

WORD AT WORK

Kingly Character of Christ X

Dear Friend:

The church stands at the door of explosive revelatory growth in the fullness of Christ. Revelation 22:11 is fully governing growth in the Spirit, *"He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."* Fullness of evil demands fullness of Christ! The Lord is calling us to grow into the character of the Kingly Christ with all nine fruit.

Fruit number six of the Priestly Christ is goodness. The corresponding fruit number six of the Kingly Christ pictures Jesus with a robe dipped in blood from terminating people who refuse His standard and defile the creation.

By choice in themes preached, we have insulated the church from the judicial character of Christ as He progressively intervenes in nations that once served Him faithfully. Sin brings divine intervention as the creation cries for relief from the mounting weight of man's defiling behaviors. Creation groans from the weight of wickedness.

Jesus only appears in a robe dipped in blood when His goodness is rejected for lifestyles that show an abject denial of the Biblical truth and moral standard. The Jesus of Revelation restores a lost fear of the Lord that is foundational for the harvest. First it comes to the church and then to the world.

When Jesus returns, He comes as King of Kings to judge all flesh. His love dictates that man be fully knowledgeable of God's judgment and consequently utterly without excuse for rejecting biblical truth and morality. The judgment of God will be well known in the days ahead. How will we represent Jesus the Judge to a rebellious culture?

The Lord is offering to train us. Will we accept and move forward in the preparation process?

Yours in Him,

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

Scripture: Revelation 19:13, John 12:48

Revelation 19:13 says, *“He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.”* The love of God undergirds the Word of God which sets forth a standard demanding justice for those who threaten the harvest. When individuals like Herod take actions that divert or destroy God's purpose, the church must act. Divine intervention is usually approved. The Jesus of Revelation intervenes to slay evil-doers with His word. In John 12:48, Jesus said, *“He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.”* The Jesus of Revelation is wearing a robe that is dipped in blood from intervening in our affairs. He executes judicial action by the Word of God which is His very name. That picture of the Savior is one we must embrace to participate with Him in executing justice! The Jesus who intervenes is a prayer away!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Scripture: Genesis 6:5-7

Genesis 6:5-7 gives us the foundation for the Jesus whose robe is dipped in blood. It says, *“Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the LORD said, ‘I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.’”* At the point when men's actions were only evil continually, God responded to the cry of creation for relief. Sowing and reaping is justice in action. Sowing to the flesh destroys the flesh. Do we see God's judicial hand in action? Nations need relief from politicians whose actions are evil continually. Prayer moves God to intervene! A Christian who cannot move God's hand to intervene needs remedial Bible 101 training!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

Scripture: Genesis 7:17-24

Genesis 7:17-24 states, *“Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered. And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died. So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive. And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.”* It is possible to grieve God to the point that He takes decisive action! This is the God who is the same yesterday, today and forever and does not change. Because we find Jesus in a robe dipped in blood, it is essential to understand what moves Him into action. Revelation presents two interventions which diminish earth's population by fifty percent! We are entering an era of mega-judgment.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Scripture: Genesis 38:6,7

When it comes to navigating the end-times, what standard, when violated, moves God to terminate? In the process of identifying instances where man's actions provoke God to terminate, there are some surprises. Genesis 38:6,7 outlines one, *"Then Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. But Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD killed him."* All we know from this passage is that Judah's first born was wicked in God's sight. Do we work with people whose behaviors are considered wicked? If so, we may be working with someone who God will terminate. Are we responsible to warn the wicked of their potential termination? What responsibility do we bear toward those whose behaviors can bring termination? Do we love them enough to warn them?

