

SIGNPOSTS

THERE WILL COME A DAY WHEN WATCHMEN WILL CRY ON MOUNT EPHRAIM, 'ARISE , AND LET US GO UP TO ZION, TO YAHVEH OUR GOD.

TODAY BEGINS THE SHARING OF A JOURNEY THAT BEGAN ALMOST SEVEN YEARS AGO. THE ROAD IS LONG AND SOMETIMES DIFFICULT TO TRAVEL, AND MANY ARE NOT INTERESTED, BUT THERE IS A REMNANT. IT IS TO YOU FELLOW TRAVELERS THAT THE SOVEREIGN GOD IS CALLING, NO ROARING, AND HIS SONS ARE COMING TREMBLING FROM THE WEST.

THE YEAR OF 1988 WAS A PROPHETIC WATERSHED. A NEW GENERATION BEGAN. WE ARE NO LONGER IN PERIODS OF RESTORATION. WE HAVE MOVED INTO CONSUMMATION.

SET UP SIGNPOSTS, MAKE LANDMARKS; SET YOUR HEART TOWARD THE HIGHWAY, THE WAY IN WHICH YOU WENT. TURN BACK O VIRGIN OF ISRAEL, TURN BACK TO THESE YOUR CITIES.

THE JOURNEY MUST BE AN INDIVIDUAL ONE. ONLY GOD CAN LEAD YOU INTO CONSUMMATION. THOSE WHO LOOK TO MAN WILL BE TURNED ASIDE. "WHATEVER HE SAYS TO YOU DO IT" IS WRITTEN ON ONE OF THE BEGINNING SIGNS. THIS ROAD LEADS YOU INTO WHAT GOD IS DOING, NOT WHAT MEN ARE DOING FOR GOD.

AS YOU GO, GOD IN HIS MERCY WILL POST SIGNS AND MARKERS THAT HELP YOU STAY IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. DON'T EXPECT A SET OF RULES, PRINCIPLES, STEPS, HOW TO TEACHINGS, TO REVEAL THE WAY. THIS IS A REVELATION ROAD AND A LEAD BY THE SPIRIT WAY. THERE MUST BE A HEARING OF THE VOICE BEHIND YOU SAYING, " THIS IS THE WAY WALK YOU IN IT."

BY REVELATION HE WILL SHOW YOU THINGS YOU NEVER HEARD BEFORE. HE WILL SHOW YOU THAT SYSTEMS OF RELIGION WILL NOT HELP YOU ON YOUR WAY. HE WILL SHOW YOU THAT THE IMAGES OF GOD YOU HOLD ARE MUCH MORE BAAL THAN YAHVEH. HE WILL DEMAND REPENTANCE DOWN TO THE FOUNDATION, AND THEN SHOW HOW FLAWED EVEN YOUR FOUNDATION CAN BE. BUT IF WE REPENT, HE WILL BEGIN TO SPEAK WONDROUS NEW TRUTHS TO US, AND REVEAL THE MYSTERY THAT HAS BEEN HIDDEN IN GOD, WAITING TO BE FULFILLED IN THE LAST DAYS.

SO WITH THESE FEW BEGINNING THOUGHTS WE START OUR JOURNEY.

SIGNPOST.... THE END OF THE AGE IS THE GREAT HARVEST

IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION FROM HIS DISCIPLES ABOUT ONE OF HIS PARABLES, YESHUA GAVE THIS INTERPRETATION, "THE END OF THE AGE IS THE GREAT HARVEST." THE GREEK WORD FOR END HAS THE MEANING OF COMING TO FULLNESS; OR CONSUMMATION. THE END IS NOT JUST FINALITY, BUT A TIME PERIOD WHERE ALL THE THINGS SOWED IN THE EARTH ,BOTH BAD AND GOOD, COME TO FULLNESS, AND COMPLETION. TO SAY WE ARE AT THE END OF THE AGE IS TO BELIEVE WE HAVE ARRIVED AT THE TIME OF CONSUMMATION.

MOST OF WHAT WE HEAR TODAY CONCERNING END TIME EVENTS COMES FROM A GENERALLY ACCEPTED PROPHETIC CONTEXT. THE SHELVES OF ANY BOOKSTORE ARE FILLED WITH BOOKS THAT SAY THE SAME THING. THESE UNQUESTIONED PRESUPPOSITIONS ARE A HIGH WALL THAT KEEP US FROM SEEING THAT GOD HAS A GLORIOUS PURPOSE TO BRING TO FULLNESS. THE PROPHETIC SCRIPTURES HOLD A GREAT MYSTERY THAT IS ONLY REVEALED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

THE GREAT HARVEST IS NOT JUST A FINAL REAPING OF SOULS THAT TAKES PLACE RIGHT BEFORE THE RAPTURE. THIS IS SPIRITUAL LANGUAGE SPEAKING OF THE PERIOD WHEN WICKEDNESS AND RIGHTEOUS COME TO THEIR FULL EXPRESSION, IN THIS AGE OF MAN. GOD HAS A PURPOSE WHICH HE HAS CAREFULLY CULTIVATED IN THIS CREATION. HE PATIENTLY WAITS FOR THE FRUIT OF THE EARTH .

WE HEAR MUCH TODAY FROM PROPHECY TEACHERS ABOUT THE CONSUMMATION OF WICKEDNESS. THEY REMOVE GOD'S PEOPLE FROM THIS TIME PERIOD AND THEN GO INTO GREAT DETAIL ABOUT ALL THE EVIL COMING TO FULLNESS IN THE WORLD.

THIS HALF-BAKED ATTEMPT LEAVES US WITH NO VISION. WE ARE JUST WAITING FOR THE RAPTURE, GOING TO CHURCH, PAYING OUR TITHES, OBEYING OUR PASTORS, BELIEVING THAT IF WE CAN JUST GET A " GOSPEL MESSAGE" INTO EVERY COUNTRY, THEN THE RAPTURE WILL COME , AND WHO CARES WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THAT.

