

WORD AT WORK

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

Scripture: Acts 1:4-7

Acts 1:6,7 state, *“Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, ‘Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?’ And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority/ex-oo-see-ah.”* The government of God resident in authority/**ex-oo-see-ah** has two components that are very important. One is called **Chronos** and the other is called **Kairos**. **Chronos** refers to a set time, as measured by a calendar. **Kairos** is the thumbprint of what God does during that season. The times and seasons refer to two different demonstrations of Godly authority covering the beginning and end (chronos) and what God does in it (kairos). Chronos, or times, has a set beginning and a set ending. Kairos, or seasons, have no set beginning or ending. In Godly government, God can show up to do a very specific task and it lasts as long as God wills and as long as the church can manage to maintain it by staying in righteousness.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

Scripture: Matthew 24:1-9

The disciples wanted to know what the end-times would look like. And Jesus made it very clear – there would be tremendous hostility toward the church along with great tribulation. How much of today’s church is prepared for tremendous hostility, cultural adversity and great tribulation? Have church leaders prepared people for this season? Do we believe that it has already passed? It is interesting that much of the church is either waiting to escape via rapture or believe the tribulation has already passed. But what if neither one of those is true? What if we are starting to see the hostility Jesus prophesied? What if the principle of the former and the latter rain is operational? What if what the early church experienced has come back, but is intensified? What if we are called to birth a new heavens and a new earth? Are we really preparing people for what is ahead? Or do we arrogantly believe that there is an escape route that may really never materialize? How many people are really prepared for a season of persecution? We can all hope that we will be raptured out. But what if God has something else in mind? What if there is a witness that needs to be made to all peoples and all nations? Where will we be if what we believe about the rapture does not really happen?

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

Scripture: Matthew 24:10-24

Matthew 24:10-24 talks about a great thread of deception that is almost supernatural in its scope – one that drastically impacts a large number of people. We have to wonder if that level of deception was not present during the last two elections for president? How many God-fearing church people ended up voting for the most antichrist president in the history of the nation? Deceived Christians elected a president who is responsible for the greatest advance of evil in the history of the nation. Even Russia rebuked America’s promotion of perversion. During Obama’s first election, intense personal admiration crossed into worship for many and the result has been an avalanche of evil. This president’s policies have done more to advance Islam than almost anyone in history. A few years ago, anyone who postulated that America would have gone downhill at the rate we have witnessed, would have been laughed at and

scorned. Yet, we have a generation who have lived it. Suddenly we can see how even the elect can be deceived. Suddenly it is much easier to understand how a Hitler could take over even America. Jesus made it very clear that while deception and lawlessness would explode in the end-times, there would be those who would endure to the end. And that only those that endured would be saved. He also made it clear that the Gospel of the Kingdom would be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations before the end comes. Somehow there is a tremendous witness that has to rise to the nations in the conflict between the Christ and the antichrist. And the conflict between the true representatives of Christ and those who represent the counterfeit christ. The true prophets and the false prophets. A competition of signs and wonders where the outcome will be possible to deceive even the elect. Are we gearing up for this dimension of spiritual warfare? Or do we believe we will escape it?

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

Scripture: Hebrews 13:6-8. Colossians 2:8-10

Hebrews 13:6-8 is one of the strongest statements ever made in the New Testament because it is a ‘triple intensive.’ It takes a whole paragraph in the Amplified Bible just to try to capture the impact of one word in Greek – **eng-kat-al-ee-po**. Jesus said, *“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”* And in order to capture the force of that statement, there are three prefixes added to the Greek root, each one doubling the power of the statement. Verse 8 says, *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever...”* Jesus has not changed! Just as Jesus was a Judge in the Old Testament, Jesus is a Judge in the New Testament. The same Jesus that was present in the judgments of Egypt is present with His church in the last days. If we must prepare for a great end-time conflict, we need to know the Jesus Who was present in Egypt and the anointing that was on Moses. We need to know Who Jesus the Judge is, how He thinks, how He operates and how He acts! Anything less could very well be suicidal in failing to prepare the church for what is ahead. Surely we need to go back and look at some of these principles and pull them out – just in case. What if ‘Rapture Theology’ is a great promise, but slightly off? We all hope we will be raptured. But what if this does not happen on a timeline to escape the terrible tribulation? Doesn’t it make sense to prepare just in case? Colossians 2:8-10 says, *“Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.”* **Play-rom-ah** is the noun translated fullness in verse 9 while **play-ro-oh** is the verb translated complete in verse 10. It says the church is the verb of God’s authority! When it comes to verbing, the church is asleep! God wants His children verbing judgment!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:1-12