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Scripture: Genesis 38:8-10

Genesis 38:8-10 states, *"And Judah said to Onan, 'Go in to your brother's wife and marry her, and raise up an heir to your brother.' But Onan knew that the heir would not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in to his brother's wife, that he emitted on the ground, lest he should give an heir to his brother. And the thing which he did displeased the LORD; therefore He killed him also."* Does God so seek a family that He is willing to terminate those who refuse to give Him the family He wants? I certainly do not think of God in those terms and yet, this passage shows God's termination of an individual whose actions do not seem to rise to a level of ultimate punishment. It is obvious that God has a different standard than most of us. When it comes to issues of sexuality and personal responsibility, God's standard is far different from the one we have culturally. These are the passages that make it difficult to pastor deviant lifestyles!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

Scripture: Exodus 1:15-22, 12:29

Exodus 12:29 seems almost cruel because it says, *"And it came to pass at midnight that the LORD struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of livestock."* In one moment, God killed all of the firstborn in the land of Egypt. And yet, in the context of Exodus 1, we understand why. Biblical judgment over the shedding of innocent blood rises to the level of wickedness that brings termination. That brings us to the application of this concept to our present-day politicians and how we vote. Do we accrue innocent blood by voting for those who champion abortion? If we do, we open the door to our own biblical liability. Representative democracy means we are responsible for the choices of those we elect. The God of the Bible in the last days terminates millions at a time. We want to make sure that when it comes to the balance sheet of heaven, we have not contributed to personal or national destruction.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

Scripture: Exodus 32:1-10, 25-28

In Exodus 32, we find the sin of the golden calf and Moses making intercession to save the nation. But with further study, we discover that the perpetrators had to be terminated in order for the nation to be saved. Verses 25-28 state, *"Now when Moses saw that the people were unrestrained for Aaron had not restrained them, to their shame among their enemies, then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, 'Whoever is on the LORD's side—come to me!' And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him. And he said to them, 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Let every man put his sword on his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.''" So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And about three thousand men of the people fell that day."* It is this passage that should form the foundation of every ordination. To understand what it means to wear the Holy anointing oil of God is to be willing to execute His justice. Praying termination is one of the last things we ever expect to have to do. And yet, when wearing the Holy anointing oil, if we do not warn our own family members of the fruit of their actions, we may find that one day, we will wish we had. The Holy Spirit witnesses when danger approaches. Following the Spirit preserves the harvest.

The Jesus who terminates is not presented on most Sunday mornings in America. Consequently, the Jesus we are looking at here is nearly unknown in today's American church. Where He is *unknown* in this dimension, there is no fear of God in the land. Where He is *known* in this dimension, there is a healthy fear of the Lord.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Scripture: Numbers 13: 21,22, 27-33, 14:36-38

Moses sent two leaders from each tribe to spy out the land. Joshua and Caleb brought back a good report. The other ten believed the giants were more than they could handle. Numbers 14:36-38 records God's response when it says, *"Now the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned and made all the congregation complain against him by bringing a bad report of the land, those very men who brought the evil report about the land, died by the plague before the LORD. But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive, of the men who went to spy out the land."* God terminated the ten men who brought back a report saying they could not go into the land. What does that say concerning destiny? Whenever we say no to God's ordained destiny because it involves more risk than we assess prudent to take, we potentially qualify to forfeit our call. The ten forfeited their assignment. Joshua and Caleb fulfilled theirs but had to wait for a generation to die off. On what are we waiting?

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

Scripture: Numbers 33:1-4

Numbers 33:1-4 records a glimpse into the freedom that the Israelites gained when God terminated the firstborn and when judgment came for what had been done 80 years prior. It says, *"These are the journeys of the children of Israel, who went out of the land of Egypt by their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron. Now Moses wrote down the starting points of their journeys at the command of the LORD. And these are their journeys according to their starting points: They departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the day after the Passover the children of Israel went out **with boldness in the sight of all the Egyptians**. For the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, whom the LORD had killed among them. Also on their gods the LORD had executed judgments."* Boldness is a very distinctive issue for the last days. In the book of Acts, the Sanhedrin was said to have noticed the boldness of Peter and John and ascribed it to the fact that they had been with Jesus. Acts 4:13 is a very pregnant statement about what happens when we spend time with Jesus. Peter and John knew the God who terminates. In the very next chapter, Peter demonstrated the God who terminates. Boldness has its roots in knowing the God who terminates. Unless we get to know Him, we will not walk in the boldness necessary for the last days.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