TO BE LIVING IN THESE DAYS WITHOUT A PROPHETIC VISION WILL ONLY RESULT IN OUR PERISHING . CONSUMMATION IS ABOUT YOU AND I AS INDIVIDUALS COMING INTO OUR FULL CALLING AND LIFE IN THE LORD. THEN STANDING IN OUR PLACE UNDER THE SOVEREIGN GOD AS HE BRINGS HIS PURPOSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS TO COMPLETION.

SIGNPOST....ENTRANCE INTO CONSUMMATION: DEATH AND RESURRECTION

AS GOD MOVES HIS PURPOSE FORWARD THERE ARE ALWAYS CRITICAL

TIME JUNCTIONS WHERE THE OLD MUST PASS AWAY AND THE NEW BEGIN TO COME FORWARD. THE YEAR 1988 WAS ONE OF THESE IMPORTANT JUNCTIONS. EVERYTHING CHANGED AS GOD MOVED INTO CONSUMMATION. WHAT AT ONE TIME WAS ACCEPTABLE WILL NO LONGER SUFFICE. THE NEW WINE MUST HAVE A NEW WINESKIN. IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS CHANGE WE MUST SUBMIT EVERYTHING TO DEATH. ALL THAT HAS GONE BEFORE IS BUT A SEED TO BE SOWED. ONLY BY LETTING GO OF THE PAST CAN WE BE RESURRECTED INTO THE PRESENT.

PRESENT CHURCH SYSTEMS WILL ONLY BRING US TO THE OUTER COURT. THERE AROUND THE BRAZEN ALTAR AND THE BRAZEN LAVER WE CAN EXPERIENCE SALVATION AT A BEGINNING LEVEL: SHEDDING OF BLOOD, ANOINTING WITH OIL, FIRE OF SACRIFICE, HEALING, DELIVERANCE, LIFTING OUR HANDS IN PRAISE, WASHING OF THE WORD, ARE EXPERIENCES ROOTED IN THE OUTER COURT. THE CHURCH IS FILLED WITH PEOPLE GOING AROUND THIS CIRCLE OF EXPERIENCES, BUT NEVER GOING DEEPER IN THE LORD. EVEN THOUGH THE BRAZEN ALTAR PROVIDES SOME SPIRITUAL LIGHT, MOST OF THE LIGHT IN THE OUTER COURT IS NATURAL. MOST OF WHAT HAPPENS IN THE OUTER COURT IS JUST THE LIGHT OF THE NATURAL MIND, PLANNING AND DOING FOR GOD. THIS HAS TO DIE , SO A MOVE INTO THE INNER COURT CAN BEGIN.

SIGNPOST....WHAT HE SAYS TO YOU DO IT. FIVE PILLARS GIVEN TO HELP

CONSUMMATION IS FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT AN INDIVIDUAL WALK. GOD WANTS TO BRING YOU TO FULLNESS. NO LONGER CAN WE SNUGGLE DOWN IN A COMFORTABLE SYSTEM, RIDE ALONG, AND LET OTHERS HEAR FROM GOD. THE MOTHER OF YESHUA TOLD THE SERVANTS AT THE WEDDING FEAST, "WHAT EVER HE SAYS TO YOU DO IT." THIS WILL BREAK US FREE FROM THE CONTROL OF MEN. MANY LEADERS FEAR THE LOSS OF CONTROL. THEY BELIEVE IF EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO DO WHAT GOD IS TELLING THEM, ONLY REBELLION AND CHAOS WILL RESULT. THE TRUTH IS, THAT MORE HARM TO THE PURPOSE OF GOD OVER THE CENTURIES HAS BEEN DONE IN THE NAME OF LEADERSHIP, THAN WILL EVER BE DONE BY AN INDIVIDUAL ACTING ON A PERSONAL WORD, HE BELIEVES HE RECEIVED FROM GOD. IF WE MISS GOD HE WILL CORRECT US. IF WE ARE ONLY REBELS WE WILL DWELL IN A DRY LAND. GOD KNOWS HOW TO DEAL WITH HIS OWN. LEADERSHIP IS NOT GIVEN BY GOD TO HAVE THE FINAL SAY ON WHETHER SOMEONE HEARD FROM GOD OR NOT. TRUE LEADERSHIP IS TO BE AN EXAMPLE OF SOMEONE WHO HEARS FROM GOD AND DOES WHAT HE SAYS.

ONCE WE HAVE HEARD THE CALL OF GOD TO COME INTO THE HOLY PLACE , AND HAVE REPENTED, HE WILL LEAD US TO THE DOOR OF THE TABERNACLE. WE FIND THERE A VEIL HELD UP BY FIVE PILLARS. IN EXODUS GOD TOLD MOSES THAT HE WOULD SPEAK TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL FROM THE DOOR OF THE TABERNACLE. THE FIVE PILLARS REPRESENT THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY GIFTS THAT ARE STATIONED TO CALL, WITH THE VOICE OF GOD, INTO THE OUTER COURT. THIS CALL OF GOD EVEN THOUGH VARIED SHOULD RESONATE WITH ONE OVERRIDING THEME : COME IN DEEPER TO GOD, MOVE TOWARD MATURITY, LEAVE THE OUTER COURT AND COME INTO THE HOLY PLACE. THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTER MUST REALIZE THAT HE IS CALLING PEOPLE TO STEP BEYOND HIM INTO THE PRIESTHOOD OF THE HOLY PLACE. THE PILLARS ARE NOT THE END, BUT THE BEGINNING. PUT BY GOD ALONG THE ROAD TO CONSUMMATION. SO MANY TIMES PILLARS PUT OUT THEIR HANDS TO THOSE TRYING TO PASS AND SAY," YOU CAN'T GO ANY FARTHER THAN ME. YOUR PLACE IS TO SUBMIT TO ME AND LEARN. ONE OF THESE DAYS MAYBE YOU CAN BECOME A PILLAR." THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTER HAS A GIFT FROM GOD TO BE USED IN THE WAY GOD HAS ORDAINED, BUT THE MINISTER HIMSELF MUST ALSO GO BEYOND THE DOOR OF THE TABERNACLE INTO A PRIESTLY MINISTRY. WE MAY NOT ALL BE CALLED INTO A FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY, BUT WE ARE ALL CALLED INTO THE PRIESTLY MINISTRY OF THE HOLY PLACE.

