

# WORD AT WORK

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### TUESDAY, JULY 1

Scripture: Matthew 24:29-31, John 10:10

John 10:10 says, *“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”* About seventy years ago, the thief came to America’s seminaries and he highlighted all the Scriptures in the Gospels concerning the Second Coming of Christ. The enemy separated Jesus the Savior from Jesus the Judge by saying that all judgment was relegated to after the Second Coming. The problem is, that nothing could be further from the truth. When Jesus walked on the earth, He was both Savior and Judge, as illustrated by His cleaning house in the Temple. In the book of Acts, He was both Savior and Judge. In the book of Revelation, He is both Savior and Judge. And yet, in our Bible schools and seminaries, Jesus the Savior and Jesus the Judge were separated theologically. They were separated with the declaration by man that all judgment would wait until the Second Coming. This man-made doctrine has no biblical foundation. Nothing is further from the truth. Reintegrating the Judicial Christ with the Saving Christ may well lead us to the greatest harvest of nations we have ever seen! What was stolen through our Bible schools and seminaries is being restored by Revelation and God is confirming the Word with signs and wonders. Isn’t it interesting to contemplate that the greatest signs and wonders in the days ahead may well be Judicial manifestations of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords? I believe that behind those manifestations will be the greatest flood of salvations the earth has ever seen. It may be a different way to think, but it was not unusual 100 years ago. 100 years ago, in Mordecai Ham’s day, the assault had not yet been made on our seminaries and Bible schools. They believed Jesus the Savior and Jesus the Judge to be one and the same. They did not labor under the weight of a divided Christ. This unbiblical theology has afflicted the church for the last 70 years. Let us restore Jesus to the fullness of Who He really is – both Savior and Judge. Knowing Jesus the Judge will make life a whole lot better in the days ahead.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

Scripture: Acts 13:44,45

Acts 13:44,45 says, *“On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul.”* Paul realized a lifelong dream when a whole region came together to hear the Gospel. In the process of the whole city coming together to hear the Gospel, the Jewish leaders were filled with envy and immediately began to contradict, blaspheme and oppose everything that Paul did. Isn’t it interesting how when the city came together to hear the Gospel, that opposition developed in the church? Just as Jesus was being wounded in the house of His friends, so must we face persecution today. When the Lord moved on a large group of people to come hear the Gospel, persecution developed. Victorious eschatology that takes the cross out is a form of heresy that hurts the church more than it helps. Just as Jesus laid His life down, we must be prepared to lay ours down!

### THURSDAY, JULY 3

Scripture: Acts 13:46-49

Paul and Barnabas were bold and they declared, *“It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. For so the*

*Lord has commanded us: 'I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, That you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.'*" It is interesting that, when the Gentiles heard this, they were really glad. They began to praise God and many of them were saved. The Word of the Lord was being spoken throughout the entire region. Paul and Barnabas were experiencing tremendous success but the Jews still plotted persecution. It is interesting to note Paul and Barnabas' responses to the mounting persecution. We need to learn from biblical patterns so that we can be ready to act biblically.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 4

Scripture: Acts 13:50-52

The Jews came back with a second round of persecution and they, *"...stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region."* Now today, most believers would likely "turn-the-other-cheek" and pray for their enemy. But that is not what the Holy Spirit led Paul and Barnabas to do. The Holy Spirit led them, in verses 51,52 to pray judicially. And the interesting part of this spiritual pattern is, that after they went judicial, they received a move of the Holy Spirit. Verses 51,52 say, *"But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit."* Paul and Barnabas possessed the blessing of the Lord and the filling of the Holy Spirit while praying judicially. Following their judicial act they moved forward in declaring judgment. It sounds strange to say that, but it is truth. Paul and Barnabas possessed the blessing of the Lord by declaring judgment! Now that is exactly the opposite of what tradition has taught us to do today, because tradition has perverted Scripture in order to make the church passive. Will we continue to be passive or will we possess the blessing of the Lord and the move of the Holy Spirit by imitating Paul and Barnabas? It is time to follow Paul and Barnabas' lead and be prepared to follow the Spirit's direction in prayer – whether it means praying *for* or praying *against*!