When we realize that Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever, and that the same author that wrote Hebrews also wrote 1 Corinthians, we catch a glimpse of how Paul intended to be prepared for what was ahead. His understanding is pretty clear. 1 Corinthians 10:11 says, *“Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.”* What is written in the Old Covenant is preparational for those of us who wind up the age. Paul said that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. If that is true, then it is obvious that our preparation for what is ahead is in what is written in Scripture. Knowing the God Who walked His people out of Egypt is clearly essential for the days ahead. What is it like to walk with Jesus the Judge in a great conflict of ideology? Moses knew! He was not perfect! God still used him. We may be forced to view a repeat of history here. We may have to represent our Christ against the ultimate Islamic antichrist. If that is true, we need to know that what God did for Moses and the Israelites in Egypt, He will do for us. We need to learn the principles so our expectation of deliverance can be the same as Moses.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

Scripture: Exodus 9:13-19

Exodus 9:13-19 says, *“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.””

There came a moment in Egypt where God said, “Devastation and death are coming. If you choose to believe it, you can save your livestock and those who manage them. If you do not believe it, you are going to lose everything.” God released such a season of devastation and destruction. The book of Revelation is full of those seasons. The question is, will we be able to represent the Lord when such a season is needed in the last days? It appears that for Matthew, the church makes a witness to all the nations for the Lord, which is exactly what Moses did. Are we ready to know Jesus the Judge? Can we demonstrate Him? Can we stand in such a season? If not, we had better get to know this part of Who God is.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

Scripture: Exodus 9:19-28, Matthew 24:14

There were those among Pharaoh’s servants who had already gained a fear of the Lord. What transpires at this stage of confrontation is the principle of ‘all versus none’. Verse 22 says, *“Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be hail **in all the land of Egypt**—on man, on beast, and on every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.”* All the land of Egypt experienced hail. Verse 26 says, *“Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, there was **no hail**.”* This will be repeated in the last days. All the land of Egypt – hail. None of the land of the Israelites – hail. All versus none. Unless we are ready for the all versus none, we are not prepared for what is needed in the last days. Concerning the conflict between Christianity and Islam, there is appointed an all versus none, most likely. Will we be ready for it? Matthew 24 makes it very clear – there is no mistaking it. Jesus is the One who said it. Because Jesus said it, we are forced to choose! Some of us will see it. Verse 14 is very clear, *“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”* It appears that once again, there is an all versus none as a witness. Will we be ready? It seems like we should begin to think in those terms. If Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever, then all the things written in the Old Testament are for our instruction to walk out the last days. We need to be prepared in our heart and in our mind for an all versus none. Can we go there?