SIGNPOST....A NEW WAY OF SEEING; SEVEN-FOLD LIGHT OF THE LAMPSTAND

ONCE YOU ENTER THE HOLY PLACE ALL NATURAL LIGHT CEASES. THE ONLY LIGHT COMES FROM A SEVEN BRANCHED LAMPSTAND (MENORAH). IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME FOR YOUR EYES TO ADJUST TO A COMPLETELY NEW WAY OF SEEING. AS THE LAMPSTAND COMES INTO FOCUS, EACH BRANCH REPRESENTS ONE OF THE ASPECTS OF THE SEVEN-FOLD SPIRIT OF GOD. IN THE ELEVENTH CHAPTER OF ISAIAH THESE SEVEN ASPECTS OF THE ONE SPIRIT ARE NAMED: **THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD (YAHVEH), WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING, COUNCIL, MIGHT, KNOWLEDGE, FEAR OF THE LORD.** AT THE TOP OF EACH BRANCH A LAMP BURNS PRODUCING LIGHT. IF WE COMBINE THE SPIRIT OF EACH BRANCH WITH THE LIGHT IT PRODUCES WE WILL BEGIN TO SEE BY THE SPIRIT. OUR JOURNEY INTO CONSUMMATION CAN NOW CONTINUE.

EACH BRANCH WITH IT'S BURNING LAMP IS A SIGNPOST. FIRST WE WILL LIST ALL SEVEN AND THEN LOOK AT EACH ONE IN DETAIL.

EACH BRANCH IS SHOWN WITH IT'S LAMP OR LIGHT DIRECTLY ABOVE IT:

REPENTANCE TO REVELATION OBEDIENCE YESHUA
CHARACTER COVENANT ORDER
SOVEREIGNTY

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WISDOM UNDERSTANDING COUNCIL LORD MIGHT
KNOWLEDGE FEAR

SIGNPOST.... THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM; REPENTANCE TO SOVEREIGNTY

WHEN WE HAVE THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM OPERATING IN US WE ARE ABLE TO SEE THINGS FROM GOD'S PERSPECTIVE. THE LIGHT OF WISDOM IS REPENTANCE FROM WHAT WE ARE DOING, INTO WHAT GOD IS DOING. THIS MAY SOUND SIMPLE, BUT IT IS AT THE HEART OF CONSUMMATION. BY STEPPING INTO THE HOLY PLACE WE HAVE PASSED THE REALM OF MAN INITIATED, MAN CONTROLLED, MAN ACCOMPLISHED WORKS FOR GOD. THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD BEGINS TO SHINE IN OUR SOULS. OUR PRAYER CHANGES FROM; WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU LORD? TO, LET ME BE A PART OF WHAT YOUR DOING. GOD'S WORKS HAVE BEEN FINISHED FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD. BEFORE THIS AGE OF MAN, GOD HAD ALREADY PLANNED WHAT HE WOULD DO, HOW HE WOULD DO IT, AND WHEN HE WOULD FINISH. SINCE CREATION HE HAS BEEN BRINGING TO PASS WHAT HE PLANNED. GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY KNOWING THAT WHAT HE HAD BEGUN HE WAS ABLE TO FINISH. WE ARE CALLED TO CEASE FROM OUR OWN LABOR AND ENTER GOD'S REST. LET US BE DILIGENT TO ENTER THAT REST.

IN THE HOLY PLACE WE NO LONGER HAVE A VISION FROM GOD THAT WE MUST BRING TO PASS, BUT GOD WILL OPEN HEAVEN AND SHOW US A PART OF HIS VISION. THE OPEN DOOR INTO HEAVEN IS A LOOK INTO GOD'S ETERNAL PLAN. WHEN HE SHOWS US A PART OF THAT PLAN WE IMMEDIATELY GIVE IT ALL BACK TO HIM. WE DON'T WANT TO PUT OUR HANDS TO THE ARK. INSTEAD WE SEEK TO STAND IN THE PLACE HE GIVES, READY TO BE OBEDIENT, SO WE CAN PARTICIPATE IN WHAT HE HAS DETERMINED TO DO. OUR CONFIDENCE IS IN GOD'S ABILITY TO BRING TO PASS WHAT HE HAS PURPOSED.

WE DON'T SEEK POWER SO WE CAN GO WITNESS FOR GOD, BUT POWER TO BE WITNESSES OF WHAT GOD IS DOING. THIS IS CONSUMMATION POWER, TO PUT NO CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH.(EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AGE, POSITION, MONEY, BIRTH, ECT.)

WE MUST BE BAPTIZED INTO REPENTANCE. ALL WE WERE BROUGHT DOWN INTO DEATH. EVEN IF OUR LIVES HAVE BEEN DEDICATED TO THE LORD FOR MANY YEARS, THE TIME HAS COME TO LEAVE THE FAMILIAR AND MOVE ON INTO THE END OF ALL THINGS. YESHUA HIMSELF FACED A DAY WHEN THE LIFE HE HAD BEEN LIVING FOR THIRTY YEARS HAD TO CHANGE. HE CAME TO THE RIVER, WAS BAPTIZED IN REPENTANCE , AND BEGAN THE JOURNEY THAT WAS TO CONSUMMATE HIS LIFE.

