

TRANSCRIPTION – Preparation, Faith or Lack of It – SA

Shabbat Shalom! Wow, it is wonderful to be here in South Africa and if it wasn't for the Afrikaan accent, I'd almost think I was back home over there at the wall of the fort; but praise Yahweh very beautiful music that's played there and it really...it's my honor and my privilege to be here. And I'm just amazed at the zeal of the South African people and meeting so many people that I've never met in my life, but seem to know me. So that is awesome...it's really, really a blessing.

It's pretty interesting as I'm going to the different congregations and I kind of had an outline of what I thought I was going to be preaching on and each time I seem to be going somewhere as I'm praying in the morning Yahweh is saying, "No, preach on this." So I have a message today I feel inspired to give because we're really in a new day in the Congregation; things are not different if you're being led by the Spirit of Yahweh you know that we're in a different time.

To the world it seems normal, right? To the world they're moving ahead and everything seems normal and everything else, but to the people of Yahweh we realize that we've entered a new time frame. And when you look at some of the things, like it talks about as in the days of Noah will be the day of the Son of Man and in the day of Sodom and Gomorrah...we can see it...we can see it's there.

But the key to the believers to look at, that the world has always been defiled since the Garden of Eden and Adam and Eve's decision to rebel against Yahweh; but there's certain points in mankind's history where the Father cannot let defilement go any longer. We see **Genesis 6** as a perfect example of that.

And we're living in one of those times...we're living in the time of artificial intelligence where they're talking about now interconnecting human beings with artificial intelligence to make them some kind of cyborg being; and it's not sci-fi movies anymore; it's reality...talking about taking brain tattoos and putting them on the brain of people to implant.

So we're really at a new time...so the question comes because a third of the Bible is prophecy...almost ninety percent of that is the time that we're living in now and really the question comes up, "what do we do?" What does it have to do with us? Do we prepare? If we prepare, how do we prepare?

So there's kind of two trains of thought...I guess maybe even three trains of thought. One train of thought is: Well, really we don't do nothing; that Yahweh is our Protector and we don't have to think about these things and He's just going to protect us. So that's all we have to do. We just have to trust in Him.

And of course, we always trust in Him, but we're going to see today, is that really scriptural? Is it scriptural that it's almost like the false grace, "you know Jesus did everything, I don't have to keep the Torah. There's nothing I have to do." So I don't think that's really the plan for the people of Yahweh.

And on the other side, there's people that...I guess they call the "preppers" and all this other stuff that they're preparing for...wow, who knows what...maybe a nuclear war...if you wear these silver suits it may be if radiation comes on you...so I don't think we want to be in that camp; that we're solely just trying to save our life and try to prepare everything.

But I think we're more in the camp of putting the faith together with the action like Scripture says. So the message is called *Preparation, Faith or Lack of It*. So what Yahweh tells us to do by preparing, is it faith or is it lack of it? Psalm 18 starting in verse 1 says:

Psalm 18:1-3 *A Psalm of David, the servant of YAHWEH, who spoke the words of this song to YAHWEH in the day that YAHWEH delivered him from the hand of all his foes, and from the hand of Saul. And he said: I*

love You, O YAHWEH, my strength. YAHWEH is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; He is my El, my Rock; I seek refuge in Him; He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my high tower. I will call on YAHWEH, who is to be praised; and I shall be saved from my enemies.

So of course, no matter what plan you're on, no matter what we're living, no matter what happens...of course, trusting in Yahweh is always...that's what we do...that's what it's about. We're not here to extend our life in this world one more day; and we can't... than He wants us to; but at the same rate, **is trusting in Him not preparing? Is it really trusting in Him? Is that really trusting Him if He tells us certain things that are going to happen and we see them and we don't prepare.**

Psalm 91...a great psalm...another psalm showing that without a shadow of a doubt, Yahweh is our Rock and our Fortress. So the same way by keeping the Torah we're not trying to earn our salvation and by preparing for the things that He shares with us to prepare for...by far we're not trying to save ourself...it says:

Psalms 91:1-16 *He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide in the shade of the Almighty. I will say to YAHWEH: My Refuge and my Fortress, my Elohim; I will trust in Him. For He delivers you from the fowlers snare, from destruction's plague. With His feathers He will cover you, and under His wings you shall seek refuge; His truth is a shield and buckler. You shall not fear the terror of night, nor of the arrow that flies by day; of the plague that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction laying waste at noon. A thousand will fall by your right side, and ten thousand at your right hand...and ten thousand at your right hand it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes you will look, and see the reward of the wicked. Because You, O YAHWEH, are My refuge; You make the Most High Your habitation, no evil shall happen to You, nor shall any plague come near Your tent. For He shall give His cherubs charge over You, and keep You in all Your ways. They shall bear You up in their hands, that You not dash Your foot on a stone. You shall tread on the lion and adder; the young lion and the serpent You shall trample under foot. Because He has set His love on Me, therefore I will deliver Him; I will set Him on high because He has known My name. He shall call on Me and I will answer Him; I will be with Him in distress; I will rescue Him and honor Him. I will satisfy him with length of days, and will make Him see My Y'shua.*

So great psalm! I've turned to this psalm many times in my life because we trust in Yahweh. We know that He will deliver us; but I think for people...maybe in western society that really have not seen persecution...you know today more than fifty percent of the world is already part of the underground Congregation. And I mentioned this recently, we have now full congregations of people underground that are contacting and wanting to join our work. And they're not on the internet...they can't be...they're not in openly; they're in areas that are Communist and Islamic and in places where is not legal to do what we're doing here right now. So it's something we should appreciate.

But I think that actually for westerners to read this and think that by reading this Scripture that nothing will ever happen to you; is a fallacy...it's an absolute fallacy. Because **starting with Yahshua, our Savior, we belong to a persecuted Body...that's what we're joining. We're joining an outcast, persecuted Body that has been persecuted for two thousand years.**

And I think people forget, even in our lifetime...just go back to World War 2...not even a generation ago...that the Catholic Church with the Pope at the top was the one ordaining the killing of six million Jews during the Holocaust. They were allowing it, not that the Pope was doing it; but they were supporting that. They were allowing it and during the times in the wilderness...again the Catholic Church was killing our people in the millions because they would not baptize their children; and they would not bow to this *so-called authority* of the Catholic Church.

So this is the Body we belong to... **we belong to a persecuted Body**. And although we should believe this and bank on this...if you're just thinking that nothing will ever come to you...you're kidding yourself; because that's not reality. **All of us are going through the baptism of fire because that's the way Yahweh is going to purify us.**

And just to give one example, we can go to Acts the seventh chapter, verse 51...and this is the story of Stephen...a man of faith, right? Acts 7 in verse 51 he says:

Acts 7:51-60 *Oh stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart...and this is where he's giving his sermon and he's telling the Jewish people about what they're doing with their rejecting Yahshua and he says... Oh stiff-necked and uncircumcised in the heart and in ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, you do also. Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And your forefathers have killed those who foretold about the coming of the Righteous One, He whom you delivered up and whom you killed! Who received the Torah by the command of cherubs and did not keep it. And when they had heard these things, they were filled with anger within themselves and they were gnashing their teeth against him. And being full the Holy Spirit, looking intently into the heaven, he saw the glory of Elohim, and Yahshua standing at the right of Elohim...Wow! There goes the oneness doctrine. You know right now in Heaven there's a throne of the Father and right next to Him is Yahshua standing next to Him. They're not the same being, right...And he said, Behold, I see the heavens having been opened, and the Son of man standing at the right of Elohim! And crying with a loud voice, they held their ears and all of them rushed upon him. And they seized him and took him outside of the city and they were stoning him, and those who testified against him laid their garments at the feet of a certain man who was called Shaul...the Apostle Paul...And they were stoning Stephen while he prayed, and he said Our Master Yahshua receive my spirit. And after he kneeled down, he cried in a loud voice and said, Our Master, do not cause this sin to stand against them! And having said this, he fell asleep.*

So did Stephen lack faith? No...no he didn't. It just we know we're living in the time that we're living in today...Revelation 6 in verse 9...Revelation 6 in verse 9:

Revelation 6:9-11 *And when He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those having been slain for the Word of YAHWEH, and for the witness which they had. And they cried with a great voice, saying, Until when, holy and true Master, do You not judge and take vengeance for our blood, from those dwelling on the earth? And there was given to each one a white robe. And it was said to them that they should rest yet a little while, until might be fulfilled under the number of their fellow-servants and their brethren, those being about to be killed, even as they were.*

So no, Stephen did not lack faith. He was actually honored to be able to be honored for the name of Yahshua. It's an honor that's given. We don't look for it, but if it's our honor...and we see in the end time many people are going to be martyred.