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

Scripture: Exodus 9:27-29

Verses 27-29 states, *“And Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, ‘I have sinned this time. The Lord is righteous, and my people and I are wicked. Entreat the Lord, that there may be no more mighty thundering and hail, for it is enough. I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer.’ So Moses said to him, ‘As soon as I have gone out of the city, I will spread out my hands to the Lord; the thunder will cease, and there will be no more hail, that you may know that the earth is the Lord’s.”* The stunning courage of Moses appeared in this statement. Moses said, *“As soon as I have gone out of the city, I will spread out my hands to the Lord; the thunder will cease, and there will be no more hail, that you may know that the earth is the Lord’s.”* Moses was not afraid to walk out in the hail – God was with him. Moses knew that if he lifted his hands to heaven and asked God to stop the hail, God would stop it! God was destroying Pharaoh’s nation, but saving Moses’. That is the God we serve! Do we know Him judicially? If we know Him judicially, we get a harvest! If we stand in the gap for our nation, our harvest field is the nation we are standing in the gap for. Moses was taking God’s people safely out. No hail fell in Goshen, but hail was everywhere else in Egypt. When we get to know Jesus the Judge, we are ready to fulfill what Jesus promised in Matthew 24. This gospel of the Kingdom will be preached for a witness in every nation. And guess who the witness is? It is the church who knows this Jesus. Are we ready to be a witness? The greatest season of the church is ahead because, most likely, we will get to witness the

most antichrist people on the planet. It is time we get to know the Judicial Christ, because in knowing Him we will be prepared to walk with Him and finish the age.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Scripture: Revelation 11:3,4

Revelation 11:3,4 states, *“And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.”* Jack Hayford, in his Spirit-filled Bible comments on Revelation 1:5 saying that the two witnesses comprise the church militant in the last days. And it could easily be the Priestly Christ and the Judicial Christ. Are we ready to be an end-time Revelation-type of witness? Moses was. What does it mean to be a Revelation witness? It appears that it means a person who can handle Kingly judgment and Priestly salvation, and the ability to bring forth whichever one is needed as dictated by the Spirit. Whether we move in the Priestly or the Kingly is not our choice – but the Spirit’s. But it is our job to know Him well enough to walk there. I believe this is what it means to prepare the church for the last days. The church must be equally confident representing the Savior as representing the Judge. That would look like Moses in Egypt. Will we say yes to this dimension of walking with the Judicial Christ. It is what the book of Revelation is full of. It seems like this should be our preparation.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Scripture: Revelation 11:5,6

Revelation 11:5,6 is amazing because it says, *“And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.”* What is stunning about this passage is that the witnesses are given the authority to release the judicial plagues of God as they feel they are needed. If God will release this judicial authority to the witnesses, what will He release to us? It is also amazing how those who stand against the witnesses must die. God chooses death by fire. Can we train the church to be prepared for this level of walking with Christ in the last days? Paul believed that because Jesus had not changed, the church needed to be ready to represent Him. And what was written in the Old Testament was indeed, that preparation. If we choose to believe that literally we can either expect two actual, individual witnesses, or we can expect an end-time church, as Jack Hayford believes, that represents the two distinct ministries of Christ as Savior and Judge. Shouldn't we be ready, just in case?

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

Scripture: Exodus 9:30-35

Exodus 9:30-35 says, *“But as for you and your servants, I know that you will not yet fear the Lord God. Now the flax and the barley were struck, for the barley was in the head and the flax was in bud. But the wheat and the spelt were not struck, for they are late crops. So Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh and spread out his hands to the Lord; then the thunder and the hail ceased, and the rain was not poured on the earth. And when Pharaoh saw that the rain, the hail, and the thunder had ceased, he sinned yet more; and he hardened his heart, he and his servants. So the heart of Pharaoh was hard; neither would he let the children of Israel go, as the Lord had spoken by Moses.”* One of the primary purposes of the judgments, in addition to setting the Israelites free, was to release the fear of the Lord in Egypt. At that time, there was little fear of the Lord in Egypt. In that sense, America today is exactly like Egypt – there is no fear of God. And there is persecution of Christians because there is no fear of God. That should tell us that one of the primary jobs of the church is to restore the fear of the Lord. And the way to do that is through releasing the judicial Hand of God. The fear of the Lord has always been a fruit of judgment, from the Old Testament to the New and back again. The fear of the Lord only comes on the heels of manifested judgment. so if we are going to see the fear of the Lord restored to America, then it is likely going to come through judgment. The very thing that was promised by the Holy Spirit is something we need to see now. Will we embrace it? Will we say yes to it? Will we ask God for judgments that restores

the fear of the Lord in our churches, in our businesses and in our nation? Each of these three arenas need manifest judgments that restore the fear of the Lord.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