SIGNPOST.... THE SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING; REVELATION

WISDOM HAS LEAD US TO SOVEREIGNTY. THE REALM WHERE THE ONE GOD IS BRINGING TO PASS HIS ONE PURPOSE. WE HAVE FORSAKEN ALL OUR PLANS, KNOWING THAT THEY PRODUCE NOTHING BUT EMPTY, SELF EXALTING RIPPLES, ON THE PROPHETIC SEA OF GOD'S PURPOSE. ONLY GOD CAN SEE THE BIG PICTURE. WE ARE ONLY A PART OF WHAT HE IS DOING. THE SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING TEACHES US THAT TO PARTICIPATE IN GOD'S GREAT PURPOSE, WE MUST STAND UNDER HIM. TO UNDERSTAND MEANS; TO STAND UNDER THE PROCESSION OF REVELATION THAT MOMENT BY MOMENT FLOWS OUT FROM GOD. LEARNING TO LIVE BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD. NOT HAVING TO KNOW THE BEGINNING AND THE END OF EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE, BUT TRUSTING IN GOD'S ABILITY TO WEAVE THE PATTERN OF WHICH WE ARE ONLY A STRAND.

WHILE MEN ARE BUSY PLANNING AND DOING, THEY ARE MISSING BEING FULLY THE PART GOD MADE FOR THEM TO BE. NO AMOUNT OF HUMAN LABOR CAN EQUAL THE HEARING EAR, THAT IS LISTENING FOR EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM GOD. YESHUA SAID, "MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS ARE THESE WHO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND DO IT." HE ALSO SAID, "MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE, AND I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME." REVELATION IS HEARING GOD SPEAK. AS INDIVIDUALS WE MUST HEAR GOD FOR OURSELVES. HE HAS A PROCESSION THAT HE WILL ALLOW US TO JOIN. A PROCESSION THAT IS CONSUMMATING ALL WHO ABANDON THEMSELVES TO THE LIVING WORD OF THE ONE SHEPHERD YESHUA.

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE REIGN OF KING DAVID HE HAD A DESIRE TO BRING UP THE ARK OF GOD TO THE CITY OF JERUSALEM. THE FIRST TRY OF PUTTING THE ARK ON A NEW CART DRIVEN BY TWO MEN ENDED IN FAILURE AND DEATH. AFTER SEEKING THE LORD DAVID FOUND THE PROPER ORDER. THE ARK WAS BORN ON THE SHOULDERS OF PRIESTLY MEN WHO TOOK SIX STEPS, STOPPED AND SACRIFICED. TO WALK WITH GOD TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF HIS GLORY REQUIRES THE SAME ORDER. FIRST COMES THE WORD, THE REVELATION UNFOLDS SIX STEPS, WE ARE PREPARED BY GOD WHO BRINGS OUR LIVES INTO CONSISTENCY WITH THE REVELATION, AND

THEN WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING WE STEP.

THE LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING IS REVELATION. PAUL BOASTED THAT THE GOSPEL HE PREACHED WAS NOT ACCORDING TO MAN. HE SAID, "FOR I NEITHER RECEIVED IT FROM MAN, NOR WAS I TAUGHT IT, BUT IT CAME THROUGH THE REVELATION OF YESHUA THE MESSIAH." IN THE LAST DAYS ONLY THIS KIND OF GOSPEL WILL ENDURE.

SIGNPOST....THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL; OBEDIENCE

THE BEST COUNCIL ONE CAN RECEIVE IN THIS THERAPEUTIC GENERATION IS TO BE OBEDIENT TO THE REVELATION OF GOD. WHAT HE SAYS TO YOU DO IT. TRUE FAITH LEADS TO EXPLOITS. EXPLOITS ARE RADICAL ACTS OF OBEDIENCE TO WORDS FROM GOD. OBEDIENCE IS SPONTANEOUS, IN THE MOMENT, AND FLOWS FROM ACCUMULATED EXPERIENCES WITH GOD. IT IS ONE THING TO SAY THAT GOD IS SPEAKING TODAY, IT IS ANOTHER THING TO ACTUALLY DO WHAT HE SAYS. OBEDIENCE QUALIFIES US TO PARTICIPATE IN GOD. GOD DOESN'T MEASURE PERFECTION BY ANY STANDARD OTHER THAN OUR OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD HE HAS SPOKEN TO US.

OBEDIENCE IS ALSO A LIFESTYLE CONSISTENT TO THE CONTEXT GOD HAS GIVEN IN HIS WORD. WHEN THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL ENTERED THE PROMISED LAND, THEY CAME INTO THE PLACE GOD HAD GIVEN TO REGULATE THE EBB AND FLOW OF THEIR LIVES. AS THEY COOPERATED WITH THE SEASONS GOD CREATED, THEY ENJOYED FRUITFUL HARVESTS.

GOD STILL WORKS IN SEASONS TODAY. THE APOSTLE PAUL CALLED THE PEOPLE OF GOD A CULTIVATED FIELD. THE FATHER IS THE HUSBANDMAN WHO TENDS EACH LIFE SO THAT IT WILL PRODUCE FRUIT. SPIRITUAL FRUIT IS PRODUCED AS WE ALLOW GOD TO WORK IN OUR LIVES AS A FARMER WORKS HIS FIELD. WE MUST FIND AGAIN THE CONTEXT OF GOD THAT REGULATES OUR LIVES IN HIS SEASONS.

THE SEASONS OF GOD ARE CLEARLY REVEALED AND DELINEATED BY THE FEASTS OF THE LORD. ONCE WE UNDERSTAND THE SEASONAL ASPECT OF THE FEASTS WE CAN BEGIN TO BE OBEDIENT TO GOD IN HIS SEASON. WE WILL TAKE A QUICK OVERVIEW TO GET AN IDEA OF THE FEASTS AS A LIFESTYLE OF OBEDIENCE.

THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES [BLOWING OF THE TRUMPETS, DAY OF ATONEMENT, SUCCOTH OR TABERNACLES] IN THE SEVENTH MONTH OF THE HEBREW CALENDAR, IS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR IN GOD.

THE HARVEST OF THE OLD YEAR IS COMPLETED AND NOW GOD TURNS HIS ATTENTION TO PREPARING THE SOIL AND PLANTING FOR NEXT YEAR. IN THE MONTHS THAT FOLLOW WE MUST SEEK GOD FOR THE SEEDS HE WANTS PLANTED FOR THE COMING YEAR. A SEED IS SOMETHING THAT FALLS INTO THE GROUND AND DIES, SO THAT IT CAN PRODUCE IN THE SPRING. THESE ARE MONTHS OF CONSIDERING OUR WAYS AS SPOKEN IN THE PROPHET HAGGAI. A SEASON OF BRINGING BEFORE GOD EVERY AREA OF OUR LIVES TO SEE WHAT NEEDS TO DIE. IT IS IN THIS SEASON THAT THE FORMER RAINS COME. FORMER RAIN, ALSO CAN BE TRANSLATED, TEACHING RAIN. GOD WILL SEND THIS TEACHING RAIN AT THE RIGHT TIME TO HELP BRING CLARITY TO WHAT HE WANTS FROM US IN THIS SEASON.

THE WINTER SEASON BEGINS ON THE FEAST OF DEDICATION, COMMONLY KNOWN AS CHANUKA. THIS TAKES PLACE ON THE 24TH DAY OF THE NINTH MONTH. ACCORDING TO THE HEBREW CALENDAR, ON THAT VERY DAY HAGGAI ASKS THE PROPHETIC QUESTION: IS THE SEED STILL IN THE BARN? WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE BEEN CAREFUL TO SOW ALL THAT GOD HAS ASK FOR IN THE SOWING TIME. THE CROP IS NOW IN THE GROUND, AND WE ENTER THE WINTER SEASON.

WINTER IS A TIME WHERE WHAT WE HAVE SOWED IN THE GROUND DIES. THE CROP WILL NOT APPEAR ABOVE GROUND AGAIN UNTIL SPRING. WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT FORM THE NEW PLANT WILL HAVE, BECAUSE WE HAVE SOWN ONLY A BARE GRAIN. GOD WILL GIVE IT THE BODY OR FORM HE CHOOSES. WINTER IS A TIME THE SAP GOES DOWN INTO THE ROOTS. THERE HIDDEN FROM ALL OUTWARD VIEW, THE ROOTS GROW DEEPER AND STRONGER, READYING THE TREE FOR A GREATER GROWTH AND PRODUCTION IN THE COMING SPRING. DURING THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR GOD IS DEALING WITH US IN ROOT CAUSES AND FOUNDATIONAL ISSUES. THINGS ARE GOING ON IN THE WINTER, THEY ARE JUST NOT VISIBLE. THIS IS A SEASON OF FAITH IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD.

THE FEAST OF PURIM, THE 14TH DAY OF THE MONTH ADAR, ACCORDING TO THE HEBREW CALENDAR, MARKS THE BEGINNING OF SPRING. THE LONG WINTER WILL BEGIN TO GIVE WAY TO A NEWNESS OF LIFE SPRINGING UP WITHIN US. THE SEEDS WE SOWED BEGIN TO SHOW SOMETHING ABOVE GROUND. IT STARTS AS A FEELING IN THE SPIRIT. GOD ALWAYS SURPRISES US WITH WHAT COMES UP FROM OUR PLANTING. THE SAP STARTS CLIMBING UP FROM THE ROOTS AND BUDS OF LIFE FORM IN US. BY THE TIME THE FEAST OF THE PASSOVER ARRIVES THE FIRST FRUITS OF OUR CROP SHOULD APPEAR.

THE FEAST OF PASSOVER IS CELEBRATED ON THE 14TH DAY OF NISAN,

ACCORDING TO THE HEBREW CALENDAR. THE FEAST OF PASSOVER [PASSOVER, UNLEAVENED BREAD AND FIRST FRUITS], IS A HARVEST FEAST. THIS FEAST REMINDS US OF THE REALITY IN GOD OF DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION. THE DEATH OF OUR LORD, PUTTING THE BLOOD ON THE DOOR POST. THE BURIAL, REMOVING ALL THE LEAVEN. THE RESURRECTION, HARVEST TIME.

SUMMER ARRIVES ON THE FEAST OF PENTECOST. PENTECOST IS FIFTY DAYS AFTER PASSOVER. BY NOW WE ARE INTO THE MAIN HARVEST TIME. ALL THE GRAIN HARVEST HAS BEEN REAPED, AND WE CELEBRATE THE NEW BREAD GOD HAS CREATED IN OUR LIVES. THE BREAD OF LIFE IS PRODUCED IN US AS WE COOPERATE WITH GOD IN HIS SEASON. STRENGTHENED ANEW WE CAN GO THROUGH THE REST OF THE HARVEST MONTHS READY TO MANIFEST WHATEVER GOD IS DOING.

DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS THE GRAPE HARVEST IS GATHERED. THE NEW WINE OF THE SPIRIT IS Poured INTO NEW WINESKINS AND ENJOYED. ALSO. THE OLIVE TREES BEAR A NEW CROP FROM WHICH OIL WILL BE PRESSED. THE OIL OF ANOINTING CAN BE Poured UPON OUR HEADS AND MAKE OUR FACES TO SHINE. MANY OTHER FRUITS COME TO MATURITY DURING THIS SEASON. AS WE BRING IN HARVEST AFTER HARVEST WE EXPERIENCE THE PRESENCE OF GOD WORKING IN US BOTH TO WILL AND TO DO HIS GOOD PLEASURE.

WE NOW ARE BACK TO THE FEASTS OF TABERNACLES WHERE THERE IS A CELEBRATION OF THE FULL HARVEST AND THE PROCESS STARTS ONCE AGAIN.