So preparing for what's coming according to Scripture...**it's not about trying to save our self. It's not about doing it out of fear** although that's why I said, many people do it out of fear; because if you're doing it out of fear, you're missing the whole point of it; **it's doing it out of faith. We're doing it because we believe what Yahweh says! We believe that the things He's saying that are coming...we see all the evidence of it...we know it's at the door so we're following His Word and we're not doing it out of fear...we're doing it out of faith.**

Many have been blessed to glorify Yahweh by giving their life for their belief in Yahshua. **Does Yahweh expect His servants to prepare for the calamity that's coming from His Word?** Like I said, if not, then why

would one third of our Bible be prophecy and ninety percent be for our time? Why would Yahweh tell us these things? Of course He does. Proverbs 22 in verse 3 says:

Proverbs 22:3 *A prudent one sees the evil coming and hides himself; but the foolish go on and are punished.*

Proverbs 22 verse 3: *A prudent one sees the evil coming and hides himself; but the foolish go on and are punished.* So it's the **wise** one; **it's the man who's full of faith, who's preparing, not out of fear; but he's preparing out of faith; because he believes what His Word says.** But it's the foolish one who just says, "Oh this stuff will never happen." And he's going on and he's not preparing. Hebrews 11 in verse 6...Hebrews 11 in verse 6 it says:

Hebrew 11:6 *But without faith it is impossible to please YAHWEH. For it is right that the one drawing near to YAHWEH should believe that **He is**, and He is a rewarder of those that diligently seek him.*

Right, so it's amazing for me to think...here it is, there's people in this world that question, "Does Elohim exist?" Can you imagine...we're human beings...we're born, we die...we come and go, maybe sixty, seventy years, like it says in Scripture...eighty if you're blessed; but humans are questioning the One who has no beginning and no end; who's always been there, right, who's created everything.

And that's why though, **it's impossible to please Yahweh if we don't even believe He's there! If we don't believe He exists and if we believe He exists...the same Elohim who parted the Red Sea...and I've been there...is the same Elohim that's going to do the things He says today.** And He made water come out of a rock at Horeb and He made water come out of a rock already at Kaalat Selah; and if He needs water to come out of a rock again, He'll do it.

We don't have to worry about that...or manna...it's the same person...it's the same, or Being rather, not person...He's not a person, but He's a Being...but **the same Being that did these miracles; the death of the first born...is the same One that's alive today.** So we want to make sure that we understand that; and if we doubt in any way then we're not having faith; and it's impossible to please Him without faith because we're living in a world of a façade; and that's the amazing part.

You know I tell people when they come to Israel, we're trying to teach them the Israelite mindset and it's like this is the reality...even though it's a shadow...Israel isn't the reality either; but there's a shadow there. You can see the things that were done and you see the ruins and you see the shadow; but in the rest of the world everything is a façade.

So you're living in a façade every day and you have to believe in the reality of the Bible; it's like a contradiction. And unless you're focusing on that...like I always say, whatever you focus on becomes most real to you...**you have to focus and be reading and studying and praying or you know what? That façade out there is going to become your reality.**

And that's why people...when it comes, when push comes to shove, sometimes people's job will be more important than living near brethren or many people start coming to faith and they won't give up a job over the Sabbath because that paycheck and that money is real in front of them; and Yahweh is just not real enough.

But at the end of the day every man will stand before the judgment seat of Messiah; believer or atheist; and we are going to have to give account for that. So we need to build this real faith; we need to understand it. And sometimes it's self-righteousness that people do things because of their own pride; that's not faith either.

Faith is believing in Yahweh and just doing anything we have to do to be in His will; that's where true faith comes in. I'm going to take you here...verse 7 of Hebrews 11, he says:

Hebrews 11:7 *Being divinely warned by YAHWEH about the things not yet having been seen, moved with fear...so right, fear is...could be a good motivating factor as long as it's doing that...being moved with fear by faith Noah prepared an ark for the salvation of his house; through which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness according to faith.*

So, if you're looking at and somebody's saying, "And well we don't have to prepare! You know Yahweh will just protect us!" **Why did Yahweh have Noah build the ark?** And the ark took a hundred years, if you look when he begins, he's five hundred years old; by the time they get into the ark he's six hundred years old. So think about it...in a time where there was never rain, there's only a mist that's watering the garden...He's telling him to build an ark.

Can you imagine? It's never rained once...it's not like now you have droughts and maybe if you're building an ark when there's a drought people might think you're a little strange; but building an ark; an ark that's 450 feet long, four stories high, when it's never rained before and it's taking one hundred years...think of the laughs and the jokes that people had about him; mocking him until the day they got in the ark and the rain came; and then the fingers that are scratching on the doors of people wanting to come in later.

It's very interesting too...because did Noah go into the ark right before the rain came? No, he went in seven days before the rains, right? Everything runs in cycles of seven. So there's people out there...sometimes they even come to faith and they come to faith because of fear instead of faith; and then maybe they're with you a year or two and something doesn't happen in the world, the way they think it should happen, and then they leave. And then maybe they blame me..."well, you said this was going this was going to happen and you said..." No, Yahweh does the times and season.

I'm giving you definitely what's going to happen, but I'm not predicting when. My own personal belief, I really believe this Shemita coming is major. That's just my personal belief. I'm not a prophet...I'm not saying Yahweh told me this Shemita this is going to happen; but I believe it in my spirit.

I really believe this Shemita is a turning point and I'm preparing; and I say to our elders, "you know what? If we do all this preparing and it's not this Shemita than what's the worst that happened?" We're going to have a really good year of food during that Shemita! We're just doing what we should be doing anyway because that's what Yahweh says, *in the sixth year prepare for the sixth and the seventh and you'll have food in the eighth.*

But I'm going to give you a story here that tells us something else about a seven in the end time that's coming. So I'm doing it in faith because I believe in the Word of Yahweh; and I believe that His Word is going to come about; and the Bible does say that to the world it's going to come unaware; but to the people of Yahweh it won't come unaware because we're preparing for it.

So this is where faith comes in and like I said, Yahweh could have protected Noah without him building an ark for a hundred years; but where would the faith be...where would the faith be? And just like with us, **it's a test for us...He's testing us to see if we really believe it. He was testing Noah, He tested Abraham; and it's the same what we're going through today.**

A matter of fact, many stories in Scripture Yahweh tests somebody to see what their attitude is. Matter of fact, I want to go to one story here in 2nd Kings 5...many stories Yahweh proves an action by somebody to prove the faith; because it's not a game.

And we have freewill; and **how does Yahweh know whether we're going to be obedient or not unless He tests us? It's that simple; and life itself is only a test;** and that's why when you get to those big decisions of maybe losing a friend or even a family member over your belief...of losing a job over the Sabbath...always

remember: life is a test. Some tests are bigger than others; but life is a test and to us, that's all that matters; passing this test that we're going by.

