomplish all these things that seem humanly impossible.

As I yield to the righteousness of Christ Jesus, let me see answers beginning to come through for each prayer that is according to Your will. Thank You for teaching me Your ways. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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

Jesus instructed us in Matthew 28:19-20 (Hebrew Gospel of Matthew) to: "Go and teach them to carry out all things which I have commanded you forever." This is what Paul did in Ephesus and in three years there was national transformation. Paul proclaimed the whole will of God Acts 20:27. As we pray for transformation in our nations what are we supposed to teach them? He said, "to carry out all things that He had commanded".

We must teach them what the Bible says about family, government, politics...about all the spheres of society. We are called to be a transforming influence in society. The Bible provides us with a frame of reference for life.

The Jubilee Centre has over the past 30 years researched extensively around promoting good and right relationships at personal, organizational and public policy levels, as a practical expression of the biblical vision of society. Visit them on the web at www.jubilee-centre.org for resources to help you to teach them.

If we don't teach them, how will they know what to do?

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

Jesus was commissioned by God the Father to come to earth, destroy the works of the Devil, and restore that which was lost. Jesus OBEYED everything the Father told Him to do. When Jesus left the earth, He gave His followers the same commission He had received from the Father - Go reconcile the human family to the Father, destroy the works of the Devil, and restore that which was lost. Proclaiming Jesus as LORD means we are to OBEY what He commands us to do. You are not saved to go to heaven: You are saved to bring

heaven to the earth. Matthew 6:10 -- "Thy kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."
(From <http://www.the-covenant-kingdom.com>)

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

PRAYING THROUGH THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

- Command all of creation at the gates of the month to praise Jehovah. Proclaim Psalm 148 over all creation this month.
- Give thanks for thus far Jehovah has brought you. It is the end of a year and you have been privileged to see it up to this point. Proclaim Psalm 24.7-9 over the gates of this season, and declare that you and your household, will see this year ending well.
- Read Mark 11.23-24: At the gates of this season make prophetic proclamations into the womb of the month as seeds, concerning the things you would like to see happen to you and your loved ones, with regard to health, provision, all levels of relationships, salvation, deliverance, redemptive purpose and destiny, forgiveness and repentance, inheritances, ministry, the work of your hands, etc.
- Read Joel 2:25 Jehovah is able to do a quick work. Pray for restoration that you will make up for any lost or wasted time in order to finish 2025 well. Pray this for kingdom citizens in your territory.
- Read Isa 60:6 Tarshish means “distant shores”, Make a prophetic declaration from this scripture that, whatever is due us from the distant shores we call forth. Our sons, those who will build us in every sense of the word, build the nations of Africa, will bring their resources.
- Those in the diaspora that are supposed to help develop the continent, we call back. Those who are meant to rebuild various gates of society including family, belief systems, government and leadership, economy, education, science and technology, media, arts sports and culture; we call them back from distant shores. We declare an African Aliyah. Foreigners will build that which will protect us. Israel will partner with Africa in various aspects of physical and spiritual development.
- Read 1 Sam 3:19-21. We are in the season of the Word i.e., Scripture. Jehovah will have us engage with His Word on a more intimate and more frequent level so that the Word will be so deeply rooted in our lives, guiding every one of our conversations, creating or destroying things to come, bringing life or death in situations depending on how we speak. Deliberately set aside time on a daily basis to pray thru a portion of scripture with regard to your life, family, occupation, redemptive purpose and the gate(s) of society you are connected to
- Psalm 141.3, Prov 18.21 Be mindful of what you say as part of your practice toward that place of authority in your words. You cannot be talking carelessly in certain forums, then be holy in your conversation when you are with other believers. You confuse the spirit realm, so they are never too sure whether you mean what you say or say what you mean. When you rise to declare healing, the angels wonder whether you are joking, exaggerating, serious or lying. Pray that Jehovah will help you sanitize your speech and grow to the point where none of your words will fall to the ground.
- There is heightened crime during the month of December, due to the increased pressure for people to have financial stability for the festivities that come with the end year functions. Pray for the Shalom and

protection of Jehovah to be made manifest where you and kingdom citizens are located. Pray that you will be recognized enough in the spirit realm to command that authority.