SIGNPOST.....THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD [YAHVEH] ; YESHUA

WE NOW COME TO THE MIDDLE AND MOST IMPORTANT BRANCH. THE SPIRIT OF THIS BRANCH IS CALLED THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD. WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THE TRANSLATORS OF OUR ENGLISH VERSIONS OF THE BIBLE CHOSE NOT TO PROPERLY TRANSLATE THE HEBREW NAME OF GOD, BUT SUBSTITUTED THE TITLE LORD. WHEN MOSES MET GOD IN THE BURNING BUSH HE ASK GOD, "WHAT IS YOUR NAME?" GOD ANSWERED, " I AM THAT I AM TELL THEM I AM SENT YOU." IN THE HEBREW LANGUAGE THE LETTERS YHVH MAKE THE SACRED NAME GIVEN TO MOSES. THESE LETTERS HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN PRONOUNCED AS YAHVEH. MOST PLACES IN OUR BIBLE WHERE WE SEE THE TITLE LORD, THE PROPER NAME YAHVEH SHOULD BE SUBSTITUTED. THERE ARE MANY BAALS TODAY CLAIMING TO BE GOD, BUT THERE IS ONLY THE ONE GOD WHO NAME IS YAHVEH.

THE PEOPLE OF GOD HAVE ALWAYS TENDED TO WORSHIP FALSE GODS ALONG SIDE THE WORSHIP OF THE ONE GOD. THE CANAANITE GOD,

BAAL, MEANS LORD OR MASTER. IN THE DAYS OF ELIJAH, BAAL WORSHIP CAME TO ITS PEAK UNDER THE REIGN OF AHAB. ELIJAH, WHOSE NAME MEANS "YAHVEH IS GOD", WAS SENT TO CHALLENGE THIS FALSE GOD. IN SAMARIA, THE CAPITOL OF THE NORTHERN TRIBES, A GREAT TEMPLE WAS BUILT TO BAAL. THE PEOPLE WHO WERE CALLED TO WORSHIP YAHVEH WENT INTO THE BAAL TEMPLE, LIFTED THEIR HANDS, AND PRAYED O' BAAL (LORD OR MASTER) SAVE US. THEY WERE CALLING ON THE LORD, BUT THEIR LORD WAS BAAL NOT YAHVEH. WE MUST BE SURE WHEN WE LIFT OUR HEATS IN PRAYER TO THE ONE WE CALL LORD THAT THE GOD IN OUR HEART IS YAHVEH AND NOT BAAL.

THE LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT OF THE YAHVEH IS YESHUA. YESHUA IS YAHVEH OUR SALVATION. YESHUA IS THE MESSIAH, THE ONE GOD INCARNATED. HE IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. BRINGING GOD FACE TO FACE WITH MAN.

THE BIBLE TELLS US GOD IS AN OMNIPRESENT, OMNIPOTENT, AND OMNISCIENT SPIRIT. THE GREATEST OF ALL THE COMMANDMENTS ACCORDING TO YESHUA IS "HEAR O ISRAEL YAHVEH OUR GOD YAHVEH IS ONE, AND YOU SHALL LOVE YAHVEH WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALL YOUR MIND, ALL YOUR SOUL, AND ALL YOUR STRENGTH. WE TODAY NEED TO HEAR "THE SHEMA OF ISRAEL." YAHVEH OUR GOD, YAHVEH IS ONE. THE UNFOLDING REVELATION OF HIS NATURE IS ALWAYS ACCOMPANIED BY THE RELEASE OF HIS NAME. THE GOD WHO CALLED ABRAHAM, MET MOSES IN THE BUSH, LEAD JOSHUA INTO THE LAND, MADE THE EARTH QUAKE AT HIS PRESENCE, RAISED ISRAEL TO GLORY DURING THE REIGN OF DAVID AND SOLOMON, JUDGED HIS PEOPLE, CAST THEM OUT OF HIS LAND, SEVENTY YEARS LATER BROUGHT A REMNANT OF THEM BACK AGAIN, THIS SAME GOD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG MEN.

YESHUA PRAYED, "THAT THEY MAY BE ONE, AS YOU AND I ARE ONE." ONLY AS WE HAVE THE REVELATION OF TWO NATURES (HUMANITY AND DEITY) EXISTING IN ONENESS, AS REVEALED BY YESHUA, CAN WE TRULY UNDERSTAND THIS PRAYER. AS A MAN(HUMANITY) HE WAS IN PERFECT OBEDIENCE TO THE FATHER (DEITY) WHO IS THE ONE SPIRIT. HE NOT ONLY BROUGHT SALVATION TO MAN, HE IS THE REVELATION OF SALVATION. YESHUA IS LIVING SALVATION, HUMANITY AND DEITY TOGETHER IN UNITY. AS WE SEE MESSIAH IN THIS LIGHT, SALVATION TAKES ON AN INCREASING GLORY.

YESHUA SAID, " NO ONE KNOWS THE SON EXCEPT THE FATHER. NOR DOES ANYONE KNOW THE FATHER EXCEPT THE SON , AND HE TO WHOM THE SON WILLS TO REVEAL HIM." THE MESSIAH IS THE LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT. ANYTIME WE WANT TO GO DEEPER IN THE SPIRIT WE NEED A DEEPER REVELATION OF SALVATION, WHO IS YESHUA.