2nd Kings 5 in verse 9...this is the story with Naaman right, with Elisha...2nd Kings 5 in verse 9...and Naaman's coming right...the beginning of this story, it's actually a little bit comical because Naaman has this leprosy and he doesn't know what to do and there's a girl there saying, "well, we heard there's this prophet in Israel that can heal it!" And then all of sudden the King of Syria is writing to the King of Israel saying, "you know I have a commander, heal his leprosy,"...who is the king, "who am I? Am I Elohim, I'm going to heal somebody?" He doesn't have enough problems, right? There's war here, there's war here, now it's somebody saying, heal leprosy to a king. So, but they know it's Elisha; Elisha's the prophet, not the King...and in verse 9 it says:

2nd Kings 5:9-13 *And Naaman came with horses and with chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, Go, and you shall wash seven times in the Jordan. And your flesh shall return to you, and you shall be clean...right? So pretty simple. Go wash in the Jordan seven times, but Naaman's response? Was he thinking okay let me go wash? No he's angry. Why is he angry? Listen...Naaman was angry, and went on, and said, Behold, I said, He will certainly come out to me and stand and call on the name of YAHWEH his Elohim, and will wave his hand over the place, and remove the leprosy...right, so he's looking for signs and wonders the people are today. They're all looking for these signs and wonders, but what does the man tell him, which is good advice? Well first he says...Are not Abanah and Pharpar, and the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Shall I not wash in them and be clean? And he turned and went on in fury...so he's literally angry, but...his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, My father, if the prophet had spoken a great thing to you would you not do it? How much rather then when he says to you, Wash, and be clean?*

And this is what I have people tell me, they say, well like some people in America Babylon have said, "if an angel came to me by night and told me then I'd leave everything." And maybe it's true; maybe it's not; but my point is **do you really need a lying sign and wonder? Or even if it's a true sign and wonder, is that what you really need? Do we need an angel to tell us something to be obedient to the Word of Yahweh?** Does it have to come down to that? Or is it more simpler than that? Is it more simple that Yahweh laid out for us in the end time...**He's told us everything that's going to happen;** and here we are!

And the fact is, **it's the normalcy bias because we look out here, we think this is the way it's always been.** When like I said, whatever it is out there, you may call it a lot of things, it's not normal...it's not normal. And in fifty-nine hundred years people rode horse and buggy, they planted in their back yard...everything was a certain way; it's only in the last fifty to hundred years that we have what we call this chaos out there; and airplanes and cars and internet; it's not normal.

You know I always think about that when I'm riding down the road and I see like a deer or something that's hit by a car...I'm thinking, boy this poor animal's doing what he's been for six thousand years, he's instinctive and he's going to cross and here comes this hundred kilometer piece of metal that comes and whacks him and then he's lying there dead. It's like wow; because it's not normal...it's not normal.

So **sometimes it's a lot simpler than we think...**the Elohim who created Adam and Eve, the Elohim who parted the Red Sea, the Elohim that did all the miracles that we see; He's the same One that's there today. And it's a very simple thing that's He's telling us, as we're going to see here. It's actually pretty practical what He tells us. **He's telling us the preparation He's sharing with us is practical.**

2nd Kings 5:14 *But Naaman goes then and he goes down and dips in the Jordan seven times, according to the word of the man of The Elohim. And his flesh returned like the flesh like a little boy, and he was clean.*

Wow, so pretty simple...we don't always have to be looking for the grandeur. Sometimes Yahweh's Word and Yahweh's ways are much simpler than we could think. But if you look in the Bible, many, if not most times, **Yahweh requires something to test our faith**. It is not as simple as like He said...He could do that and He could have just said, wave a wand and be clean, but He didn't. I'll give you another example here in John 9 with Yahshua...John 9 in verse 4...John 9 in verse 4, Yahshua says:

John 9:4-7 *It is necessary for Me to work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day. Night comes when no one is able to work. While I am the Light...While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world...and He's talking to a man that comes to Him for healing, right? He's looking to get his eyes healed; and does Yahshua have to do anything? Can't he just say, be healed and he's healed? Of course He can; but look what He does...And when He said these things He spit on the ground and mixed clay with His saliva and He rubbed it into the eyes of the blind man...Wow! Can you imagine somebody doing that to you? But why is He doing it? Because this is a parallel to **Ezekiel 37**...it's the parallel to the dry bones, right? And He's doing that when He's taking His saliva as a living water and putting it on the man's eyes and then what does He say to him...And He says, Go, purify yourself in the baptismal of Siloam, which translated is Sent...the Pool of Siloam...Then he went and washed, and came seeing.*

Right? So He was testing him. There was something he had to do to prove his faith and it was that simple. So it might seem a little odd, right? The same way to Naaman...it seemed odd to him...we got these great rivers in Damascus...*you're going to tell me, wash in the Jordan...*but **sometimes it's much more simpler than we think**. Jacob 2 in verse 14...Jacob 2 in verse 14...because this is the premise of it...yeah Yahweh can do anything; He could just...you could pray and you could be healed and sometimes that happens...sometimes we do just pray and we're healed. But **at the end of the day when it comes to faith; your deed is the evidence of your faith; it's that simple.**

So when it comes to preparation, the reason why He isn't just going to protect everybody without preparation is because He wants to see if we really believe and we're going to reap what we sow, like anything else. It's the same reason why if somebody goes out and violates the marriage covenant in Yahweh's Torah and they wind up getting a disease like Aids, or something like that, they can repent and they're forgiven immediately and the sin is gone from the east to the west; but it doesn't mean when they come and get baptized the Aids is going to go away. I've dealt with it and you've probably have here to...I dealt with it a lot. I have seen people healed from it and I've seen other people that weren't.

So we reap what we sow and sometimes Yahweh will leave those things there because it's not about this body; it's not about this world; it's not about this life. This is just a test and if that test is...like Stephen, you're going to live thirty-something, thirty years and you're going to have that test; or if you're going to be Abraham and you're to live a hundred and seventy five years. It doesn't make a difference; it's **the little bit of time you have now, are you proving to Him that you'll be faithful; that you believe Him; because it's impossible to please Him without faith.** So Jacob, second chapter in verse 14 he says:

Jacob 2:14-26 *My brothers, what is the gain if anyone says he has faith, but he does not have deeds? Is the faith able to restore life to him? But if a brother or a sister is naked and may be lacking in daily food, and any one of you say to them, Go in peace, be warmed and filled, but does not give them the things the body needs, what gain is it?...Right? So if a brother or sister comes to the Congregation and telling you they have a problem...they can't pay their rent, they lost their job and they can't pay their rent...of course, we all pray, we pray; but you don't say, "Okay, we'll pray for you and send them out." He also needs money; he needs money to pay that rent and that's when the rubber hits the road. **Are we willing to take from what we don't really have and share with somebody else?** It's easy to say, I'll pray for you; that's the easiest thing to do; and we do pray and it is important; but then where's the deed? We have to also stand up to show if we really have the*

faith...*And if any one of you says to them, Go in peace, be warmed and filled, but does not give them the things the body needs, what gain is it? So also if faith, if it does not have deeds, is dead being by itself. But someone will say, You have faith, and I have deeds. Show me your faith apart from your deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that Elohim is One (echad). You do well; even the demons believe and shudder. But are you willing to know, O vain man, that faith apart from deeds is dead? Was not our father Abraham justified by his deeds, offering up his son Isaac on the altar? You see how faith helped with his deeds; and how by his deeds the faith was made perfect...and that word literally is completed, matured...And the Scripture was fulfilled, saying, "And Abraham believed YAHWEH, and it was counted for righteousness;" and he was called, Friend of Elohim. You see then, how a man by his deeds becomes righteous, and not by faith only. But in the same way Rahab the innkeeper was also justified by her deeds, having received the messengers, and sending them out by another way. For as the body is dead apart from the spirit, so also faith without deeds is dead.*

So it really is you know, like they say, put your money where your mouth is. **It's easy to just say words, but in a world of words we want our actions to back it up. That's what Yahweh is looking for and that's why He tests us. The deed is the evidence of our faith.**

It is easy for a faithless person to do nothing and not act on the Word of Yahweh, hoping that nothing will happen to them. This is not faith; but its self-righteous fear; and unfortunately a lot of people do that. They're so fearful of it that they don't want to do anything because they just want to make-believe it's just going to go away...that it's nothing will ever happen to them.