Scripture: John 16:5-11

John 16:5-11 states, *"But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, **because the ruler of this world is judged.**"* When the Holy Spirit has come, one of His primary assignments is to manifest judgment because verse 11 says *"...the ruler of this world is judged."* If the ruler of this world is judged, then judgments are available to advance the purposes of God. What are the purposes of God? Jesus died for covenant justice. Restoring the fear of the Lord to a culture is essential for a Godly nation. If the ruler of this world is judged, that means judgments are available. And they were available to the early church through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the one that will teach us how to pray and what to ask for. The majority of believers have never been taught the Kingly side of the Holy Spirit. The church, for the most part, has only been taught the Priestly side. And the Priestly side prays for people, but the Kingly side has the assignment of justice, restoring the fear of the Lord and dealing with the wicked. This necessitates praying against the wicked! These assignments are so that we can have salvation and can reap our harvest. We have known that and yet the Holy Spirit was sent for that purpose. How could it be that the Holy Spirit was sent for the purpose of manifesting judgment, and that whole dimension of Who Christ is has been stolen from us? For most Christians, it is not even an option and they do not believe God does that anymore. How far away can we depart from biblical truth when we think, believe and act like God does not judge anymore? The enemy has come to steal truth from the church and because of a lack of knowledge, God's people are perishing. If the ruler of this earth is judged, then judgments are a prayer away. What will we do? **Pray!**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

Scripture: Exodus 10:1-5

Exodus 10:1-5 says, *"Now the Lord said to Moses, 'Go in to Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants, that I may show these signs of Mine before him, and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and your son's son the mighty things I have done in Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them, that you may know that I am the Lord.' So Moses and Aaron came in to Pharaoh and said to him, 'Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews: 'How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go, that they may serve Me. Or else, if you refuse to let My people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your territory. And they shall cover the face of the earth, so that no one will be able to see the earth; and they shall eat the residue of what is left, which remains to you from the hail, and they shall eat every tree which grows up for you out of the field.'"* God was intent on restoring the fear of the Lord. Moses and Aaron had to declare it. The arrogance and the pride of Pharaoh demanded a judgment that would ultimately humble him.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

Scripture: Exodus 10:5-8

Verses 5-8 state, *"And they shall cover the face of the earth, so that no one will be able to see the earth; and they shall eat the residue of what is left, which remains to you from the hail, and they shall eat every tree which grows up for you out of the field. They shall fill your houses, the houses of all your servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians—which neither your fathers nor your fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were on the earth to this day.' And he turned and went out from Pharaoh. Then Pharaoh's servants said to him, 'How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the Lord their God. Do you not yet know that Egypt is destroyed?' So Moses and Aaron were brought again to Pharaoh, and he said to them, 'Go, serve the Lord your God. Who are the ones that are*

going?” Egypt was destroyed. The locusts literally ate what was left. God made it clear to Pharaoh and made it clear to everyone else. Egypt was destroyed – there was nothing left. There had been an absolute baptism in the fear of God. They saw and they understood exactly what God was capable of. God demonstrated it, He had a purpose and the purpose was the freedom of His people. So by covenant, God showed up in their behalf and He judged all the gods of Egypt. What do we know about the exodus? We know that God is a Covenant-Keeper. We know that God answers prayer. We know that because the Israelites cried out, God said, yes, I am here, I will bring you out and I will deliver you. Has our God changed? Our Bible says that He has not changed, that He is the same yesterday, today and forever. The same God who delivered His people in Egypt is the same judicial Christ of today. We have a better covenant based on better promises because John 16:11 says, **“...of judgment because the ruler of this world is judged.”** And by prayer we can see His justice prevail in any situation. Are we prepared for what is ahead? Do we realize that the greatest harvest in the history of mankind and the history of the church is in our future? But what will it take to obtain it? I believe it will take the same judicial Christ that brought the Israelites out of Egypt. That is what we need for the end-time harvest. The question is, will we prepare and get to know Him so that we can represent Him in order to bring in that harvest? Moses and Aaron had to go there. The apostles had to go there. I suspect it is time that we realize that we are going to have to go there. The question is, will we? The ruler of this world is judged! How does believing this change us?