SIGNPOST.....THE SPIRIT OF MIGHT; CHARACTER

THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE MEN OF STATURE IN WARFARE ARE CALLED MIGHTY MEN OF VALOR. THE SPIRIT OF MIGHT IS THE ONE SPIRIT PRODUCING VALOR , LOYALTY, AND COURAGE IN THE LIVES OF HIS PRIESTS IN THE HOLY PLACE. THE SPIRIT OF MIGHT SHINES OUT OF OUR LIVES THROUGH CHARACTER. TO BE MIGHTY IN GOD IS NOT SOME POWER TRIP, BUT A LIFE YIELDED TO THE WORKING OF GOD, BUILDING HIS CHARACTER IN US. CHARACTER IS COSTLY. THERE HAS TO BE AN EXCHANGE OF OUR STRENGTH FOR HIS STRENGTH. WE MUST BE SUBDUED BY GOD. THE HUMANITY OF MESSIAH WAS SUBDUED TO THE POINT THAT HE DID NOTHING HE DID NOT FIRST SEE THE FATHER DOING. ALL INITIATIVE CAME FROM THE SPIRIT, NOT THE FLESH. IN THIS BUSY, GET IT DONE FOR GOD WORLD WE LIVE IN, IT TAKES A GREAT WORK OF GOD UPON OUR CHARACTER TO CEASE FROM OUR OWN WORKS AND ENTER INTO HIS WORK.

MIGHT IS OFTEN CONFUSED WITH DEMONSTRATIONS OF POWER. HEALING, DELIVERANCE, MIRACLES COME SUPERNATURALLY OUT OF THE WILL OF GOD TO DEMONSTRATE HIS ABILITY AND SOVEREIGNTY. MIGHT IS A QUALITY OF SPIRIT SHINING OUT OF A VESSEL PREPARED BY GOD. EVENTS ARE COMING UPON THE WORLD IN THESE LAST DAYS THAT WILL REQUIRE GREAT FAITH AND COURAGE IN ALL WHO HOPE TO PARTICIPATE IN WHAT GOD IS DOING. UNLESS OUR HEARTS ARE AFLAME WITH VALOR, WE WILL SHRINK BACK FROM THE HIGH CALLING . THE BIBLE SAYS IN DANIEL THE PEOPLE WHO KNOW THEIR GOD SHALL BE STRONG AND CARRY OUT GREAT EXPLOITS.

PAUL SAID TO THE CORINTHIANS, "I DETERMINED NOT TO KNOW ANYTHING AMONG YOU EXCEPT MESSIAH AND HIM CRUCIFIED. I WAS WITH YOU IN WEAKNESS, FEAR, AND IN MUCH TREMBLING. AND MY SPEECH AND MY PREACHING WERE NOT WITH PERSUASIVE WORDS OF HUMAN WISDOM, BUT IN DEMONSTRATION OF THE SPIRIT(MIGHT) AND OF POWER." THE APOSTLE HAD A HISTORY WITH GOD IN WHICH CHARACTER WAS FORMED THAT COULD SHINE OUT THE SPIRIT.

TO COME INTO ONENESS WITH GOD IN A BIBLICAL WAY IS TO ALLOW GOD TO SUBDUE, BREAK, AND EXCHANGE OUR LIFE FOR HIS LIFE. OUR HUMANITY IS TO BECOME ONE WITH THE GOD WHO IS IN US BY HIS SPIRIT.

SIGNPOST....THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE; COVENANT

THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE BRINGS US TO RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD WITHIN THE BOUNDS HE HAS ESTABLISHED THROUGH COVENANT. HEBREW KNOWLEDGE IS BASED ON EXPERIENCE THROUGH

RELATIONSHIP. GREEK KNOWLEDGE IS BASED ON THE ABILITY OF THE MIND TO OBTAIN, ANALYZE, AND ORGANIZE FACTS. WHEN GOD SAYS MY PEOPLE PERISH FOR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE, HE MEANS THERE IS NO INTIMACY WITH GOD. WE CAN KNOW ALL ABOUT GOD, IN A GREEK WAY, AND STILL PERISH.

FROM THE BEGINNING GOD HAS MADE HIMSELF KNOWN TO MAN THROUGH COVENANT. THESE SACRED AGREEMENTS FORM A FOUNDATION OF KNOWLEDGE THAT BRING US TO TRUE EXPERIENCE WITH YAHVEH GOD. IN THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH THE LORD SAYS, "STAND IN THE WAYS AND SEE, AND ASK FOR THE ANCIENT PATHS, WHERE THE GOOD WAY IS, AND WALK IN IT; THEN YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS." THE JOURNEY INTO COVENANT LIFE IS A JOURNEY DOWN THE ANCIENT PATH. WE MUST TRAVEL THIS PATH IN ORDER TO FIND OUR HERITAGE. AS WE COME INTO OUR INHERITANCE OR HERITAGE WE FIND OUR IDENTITY. WITH THAT IDENTITY WE CAN FIND OUR PLACE IN GOD'S KINGDOM ON THE EARTH.

THROUGH MESSIAH WE FIRST COME INTO WHAT THE BIBLE CALLS THE NEW COVENANT. THIS AGREEMENT WAS SEALED WITH THE BLOOD OF YESHUA HIMSELF. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COVENANT PROMISE, " I WILL PUT MY LAWS IN THEIR MIND AND WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. NONE OF THEM SHALL TEACH HIS BROTHER SAYING, 'KNOW THE LORD,' FOR ALL SHALL KNOW ME, FROM THE LEAST OF THEM TO THE GREATEST OF THEM. FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE." THIS COVENANT OPENS THE DOOR TO THE ANCIENT PATH.

TO MAKE THE JOURNEY INTO THE COVENANTS WE MUST HAVE THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD. THE APOSTOLIC WRITING OF THE NEW COVENANT INTRODUCE US TO THE FOUNDATION WHICH IS YESHUA THE MESSIAH. FIRMLY PLANTED IN HIM WE CAN GO BACK INTO THE PROPHETS, THE WRITINGS, AND THE TORAH. ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF THIS AGE. AS WE GO, WE EXPERIENCE THE GLORY OF MOVING FROM THE BRANCH OF THE TREE TO THE ROOT.