#### SATURDAY, JULY 5

Scripture: Isaiah 56:1

Isaiah 56:1 says, *"Thus says the Lord, 'Keep justice, and do righteousness, For My salvation is about to come, And My righteousness to be revealed.'"* There are a fair number of, 'Thus saith the Lords' in Scripture, but this is a altogether important one. The Hebrew word is **shaw-mar** and it is a covenant command like the one of keeping the Sabbath. What it says is to walk in righteousness and keep the paths of justice. Keeping the paths of justice is like guarding the paths of justice or establishing the paths of justice. The way we establish a path of justice is that we pray and create a path of justice over the circumstances we are facing. We create an intervention for God to bring justice in the midst of our situation. We create a path, we open a door, we invite Him in. As a keeper of the path, it is our responsibility to open the door or create an opening for God to demonstrate His justice. We do that by what we pray. That is a responsibility we have. We are agents of God's justice in the earth. Once it settles on us, it completely changes how we think and how we act and definitely how we pray! Create a path of justice to the White House by praying a Psalm 12:1=5. The most merciful person I know was given these verses to create a path for justice to reach the White House. Verses 1-5 state, *"Help, Lord, for the godly man ceases! For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men. They speak idly everyone with his neighbor; With flattering lips and a double heart they speak. May the Lord cut off all flattering lips and the tongue that speaks proud things, Who have said, 'With our tongue we will prevail; Our lips are our own; Who is lord over us?' 'For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, Now I will arise,' says the Lord; 'I will set him in the safety for which he yearns.'"*

#### SUNDAY, JULY 6

Scripture: Genesis 18:16-19

Genesis 18:16-19 says concerning Abraham and the visitation of the angels, *"Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way. And the Lord said, 'Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him,*

*that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.”* The key reason God made a covenant with Abraham was twofold. First, He could trust Abraham that he would teach his children the importance of two issues in their lives and they would embrace those issues. The first issue was that of being righteous in how we live, act, work and think according to God's Word. The second issue was that they would actually do judgment. God could trust Abraham to teach his children how to first, live righteously according to Scripture, and second, to do judgment/justice/**mish-pawt**. **Mish-pawt**, in Hebrew, is the proclamation of a judge. If Abraham and his children would live righteously and do judgment, the Lord would bring to Abraham what He had spoken to him. All of the Abrahamic promises were based on two primary issues, first to live according to the standard of Scripture and second to do judgment and pray a path for justice! Look at the devastation that has come to today's church because our theologians separated Jesus the Savior from Jesus the Judge. Today's church has been taught Jesus will only be Judge when he comes back, in the Second Coming. But that is not Scripture and never has been. The whole purpose of God getting to know Abraham was so his children would learn to live according to Scripture and they would do judgment. Doing judgment means praying the Judge will stand up in our behalf and come on the scene. It means, through prayer, to create a path for Him to enter our circumstances and be the Judge of all the Earth. When we do that, God is happy with Abraham and smiles on us for acting like His kids. The problem is, today's church has not been acting like His kids. Paul and Barnabas knew what it took to gain God's favor! They obeyed, and prayed judgment as the Holy Spirit led. Let us be willing to pray judgment for Kingdom purposes! Pray Psalm 12:1-5!

#### MONDAY, JULY 7

Scripture: Exodus 21:1

Exodus 21:1 is a perfect example of Moses having to delineate the judgments that were a part of Israel's life. Verse 1 says, *“Now these are the judgments which you shall set before them:...”* Abraham said yes to the covenant and because he did, the Jewish people were delivered from bondage. In Exodus 1, it was time for Moses to teach them the judgments that they were going to walk in. The righteousness that made those judgments possible was given directly by God in the previous chapter. This is the pattern – we choose to live according to the righteous standards of Scripture. That qualifies us then to pray the judgments of God.