So now let's go to the times we're living in here; and let's take a look...Matthew 24...because faith is evidence, right? Is there evidence that these times that we're living in today...that this is it...this is the time...Matthew 24 in verse 3:

Matthew 24:3 *And as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, Tell us, when will these things be? And, what is the sign of Your coming and the end of the age...*so although if you look at the Olivet prophecy you have it in Matthew 24; you have it in Luke 21 and you have it in Mark 13; the synoptic good news messages; and many of these things did happen in the first century. Primarily this prophecy is for the end time...because this is what He's saying. It's very clear their sitting there saying, "*when will these things be? And, what is the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?*" There's not too many ways you can misinterpret that. So what He's going to tell us is these are the signs that we have to look for. If we drop down to verse 4-8:

Matthew 24:4 *And answering, Yahshua said to them, See that no man deceives you.*

So deception is the very first thing; and here we are...I mean, wow, I say pre-internet age...you know twenty years ago if I came up to you and I told you in the next few years they're developing something they're going to call the internet. "Oh, what's that?" "Well, it's going to be this thing where you're going to have this little box and it's like computerized and anything that's said...like as I'm speaking...you can immediately check if what I'm saying is true." "Wow, really!" "Yeah" Would you think that's going to make the Congregation stronger or weaker? Stronger, right? We can't be deceived because all we have to do is check on it.

Now, go twenty years down the future...here we are...has the internet made us, even as human beings, weaker or stronger? And I say Donald Trump did not create fake news. He may have coined it in the political realm in the last couple of years, but Satan is the elohim of fake news. There's been fake news since the beginning of time and we've been preaching about fake news. I've been preaching it for thirty-five years. Sunday is fake news, Christmas is fake news; but today you have all kinds of fake news.

You have things that people are believing in; the rotating Sabbath, the Sabbath rotates by the new moon. And you really got to watch this stuff on the internet...you got to be careful. You know the flat earth, nobody just thought of that. They weren't praying...no, you got that on the internet and it's not true...scientifically it's not true...it's not true that if you go far enough on the earth you're going to fall off to the bottom.

It's not true that there's a hundred mile ice wall...it's just not true. **Do you want to believe the Truth or do you want to believe a lie?** And you have to decide this...and you're getting it from the internet; which is Satan is the prince of the power of the airwaves; he's bringing that. And that's why I say; just ask yourself one simple question, **who created the internet? Yahweh or Satan?** And I can tell you it's not Yahweh. The internet is filled with gossip, maligning, lies, fake news day in and day out.

So here we are...deception; but you don't have to be deceived. Yahshua says it; we don't have to be deceived; because you know what? Whether men went to the moon or whether the earth is flat or round...that has nothing to do with my salvation. I want to **focus on the Book. I want to focus on the plan of salvation.** I want to focus on these things. And if you allow yourself to get off on these tangents, you will be deceived...you will be deceived.

I know Sabbath keepers from Church of God, from thirty years ago, and they are believing in the rotating Sabbath. They are believing now the Sabbath...this month is on Tuesday, next month is on Thursday. And this is why we have to be careful. This is the first thing we're warned about; **see that no man deceives you...see that no man deceives you.** The next says:

Matthew 24:5 *For many will come in My name, saying, I am the Messiah. And they will cause many to be deceived.*

Right? Some of these people are Sabbath keepers. Some of them are sacred name people. Satan will use anything he can get, but they're not under judicial order...they're certainly not under judicial order with these things. And that's why I say, I've talked with people that fell for the lunar Sabbath and I say, read my book, *The Gates of Hell Will Not Prevail Against Her.*

In two thousand years no leader, messenger, pastor of Yahweh has ever taught that the Sabbath rotates. As a matter a fact, more than any other sign for the last two thousand years of our Congregation, starting with apostles today, is the Sabbath. More than anything that they write about is the seventh day Sabbath on Saturday. And people that believed that for twenty-five years gave it up for nothing.

And I would say, "Where did you get this from?"

"The internet"

"Who wrote the article?"

"I don't know."

"You don't know! You gave up the sign, the family sign, that you're a child of Yahweh, **Exodus 31!** For what? You don't even know who did this!"

You know we got to **guard our self against this.** For many will come and, saying, *I am the Messiah. And they will cause many to be deceived.* And now what else happens?

Matthew 24:6-8 *For you are bound to hear of revolutions and rumor of war...right? We've had the major wars; World War 1, World War 2, now revolutions going on all over the earth...pretty interesting, not just wars, but*

revolutions. What do you see going out there all over the place now? In all of these different countries, even ones in Western society now, even America; you have these revolutions going on in the streets. In France, you have the yellow-jackets...even in Israel they started with that...because people, the Laodicean era, they want to fight against the government; they want to fight for their rights...exactly what it says. Wars and revolution; rumors of wars and revolution...watch out and do not be disturbed...right? So don't get too upset about that...*for it is necessary that all these things happen, but the end is not yet.*

So we've been seeing these things go on...He tells us...He's telling us exactly, it's not yet. He also told us as we'll see in a bit here that it will happen in one generation too; that it's not going to be over hundreds of years, like **Daniel 9**... *For you are bound to hear of revolutions and rumors of wars. Watch out and do not be disturbed for it is necessary that all these things happen, but the end is not yet.* It's not yet and we've been living in it; and that's why some people who saw some of these things in the last ten, twenty years...but the end didn't come, they got discouraged and they quit. But **He says right here that's only the beginning of sorrows**...that is not the last thing that we're going to see...verse 8...*But all these are a beginning of sorrows...so verse 7... For nation will be raised against nation and kingdom against kingdom...we have World War coming, another big sign...and there will be famines and plagues and earthquakes against many places.*

Wow! Just last week I think, there were three major earthquakes in Europe. And normally, if you go back a hundred years ago, two hundred years ago, you only had, every decade maybe, one or two major earthquakes. Now we have thousands of them...you know thousands of them that come up; so all these things that Yahshua prophesied are all here.

So **it's not one rogue sign; it's many. Daniel 12:4**, *people will be running to and from, knowledge will be increased.* Anywhere I travel in the world, every airplane is filled with everybody; it doesn't matter you can go to the poorest place or the richest place; everyone is travelling...running to and fro. And it's amazing to think that millions of people a day, one hour they're in China, one hour they're in the US, one hour they're over here in France, one hour they're in Russia...people...its unbelievable...and that's the time we live in; it's prophesied.

People will run to and fro and knowledge will be increased. Knowledge used to be... around 1900...knowledge would increase...I think they said every hundred years or something like that...a hundred and fifty years...and now they're saying knowledge is increasing every couple of months; it's doubling...the amount that it's doubling.

It's just amazing how fast things are moving and we've never seen anything like this. To think that just a couple hundred years ago in the United States, as they're going west they don't even know what is going to happen; they never got to California.

It's just that today, you can go to the ends of the earth through Google Map. We know every last part of the earth; there's no part we don't know; because knowledge is being increased in ways that we can't even imagine. But all of it is part of prophesy; it's all part of prophesy...in verse 32, as they're asking Him about this now, what's the main sign?

Matthew 24:32-34 *Learn the parable of the fig tree when its branch becomes tender and it puts out leaves, you know that the summer is near; so also you, when you see all these things, know that it is near at the door. Truly I tell you, In no way will this generation pass away until all these things have occurred.*

So, it's all going to happen in one generation...and here we are...seventy is the number of endpoint. In Israel we just passed this year our 70th Passover there since being a nation. Also seventy years are given in Babylon to rule the nations...here we are, seventy. It's even China's 70th year; this is their 70th anniversary of the Republic of China. But **we see so many things...so many signs that Yahweh gives us...how can we deny**

them? How can we deny that...not only is it the last generation...because things are happening now that have never, ever happened before; but we are at the end of the last generation. It's not the beginning of that seventy years; it's very much toward the end of that seventy years.