AS WE MEET THE GOD OF COVENANT ALONG THIS ANCIENT PATH, WE ARE BROUGHT NEAR TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE ISRAEL OF GOD. NO LONGER ARE WE ESTRANGED FROM THE NATIONAL LIFE OF THAT ISRAEL. NO LONGER ARE WE STRANGERS TO THE COVENANTS THAT EMBODY GOD'S PROMISE.

IN OUR MODERN WORLD THE TEMPTATION TO BE "RELEVANT" OFTEN LEADS US INTO COMPROMISE. WE ADOPT MODERN CULTURAL TRENDS SO WE CAN APPEAR TO BE ON THE CUTTING EDGE. TO MAKE OUR

RELIGION MORE ATTRACTIVE TO MODERN MAN WE FORSAKE THE ANCIENT PATH. THE CONSUMMATION OF GOD IS MUCH MORE A RETURN TO THE FIRST THINGS THAN A HEAD LONG RUSH INTO MODERNITY.

SIGNPOST....THE SPIRIT OF THE FEAR OF YAHVEH; ORDER

WE HAVE NOW COME TO THE LAST BRANCH OF THE SEVEN FOLD LIGHT OF GOD. HERE WE COME TO EXPERIENCE, AS IT SAYS IN THE PSALMS, "THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS CLEAN." THE LIGHT OF THIS BRANCH IS ORDER.

TO FEAR THE LORD IS MUCH MORE THAN TO HAVE A REVERENCE OR RESPECT FOR HIM. REVELATION OF THE ONE GOD OF ISRAEL BRINGS BOTH WONDER AND TERROR. THE GOD OF THE OLD COVENANT IS THE GOD THAT INCARNATED IN HUMANITY. HIS TESTIMONY IS CONSISTENT. HE IS THE GOD OF LOVE AND THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL. ONLY AS WE ALLOW HIM TO BE ALL THAT HE IS WILL WE COME TO TRULY KNOW HIM. THROUGH HIS LOVE AND MERCY WE BECOME HIS CHILDREN. AS CHILDREN WE ARE ASSURED OF HIS LOVE. AS WE GROW IN RELATIONSHIP WE BECOME ESTABLISHED IN HIS LOVE. THE BATTLE OF CONDEMNATION IS WON AND WE STAND FULLY IN OUR PLACE AS SONS. SONSHIP IS THE STARTING PLACE IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. TO KNOW THE HOLY ONE WHO IS THE KING IS TO KNOW THE FEAR OF THE LORD. HE IS THE GOD WHO DWELLS IN UNAPPROACHABLE LIGHT. ISAIAH BEGAN TO COME APART WHEN HE BEHELD HIS GLORY. LATER ISAIAH ASKED, "WHO CAN DWELL WITH THE CONTINUAL BURNING?" THE BOOK OF HEBREWS SAYS, "OUR GOD IS A CONSUMING FIRE." THE APOSTLE JOHN SAW THE LORD YESHUA IN HIS GLORY AND FELL AT HIS FEET AS A DEAD MAN. THROUGH THE FEAR OF THE LORD WE BECOME THE BOND SERVANTS OF THE LORD. EVERY APOSTLE, IN THE NEW COVENANT WRITINGS, REFER TO THEMSELVES AS BOND SERVANTS OF THE LORD. A BOND SERVANT HAS OF HIS OWN WILL RENOUNCED ALL HIS PERSONAL FREEDOM. HIS LIFE IS RULED BY ANOTHER. HIS LIFESTYLE COMES UNDER THE COMMANDS OF HIS MASTER. HE IS ORDERED ARIGHT, IN LINE WITH THE PURPOSES OF GOD.

IN THE BOOK OF GENESIS JACOB WAS A MAN WHO KNEW THE FEAR OF THE LORD. IN THE STORY OF JACOB, WHERE HE AND LABAN MAKE A COVENANT, LABAN SWORE BY THE GOD OF ABRAHAM AND NAHOR, JACOB SWORE BY THE FEAR OR DREAD OF HIS FATHER ISAAC. AT THIS POINT IN JACOB'S LIFE, HE HAS BEEN THROUGH MANY DEALINGS AND ENCOUNTERS WITH HIS GOD. ALSO, ISAAC SURELY TOLD JACOB THE STORY OF BEING LAID ON THE ALTAR WITH THE KNIFE OF ABRAHAM POISED TO KILL HIM. THE GOD ISAAC KNEW WAS DREADFUL, BUT ALSO MERCIFUL.

AT THE END OF THE AGE, GOD WILL RAISE UP DREAD CHAMPIONS. THESE BOND SERVANTS WILL BE FILLED WITH RESOLUTION, RIGHTEOUS, AND HOLY PASSION. THEY WILL KNOW YESHUA WHO IS KING, THE LION OF JUDAH, THE ALPHA AND OMEGA WHO IS COMING THIS TIME TO RULE THE NATIONS WITH A ROD OF IRON.

IN THE HOLY PLACE THE PRIEST WAS TO TEND THE LAMPSTAND DAILY. IN LEVITICUS AARON THE HIGH PRIEST IS COMMANDED TO ORDER OR ARRANGE THE LAMPS SO THAT THEY WOULD SHINE OVER IN FRONT OF THE LAMPSTAND. YESHUA SAID," LET YOUR LIGHT(LAMPSTAND) SHINE BEFORE MEN SO THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN." TO SHINE FORTH GOD'S LIGHT WE NEED TO EXPERIENCE THE WORK OF THE LAMPSTAND IN OUR LIVES. WHEN FINALLY THE SEVENFOLD LIGHT OF THE HOLY PLACE SHINES IN US, GOD WILL ORDER THE LIGHT TO SHINE OVER ON THE TABLE OF SHEWBREAD. THIS TABLE IS A REVELATION OF THE CONSUMMATED KINGDOM OF GOD IN THE EARTH. DISPLAYED ARE TWELVE LOAVES IN TWO ROWS . THIS IS A PICTURE OF THE ISRAEL OF GOD.

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