Scripture: Joshua 10:9-13

Joshua 10:11 states, *"And it happened, as they fled before Israel and were on the descent of Beth Horon, that the LORD cast down large hailstones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There were more who died from the hailstones than the children of Israel killed with the sword."* Joshua was told not to make any covenants with the people of the land. The Gibeonites, through deception, deceived Joshua and the elders into making a covenant. When the Gibeonites were attacked by the Amorites they sent a message to Joshua demanding that Israel live up to its covenant duty. The interesting part was God's response. Verse 12,13 says, *"Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel: 'Sun, stand still over Gibeon; And Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon.' So the sun stood still, And the moon stopped, Till the people had revenge Upon their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day."* Covenant vengeance was executed by the people with God's help in behalf of a culture they were not supposed to be in covenant with at all. The astounding part of this passage is how seriously God takes covenant. Because He was in covenant with Israel, He was in covenant to protect the Gibeonites, even though He had told Joshua not to make a covenant with them. God terminated the Amorites in order to fulfill His covenant obligation to Israel, even in Israel's disobedience. This should give us hope for our own nation today!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Scripture: 1 Samuel 2:22-25

In 1 Samuel 2:22-25, we are told, *“Now Eli was very old; and he heard everything his sons did to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. So he said to them, ‘Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all the people. No, my sons! For it is not a good report that I hear. You make the LORD’s people transgress. If one man sins against another, God will judge him. But if a man sins against the LORD, who will intercede for him?’ Nevertheless they did not heed the voice of their father, because the LORD desired to kill them.”* When we look at Eli’s sons, we discover sin in the Priesthood that rises to the level of qualifying for termination. Eli’s sons used to take what they wanted financially and sexually. As a result, God terminated them. Is it possible that we are in such a season today that God is getting serious with the church and terminating leaders who refuse to live according to His standard, judgment begins first at the church, then moves to the world?

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Scripture: 1 Samuel 6:19

Eli and his sons were so bad that, under their Priesthood, the ark of God was taken captive by the Philistines. 1 Samuel 6:19 says, *“Then He struck the men of Beth Shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD. He struck fifty thousand and seventy men of the people, and the people lamented because the LORD had struck the people with a great slaughter.”* God killed 50,070 men because they *looked* into the ark of God. Is it possible that God's holiness rises to a different standard than our seeker-sensitive minds understand? When it comes to political correctness, God is not there. We need to know why God terminates in order to navigate the end-times. The Philistines found out they had no part with the ark. Are there Philistines in our nations? Are there Philistines who believe they are going to take over our nation? If God did not hesitate to drop 50,070 people in a moment, He can certainly drop that many Philistine terrorists today. If for example, their mosques are committed to the shedding of innocent blood, then let God shed their blood first!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

Scripture: 2 Samuel 6:6-9

David knew the power of God to bless and protect. The fear of God came on David as a result of God's termination of one of his mighty men who breached the holiness of God as the army was attempting to move the Ark. They failed to obey the prescribed order. It took David a number of months to study Scripture and find out exactly how to conduct himself when moving the Ark. King David lived with the fear of God because he understood God's holiness. If we are going to walk with the Lord in the last days, we need to understand His holiness.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 10:13,14

1 Chronicles 10:13,14 states, *“Saul died because he was unfaithful to the LORD; he did not keep the word of the LORD and even consulted a medium for guidance, and did not inquire of the LORD. So the LORD put him to death and turned the kingdom over to David son of Jesse.”* We are explicitly told why the Lord terminated Saul. It was for unfaithfulness, it was for consulting mediums and it was because he did not inquire of the Lord but moved in presumption. Usually I do not think presumption qualifies for termination. But in Saul's case it was one of the contributing factors. It is important to study the different examples of termination in Scripture so that we know why God moves against man and what fills a cup of iniquity that ends a life. Saul is quite a study in that progressive process. The little foxes contribute to spoiling the vine!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Scripture: Numbers 16:1-3, 8-11, 15