- Proclaim Isaiah 35 over every highway and byway that you and kingdom citizens will pass thru, every vehicle you will be found in, every building or other space you occupy; that because of your presence, those roads will be highways of holiness and nothing unclean or that which hurts, will be found on them; the spirit of death destruction and accidents will never find space on the roads you pass thru, the vehicles you use and the places and spaces you occupy. Prophecy that you will become a preservation for those who are around you every time.
- With increase in crime and other calamities during festive season, use this season to dedicate your neighborhood (at home and place of occupation). On a regular basis, remember to walk your neighborhood, at least around the block and declare the lordship of Jehovah and overthrow any contrary entity that resides or rules over the place. Ask them to pack and leave and invite the Holy Spirit and angelic protection in every gathering, every solitary person, every family and every stranger that comes within your space. Pray that there will be a shift in the Spirit realm bringing peace everywhere your feet tread in this season.
- Read Ps 89:14, Ps 97:2. Speak into the foundation of each day of this coming month, and declare that the foundation of the Kingdom of heaven and Jehovah's throne will become evident. These will be days of righteousness and justice in every aspect of your life and family, the Ecclesia and your territory at large.
- Read Gal 5.23, Prov 16.32, 25.28; This month is characterized by excessive indulgence and expenditure. Pray that you will exercise self-control in you, your family and the Ecclesia.
- Ask Jehovah to show you ways in which He will have you and kingdom citizens to fulfill responsibilities, and even do what He will have you do, without unnecessary waste of time and resources.
- Read Matt 28.18-20; Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you during this month of many interactions with various people, to provide you with opportunities to share the gospel with people whom you will encounter. Pray for boldness among Kingdom citizens to display and share the gospel so that the Great Commission will be activated across the society.
- Read Phil 1.6; This month signifies various levels of completion. The numbers 3, 9, and 12 all signify various levels of completion and stability. Pray that you will be a partaker of the Finishing anointing that comes with the 3rd, 9th and 12th months. Pray this for the Ecclesia Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to remembrance significant things that started in your life, your family, your relationships, in the Ecclesia in this past season that need closure that have been a long time coming. Whether it is in your work, relationships, ministry or destiny journey, as He reminds you, pray that in this season, you will experience a level of closure and in some areas a complete closure to those issues.

- Read Rom 8:14-23 Pray that you will be part of the many matured sons of Jehovah who will be manifested in this season to liberate creation from its bondage in your family, workplace, Ecclesia and in your territory.
- Read Matt 14:23-29: This is the 4th and final quarter of 2025. It is the winter season in the northern hemisphere and summer season in the southern hemisphere. Jesus watched His disciples striving and getting overwhelmed by the elements out in the open sea, but during the 4th watch He walked on the troubled waters to their rescue. Thank Jehovah that whatever situation seems to overwhelm you, at the appointed time, He simply walks over it and you too can, in faith walk over every situation that troubles you and seems to overpower as long as your eyes remain firmly fixed on Him Who is on the waters with you. In this 4th season, pray that there will be that miraculous intervention from Him.
- Pray mentioning every situation that has become overwhelming to you at the individual level, at the family level, on the national level, shall find lasting solutions in this 4th season.
- Pray that Jehovah will cause you to step out and walk over it by faith. Pray for the wisdom, the faith and focus required to successfully skim over all overwhelming circumstances in your life, in the Ecclesia and for your nation and continent. Jehovah can skim over the economic and financial crisis hitting the nations, He can cause kingdom citizens to triumph and prosper in such times, He can walk over adverse climatic challenges that are threatening nations, over wars and unrest, and over every situation that seems to have few or no solutions.
- Pray that you will no longer delay or derail His purposes or bring Him displeasure by misusing the created things released to you. Pray this for the Ecclesia and your territory
- Read 1 Cor 15:10; This is the final season for Africa to be prepared to enter fully into her redemptive destiny as the 4th man in the relay of the nations¹. Africa must make up for any lost grounds. It means we must run faster, aim higher, and shoot further. It is her season. Pray for the necessary grace and strength to work harder than the rest and fulfill this calling.
- Many Africans and people of African extraction in the nations are so concerned for their personal salvation and prosperity or oppression from the enemy, that they are unaware of the importance of the times we are living in. Pray for Africa and people of African extraction especially kingdom citizens in the diaspora, to really understand the significance of this season and to key into it spiritually.
- Prophetically proclaim Isa 60 over Africa; Pray that in this final season the Holy Spirit will release a sense of urgency so that as many as shall be prompted, will begin to seek Jehovah, and to have their ears and eyes opened to see, perceive, and understand the times; and respond to Jehovah's behest to arise, work and shine among the nations.
- Thank Jehovah for this season of completion. Pray that every area where there is incompleteness within every gate of society, whether it be family, in the government and leadership, in the education system, media or culture, that Jehovah will begin to release the wisdom to bring closure where it is needed,