#### TUESDAY, JULY 8

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17

In Exodus 20:1-17, God comes and He gives the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments form the righteous character of God. If we are willing to embrace the Ten Commandments, then we can walk in all the fullness of the judgments of God. If we live right, we can pray and expect to see the Judge enter and move in our behalf. Are we ready? God is! America needs Jesus the Judge! Jesus the Judge can save our nation!

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

Scripture: Exodus 20:18-20

God always intended that His people operate like Kings and Priests. But when the people saw what the price was, they decided it was just too pricey. The **tsed-aw-kaw** was too expensive. Having to live according to God's righteous standards was more than they could do, so they bargained with Moses. They said in effect, “You go, pay the price to meet with God. Find out what He says, and come back and tell us and we will pay you.” So the clergy/laity system was born out of people who wanted the blessing of being in covenant with God, but wanted someone else to pay the price by living right. That has never worked, from the Israelites to people who try the same thing in our day. It has never worked and never will. If we want the blessing, we have to live according to God's righteous standard. Jesus the Judge is waiting. As we say yes, the Spirit reveals what to pray! We can wait to read tomorrow's headlines or we can with the Holy Spirit pray them into existence! The Lord asked me which I wanted and I am asking you. Do you want to read headlines or with the Spirit create them?

#### THURSDAY, JULY 10

Scripture: Genesis 18:19

Genesis 18:19 is the entire foundation of the Abrahamic Covenant and it says, *“For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.”* God was very specific with Abraham and told him that because he would command his children and his household after him, to keep the way of the Lord to do righteous and judgment, the covenant promises would be his! If they would obey, the Lord would bring on Abraham everything He had promised. All the covenant promises God gave to Abraham were contingent on two foundational issues. Abraham had to first teach his kids to live according to the righteous standards of Scripture. And second teach them that when they need judgments, they must call them forth and the God of Heaven would manifest. That comprised walking with God covenantally. Live according to His standards and doing His judgments. Doing His judgments meant calling them forth, declaring and decreeing them. For every violator of God's righteous standards, there was a consequence for the perpetrator. But is that what we teach our children today? Certainly not in school, but that is what God commanded. He said if we were to do that, all His covenant promises would be ours. We can choose to do it individually and we can choose to teach our kids to know right from wrong and to call forth God's Judicial Hand! When God's Hand moves judicially, headlines are made!

#### FRIDAY, JULY 11

Scripture: Psalm 97:10

Psalm 97:10 says, *“You who love the Lord, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.”* Isn't it interesting that loving God also demands hating evil. The degree to which we refuse evil is the degree to which we deliver ourselves out of the hand of the wicked. Are we willing to walk there? For all those who ask, how do we keep **tsed-aw-kaw**? First, we choose to hate evil. Hating evil more than anything else brings the fear of the Lord and helps us refuse evil. It is the foundation of justice.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 12

Scripture: Proverbs 8:13

Proverbs 8:13 says, *“The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.”* As we say yes to hating what God hates, it becomes part of who we are and it becomes easier to walk in the righteousness of God. The Lord knows exactly what we need in order to walk where we should walk. Will we embrace it?

#### SUNDAY, JULY 13

Scripture: Amos 5:15

Amos 5:15 is a classic. It says, *“Hate evil, love good; Establish justice in the gate. It may be that the Lord God of hosts Will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.”* It is possible that we can help to save the remnant of the church or possibly our nation, if we will hate evil, love good and establish/pray for/stand for/believe for/acknowledge and call forth justice in the gate. This applies to the gate of both cities and nations. Any gate we find ourselves in involves a large group of people and is a place we can declare or call for justice. Establishing justice in the gate gives the remnant the opportunity or second chance to find the blessing and salvation of the Lord. Every believer who embraces Amos 5:15 can make a difference in their city, their state or their nation. Will we say yes to God so that we can make a difference?