Psalms 102...Psalm 102 in verse 13...if you look at Psalm 102 it talks about the Holocaust in the beginning...the skin cleaving to the bones...the way it was during Holocaust times, the people were starved to death. We see about the bodies being burned in the crematoriums. So all these things and then they're crying out to Yahweh in verse 13, he says:

Psalms 102:13 *You shall have mercy, have mercy on Mount Zion, for the time to pity her, yea, the appointed time has come.*

So, the appointed time is coming; the time that Yahweh will be redeeming it. And now for the last twenty years, it's the first time since Bible times that Mount Zion is re-built. Look at verse 17...or verse 16 rather:

Psalms 102:16 *When YAHWEH will build up Mount Zion, He will appear in His glory.*

Mount Zion has been sitting there now and for two thousand years and just in the last twenty years, it is restored...it is re-built. The tabernacle of David, they weren't looking for it; but they found it, why? Because Yahweh says, *I will re-build the tabernacle of David before He comes...*and there it is! I've seen it with my eyes.

So, we're living in these times of restoration; and Yahweh is restoring the Land of Israel, the people of Israel and the Torah of Israel. We're seeing it with our eyes...we're seeing things that people would have been amazed to see...like it says, kings and prophets would love to see what you're seeing; but they didn't...verse 18...who is it written for?

Psalms 102:18 *This shall be written for the last generation, and people to be created shall praise YAHWEH.*

So wow...we see the people that went through the Holocaust are the same people that will come in the Kingdom...that's what Yahshua said, this generation will not pass; it will all happen in one generation. And we saw the Holocaust and we saw Yahweh have pity on Zion because it was her appointed time; and we see **Isaiah 66**: Can a nation be born in one day? Yes, May 14, 1948...a nation is born in one day. And that starts the time frame of the end time of modern Israel. And here we are, seventy years later at the end of the end.

So as we see these things...as we know World War is coming...as we know that all these things are coming; as we know the beast power...that I'm going to read here in a minute...is coming on the earth where no man will be able to buy and sell. Should we be preparing? Well, put it this way...if you're not, then you don't believe Yahweh; it's that simple.

We have so much evidence...if the deed is the evidence of your faith...then that means if you're doing nothing and just sitting back and going to your job and your family and your life is normal, then you can't believe! There's no way you can believe. And I say, if all of a sudden you saw flames coming up in the corner here and smoke coming, there's nobody in this earth that would say, "Don't worry about it. Yahweh will take care of it."

It doesn't work that way in life, right? When you see fire, you run. You see smoke, you run because you it's going to burn you to death. You don't sit there and say, "Ah, no, Yahweh will put it out." It doesn't work that way...that's not how like it works. The way life works is, maybe Yahweh will wake you up in the middle of the night and have you smell it so that you can put it out or you could run for safety.

But **it's not the false grace...it's not sit there and do nothing and Yahweh will take of everything. He'll take of everything; but He's going to test us in the meantime.** He's got to test us to see if we believe or not. Matthew 24...continue in there, verse 37...Matthew 24 in verse 37:

Matthew 24:37-39 *But as the days of Noah, so also will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as they were in the days before the flood eating, and drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah went into the ark...Right... And they did not know until the flood came and took all away. So also will be the coming of the Son of Man...*and like I said, Noah went into that ark seven days in advance. One whole seven, he went in the ark, why?

Number one, because **he had to be sanctified.** Yahweh had to sanctify him before the flood came; it wasn't running at the last minute. Number two, he probably had a lot of stuff to prepare. It wasn't just a matter of getting in there. You're talking about all the animals; you're talking about how big that ark was. There was probably a lot work inside of there to build. And like I said, for seven days, he was inside that ark.

So it's the same with us because when Yahshua returns, you got to go to work on day one. **You're going to work on day one. He's coming back and His reward is with Him,** right? So now when He gives you that paper and He says, "Here brother so and so" and you open it up...because we're going to be kings and priests...and He says, "You're first assignment is going to China. There's about four million people still alive there. They have no idea what happened; they're atheists. They survived this, you have to go there."

Are you ready for it? Are you ready? Or are you still fearing what happened in your life? Are you still fighting with your wife or your husband? Are you still lying at work and doing this? Because if you're not ready, you're not going.

People think that they can continue in sin and then Yahweh returns somehow He'll just change us. Well, if that's the case, why would we have six thousand years of what we went through...if it's that simple that we don't have to grow in character and Yahweh will just come and change all of us...then why would He have six thousand years of this hell hole that we're doing here on earth...going through all this horror...people suffering.

No, **He's allowing this because the only way you can grow is by going through this struggle and these trials; but you have to grow...you have to change. And you can't do it out there in this world today...you cannot do it in Satan's society; it's impossible.** And that's the reason why Yahweh is starting to bring His people to wilderness.

And I look and I say, if the Waldenses right...a thousand fifteen hundred years ago...if they felt then, in the year one thousand when the world was a million times different than this, that they felt we need to be out of society because we have the Spirit of Yahweh in us and we want to be sanctified...then how on earth would we feel today that we could live in the world, work in the world, have friends in the world and it's not going to affect us...believe me, it's effecting you...it's effecting me, it's effecting all of us; it's the normalcy bias.

And there's a point in time when Yahweh has to take His people to the wilderness. And I'm not saying pack up tomorrow and run up to the top of the mountain; what I'm saying is, **you got to get that mentality...you got to get that mentality and you have to start in little ways...start in little ways.**

You know I still find brethren still on Facebook...what for? What is social media? What is the point of it? That's a little thing, but it's a start...get rid of it. Brethren that aren't praying and studying every day...well, I have to work...I have to do this...start ten minutes a day if you're not doing anything. **You got to get started on this because this is serious; this is life and death!**

And if we have the same mindset as the world, there's a problem here...there's a problem because we're called to come out of the world...**we're called to be different. And that's the reason why Yahweh takes His people to the wilderness. Because like I said, there's things that you may not be able to do on your own.**

I've had people admit to me...maybe they're smoking cigarettes and they say, "I hate it. I hate myself. I'm repenting." But they're addicted; they can't do it. Come to the wilderness, there's not a cigarette in the wilderness. You're not going smoke sand. The wilderness is a blessing because there's things that you'll overcome there because you don't have a choice...that you can't overcome in Satan's society.

And when you live in community, you can't fake it. As we come together on the Sabbath, we could fake it. Nobody knows what you're doing the other six days. But **when you live in community, you're forced to grow because you're living together every day. You're helping each other; you're working with each other.** And Yahweh...it's a blessing...it's not a curse. **It's a way to help us to overcome** because every last thing that He's prophesied is here; and why would He tell us all these things except if it's to warn us what's happening. So the same way...continue to verse 39...

Matthew 24:39-42 *And they did not know until the flood came and took all away. So also will be the day of the coming of the Son of Man. At that time two will be out in the field; one is taken, and one is left; two grinding at the mill; one is taken away, and one is left. Be alert, then, for you do not know in what hour your Master comes.*

Right? We don't know...the end of the day, we have no idea. **It says the Son of Man comes in a time you least expect Him.** And I say, wow, that's hard. I'm always expecting Him. But again, it's deception...Satan's deception. So He's coming at a time you least expect Him. That means it could be any time. Maybe we missed something with prophesy, right? Maybe He's coming sooner than we think. **It doesn't say He's coming later than we think; it said He's coming sooner than we think.**

So that's why we got to get ready. **This is the time we have to start overcoming and we have to prepare.** Noah prepared for the flood that's coming and like it says here, one's preparing and one doesn't; it's that simple. One is preparing and believing; one is just going off to the world and is not. Revelation 13...because there's something else that's coming...that **if you don't prepare, you're going to have a big problem coming very, very soon.** And this is the main reason why Yahweh is telling us to prepare because of this. Revelation 13 in verse 3:

Revelation 13:3-9 *And I saw one of its heads, having been slain to death, and its deadly wound was healed. And all the earth wondered after the beast. And they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, Who is like the beast; who is able to make war with it?...So we know there's this global government coming, this one-world government, right? And we're not for it, we see it's something bad, but to the world they're going to worship it; they're going to want it...they're happy for this. So they don't have to prepare because they're going along with it, but we need to realize this is something that's coming... And a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies was given to it. And authority was given to it to act for forty two months...praise Yahweh that we know that when this time comes, it's forty two months. We don't have to worry it could be twenty years or thirty years. You know exactly when it is. So when this world government is set, when the Mark of the Beast comes, we know exactly the time frame that we have to endure...And it opened its mouth in blasphemy toward YAHWEH, to blaspheme His name and His dwelling place, and those dwelling in Heaven...and today we see many people doing that, blaspheming the name of Yahweh...And it was given to it "to war with the saints, and to overcome them."...so does it mean nothing is going to happen to us? No! **There's a great martyrism that's coming. So many will be martyred and be blessed as an honor to give their life, but not everybody is going to be martyred. So the ones that do***

not have...that's not their fate, then we have to prepare for it... *And authority was given to it over every tribe and kindred and tongue and nation...definitely a world government...And those dwelling on the earth will worship him...the beast...those of whom the names had not been written in the Book of Life having been slain from the foundation of the world. If anyone has an ear, let him hear.*

Do you have ears to hear? You know because like I said, it really is not that difficult. It's so plain, the prophecies, it's not kind of like Daniel with the handwriting on the wall...that's it's some kind of foreign handwriting that we got to figure out the code. This is pretty simple because we're living in those times...and then in verse 16...