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

Scripture: Exodus 10:16-19

Exodus 10:16-19 says, *“And they shall cover the face of the earth, so that no one will be able to see the earth; and they shall eat the residue of what is left, which remains to you from the hail, and they shall eat every tree which grows up for you out of the field. They shall fill your houses, the houses of all your servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians—which neither your fathers nor your fathers’ fathers have seen, since the day that they were on the earth to this day.”* And he turned and went out from Pharaoh. Then Pharaoh’s servants said to him, *“How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the Lord their God. Do you not yet know that Egypt is destroyed?”* So Moses and Aaron were brought again to Pharaoh, and he said to them, *“Go, serve the Lord your God. Who are the ones that are going?”* Just as Moses declared to Pharaoh, the locusts came. And the locusts ate everything. So the Scripture says that God brought the wind and the wind brought the locusts. Once the locusts came and once they filled the houses of the Egyptians, Pharaoh was ready to repent. Verses 16,17 make it clear – Pharaoh was in the repentance mode. He saw death everywhere. Moses went out and prayed and God brought a very strong west wind which drew the locusts away and blew them into the Red Sea. Not one locust remained in the territory of Egypt. They were all gone through prayer. What does that tell us about insect plagues today? What does that tell us about the power of the covenant when we face infestations that destroy crops. In all these judgments, at certain points, God made a difference between Goshen and the land of Egypt. There were no locusts in Goshen. Are we ready to serve this Jesus? Are we really ready? I think God is ready and He is waiting on us. The only one here who is behind, is us. God is ready to harvest nations. But the ones who are behind are believers. Isn't it time we caught up? It sure seems like it. Will we get to know the Judicial Christ? We have to put ourselves in the shoes of Moses and walk with him through the land of Egypt. Maybe God will yet walk with us through the counties of each state in America and if the Judicial Christ walks with us then the fear of the Lord will return to the land and we will have the harvest we are looking for. Isn't it time that we got to know the Judicial Christ?

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

Scripture: Exodus 10:21-23

Exodus 10:21-23 says, *“Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness which may even be felt.’ So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.”* The darkness was so thick in the land of Egypt, that nobody even got up for three days. What is amazing is, the children of Israel had light in their dwellings. Darkness did the trick. Darkness was a physical manifestation of the spiritual disease that afflicted Egypt – it was so thick that no one moved. God was determined to show the difference between Egypt and Goshen. Isn't God determined to

show the difference between the church and those who are afflicting it? Isn't it time that we demonstrated a difference between those who trust God and those who hate Him? God will not be slack but He will repay those who hate Him to their face. What shall we say? Are we really ready to represent the Lord in the last days? I do not see how we can bring in a harvest of nations without representing the Judicial Christ. It is time that we know Him and it is time that we seek Him for the fullness of Who He is.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Scripture: Exodus 11:1-7