#### MONDAY, JULY 14

Scripture: Genesis 18:19-25

Verse 25 says, *“Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”* The Hebrew word for

*“do right”* is **mish-pawt**. This is the same Hebrew word translated *“justice”* in verse 19. It is obvious in verses 19-25, that Abraham’s intercession for the city is based on the fact that he cannot envision God giving the righteous the reward of the wicked. God is a God of justice. There is no way that justice dictates the same reward for the righteous as for the wicked. For God to allow the righteous to be caught up in the reward for the wicked is not right. In Abraham’s understanding, it was not justice. Shall not the God of all the earth do right, do justice, do **mish-pawt**? God agrees. That is the amazing thing. Abraham got it right. He understood it and interceded based on the definition of justice. Abraham understood the character of God. He interceded based on it and got Lot and his family delivered. Justice prevailed because Abraham prayed and I suspect it will when we pray it also. Pray justice for those defiling America!

#### TUESDAY, JULY 15

Scripture: Exodus 32:7-10

In Exodus 32:7-10 we are told, *“And the Lord said to Moses, ‘Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves. They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, “This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!”’ And the Lord said to Moses, ‘I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people! Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation.’”* God revealed to Moses that people had sinned. They violated **tsed-aw-kaw** – or righteousness. And God's final note was, *“...let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them...”* and start over with you, Moses. What was God doing? God was alerting Moses to the fact that **tsed-aw-kaw** had been violated. But Israel had a covenant – therefore Moses could go to God and remind Him of the covenant and gain mercy for the violation. The question was, what would Moses do? Did Moses stand on Abraham’s covenant? I suppose that is the question today: what will we do? Will we stand on the Abrahamic covenant that was bought by the blood of Jesus? Will we stand for covenant justice? Will we stand on salvation and do what Moses did? Did Moses obtain forgiveness for the nation, and at what cost? He had to separate the righteous from the wicked. But that was the whole reason that God knew Abraham. Abraham would train his children how to walk with God in what was right. And what is right is that we separate the righteous from the wicked so that the judgment falls on the wicked while sparing the righteous. Abraham learned it and Moses learned it. Will we learn it in order to participate?

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

Scripture: Exodus 32:11-14

Moses learned the lesson of Abraham’s covenant. He pleaded with the Lord in verses 11-15 about mercy. He separated the righteous from the wicked through prayer and reminded God of His covenant promise for the righteous. He demanded that judgment fall only on the perpetrators. Now the question is, did Moses get what he prayed for and did he save the nation?

#### THURSDAY, JULY 17

Scripture: Exodus 32:19-28

3,000 men of the people of Israel fell that day as the Levites executed judgment on every individual caught in sexual sin. Shall not the Judge of all the Earth do right? The Judge of all the Earth did right! As a result of doing right, 3,000 people died, but the rest of the Israelites got to go into the Promised Land. That is how covenant works. God said, ‘Abraham, I will bring on you all of the promises if you will teach your children how to walk in righteousness and do judgment.’ The doing of judgment is the issue of separating the righteous from the wicked. The wicked are the ones who get the judgment – they are the perpetrators. There are perpetrators in America today, and some of them are in government and some are even judges in our courts. Will we learn the lessons of the Abrahamic covenant? Will we learn the lessons that Moses learned? Will we execute Holy Spirit-led justice by creating a path for God to visit the wicked and remove them? It is our job and our assignment. It is biblical and there is no separation between Jesus the Judge and Jesus the Savior. He is the same today as He has always been. It would appear He is waiting for us to learn the lessons Moses learned. Pray a path to the White House and see what God has!