Numbers 16:1-3 says, *“Korah son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and certain Reubenites—Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth—became insolent and rose up against Moses. With them were 250 Israelite men, well-known community leaders who had been appointed members of the council. They came as a group to oppose Moses and Aaron and said to them, ‘You have gone too far! The whole community is holy, every one of them, and the LORD is with them. Why then do you set yourselves above the LORD’s assembly?’”* One of the most important events in the life of Moses appears in Numbers 16 where his leadership is challenged. Those who challenge that leadership have a motive of selfish ambition according to verse 10. Moses finds himself challenged by men who want his position and are willing to do whatever necessary to move him out of the way. In the corporate world we would say that Moses was being bought out. Only they did not want to pay for it, they just wanted to move him out. Because, according to verse 15, Moses had walked in integrity and therefore earned a position that enabled him to ask God to terminate – to covenantally intervene in his behalf. Verse 15 says, *“Then Moses became very angry and said to the LORD, ‘Do not accept their offering. I have not taken so much as a donkey from them, nor have I wronged any of them.’”* Moses had not taken, he had not hurt and he had not abused his position of leadership. Verses 10-11 state, *“He has brought you and all your fellow Levites near himself, but now you are trying to get the priesthood too. It is against the LORD that you and all your followers have banded together. Who is Aaron that you should grumble against him?”* It is obvious that everyone that was standing against Moses wanted his position. We need to understand that the calling of God is without repentance. Often God calls people who are flawed to do supernatural and sovereign things. We may find ourselves much more qualified than the individual who God called. And our job may be a support role. If it is, we need to confine ourselves to being quite happy with that support role. Because in the process, everything that is accomplished gets attributed to our account equally because we did what God called us to do in support. Aborting God's gifting and calling is a terminal offense and needs to be understood as such in today's world.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

Scripture: Numbers 16:15,19-35

Korah, Dathan, Abiram and 250 leaders stood against Moses. Because Moses had walked in integrity and had not abused his position, he was able to pray a termination prayer and God heard him! God answered Moses in verses 29-34. *“‘If these men die naturally like all men, or if they are visited by the common fate of all men, then the LORD has not sent me. But if the LORD creates a new thing, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the pit, then you will understand that these men have rejected the LORD.’ Now it came to pass, as he finished speaking all these words, that the ground split apart under them, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the men with Korah, with all their goods. So they and all those with them went down alive into the pit; the earth closed over them, and they perished from among the assembly. Then all Israel who were around them fled at their cry, for they said, ‘Lest the earth swallow us up also!’”* This anointing is needed in political palaces today where leaders who have aligned with evil should be halted in their efforts to destroy what God loves.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

Scripture: Isaiah 55:12-15, 2 Samuel 15:12, 17:1-3, 23

In Isaiah 55:12-15, David's destiny, along with his nation, is threatened by Absalom and Ahithophel as a result of the conspiracy that grows strong against him. He prays that God will intervene and restore him to the fullness of his calling. 2 Samuel 15:12 says, *“Then Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David’s counselor, from his city—from Giloh—while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy grew strong, for the people with Absalom continually increased in number.”* As David fled from Jerusalem, he began to pray concerning Ahithophel because he knew if Absalom heeded the council of Ahithophel, it would be over and David would die. 2 Samuel 17:1-3 reveals the bitterness of Ahithophel when it says, *“Moreover Ahithophel said to Absalom, ‘Now let me choose twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue David tonight. I will come upon him while he is weary and weak, and make him afraid. And all the people who are with him will flee, and I will strike only the king. Then I will bring back all the people to you. When all return except the*