Revelation 13:16-18 *And the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the freemen and the slaves, it causes that they give to them all a mark on their right hand, or in their foreheads, even that not any could buy or sell, except the one having the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of its name...So again, the mind is how you think; the hand is what you do. And this is why the beast is putting this mark...and it's very interesting when they talk about this chip, that they say the chip has to go in your hand or your forehead because it's the only part of your body that the temperature will not corrupt the chip...and they're already doing it. It's not a theory. They're already chipping people...people are already being chipped. The cashless society...you look at China, you look at Indian, you look at Australia...some of the biggest economies in the world are already about ninety-five percent toward a cash-less society...or close to that where everything is like that. So this is isn't...this isn't some kind of theory or fear mongering; this is something that's happening as we speak and then He says...*Here is wisdom: Let him who has understanding **compute** the number of the beast...compute, computer, compute...Let him who has understands compute the number of the beast for it is the number of a man and its number is...what?... six hundred and sixty six.**

But we know in Hebrew, in Aramaic, there are no numbers; it's a letter system. There's only letters. So the *aleph* is one, the *bet* is two, the *gimel* is three...so what is the sixth letter of the Hebrew alphabet? The *wav*...so it's www, six, six, six. It's very clear that this marking is dealing with something with computers and we already know it, they have them...that it's the size of grain. They plant them in your hand and in...like I said; only Yahweh knows whether this will be world-wide tomorrow or ten years from now or whatever. But certainly it's not that far down the line.

If you look at the banking system, they said already ninety-two percent is already cashless world-wide; of money that is transferred...ninety-two percent is already cashless. So it doesn't take that much to get that last eight percent. And that's why if you notice recently...I've noticed it because I travel a lot...most countries keep changing their money now every two years.

In Israel they just did it; they didn't change their money in like thirty years and now all of sudden they're changing the money again; because they don't want people having cash. And people that know this is happening and maybe trying to store cash...you can't do it; because now we changed the money again and that cash is worthless...and they want to know.

So here we are, we're really at the cusp of all this. So do you have ears to hear? **Yahweh gave us His Scriptures so we can prepare in faith for what's coming; because we believe His Word. We're not doing it to save our skin.**

Like I said, if you prepare in a community...say like the community they're building here in South Africa; they might be preparing for somebody else because you could prepare and maybe you will die, maybe you're martyred or maybe Yahweh brings you over to the Middle East to a place that He has prepared; but you know

what? Then that means somebody else who was Laodicean and didn't prepare Yahweh also has that backed up too.

I don't want to bank on that...I tell the brethren in the US there's basically three plans for leaving Babylon. The Bible says you have to flee Babylon, which is physically the land of America; but in the end time the system has come world-wide. **So all of us are living in Babylon as far as the system goes; and that's the reason why we got to go to these refuges; these cities of refuge because it's everywhere now.**

I say as I travel here, it amazes me...I've been, this is the sixteenth time I've been to Africa; first time South Africa, praise Yahweh! But I feel like I'm in America in a lot of ways...I even see a Kentucky Fried Chicken, McDonalds, the golden arches; and it's very similar. And I didn't see that in other parts of Africa...although in certain places like Kenya, what-not...they're building like that.

But you're seeing Babylon has gone everywhere. But I tell the brethren there that you who live in US because that is the land where we completely destroyed. I say, you basically got three plans. It's like going to an insurance agent, right? You got to buy what you can afford. And we have the comprehensive plan...we have everything...it's a little more expensive. And then you have the cheap plan for emergencies.

But the first plan is the *Abraham Plan*; that's the best plan we got. Abraham get up and leave, Abraham gets up and goes. He gets to bring all his slaves, his servants, his money, everything; it's a great plan because he's showing faith and everything is there.

Then we have the *Israelite Plan*; not as expensive as the Abraham Plan, but it's also not as good, right; because they got to pilfer the Egyptians and take things with them, but they were fleeing too. So it's a little bit rough.

And then for those who really don't have a lot of assets; we have the *Lot Plan*. I really don't even want to tell you about that one because that's not really a good plan. It's like, leave now or die! So you have those three plans of fleeing there and if you go in the Abraham plan, Yahweh says you will not go by flight...you're not going to go in haste, but He is going to go before you and He's going to be rear guard.

So this is the point now, we're not preparing like some kind of crazy preppers. We're not trying to store thirty years of food and have all these crazy aluminum suits in case there's a nuclear war. No, **what we're doing is we're looking at what Yahweh says. We're believing His Word; we're seeing the signs and we're doing it for love for our brethren.** Because like I said, **it might now even be for you. You could prepare and then it's going to be for somebody else.**

But we're proving to Yahweh that we're putting our money where our mouth is. I'm not going to put my money into new golf clubs because I like golfing...no golfing...who wants to golf? It's not the time for golfing, right? It's the time for preparing. So I'm going to put that money into preparation because I believe Yahweh; that's it.

And then the rest is up to Him...then we go to **Psalm 91**...because whether I live or I die, whatever happens that will be up to Him; but I did my part. Faith without deeds is dead. **We have to do our part and Yahweh will do His part.**

Song of Solomon 2 in verse 13...Song of Solomon 2 in verse 13 it says...and I'm sure most people here have heard the Bible study on the Song of Solomon...it's an awesome Bible study. I just love that Bible study because it taught me something of the love of Yahshua for me in a way that no other book in the Bible does. I mean how He looks at His bride and loves His bride and just can't wait for His bride and that's who we are. If

you're a first-fruit believer to one extent or another, you're part of the Bride of Messiah. So you see that in here and then chapter 2 of Song of Solomon in verse 13 says:

Song of Solomon 2:13-14 *The fig tree spices her unripe figs and the vines give a fragrance by the blossom. Arise, My love; come, My beautiful one, and come yourself....*Right? Come yourself. So there is one specific place I went over this in a sermon a couple weeks ago; the place of Selah in Jordan that Yahweh has set apart for part of the bride in the end time and He says, *Come yourself*; because you're ready; you've done it. It's not a thing where you can take somebody; **you can't earn somebody else's salvation**, right?...*If Noah, Job and Daniel stood before Me, it would only save their own life.* You can't save somebody else's life, but you can save your own. So He says, *come, My beautiful one, and come yourself. O, My dove, in the clefts of the rock...right...in the secret place of Selah...in the secret place of Selah...in the secrecy of the steep place...and it is very steep. There's a thousand steps going to the top...let Me see your form. Let Me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your form is beautiful.*

And to me, the fact that right now Yahweh is opening these doors in Selah...which I never thought of in my life; I didn't even know about it until a couple of years ago; I had no idea. But that **now Yahweh is opening doors for His people there...**is just another side to me...absolutely amazing to be in the wilderness.

We have possibly the opportunity...I haven't said it publically yet, but I shared with some people...we possibly have the opportunity this Sukkot of going to Mount Sinai. It's been a dream of mine since I've been a believer and it's impossible because you can't get into Saudi Arabia; and now Yahweh has opened a door and there's a very good chance that we're going to actually go to Mount Sinai; see the Rock of Horeb, see where Yahweh spoke with Moses.