## FRIDAY, JULY 18

Scripture: Deuteronomy 1:12-18

The first thing we learn about **mish-pawt** is that the act of deciding a legal dispute is the foundation for all the 'Thus saith the Lords...' in Scripture. **Mish-pawt** is the act of deciding a legal dispute. It becomes the foundation for all justice/judgment. Because of this, we know it demands total impartiality. God will not tolerate any partiality in judgment. People do not get off just because they are related to the judge. The first thing we have to know is that the judgment is God's. Moses promised to arbitrate any issue too hard for people. It is obvious that God taught Moses how to walk in the paths of judgment. And God is willing to teach us. He wants us to know the act of deciding a legal dispute. He wants us to be able to walk in it. The question is, will we?

## SATURDAY, JULY 19

Scripture: Genesis 22:12-17, Genesis 15:8

Genesis 22:12-17 actually becomes a foundational Scripture on the issue of judgment. It was here that Abraham offered up his only son. Abraham put a demand on God for his son in Genesis 15:8 when he said, *"Lord God, how shall I know that I will inherit it?"* That, *"How shall I know..."* demanded the Blood Covenant. And in Blood Covenant, God had a right to ask Abraham for the very same commitment, *"How shall I know?"* God knew that Abraham was willing to sacrifice his own son. So Genesis 22:12-17 completes the second half of the covenant when it says, *"And He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.' Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, 'In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided.' Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said: 'By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son — blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.'"* In verse 12 God said, *"...now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."* As a result, Abraham could put a demand on God to offer His son. The covenantal result of this interaction in verse 17 says, *"...your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies."* Covenantally, Abraham's obedience bought every single one of us the authority to execute justice in the gate of the enemy. Abraham's covenant ensures us the authority to execute justice in the gate of the enemy. Once we understand that, nothing is impossible! One reason we must keep **tsed-aw-kaw**/righteousness is so that we can, at any given moment, execute justice in the gate of the enemy. Are we ready to execute justice in the gate of the enemy? We certainly should be because Abraham bought it and if we choose to live in righteousness, we are the ones who can finish it. Will the Lord raise up believers in our nations who will execute justice in the gate of power? I suspect He will. I suspect God has already orchestrated the journey — paid for it, planned it and can hardly wait for the operatives to arrive. God wants America saved. Only executing justice in the gate of the enemy will do that. It is time we learned it, time we said yes and time we initiate action. Will we? I trust we will. Executing justice in the gate will become a school for implementation!

## SUNDAY, JULY 20

Scripture: Exodus 4:20-23

In Exodus 4:20-23, we learn one of the first laws of preparation. One of the first laws of preparation is very simple. Exodus 4:20-23 says, *"Then Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the rod of God in his hand. And the Lord said to Moses, 'When you go back to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in your hand. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord: 'Israel is My son, My firstborn. So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn.''"* The first law of preparation is that as we contemplate executing justice in the gate of the enemy, we must make sure we are prepared to stand in the fire we call down. Translation — we go down a checklist and make sure we are actually in **tsed-**

**aw-kaw**, or walking in true righteousness before the Lord. Before we can execute **mish-pawt** we must be standing in complete righteousness. If we are not in **tsed-aw-kaw**, we cannot attempt to execute **mish-pawt**. Moses was going down to execute covenant justice. The question is, was his family in covenant? Was his family obedient? Or was there an issue that he had not yet resolved concerning covenant for his very own family? The answer to that is yes, and it is outlined in the succeeding verses.

#### MONDAY, JULY 21

Scripture: Exodus 4:24-26

Verses 24-26 say, *"And it came to pass on the way, at the encampment, that the Lord met him and sought to kill him. Then Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast it at Moses' feet, and said, 'Surely you are a husband of blood to me!' So He let him go. Then she said, 'You are a husband of blood!'—because of the circumcision."* Verse 24 is enough to make anyone take a second look. Why would God go confront his very own agent of justice and seek to kill him? Why would God kill His very own chosen messenger? Moses was sent to execute covenant justice and he was disobedient and not walking in covenant himself. God did not seek to kill him because of his kids so much as because of Zipporah. To Zipporah, the tradition of circumcision was an unnecessary bloody act that she did not agree with. But she did not institute the covenant, God did. And because Moses had not been willing to reconcile that issue, his children were in danger of dying in Egypt. That would have brought terrible reproach to God. Therefore the Lord confronted him over a **tsed-aw-kaw** issue. And Moses himself had to prepare to stand in the fire he was going to call down. So Moses had, out of neglect, violated the very first law of executing covenant justice. He could not stand in the fire so God met him to force obedience.