completeness where there is a lacking, stability where there have been shakings; so that only that which is permanent, and eternal will remain.

- Read Matt 18.16,20, John 8.17, 2 Cor. 13.1 When Abram stopped asking for the deliverance of Sodom and Gomorrah, kingdom citizens interpret it to be a failing and that he should have continued asking for 5 righteous people or even one; however, in the Eastern cultures, the number 10 was the minimal governmental quorum that could legally make decisions and pass laws for any situation. Thank Jehovah that in Jesus where two or three are gathered in His name, we can make legislations on earth that heaven will align to. Take advantage of your gatherings to make decrees that will transform your lives, families, workplaces, and territory at large.
- **12 is the number for divine government.** Read Isa 19.1-3, ¹ Cor 3.11; In this season of divine governance, Jehovah is visiting the foundations of the thrones of nations, and these are the beginnings of a great shaking especially in Africa. Pray that the foundations of every throne which does not reflect the patterns of the kingdom i.e. righteousness and justice, whether they are already in place or are campaigning to be in place, shall receive a visitation of Jehovah. Every unjust and unrighteous foundation shall be shaken, broken, so that The Foundation, which is Jesus, the ONLY foundation shall be laid in the nations of Africa.
- Read Ezek: 47.12, Rev. 22:1-2, The tree of life bears fruits every month, and its leaves are for the healing of nations. Pray that you will receive the fruit of the tree of life for the 3rd, 9th and 12th month and enjoy every one of their benefits.
- In paradise there will be no need for healing. The leaves for the healing of the nations are for our dispensation. Pray that the leaves that are needed for the portion of healing for this month in your territory shall be released. Where there is need for healing from individual illnesses, epidemics and pandemics, age-old feuds, unresolved wounded-ness, bloodshed, loss of human or natural resources, in every gate of society, pray that the leaves for the healing of your life family and territory will be released.

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

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

- Reduce your information intake and limit it to consuming more of the Word of the LORD. Read or listen to large chunks of scripture rather than watching TV or listening to the radio or reading

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

newspapers. The LORD is so faithful He will ensure you receive every information you will need during this season.

- Spend quality time in song ministration and prayer to the LORD.
- Have fellowship with people who will help you grow in the word and in Biblical doctrines; this includes reading literature to this end.
- Throughout the year you have heard much. You have spoken much. It is time to begin to slow down and digest all that information. Pray and ask Jehovah the following: What is the LORD speaking for the next year? What does 2025 hold for you? What does it hold for your family? Your business or ministry? The Ecclesia? The nation? Jehovah is faithful to answer questions pertaining to His kingdom agenda without fail.
- Read Isa 50:5, Isa 30:21, Prov 18:15, Mic 6:6-8 It is time to listen to Jehovah's strategy. Spend time in silent meditation and create an atmosphere of listening to the LORD for feedback every so often. Ask the LORD to open your ears this coming month so you can hear what He is saying and His purpose and plan for each moment. Pray that you will also have the grace to humbly obey each time you hear His voice.
- Participate in various types of fasting as a way of waiting upon the LORD where possible.
- Read Job 33:14-17 This is a season that creation prepares for hibernation in the northern hemisphere? A time to retreat and meditate, plan and dream into the days to come. Pray for Jehovah- given dreams, visions concerning His plan for your life, family, the Ecclesia and territory in the days to come.

IS THIS THE MONTH OF YOUR BIRTH?

Even if this is not your month of birth, pray into the day of your birth on a weekly basis (that is the weekday in which you were born). Take time 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).
- Speak into the foundations of your life and prophecy good things.

FESTIVALS DURING THIS MONTH

THE SEASON OF TEVET – Begins on December 21, 2025, at sundown, and will end on January 18, 2026.