man whom you seek, all the people will be at peace.” Ahithophel was committed to the death of David. The bitterness he carried resulted from the defilement of his granddaughter. Ahithophel’s son was Eliam, and Eliam’s daughter was Bathsheba. Not only did David destroy Bathsheba’s family, he brought shame on every family member – something apparently Ahithophel could not forgive. David repented and God forgave him. Ahithophel through bitterness threatened David’s destiny. David prayed a termination prayer in Psalm 55:17. When Ahithophel’s council was not heeded, we are told in I Samuel 17:23, *“Now when Ahithophel saw that his advice was not followed, he saddled a donkey, and arose and went home to his house, to his city. Then he put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died; and he was buried in his father’s tomb.”* David got what he prayed for. This incident, perhaps more than any other in the life of David, reveals the strength of the covenant of Sure Mercy. David had it, he stood on it and God terminated his enemy to save his destiny. The same God gives us the same covenant. It is time we acted on it! Termination is available for all those threatening the destiny of our nation. Remember to seek the council of the Lord and the guidance of the Holy Spirit and let those prayers fully reflect the heart of the Lord for the harvest!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Scripture: Isaiah 37:21,36

Isaiah 37 gives us another example of the destiny of a nation being threatened by an evil ruler. King Hezekiah prays concerning Sennacherib, the King of Assyria. His prayer for salvation was heard and termination was instituted. Isaiah 37:21 says, *“Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD God of Israel, “Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, this is the word which the LORD has spoken concerning him:...”’”* Hezekiah prayed a termination prayer against Sennacherib and his plans for destruction of the nation of Israel. The fruit of that termination prayer brought the hand of God. Verse 36 records the first manifestation, *“Then the angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead.”* Where are the termination prayers of the church for the evil, destructive leaders that desire the decimation and destruction of our nation’s destiny? The Bible clearly shows that when destiny is threatened, the church rises to pray termination prayers against that enemy and the hand of God moves to terminate those people. This is biblical covenant that *has not changed*. Biblical justice is as valid in the New Testament as it is in the Old. When are we going to begin to think like David? When will we think like Hezekiah? When will we think like Peter? When will we think like Paul? When destiny is threatened, you implore the covenant-keeping God to destroy the enemy and remove them so that destiny can be achieved.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Scripture: Jeremiah 20:1-6

The prophets were often given uncomfortable assignments that aroused enemies that wanted their destruction. Jeremiah was just such a prophet and he found himself with high-profile enemies. Jeremiah 20:1-6 describes just such a season where a man named Pashhur, the son of a priest who was chief governor in the house of the Lord, heard what Jeremiah prophesied. And Pashhur struck Jeremiah and put him in stocks. And Jeremiah then had to prophesy against Pashhur. He prophesied termination. Verses 4-6 state, *“For thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, I will make you a terror to yourself and to all your friends; and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and your eyes shall see it. I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive to Babylon and slay them with the sword. Moreover I will deliver all the wealth of this city, all its produce, and all its precious things; all the treasures of the kings of Judah I will give into the hand of their enemies, who will plunder them, seize them, and carry them to Babylon. And you, Pashhur, and all who dwell in your house, shall go into captivity. You shall go to Babylon, and there you shall die, and be buried there, you and all your friends, to whom you have prophesied lies.”* God’s Word is a challenge and when challenging circumstances arise, we have no choice but to speak the Word of the Lord. Jeremiah prophesied destruction and termination on Pashhur. And destruction and termination came on Pashhur and all his house. Jesus the Judge has not changed. He still operates in the New Testament book of Revelation just like He did in the Old Testament. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. But can we represent Jesus the Judge? Do we think in terms of bringing the judicial hand of God on those who are destroying the church? Jeremiah had to choose compromise or obedience. We have the same choice!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