#### TUESDAY, JULY 22

Scripture: Exodus 5:1,2

Exodus 5:1,2 says, *"Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.' And Pharaoh said, 'Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go.'"* Isn't it interesting that we have the very same issue today that is outlined in Exodus 5:1,2 that Moses and Aaron faced? We have leaders that do not know the Lord. They do not know the Lord, despite the fact that most have likely had Jesus the Savior preached to them for decades. Nevertheless, they do not know the Lord and they do not know the God of justice. Because they do not know the God of justice/judgment, there is no motivation for them to obey or do His Word. There will not be motivation until believers can demonstrate the judgment of God. Until the day that men and women can demonstrate the judgment of God, there will be zero motivation for leaders to obey the Lord. How long will we allow our officials to walk around with zero motivation to obey? Every day that believers do not execute justice is one more day that evildoers get a free pass in the earth. Surely we can understand that only the judgment of God will move some individuals toward a motivation for salvation. It is up to us to execute it. God has been ready for a very long time. The question is, what will we do? The Spirit knows and has the action plan!

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

Scripture: Exodus 6:1-7

Exodus 6:1-7 says, *"Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh. For with a strong hand he will let them go, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land.' And God spoke to Moses and said to him: 'I am the Lord. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name **Lord I was not known to them**. I have also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers. And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant. Therefore say to the children of Israel: '**I am the Lord; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.**'"* Moses

had the responsibility of introducing the Lord to his own people in a different form. In many ways, we have the same issue with our generation. Everyone knows Jesus the Savior, but few know Jesus the Judge. In Moses' time, the Jews knew God, the pre-existent One, but they did not know Elohim, the God that rules and judges. Moses got to introduce Jehovah, the Lord, to people that only knew El Shaddai, the provider. Moses presented an amazing introduction. The magicians mocked initially. Then, they were introduced to Jehovah the Judge. We are in almost an identical moment, now in the church. The majority of the church knows Jesus the Savior. But few know Jesus the Judge because He has been separated from us. God did not do it – it was the tradition of man. But its source was an assault of the enemy. Are we willing to introduce believers to Jesus the Judge? Are we willing to take that stand and fight that battle? We have an almost identical situation to the one Moses faced. Our contemporaries know the Savior, but they do not know the Judge. Are we ready to prove that God is Judge of all the Earth today? Will the Lord back us up? He will if we do it at **His direction**, but He won't if we do it on our own. That means we have to be in His purpose and in His time. Let's make sure that we are! Our faith added to God's purpose moves God's Hand! Watch for it!

#### THURSDAY, JULY 24

Scripture: Exodus 7:14-18

In Exodus 7:14-18 we are told, *"So the Lord said to Moses: 'Pharaoh's heart is hard; he refuses to let the people go. Go to Pharaoh in the morning, when he goes out to the water, and you shall stand by the river's bank to meet him; and the rod which was turned to a serpent you shall take in your hand. And you shall say to him, 'The Lord God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, 'Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness'; but indeed, until now you would not hear! Thus says the Lord: 'By this you shall know that I am the Lord. Behold, I will strike the waters which are in the river with the rod that is in my hand, and they shall be turned to blood. And the fish that are in the river shall die, the river shall stink, and the Egyptians will loathe to drink the water of the river.'"* Moses had to go and do something very unusual. He had to present a *'Thus saith the Lord...'* and execute a **mish-pawt**. Does God have one for us today? I believe He does. Does He have one for all the rebellious judges in America? I believe He does. Does he have one for our nation's rebellious leaders? I believe He does! Jesus has a judgment for all rebellious leaders today. But will we pray it and bring it forth as directed by the Holy Spirit? That is our emerging assignment. Are we willing?