Why now...why now? Why is He opening these doors to the real wilderness that He says He'll bring His people to...and Selah and Mount Sinai? Because it's the time! **It's the time of reformation of all things and Yahweh is doing it.** And I'm excited...I'm coming out of my shoes because I'm just so excited to Yahweh's Word coming off those pages; but it's for every believer everywhere in the world.

Each of us simply has to surrender our will to His will, right? And we are still in this world, we still have to work, we still have to care for our families, we still have to pay rent; but **seek ye first the Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will given...seek ye first the Kingdom**; that's faith...that's faith, right? **Yahweh comes first, His righteousness comes first, His Word comes first and then the rest will take care of itself.**

And I can tell you that they used to call us...when we first left Babylon and we were living in the Old City...and seven dollars a night in an old run down hostel...the home-less missionaries. We had no money, for years we really had nothing. How did we survive? Because Yahweh used to have money in the street that we would find every day; pennies, nickels, dimes, in the local currency of course; and then it started to be bills. But every month we'd find just enough to pay our rent. And most people can't believe that; but it's true! We had no source of income at that time. We were just following Yahweh; and we followed Him and just believed in faith.

And I'm not going to stop now. I'm walking on this walk thirty-five years and I see the end. I'm on the top of Mount Zion; I see the Promised Land and it's not that far away...it's not that far away. And that's why this home-stretch, wow...**if our brothers and sisters lived with this zeal a thousand years ago for that Kingdom; how much more for us that we're right there at the cusp.**

You know it's going to be a hard time we got to get through now. And like I said, I don't know how long it's going to be...another seven, ten years...twenty years...maybe five years...I don't know; but it's short, it's not that long. Because I know thirty-five years as a believer has gone really, really fast.

As you get older the time kind of goes faster. A thousand years to Yahweh is a day and a day is as a thousand years; because it's all a perspective, right? When you're a ten year old boy, one summer is one tenth of your life; ten percent. But when you're fifty-five, one summer is one fifty-fifth of your life. So the time seems to go faster when you get older because the perspective of time is different.

So this is the reason why we should be so excited, even though we have a rough time; but praise Yahweh for that; because **we all need this baptism of fire**. There's some struggles I've went through this year in my life and I'm so much thanking Yahweh for it; because I see His mercy and His love in a way I haven't seen since being a believer! And now I see it more clearly and I say thank you Yahweh...thank you Yahweh!

I love meeting Wilco's father; every day was "thank you, Yahweh!" And I'm like, "Wow, that's what I do" and I get up and it's like, "Am I alive? Let me pinch myself...thank you, Yahweh!" I put a foot down, "thank you, Yahweh"...put the other foot down, "thank you Yahweh!" Somebody's out of the bathroom, "Good, thank you Yahweh!" Everything...everything is thank you Yahweh...the glass of water; because Yahweh is so good to us.

And here we are to take us out of that world...you're one in a million! You could be the person out there, right...working today, doing whatever today, struggling today; and yet you're in this room as a called-out child of Yahweh. And not because we're any better; because the opposite. He calls the weak of the world to confound the mighty and thank you, Yahweh! Thank you that I am weak enough that I can be here! Because if I wasn't, I'd be one of those guys out there thinking, I'm this or that. So thank you that I'm weak enough that I can be sitting in this room; that He gets the glory for everything.

And this is where we are...let's go Genesis 41 now...be ending here in a little bit, maybe about ten minutes. Because I really want to...I mentioned this in a few sermons, but I didn't go over and read it; but I want to read it now because I think Genesis 41, when we're looking at preparation in the end time its extremely important. Because in Scripture there's things that we see where Yahweh says something double, which are dual prophecies. And this one I think is an important one when we're looking in cycles in seven in the end time...Genesis 41 starting in verse 15...and this is Pharaoh's dream, right?

Genesis 41:15-37 *And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is no one to interpret it; I have heard about you, saying, you hear a dream to interpret it. And Joseph replied to Pharaoh, saying, Not!! Elohim will answer the peace of Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, In my dream, lo, I was standing on the lip of the River. And, behold, seven cows were going up from the River, fat of flesh beautiful of form, and were feeding in the reeds. And, behold, seven other cows were going up after them, poor and very evil of form, and lean of flesh; I have not seen any like them in all the land of Egypt for badness. And the cows, the lean and the evil, ate the first seven fat cows. And they went into their stomachs, and it could be seen that they had gone into their stomachs; and their appearance was as evil as at the beginning. And I awakened. And I looked in my dream. And, behold, seven ears of grain were coming up on one stalk, full of good. And, behold, seven ears, withered, lean, blasted by the east wind, sprouting forth after them. And the lean ears were swallowing the good ears. And I spoke to the magicians, but not one is making known the meaning to me. And Joseph said to Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one. Elohim has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do. The seven good cows, they are seven years and the seven good ears, they are seven years; the dream is one (echad)...like I said, twice speak, saying it double showing dual prophecy...And the seven thin and evil-appearing cows going up after them, they are seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted by the east wind will be seven years of famine. This is the word that I spoke with Pharaoh: what Elohim is about to do, He has made Pharaoh see. Behold! Seven years of great plenty are coming in all the land of Egypt. And seven years of famine will arise after them and all the plenty of the land of Egypt will be forgotten; and the famine will consume the land. And the plenty in the land will not be remembered because of the famine afterwards; it will be very severe. And as to the dream being repeated to Pharaoh twice, the thing is settled because it is from Elohim, and Elohim is*

hastening to do it. And now let Pharaoh look for a wise man who is intelligent and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh act and let him appoint rulers over the land and take a fifth of the land of Egypt in the seven years of plenty. And let them gather all the food of these coming good years. And let them heap up grain under Pharaoh's hand as food in the cities, and let them keep it. And let the food be for a store for the land, for the seven years of famine which will be in the land of Egypt and let not the land be cut off by famine. And the word was good in Pharaoh's eyes, and in the eyes of all his servants.

So it's pretty simple, right? **You're going to have seven really good years where it's going to prosper and then you could save and store the things for the seven bad years;** and it's not that difficult to understand it. And when we're looking in the sense of end time, right, we see...and I give a message on this not too long ago on the cycles of seven in the Millennium. You could see in the last hundred years almost every single important point that has happened in history has happened on a Shemita year. I mean it's amazing to see how much has happened there.

And financially...the financial ups, the financial downs have all happened in the Shemita year. And when you look at the pattern that was happening it really looked like that last Shemita, 2015/2016, was really going to be the beginning of some bad stuff; and what happens instead?

You have President Trump come in office and the economy changes almost immediately; it goes from on the brink of dissolving to becoming the best economy that's ever been in the country of Babylon. The unemployment is the lowest, the money, all the things that are there; because **Yahweh has this in insertion for His people;** because where would we be now if we were in that seven, right? We would be now starting in the fourth year if this was the bad time...none of us prepared...we didn't even prepare for the Shemita because we didn't know it; never mind preparing for the seven years; we'd be in trouble if we didn't prepare.

Now again, Yahweh could do anything; He could have manna come in the wilderness, but He's teaching us something because He doesn't want to do it just for us. **He wants us to show in faith that we believe it!** So He gives us this seven now and here are; we're in the fourth year already...we're in the fourth year already.

You know we're winding down...that Shemita's coming...not that long; and have we prepared? **We really have to start if we believe it** or we have no one to blame but ourselves. And if you look at recent history, I mean we've had the big downturn in 2001/2008 and some of the ones that are really honest with the world economy are saying we are headed for a world depression like we've never seen before. The world leaders don't want to tell you that because it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy; but some of the best economists in the world...nothing to do with Pharaoh's dream or anything else...just by the signs there they're saying that; that we are headed for this. So it's a dual prophecy; it's all going in cycles of seven. If you go now to verse 46...verse 46 it says:

Genesis 41:46-49 *And Joseph was a son of thirty years as he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the face of Pharaoh and passed over in all the land of Egypt. And the land produced by handfuls in the seven years of plenty. And he gathered all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and he put food in the cities, the food of the field which is around each city he put in among it. And Joseph heaped up grain like the sand of the sea, exceedingly much, until he ceased to count it, because it was without number.*

So here it is...Yahweh blesses the fruit of our hand. Our Congregation in the Philippines, they got a new property just a few years ago and it was a commercial rice field; and in all the time of that commercial rice field, the most rice it ever produced each harvest was thirty to thirty-five bags. The bags are about, I think fifty or a hundred kilos...I don't remember; but it's about that. In their first harvest ever taking over, they had more than double than; they had like eighty bags and they never produced that in all the years in it.