Tevet is the fourth month of the civil year and the tenth month of the ecclesiastical year on the Hebrew calendar. It is a month of 29 days. Tevet usually occurs from December – January on the Gregorian calendar. (From Wikipedia)

CHANUKAH

Chanukah is the Hebrew word for “dedication.” The eight-day Jewish celebration bearing that name — it is also called the Festival of Lights. This celebration remembers the dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem after it had been recovered by the Jewish forces of Yehuda Maccabee in 164 BC. The Syrian king Antiochus IV Epiphanes (a forerunner of the anti-Christ, foretold in Daniel 11:21), seeking to coerce the Jews into abandoning their religion and culture for that of Greece, had issued edicts forbidding circumcision, observance of Jewish Sabbaths and feast-days. He had defiled the Holy Temple by offering a sow on the altar and raising up in the sanctuary a statue to Zeus.

As depicted in the First Book of Maccabees (an account of Jewish history found in the Apocrypha), a revolt was launched by the priest Mattathias and later led by his son Yehuda (Judas) Maccabee. It led to the defeat

of the Syrian forces, and the defiled Temple was cleansed and re-dedicated. Another account relates how during this cleansing there was only enough sanctified oil left to burn in the menorah for one night—yet a miracle occurred, and it continued burning for eight days. The victorious warrior Yehuda ordained “that the days of the dedication of the altar should be kept in their season from year to year by the space of eight days, from the five and twentieth day of the month of Kislev, with mirth and gladness” (I Maccabees 4:59). Today, part of the celebration includes the use of a special eight-branched menorah upon which a new oil lamp or candle is lit each evening. Each light is ignited from the flame of a separate “branch” called shamash—“servant.”

This year Chanukah began at sundown on December 14, 2025, and ends at sundown on December 22, 2025.

GATES OF WINTER/ WINTER SOLSTICE

On December 21, 2025, the winter solstice occurs @ 15:03 UTC in the northern hemisphere. The South Pole of the earth will be tilted toward the Sun, which would have reached its southernmost position in the sky and will be directly over the Tropic of Capricorn at 23.44 degrees south latitude.

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

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

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

- Read Job 38.4-5, Psalm 19:1-6, the threshold of this month, prophetically pray into the womb of the month and declare that the heavens including the sun, moon and stars will declare only the praise and glory of Jehovah and ignore enchantments and prognostications from any other contrary voice.
- Command the earth and its lay-lines to hear and receive only instruction that gives praise to Jehovah and will render void and vomit out every sacrifice, libation and utterance that is contrary to His purposes.
- Speak to the earth and remind it that the blood of Jesus flowed into it and His altar of Calvary was raised from the earth to redeem it from the bondage and curse of defilement from the activities of the kingdom of darkness.

- Speak to every lay line of the earth and command it to praise Jehovah as the sun is overhead the tropic of Capricorn. Command the day to obey only the voice of Jehovah and to declare only His glory.
- Pray into the womb of December 21, 2025, and sanitize the spiritual atmosphere over that day. Read out loud Psalm 17, 18, 46 calling on Jehovah our Fortress, and deliverer to shelter you, your family, the Ecclesia and so many in the territory who do not realize that He is their Refuge at such a time as this.
- Proclaim Proverbs 18:10 and call on the name of Jehovah to be a strong tower for your entire territory on that day.
- Declare Psalm 91; Speak the Scripture over every lay line, the Prime Meridian, the International Dateline, the equator, the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn and over all of Jehovah's people who are vulnerable to the attack of the enemy and the spirit of death in this season. Declare that the enemy will not get the price that he is asking on this day because Jesus is the Price which covers as the heavens declare. He has already destroyed the spirit of death, and the enemy has no right over anyone. The blood of Jesus covers all.
- Read Ps 92:14-15 Jehovah never intended the winter season (Old age) of one's life to be dry, unfruitful and dreary. Jehovah pronounced it fruitful, fat and flourishing.
- Read 1 Tim 3:2c ; 2 Tim 2:24c ; Exo 35:34 If you are in the winter season of life, it is an exciting time to gather the youth in your field of specialization and pour into them all the experiences you have gathered. Pray for ability to mentor, teach and impart.
- Winter is a cold season, a time to share with others those physical things which are needful to the body especially with those who are less privileged.
- Read Luke 3:11; Jam 2:15-16 Practically give away food, clothing, and money to those the spirit of Jehovah will lead you to give to, demonstrating your love for them as an act of thanksgiving to Jehovah for His love, care and provision throughout the Gregorian year.