#### FRIDAY, JULY 25

Scripture: Exodus 8:1,2

Exodus 8:1,2 states, *"And the Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord: 'Let My people go, that they may serve Me. But if you refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all your territory with frogs.'"* Ever since the issue of the dueling rods that the magicians released against Moses, the enemy was determined to show that he could bring forth judgment every bit as much as Moses. And God allowed the enemy to match Moses for several rounds. But then, God ended it. In Exodus 8:1,2, Moses was still in that place. He brought forth God's judgment and waited to see if Pharaoh's magicians could duplicate it. But he knew that Pharaoh would get very tired of frogs. Are we ready for this battle with our leaders? We had better get there because it is part of our walk toward victory.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 26

Scripture: Exodus 8:6,7

In Exodus 8:6,7, Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt and the frogs came up. Immediately the magicians did the same thing. With enchantments they brought frogs on the land of Egypt. So then, there was a double portion of frogs in the land. So far it looks as if there is little difference between the judgment of God and what the magicians could produce. But Moses and Aaron knew how God worked and they knew that it would not last long. But Moses and Aaron had to be willing to endure it for a season, just as we must be prepared to fight the same battle. Are we willing to endure the same for a season? Counterfeit signs and wonders are promised for the last days!



## SUNDAY, JULY 27

Scripture: Exodus 8:20-23

In Exodus 8:20-23, we are told, *“And the Lord said to Moses, ‘Rise early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh as he comes out to the water. Then say to him, “Thus says the Lord: ‘Let My people go, that they may serve Me. Or else, if you will not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants, on your people and into your houses. The houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. And in that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, in which My people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there, in order that you may know that I am the Lord in the midst of the land. I will make a difference between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall be.’””* Finally, in verses 20-23, God made a distinction between Egypt and Goshen. Then the magicians could not duplicate what Moses and Aaron declared God would do. They crossed over into a whole new depth and dimension of judgment. Is there a season where God will differentiate between the righteous and the wicked? Is there a season where He will differentiate between Christianity and Islam, Buddha the ‘new age’ and occult? The Bible makes it very clear that there is such a season and I believe we are actually in it! Are we ready to demonstrate Jesus as Judge? Are we ready to face off with counterfeits?

## MONDAY, JULY 28

Scripture: Exodus 9:1-7

Exodus 9:1-7 says, *“Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Go in to Pharaoh and tell him, “Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews: ‘Let My people go, that they may serve Me. For if you refuse to let them go, and still hold them, behold, the hand of the Lord will be on your cattle in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the oxen, and on the sheep—a very severe pestilence. And the Lord will make a difference between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt. So nothing shall die of all that belongs to the children of Israel.’”* Then the Lord appointed a set time, saying, *‘Tomorrow the Lord will do this thing in the land.’ All the livestock of Egypt died; but of the livestock of the children of Israel, not one died. Then Pharaoh sent, and indeed, not even one of the livestock of the Israelites was dead. But the heart of Pharaoh became hard, and he did not let the people go.”* The demonstration of God's judgment on the livestock was classic. It was very, very clear who was under judgment and who was not. It was very clear who was righteous and who was not. God made it clear and made a statement by the judgments. God made a statement about who moved His Hand to judgment and who did not. Moses and Aaron moved the Hand of the Lord to judgment. No one else's attempts worked. It was made abundantly clear to Pharaoh who spoke for God and who did not. Can we expect that in the days ahead? I believe we can! But are we preparing to go there? If not, we need to start! Treasonous magicians still exist!