So Yahweh will intervene and He will give us over abundance; but we also have to do our part. We have to do our part because if not, we're going to see what happens, verse 53.

Genesis 31:53-57 *And the seven years of plenty which were in the land of Egypt were ended. And the seven years of famine began to come, according as Joseph had said. And the famine was in all lands, but in the land of Egypt there was bread...right? Remember when the plagues were coming, there was darkness in the land of Egypt; but the land of Goshen, where the Israelites were, there was no darkness. Yahweh can bless His people; but Yahweh wants to see what we're going to do too...And all the land of Egypt hungered and the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. And Pharaoh said to Egypt, Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do. And the famine was on the face of all the land. And Joseph opened all which was in them, and sold to the Egyptians. And the famine was strong in the land of Egypt. And all the earth came to Egypt to buy, to Joseph. For the famine was strong in all the earth.*

So wow, he was so faithful and prepared so much, he was able to feed everybody; not just Egypt, but he was able to feed everybody by it. Then if we go to Genesis 47...Genesis 47 in verse 13 it says:

Genesis 47:13-19 *And no bread was in the land, because the famine was exceedingly severe. And the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan were completely burned up from the famine. And Joseph gathered up all the silver found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan in return for the grain they were buying. And Joseph brought in the silver to the house of Pharaoh. And the silver failed from the land of Egypt, and the land of Canaan. And all Egypt came in to Joseph, saying, Give us bread; Why should we die before you? For the silver has failed. And Joseph said, Give your live-stock, and I will give to you for your livestock, if silver has failed. And they brought in their livestock to Joseph. And Joseph gave bread to them for the horses, and for the livestock of the flocks, for the livestock of the herds, and for the donkeys. And he satisfied them with bread in that year for all their livestock. And that year ended, and they came in to him in the second year and said to him, We cannot hide from my master that the silver and the livestock and the animals have failed, going to my master. Nothing is left before my master except our bodies and our land. Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for bread; and let us, we and our land, become slaves to Pharaoh. And give seed so that we may live and not die, and the land not be desolate...then it talks about Joseph buying the land from them...and verse 25:*

Genesis 47:25 *And they said, You have saved our lives; let us find favor in the eyes of my master, and we will become slaves to Pharaoh.*

So this is very interesting because it's a lot like we just read about the Mark of the Beast, right? These people wanted the mark; and what happens? The Mark of the Beast is forty-two months, right; it's right in the middle of the seven year period. What happens here?

The first year of this seven year period people have to spend all their money, right? So you're going to see a financial crisis and then food is going to shorten up, if you have money to buy it. Then when the money's gone, the second year; your houses, your livestock, all your possessions you're going to have to sell to get food; but by the third year, you're becoming a slave. By the third year you're getting the Mark of the Beast. Isn't that really interesting how it fits just like Revelation; within halfway through that seven year cycle you see the same thing happening.

So the people who aren't preparing...that's what you risk; you risk...some people may say, "No, why I don't care I'll starve to death and won't take the Mark of the Beast." And I say, "Well, if you won't do simple preparation when you know that a famine is coming, do you really think you're going to starve to death instead of taking the Mark of the Beast?" Of course not...of course not.

So and in Genesis 45 verse 4 we see who was behind all this. Was it Joseph? No. Genesis 45 in verse 4...when Joseph tells his brothers who he is and he says, that I'm your brother Joseph...and then in verse 5 he says:

Genesis 45:5-8 *And now do not be grieved, and let no anger be in your eyes because you sold me here, for Elohim sent me before you to save life. For the famine has been in the midst of the land for two years. And there are still five years in which no plowing and harvest will be done...it's almost like a seven year Shemita. No food will be in that time...And Elohim sent me before you to put a remnant in the land for you, and to keep alive for you a great deliverance. And now you did not send me here, but Elohim. And He has placed me for a father to Pharaoh, and for a master in his house, and to be ruler in all the land of Egypt.*

So you know something, our life is a trail. **Your life is a trail and when we don't walk by faith, we lose our direction; and then you don't know which way to go on that trail; but when you're living by faith you see those markers.** You don't lose your spot on where you're coming. Every step our trail is connected to where we came from and where we're going.

So that's the point where we are now; and this is what I believe that Yahweh is sharing with me to come and share with the people that Yahweh is...the same way that Satan is planning his one world government...**Yahweh is planning to save His people. And this is real; its life and its death, but Yahweh wants to test each person.**

And the Laodicean is the one who's rich and increased with goods, in need of nothing; he's the one that's not going to prepare because he doesn't see any reason to it; but **the Philadelphian is the one that realizes he has little strength; he's got to trust in Yahweh, he's got to prepare for that.** Proverbs 4 and 25 and 26 says:

Proverbs 4:25-26 *Let your eyes look straight ahead, and let your eyelids look straight before you. Ponder, the track of your feet, then all your ways will be established.*

Right? Your feet bring you wherever you go. *Let your eyes look straight ahead, and let your eyelids look straight before you. **Ponder**, the track of your feet, then all your ways will be established.*

And the Scripture I started with, Proverbs 22 in verse 3:

Proverbs 22:3 *A prudent one sees the evil coming and hides himself, but the foolish go on and are punished.*

So Yahweh is giving us the wisdom; it's Him that's preparing us for this. *Man shall not live by bread alone, but every Word out of the mouth of Yahweh.* Almost a third of the Bible is prophecy and ninety percent is for our time.

Yahweh put these things there not to scare us; but to give us vision for the end time; and to test us to see if we truly have faith in His Word and will prepare in faith for what is coming; or if we will live in fear and hide under a rock and act as everything will continue this way forever.

There are few people in the world today who actually understand prophecy and **we should be thankful that the Holy Spirit is opening up our mind and warning us in what is ahead and be preparing us for the Kingdom of Yahweh.** And time is moving; we must get ready now.

And like I told the brethren at the Feast...I planned on being in Jerusalem like we've been for the last nineteen years...another interesting thing, one time cycle; nineteen years...but Yahweh said it's time to go to the wilderness. He showed it in no uncertain terms and I told the people there, I don't know if we'll be there next

year. We might be there next year, we might be there five years, we might be there one year...I have no idea now. I'm taking life a day at a time and a year at a time because I know we're in a new time frame now. And really all my focus that I want to do...what Yahweh is showing me is to help the brethren prepare for the Shemita; help them prepare. And I know that each year, if we are in the wilderness, is gold...its gold; because that's the lesson...that's what we're told. We have to overcome the lessons that the Israelites didn't; and you could learn the lessons like we're sharing.

Like I share in the messages on line, but the one thing I'm realizing is, when it comes to the wilderness, there's nothing that you can exchange for it. One way or the other you're going to have to be there and not everybody will be in the literal wilderness in Jordan; but if you could be, it's amazing; but if not, you're going to be in the wilderness somewhere else.

There's only one road to the Promised Land and that's through the wilderness...so one way or another. But the training was just unbelievable that Yahweh started to show us there. So I pray that the message will be taken to heart and really to pray and meditate on it as time is moving on.

And I don't also think it's a coincidence of Elder Wilco starting in the property out there in Eschol, right, in all places next to Salem. You know all these little things that come up that Yahweh is really moving and it's amazing this year I think we've had around ten new communities starting; next year we probably have about the same.

And I'm not even doing anything; the people are coming to me. I'm just trying to help them to coordinate with it. But all over the world Yahweh is moving His people in the same way; that it's the time to be coming out of the world; it's a mindset first and everybody preparing for the Kingdom of Yahweh.

So I pray that Yahweh will bless you. Shabbat Shalom. I'm really, really thrilled to be here.