Exodus 11:1-7 states, *"And the Lord said to Moses, 'I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. Afterward he will let you go from here. When he lets you go, he will surely drive you out of here altogether. Speak now in the hearing of the people, and let every man ask from his neighbor and every woman from her neighbor, articles of silver and articles of gold.' And the Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people. Then Moses said, 'Thus says the Lord: "About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt; and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the female servant who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the animals. Then there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as was not like it before, nor shall be like it again. But against none of the children of Israel shall a dog move its tongue, against man or beast, that you may know that the Lord does make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel."'"* How strong is God's covenant? God's covenant is so strong that He is willing to kill in order to save us. Unless we get that part of Who God is, we will not be ready for the last days. There are many people who would say, 'How could you even think that?' But if Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever, how can we **not** think that? Looking at what God did to Egypt, we see that He killed every firstborn in order to set His own people free. It was not until that judgment touched every house of every Egyptian that they were willing to set the Israelites free. When judgment became personal, freedom came to Israel. Until it became personal to every Egyptian family, there was no freedom. Verse 7 is clear about the difference, *"But against none of the children of Israel shall a dog move its tongue, against man or beast, that you may know that the Lord does make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel."* You and I know that the Lord makes a difference between the Egyptians and Israel. Does God make a difference between those who serve Him and those who do not? He most assuredly does! That difference is His covenant and His willingness to enter into judgment with those who afflict His church. Why would God kill the firstborn of all the Egyptians? Eighty years previous Pharaoh declared that every son born to an Israelite family would be drowned in the Nile. God's judgment is always just. What could a nation expect who has allowed 55 million innocent babies be aborted? There was a purpose and there was a plan. And the fruit of that plan is freedom for the Israelites, freedom for the covenant-believers. As a covenant-believer are we walking in freedom? If not, what is it going to take to birth that freedom in our circumstances and in our situation. Are we willing to represent a God Who kills? Moses had to do it! At that level, are we willing to represent God in the process of gaining justice? What people do to us, God does to them! Will we be the end-time church or will we limit the Holy One of Israel?

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

Scripture: Exodus 12:12,13

Exodus 12:12,13 states, *"For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt."* God made a physical provision for every believer when His judgment passed through Egypt. What does that say about God today? He does the very same thing. Is it possible that the blood of Christ is, in fact, a sign during seasons of great destruction? That is how it was in Egypt. It was in Egypt because God was there executing the judgment. God made it clear who served Him and who did not. Everyone who served Him was protected. Those who did not experienced great, great loss. Are we really ready to represent the God Who executes this kind of judgment in the last days?

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

Scripture: Numbers 33:1-4

Numbers 33:1-4 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."* If we ever wondered how the Israelites after 350 years of slavery became a cohesive army with confidence, all we have to do is read this passage. And perhaps we can learn something about God today. Verses 3 and 4 are very clear. Verse 3 says, *"Israel went out with boldness in the sight of all the Egyptians..."* because the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn that the **Lord had killed**. Also, the **Lord had executed** judgment on their gods. All the gods of Egypt came under a death sentence. So there was more than just the death of a firstborn. All the gods of Egypt came under a death sentence. Egypt was glad when Israel left. Where does true boldness come from for the church? Boldness comes when we see the judgment of God on our enemies. That is the answer in this passage. It was what transitioned slaves into warriors. They saw the judgment of God on their enemy and they walked out with boldness because of that great transformation. Will God transform the church in the same way? Will He prepare the church for the last days through judgment? If He does, then we can expect some very amazing days ahead. It certainly does not hurt to ask for covenant justice!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

Scripture: Acts 4:18-23

Acts 4:18-23 shows us what the early church faced. They faced some of the same kind of court decisions that you and I face today. They were commanded not to speak. The right to publicly speak about Jesus was limited for them. How did they respond? Verse 19 makes it very clear, *"But Peter and John answered and said to them, 'Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge.'"* They would not shut up, they would not be quiet, they would not accept the court's restrictions. Are we ready to walk that way with the God we serve. We need to be! If we ask God to reward the judges according to their works, then the Bible spells out the penalty for what they allow and restrict. If they silence our voice, God may silence theirs. If they strike down laws prohibiting homosexuality then may God weigh to them what they have weighed to the nation! When God strikes wayward judges, boldness multiplies in the church! May God strike down judges who strike down righteous laws!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