Scripture: Jeremiah 28:15-17

In Jeremiah 28:15-17, we find the end of a whole chapter of conflict with another prophet named Hananiah. In verses two and three Hananiah prophesies, “...*Thus speaks the Lord of Hosts the God of Israel, saying: ‘I have broken the yoke of the Kind of Babylon’*” The prophet Jeremiah tells Israel they have to submit to Nebuchadnezzar, and if they do not, it will be much worse for them. Finally the conflict reaches the termination stage. Has our conflict with wicked political leaders reached the termination stage? What do we do when politicians decide to support and condone homosexuality in the military? Does that bring us to the termination prayer stage? If it does not, I do not know what will. Verses 15-17 state, “*Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, ‘Hear now, Hananiah, the LORD has not sent you, but you make this people trust in a lie. Therefore thus says the LORD: “Behold, I will cast you from the face of the earth. This year you shall die, because you have taught rebellion against the LORD.”’*” So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.” Jeremiah prophesied termination over Hananiah and in the seventh month, termination came. Jesus is a Savior and He is also a terminator. He terminates those who would destroy His harvest field. Many think this is *just* the Old Testament, but is it? Is Jesus not the God of the New Testament as well as the Old? Was he not the one who answered the prayers of the Old Testament prophets? Will he answer ours?

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

Scripture: Acts 2:44-47, 4:32, 5:1-11

In both Acts 2 and Acts 4, Jesus had worked to deliver the church from the spirit of mammon. Because in the persecution of Stephen they were all to be scattered to many cities and many nations and they were all going to start churches. If Jesus did not terminate Ananias and Sapphira, mixed seed and the spirit of mammon would have been reintroduced to the early church and scattered throughout the earth. Consequently, termination takes place in Acts 5:1-11 and it is Jesus who is doing it. It wasn't the devil who killed Ananias and Sapphira, it was the Lord. And He did it for a very specific reason – He could not afford to have all the infant-seed churches that were about to be scattered throughout the earth to go with mixed seed. So He acted, and He acted decisively. The God of termination again steps in whenever destiny is threatened. This pattern is continuing to grow. We would be wise to heed it and understand that when our destinies are threatened, the God who terminates will hear our prayers.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Scripture: Acts 12:1-5

Herod threatened the destiny of the church. He killed James. He put Peter in jail, and because the destiny of the new church was threatened, they began to pray. They asked for divine intervention. An angel was sent to bring Peter out of prison, but that was not the only accomplishment, that was not the only intervention the angel had to execute. The next intervention was perhaps the most important. We are told in verses 21-23, “*So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. And the people kept shouting, ‘The voice of a god and not of a man!’ Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.*” The church prayed. An angel was dispatched to bring Peter out of jail and an angel was dispatched to terminate Herod. When the destiny of the early church was threatened, God heard their prayers to terminate. Is the destiny of our nation threatened? If it is, where are our prayers to terminate? Every individual involved in threatening the destiny of the church or our harvest field deserves the full measure of God's termination. Anything less allows the enemy to steal our harvest field. Will the church continue to give up its harvest field because it refuses to get to know the Jesus who terminates?

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:18-20, 2 Timothy 4:14-15

In 1 Timothy 1 Paul was dealing with a man who had become a real enemy. His name was Alexander the Coppersmith, and he delivered him to satan for the destruction of his flesh so that his spirit would be saved in the day of the Lord. A significant amount of time passed between the writing of 1 Timothy and the writing of 2 Timothy. Five years

passed between the penning of the two letters. In that five years there was no turning in the life of Alexander. So Alexander had not turned but grown worse. Finally Paul prayed this, *“Alexander the Coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works. You must also beware of him, for he has greatly resisted our words.”* Paul prayed a judicial prayer concerning Alexander the Coppersmith five years later. This became a protracted battle for the Apostle Paul. Affliction did not change Alexander: Paul invoked covenant justice. That is a Biblical judicial prayer, *“Bring on him what he has brought on me!”* Paul and Barnabus went to Jerusalem probably to pray judicially over Herod. What Herod did to James, God did to Herod. When Paul and Barnabus fulfilled their ministry, after Herod was dead they were released to go back to Antioch. We are beginning to understand what God expects from us as the church. Believers are the ones charged with walking out His will. We are ones facing opposition. Why are we enabling the enemy by consistently turning the other cheek and praying for them and extending their life of destruction? Paul prayed eternal justice on Alexander! The New Testament presents compelling evidence that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever! He has not changed! The same God who answered Hezekiah’s prayer, David’s prayer, Peter’s prayer, Paul’s prayer and the early church’s prayers will answer ours. Those who refuse to get out of the way and continue to attempt to steal destiny will face the ultimate Terminator. It is time we ask for the Terminator to visit politicians!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