THE SEASON OF TEVET

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

	Events in the Season of TEVET	Implications for prayer and Practical Action
1	Esther was made Queen on the 1 st day of Tevet in the year 362 BCE	The Lord makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up. (1 Samuel 2:7)
2	Judgement of the water spirit that empowered Pharaoh in Egypt on the 12 th day of the 10 th month in the 10 th year; a water spirit symbolic of Satan, the great Dragon that makes preposterous claims.	Thus saith the Lord God, Behold I am against thee, pharaoh king of Egypt, that lieth in the midst of his rivers which had said, My river is mine, and I have made it for myself. (Ezekiel 29:3).

COUNTERFEIT FESTIVALS

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

- Proclaim Psalm 18.23-24 over the festive season. Each day is Jehovah's day and not given to any other deity. Command the season to praise Jehovah and do only His bidding for you, your family, the Ecclesia and territory at large.
- As you are aware, Jehovah can turn any situation we hand over to Him for His own purpose and good. Where the enemy has chosen to pervert this season, hand it over to Jehovah and invite Him as King over the season. His purposes alone will come to pass and nothing that is self-seeking, humanistic or even demonic will find expression in these days. Speak into the womb of time and declare that those days shall bring forth Jehovah's redemptive purpose.
- Read Rom 14.5-12; After all has been said and done, take all the revelations you have heard from people, pray that Jehovah will bring His own revelation to each individual Kingdom citizen starting with yourself, concerning His own purpose for this season.
- There is heightened spirituality among Kingdom citizens during the festive season. It is sad but true that more people attend fellowships, pray and pay greater attention to Jehovah during this season. As their hearts are open and receptive to Him, pray that He will reveal Himself in a special way, and bring the true revelation to the Ecclesia worldwide, on what He originally intended for these dates which the kingdom of darkness took up and used to dedicate to pagan rites.
- While the world and the ecclesia at large continue to use this as a holiday season of rest, celebration, family reunion, traveling, there is plenty of bloodshed through vehicular accidents, excesses in drinking, eating, expenditures, spiritual rededication, heightened sexually immoral activities and decadence at all levels, pray that Jehovah will cover the nations with the blood of Jesus.
- Read Heb 12.24; During this season, pray that wherever the enemy is calling for your blood, or that of anyone in your family, Ecclesia or the territory, the redemptive blood of Jesus which speaks better things than the blood of Abel, will answer on your behalf and stay the hand of destruction until all come to the knowledge of Jehovah's truth concerning such a time as this.

As the year ends, there are several festivals, end of year parties, giving of bonuses and gifts to employees, a number of which are veiled ritual ceremonies that give honor to various ungodly powers for seeing people, organizations and religious groups through the year. The blood of Jesus is the acceptable sacrifice. All other bloodshed and ritual drinking and eating, ritual giving of gifts and bonuses is demonic and releases



ungodliness in the territory. Many kingdom citizens come under bondage through these “end of year parties” and bonuses/gifts. Thus, there is increased accidental death and bloodshed during this time of the year.