## TUESDAY, JULY 29

Scripture: 1 Samuel 7:7-13

1 Samuel 7:7-13 says, *“Now when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel had gathered together at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard of it, they were afraid of the Philistines. So the children of Israel said to Samuel, ‘Do not cease to cry out to the Lord our God for us, that He may save us from the hand of the Philistines.’ And Samuel took a suckling lamb and offered it as a whole burnt offering to the Lord. Then Samuel cried out to the Lord for Israel, and the Lord answered him. Now as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel. But the Lord thundered with a loud thunder upon the Philistines that day, and so confused them that they were overcome before Israel. And the men of Israel went out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, and drove them back as far as below Beth Car. Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen, and called its name Ebenezer, saying, ‘Thus far the Lord has helped us.’ **So the Philistines were subdued, and they did not come anymore into the territory of Israel. And the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.**”* In 1 Samuel 7 we see the children of Israel asking Samuel to continually cry out for them. A pattern of subjection had developed under Eli. A pattern of subjection has engulfed much of the church. The church is nicer than God! Because of violations of **tsed-aw-kaw** by Eli and his sons, Israel could not stand. And the difference between Samuel and Eli was that Samuel said yes to the **tsed-aw-kaw** of God. Samuel lived according to Scripture. Samuel walked in righteousness. And one major difference we see between Samuel and Eli was that all the

days of Samuel, the Hand of the Lord moved against the Philistines. Once again, by contract, we can vividly see that those who obey God's Word are responsible for executing His judgments. Without obeying His Word, we cannot hope to execute His judgments. Obeying His Word requires us to walk through a fire that burns away elements of self. And I suspect the privilege of executing His judgments requires a level of **tsed-aw-kaw** that can only be gained by consistently walking in purity, maturity and God-confidence. Are we walking in that level of purity? Are each one of our steps evidence of that maturity? And are we secure in representing Jesus? In the days ahead, moving God's Hand will require us to walk in this place. Will we walk in this place so we can execute His judgments? Restoring the church is the first goal.

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

Scripture: Exodus 9:13-19

Exodus 9:13-19 states, *"Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Rise early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews: 'Let My people go, that they may serve Me, for at this time I will send all My plagues to your very heart, and on your servants and on your people, that you may know that there is none like Me in all the earth. Now if I had stretched out My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, then you would have been cut off from the earth. But indeed for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth. As yet you exalt yourself against My people in that you will not let them go. Behold, tomorrow about this time I will cause very heavy hail to rain down, such as has not been in Egypt since its founding until now. Therefore send now and gather your livestock and all that you have in the field, for the hail shall come down on every man and every animal which is found in the field and is not brought home; and they shall die.'""* It is interesting that Moses gave a warning to Pharaoh. The warning was that tremendous hail was coming, and it was hail that would kill man and beast. He cautioned Pharaoh that if he wanted to save any livestock, he had better get them in out of the weather. He warned Pharaoh that he had a simple choice and if he left his livestock out, he would lose them. God made it very clear and left the choice up to Pharaoh. He could heed God's warning or disregard it. How often does God do that today? How often does He tell us what is coming and leave it up to us to act accordingly? Where is the fear of the Lord? Is it in the earth or is it not? It is coming by judgments!

#### THURSDAY, JULY 31

Scripture: Exodus 9:20,21

Exodus 9:20,21 says, *"He who feared the word of the Lord among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his livestock flee to the houses. But he who did not regard the word of the Lord left his servants and his livestock in the field."* Everyone who feared God obeyed the word – even in Pharaoh's house. The ones who did saved their servants, their livestock and their lives. Everyone who disregarded the word faced death and destruction. Are we coming to such a season? We have certainly seen it before throughout history. Prophetic words like this were given just prior to the Russian Revolution. Everyone who obeyed got out of Russia, many of which came to the United States. And the ones who came, along with their entire families, were blessed. Many of those who stayed were killed. Does God still give prophetic words today to make a difference? Yes, He does! Are we prepared to speak them and declare them in the days ahead? We will likely, yet once again, see prophetic words that make the difference between life and death emerge! Let's get ready to not only speak it, but to discern it and act upon it! The end-times are here and we are called to represent God!