Scripture: Revelation 5:5-10, Revelation 6:7-8

In Revelation 5:5-10 we discover that the Jesus who is the Lamb in the Gospels, has now become the Lion in the book of Revelation. The church has never transitioned from the Lamb to the Lion. We act like the lamb, turning the other cheek and praying for our enemies. Jesus in Revelation is the Lion, and the Lion of the tribe of Judah prevails by opening the book and loosing the seven seals. Now within the context of the Christ rising as a lion, we have in verses 8 and 9 the specific prominence of the prayers of the saints. Verses 8 and 9 say, *“Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood, Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,...’”* It appears that the opening of the seals are in answer to the prayers of the saints. Before the book of Revelation was ever written, Jesus was answering the prayers of the early church to terminate Herod. The book of Revelation continues what we see in Acts and gives us a theology for the end of the age. That theology proclaims that God answers prayer and that He terminates whenever our harvest field is threatened. In Revelation 5 not only did He redeem us in verse 9, but verse 10 says, *“And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”* The Greek word for kings is the noun **bas-il-yooce**. The word for ‘reign’ in ‘we shall reign on the earth’ is the verb **bas-il-yoo-o**. The church must demonstrate kingly authority by praying the justice of Christ in the earth. We are to execute it with our prayers. This is the inescapable picture of verse 10. Not only did Jesus make us ‘kings and priests’ but we have the job of exercising that Kingly judicial authority by calling Christ to intervene in our behalf and to terminate those who resist His plans. Are we hearing? The book of Revelation completely authenticates the interventions we see in the book of Acts, which says God will do them through the end of the age. The same Jesus who dispensed an angel to remove Herod has promised to dispense angels to remove what threatens His harvest field today. How could we have missed this? The clarity of it from Genesis to Revelation is astonishingly consistent. The Covenant-keeping God answers prayer and will terminate the resistance when our destiny is threatened *if we ask*. Are we asking?

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Scripture: Revelation 6:7-8

Revelation 6:7-8 says, *“When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, ‘Come and see.’ So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.”* Note this progression of evidence: 1. Jesus opens all the seals, 2. The prayers of the saints precede the opening of the seals, 3. He has made us kings and Priests, 4. Our job is to demonstrate the action of kingly authority in the earth, 5. In the very next chapter we see Jesus terminating one fourth of the population of the

earth because they will not bow but continue hindering the harvest, 6. Jesus is willing to kill one fourth of the population of the earth as the ultimate Terminator who removes hindrances to an end-time harvest.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Scripture: Revelation 9:13-21

As the sixth trumpet unfolds, more judgment is released. Verse 18 says, *"By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths."* Three chapters after destroying one fourth of the earth's population the Lord intervenes again this time destroying a third of the population. In Revelation chapters 6 and 9 we read that exactly one half of earth's population is destroyed. 25% is judged in chapter six, leaving 75%: one-third of the 75% remaining is terminated in chapter 9, leaving 50%. Within 3 chapters we have exactly one-half of earth's population terminated. If that were to begin today, we would see the loss of three and one-half billion people. How much of a harvest field do we get? How much hindrance is there to that harvest? Why does the Lord terminate in such large measure? Verses 20 and 21 give us the answer. The ones terminated refused to repent! The thought that people can watch the loss of one fourth of earth's population and still not choose to repent is stunning. They will see another third taken and still refuse to repent. The end-times are full of divine judgment resulting from God's intervention and man's refusal to repent. Preparing the church to walk in the last days dictates that we teach every believer how to walk with the God who terminates and how to bring Him on the scene. Anything less does not prepare the church for what is ahead.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