- This is not meant to release panic or cause you to avoid parties and gifts because it is only some which are ritualistic. However, it is to give you knowledge to pray and plead the blood of Jesus over all you receive and gatherings you attend; eating together is a covenantal action; therefore, ask for wisdom and heightened discernment in this season.
- Prophetically cover yourself, your family, organization, and every event, with the blood of Jesus in this season.
- Pray for a release of angels from Jehovah to sabotage and derail any plans for ritual activities that are contrary to the purposes of Jehovah and will only serve to bring individuals and people groups under bondage. Pray that any such gatherings that may have a hidden agenda will be exposed and fail in their diabolic agenda.
- Break off all evil communication lines and gatherings of darkness that capitalize on the season to bring worship and dedications to their various demon-gods. Pray that angels of Jehovah are released to bring complete communication breakdown in those gatherings.
- Read Hos 2:12-13 Some gifts are snares and it's better to pray more over them than to ignore. During this season many organizations prepare bonuses and gift packs for their staff. Again, these are occasions that some of these organizations use to rededicate themselves and bind their workers to subservience as they give them bonuses and gifts that have been offered and dedicated to demon gods. If you are a recipient of such gifts, ensure that you pray over them, break every curse over your life, every stolen virtue, every curse off oppression at work and income attached to these gifts and cast out every demon that is attached to the gift. Always ask Jehovah how He would have you pray and utilize these gifts.
- Read Gen 4:10-12 The earth is defiled by any level of bloodshed. Speak to the earth to reject every blood shed or sacrifice, every libation, every ritual activity that does not glorify Jehovah the Creator of the times and seasons during this month. Sanctify all that you will eat or drink during these coming days in the various festivities that will take place.,
- Hos 2:14; Pray that during this month, kingdom citizens will receive and utilize every opportunity given for sharing the love of Jesus to as many as come their way. Pray that your life, environment, and territory will be filled with the glory of Jehovah as the waters cover the sea.

PRAYING FOR NATIONS

There are several countries currently at war. There are 18 countries experiencing terrorist insurgency, 9 countries with civil war, 2 countries with drug wars, 4 counties at war and 1 with ethnic violence. (From Wisevoter)

These are some of the countries - Afghanistan, Russia, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Ukraine, South Sudan, Sudan, Libya, Somalia, Mexico, Haiti, Nigeria, Mali, Central African Republic and Cameroon.

Pray for the countries and territories that have had natural disasters in the past months.

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 rescue workers.
- Pray for the Body of Christ in the nation. Pray that the Body of Christ will be a witness of God's compassion and care for all who suffer. God is inviting us to be His watchmen in prayer and find Him as our refuge in hard times.

NATIONAL DAYS

The following nations celebrate national days in this month:

- 1) Finland 6 December (Independence Day of Finland, declaration of independence from Russia in 1917)
 - 2) Laos 2 December (People's Republic declared 1975)
 - 3) United Arab Emirates 2 December (Independence from the United Kingdom in 1971)
 - 4) Saba (Netherlands) 3 December Independence
 - 5) Thailand 5 December (birthday of King Bhumibol Adulyadej)
 - 6) Kenya 12 December (Independence Day, from the United Kingdom in 1963, and Republic Day (Jamhuri_Day), in 1964)
 - 7) Malta 13 December (Republic Day, republican constitution of 1974)
 - 8) Bahrain 16 December (Independence from the United Kingdom in 1971; accession day for Amir Sh. Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa in 1961)
 - 9) Bhutan 17 December (Ugyen Wangchuck elected hereditary king 1907)
 - 10) Central African Republic 1 December Independence Day
 - 11) Niger 18 December (Republic Day, autonomous state within the French Community 1958)
 - 12) Qatar, 18 December (Official National Day; the assumption of power of Sheikh Jassem bin Mohamed al-Thani in 1878)
 - 13) Macau 20 December (Transfer of sovereignty to the PRC in 1999)
 - 14) Nepal 28 December (Federal republic 2008, earlier the king's birthday)
- Using Acts 17:26-28, pray into the womb of time for the above nations. Thank God that He is the One Who determined the boundaries of each nation at an exact time and season during a particular year for the purpose of redeeming each of these nations and causing men to seek Him and find Him.

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

December

- 1 December: [Saint Lucia, House of Assembly](#)
- 3–4 December: [Egypt, House of Representatives \(2nd round\)](#)
- 7 December: [Hong Kong, Legislative Council](#)
- 11 December: [Falkland Islands, Legislative Assembly](#)
- 14 December: [Chile, President \(2nd round\)](#)
- 27 December: [Ivory Coast, Parliament](#)
- 28 December:

- [Central African Republic, President and Parliament](#)
- [Guinea, President](#)
- [Kosovo, Parliament](#)
- [Myanmar, Parliament \(1st phase\)](#)

- Thank GOD for the above nations that have different types of election activities.
- 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 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 4 December 2025 @ 23:14 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. Psalms 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 Psalms 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 11 December 2025 while the First Quarter moon will occur on 27 December 2025.

- 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 20 December 2025 @ 01:43 UTC.