Scripture: Acts 4:24-26

Verses 24-26 say, *"So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: 'Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: 'Why did the nations rage, And the people plot vain things? The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the Lord and against His Christ.'"* The early church did not go pick up placards and make signs to protest. They went back and they prayed – they prayed for the Presence of God. They prayed that a Judicial Christ would stand up in their behalf. They understood that they were facing an enemy and there was only one thing that would make a difference – they went to the Psalms and they asked for the Judicial Christ to show up. They prayed specifically out of the ultimate judicial Psalm that gives us a topographical outline of what it takes to bring the Judicial Christ on the scene. They initiated judicial action with their prayer. They knew the God of justice and they knew the God of judgment. And they appealed to Him. Are we appealing to Him or are we turning the other cheek and blessing our enemy? That is what most of the church has been taught and that is all most of us know to do. If that is all we know to do, we had better wake up and smell the other half of Who God is. Jesus is a Savior, but He is also a Judge. He is a Judge Who is asking us to represent Him. And we have plenty of opportunity to represent Him in today's world. The question is, will we do it? I believe Jesus is waiting on us. I believe the last great frontier of the Holy Spirit is the judicial

side of Christ. And behind those manifestations is where our greatest harvest is. If that is true, we have an awesome harvest ahead if we get to know the Judicial Christ.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

Scripture: Psalm 2:1-3

Psalm 2:1-3 says, *"Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, 'Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us.'"* It is obvious that Psalm 2:1-3 outlines a prophetic end-time conflict between the politicians and rulers of the earth with the spiritual kings and priests of the Most High God. It says *"The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed"*. His Anointed are God's representatives – His Anointed sit in our warring churches. The political rulers take council together in order to break the laws and morals that were instituted by the church. That is the picture of the end-time conflict that we are currently in. Psalm 2 gives us God's pathway through it – but only if we will listen, heed and act! We are in that conflict right now. The question is, are we willing to act biblically? Are we willing to act according to the outline? That is the question facing the church today. Will we act according to the God's judicial directives? If not, we will not get our harvest. If we do then some may go to jail for their righteous stand but at least we get to make an impact. There is a conflict. Are we willing to represent the King in it?

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

Scripture: Psalm 2:4-6

When the rulers and kings take council together against the Lord, this is God's response. Verses 4-6 states, *"He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: 'Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion.'"* Now that is a picture! The temple was built on the Holy Hill of Zion. Where is the temple today? It is in us! When God sets the King in us, then God starts to move out of His Judicial Holy Hill of Zion – us – and confront the evil of government. Is that coming? We had better believe it! Are we willing to sign on? Are we willing to say yes? If we believe Psalm 2 was something David wrote for a past generation and does not really affect us, its likely we are making a big mistake. We had better realize Psalm 2 has a whole lot to do with us. And it is important to consider the fact that God may well be in the 'mockery' mode. *"...He who sits in heaven shall laugh..."* The Hebrew word for *"laugh"* is 'mock'. All of the politicians and their supporters that believe there is something called 'global warming' in spite of clear opposing facts, force the Judicial Christ to action. For the last 16 years the British Meteorological Office has reported that the earth is cooling – not warming. These facts make deceived men responsible for the widespread, erroneous belief that the earth is warming. Looking at the facts of the case, all the conclusions 'global warming' activists try to draw are built on lies. Environmentalism is for the purported purpose of saving or sustaining natural resources. But environmentalism built on lies has adverse effects – for one, it has locked up America's natural resources that could wipe out our national debt. The Bible is really clear about something – man is not God and certainly does not control the weather. He never has! God has always been in control of the weather and the sheer stupidity of man being in control of the weather is enough to make God mock. And when we hear people talking about global warming for years and years, and instead we see the earth *cooling*, we can see God mocking. An expedition to gather research on disappearing sea ice to prove global warming was sent out from Australia. Upon reaching their destination, the captain warned not to send out exploration parties because great sea ice was fast approaching. The leaders refused to believe it and disobeyed. Their ship was caught in severe cold weather to the point it was surrounded by masses of sea ice. Three nations sent ice-breaking ships, to no avail. The researchers had to be flown out. An expedition to prove global "warming" was arrested by freezing temperatures. Now, God is mocking. But when He starts speaking in His wrath, people will start dying. Are we ready to represent Him in the war over climate? The only place global warming exists is in the empty minds of politicians intent of gaining money through the energy credit bank owned by those first pushing the theory. The scam is money driven!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Scripture: Psalm 2:10-12