Scripture: Romans 1:20,21

If we were to ask ourselves, "What in the New Testament qualifies for termination?", our answer appear in Romans 1. There is a seven-step slide to termination that a culture or a country can qualify for as outlined in Romans 1. The first major violation is in verse 21, *"...because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God,..."* A good example of knowing God but refusing to glorify Him as God is the 1972 Supreme Court decision removing prayer from our public schools. The consistent secularizing of a nation when its roots are founded in God will eventually cause God to terminate that land. It may well be that nations are in the balance scale of God's judgment right now and how they respond in coming afflictions will determine whether or not they can stay as a sovereign nation. We may well be there in many of today's democracies. The second realm of Romans 1:21 is, *"...nor were thankful,..."* We have so bowed to secularism that we no longer tolerate displays of Christianity in the public square, like manger scenes. The changing of the times, or the changing of holidays, is one of the major signs of the rise of an antichrist spirit in the last days. Daniel 7:25 says of the antichrist, *"He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law."* Changing the times means changing the holidays. We have an antichrist spirit who is intent on changing holidays – completely eradicating the celebration of Christ's birth while bringing forth antichrist celebrations like Ramadan. Romans 1 makes it clear that those who forbid Christmas are worthy of death.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

Scripture: Romans 1:21

The third thing that qualifies is, *"...became futile in their thoughts..."* Becoming futile in our thoughts is an example of removing the Ten Commandments from all of our school walls while leaving it etched on our Supreme Court building. Number four says, *"...their foolish hearts were darkened."* Having our foolish hearts darkened is like opening up to the issue of abortion and continuing to sacrifice innocent blood. There is perhaps no greater prohibition in Scripture than against the display of shedding innocent blood in the land. It often brings an irretrievable, terminating response from God; as well it should. According to Romans 1, those who practice such things will face termination. I trust we are not participating in their sin by voting for them.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29
Scripture: Romans 1:21,22

We are told in Romans 1:22, “...*Professing to be wise, they became fools...*” Secular humanism is perhaps the greatest example of becoming fools. It has become the foundation of situational ethics in much of our educational system. Secular humanism is a religion that dominates the media and the educational elite, and it is antichrist to the core. There is perhaps no greater place we need to see termination than behind the lecterns and administrative offices of our colleges, universities and classrooms. May the God who terminates arise and purify the educational elite!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30
Scripture: Romans 1:23, Leviticus 17:7-9

Romans 1:23 says, “...*and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.*” When we go back to Leviticus 17, we discover how God feels about the issue of nature-worship. Nature-worship is manifested in environmental protection laws where we set nature above man. That process is a demonstration of the worship of nature. Leviticus 17:7-9 says, “*They shall no more offer their sacrifices to demons, after whom they have played the harlot. This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations. Also you shall say to them: ‘Whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice, and does not bring it to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, to offer it to the LORD, that man shall be cut off from among his people.’*” Nature-worship is sacrifice to demons. Judges have recently given the water that sustains the food and fortunes of the Californian San Joaquin Valley to an endangered worthless fish that nobody eats. We have National Fish & Game with an agenda to destroy all oil drilling and production in the state of Texas because of the endangered and worthless sand dunes lizard. It is obvious that we have nature-worshippers that deserve termination! Perhaps some of the greatest abominations today have resulted in setting animals and nature above man by law. It is destroying our harvest field and deserves the full terminating power of heaven.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31
Scripture: Romans 1:25-32

The seventh and final thing that deserves the full terminating power of the Throne-Room is called homosexuality and lesbianism. Romans 1 speaks of how God gave them over to a reprobate mind! They were filled with every form of evil. They became haters of God, violent, proud boasters, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful. And knowing the righteous judgment of God that those who practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them. Romans 1 makes it clear that those who practice or promote homosexuality and lesbianism deserve the full measure of termination from the Throne-Room. Anything less destroys our harvest field. Has the church been so infected by liberalism that it can’t hear the truth of the Word? Perhaps this *Word at Work* is a good test. The God of the New Testament is a terminator. And when our destiny or harvest field is threatened, we have a right to demand His intervention. He covenantally obligates Himself to visit. May you reach the fullness of your destiny and may your harvest be bountiful!

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