- Command the new moon to praise GOD who created it to mark the times and seasons. Psalm 104:19, 136:8-9, 148:3,
- Command the new moon to receive instruction only from GOD and from Kingdom citizens to fulfill only the purpose which GOD created it for in this season. Pray that the moon shall reject the incantations, prognostications and manipulation from any other ungodly source.
- Pray that as the new moon waxes as a witness in the sky, so shall their desire to know the true LORD GOD grow with it.
- Pray that GOD should cut off those that handle the sickle in the time of harvest against the ignorant and cause them to flee. (Jer 50:16)
- At the new and crescent moon proclaim and enforce Num 23:23 over your life, family, and the ignorant in the Ecclesia and territory.

SOLAR MOVEMENTS

From 30th November to 17 December 2025 the sun will move into the cluster of 134 stars in **SERPENS and OPHIUCHUS**. This represents the struggle with the enemy. In Scorpio we see merely the effort to wound the mighty Man *Ophiuchus the healer* in the heel; but in Ophiuchus we see the effort of the serpent to SEIZE THE CROWN, which is situated immediately over the serpent's head, and to which he is looking up and reaching forth. The contest is for dominion.

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

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

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



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

From December 18, 2025, to 18 January 2026 as the sun makes its circuit through the heavens, it passes through a cluster of **69 stars** in the constellation **called SAGITTARIUS** symbolized by the archer. This represents the triumph of Jesus "The Coming One" who is represented as going forth "Conquering and to conquer." The Bible testifies that He wrested from the enemy the keys of Death and Hades. He led captivity captive and released from eternal bondage the entire universe.

- Praise Jehovah that the heavens continue to so accurately declare the times and seasons we are in. It is a season to celebrate the Light of the world, Jesus who has set us free from bondage for eternity. After the season of warfare and intensive struggle, there is coming a time of succor, of triumphing over the enemy.
- The year 2025 has been a powerful year, a season of great trials and stretching to many. Yet we can celebrate at the end of the year that indeed through it all the heavens give assurance of the victory that Jehovah has won over every rebellion, and usurping spirit. Prophecy that what the heavens are declaring concerning the season we are ending shall be made manifest in your life, in your family, the Ecclesia and the territory you live in.
- Thank Him that throughout this year He has revealed through the heavens, His will concerning the earth and all that is in it.
- Rev 19.11-14 Pray that Jesus, the Conqueror, will go forth and conquer every opposition to His rule on the continent at every level and rule as King over every territory this month and in the year 2025.

- Pray that Jehovah's arrows as the Archer will pierce deep into the heart of every enemy of His purposes in every area of life and destiny in your territory and scatter their wicked plans.

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

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

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

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

- Read Joel 2:1, Rev 20:11-15 These are the LAST days. The many calamities and disasters that befall nations are enough to warn any discerning kingdom citizen that indeed the time is short and we are in the last days. Many times, in the midst of the vicissitudes of fortune and seasons, we lose focus of this truth. Most sermons we listen to are focused on making us very comfortable with the earth and with no preparation for that Great Day of Jehovah. The heavens remind us that there is a Day coming when your life will cease, when the whole creation will stand before the Judgment seat of Jehovah. Will you be ready? Will your loved ones be ready? Pray that Jehovah will in this month of many festivities, bring back to your mind the REALITY of that Day and the desire to be PREPARED.
- Read Luke 12.5, Rev 20.10-15 There is a real hell prepared for the devil and his surrogate spirits. It was never prepared for man. The heavens declare the severity of punishment of the Jehovah's enemies. Pray that as many as you know who don't know the Jehovah today will have a real encounter with Him and receive an opportunity to accept His sacrifice (as the brazen serpent that was lifted up in the wilderness) for the redemption and healing of the nations; because when the grace is no longer there, the punishment for those who reject Jesus will be great.
- Read Prov 11:30b Pray for the Ecclesia to preach more about the second return of Jesus, not to redeem, but to judge. Pray that in the midst of all the festivities there will be sobriety with regard to the reality of this Savior and Redeemer, Who will return as Judge over Creation.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM GAPNET PARTNERS

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

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

PROPHECIES FOR 2025

The prophecies for 2025 are available at the Logos-Rhema Foundation in Accra Ghana.

Also refer to the website for the complete 2017 prophecies and those from previous years that continue to be fulfilled.

PROCLAIM

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

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