Verses 10-12 says, *“Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, And rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.”* When the Psalm says *‘Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way ...’* it is not kidding. God is not kidding. The question is, what kindles God’s wrath a little? How about how his kids are treated! Another is how his kids act! In Psalm 143 David’s prayer moves God to wrath. The fruit of wrath: Ahithophel hangs himself and Absalom gets three spears in the heart. In Psalms 2, the judges have a specific warning. The judges are warned – either serve the Lord with trembling or you will perish. What does that tell you about the Judicial Christ and what He is about to do to judges? It tells you that the judges are about to meet their Maker. Will we represent Him or will we not? The time to make that decision is now. Pray that God rewards every judge according to their works as they have arrogantly struck down laws prohibiting evil, visit them and strike them down. Loose the Covenant Avenger on every judge who supports shedding innocent blood and those who also promote perversion!

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

Scripture: Acts 4:27-30

Acts 4:27-30 says, *“For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”* The early church asked for three specific things in order to be empowered to face the persecution that was coming out of their government! Those three things were boldness, stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders. The real question is, how do those three things work together to bring in a harvest? Israel grew bold when they saw the judgment of God (Numbers 33:3). Seeing the Egyptians bury their dead made Israel bold. Boldness is an asset when ministering healing. Healing is very Priestly. But the real question remains over the issue of signs and wonders. Was the early church asking for the same thing as when we ask for signs and wonders? How did they define *“signs and wonders”*? I often think of healing as a sign and wonder, but it is obvious, they did not have healing in mind. They had already asked for it! The real question is what are the signs and wonders that the early church was asking for? What did that look like? The answer to that question may be the one that actually prepares us to walk with the King in the last days!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

Scripture: Deuteronomy 4:33-35, 6:20-22

Since they did not have a New Testament, *“signs and wonders”* can only be defined by what we read in the Old Testament. The question of what are the **signs and wonders** they were asking for can only be answered as we find **signs and wonders** defined in the Old Testament. What does a **sign and a wonder** refer to? What exactly was the early church asking for when they requested *“signs and wonders”*? The answer to that question is to look at the places where signs and wonders were used in the Old Testament. Deuteronomy 4:33-35 says, *“Did any people ever hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and live? Or did God ever try to go and take for Himself a nation from the midst of another nation, by trials, by **signs, by wonders**, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord Himself is God; there is none other besides Him.”* It is obvious from this passage that **signs and wonders** refer to everything that God did in Egypt. What God did in Egypt included great terrors. The whole purpose was so that they might know Who God was for them. Do we know Who God is for us? Apparently, knowing Who God is for us requires seeing Him perform judicially to bring freedom. The second mention is in Deuteronomy 6:20-22. It says, *“When your son asks you in time to come, saying, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which the Lord our God has commanded you?’ then you shall say to your son: ‘We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand; and the Lord showed*

signs and wonders before our eyes, great and severe, against Egypt, Pharaoh, and all his household.” Deuteronomy 6 is very telling because the whole purpose of Deuteronomy 6 is to communicate, when your son asks you in days ahead, ‘what is the meaning of customary statutes and judgments that God commanded?,’ you tell him the answer is in the **signs and wonders** that it took to get us out of Egypt. And those **signs and wonders** were not praying healing for someone, but they were praying judgment against the perpetrators of slavery. **Signs and wonders** are kingly and they are manifestations of things that we pray against an enemy in order to release us from the captivity that the enemy is bringing. That was the **sign and wonder** that the early church was asking for. It certainly appears that we need to be asking for it today. Because we are facing some of the very same issues. No wonder the early church asked for **signs and wonders**. And we have not yet found any other context for signs than what God did in Egypt. Will we ask as they did?

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

Scripture: Deuteronomy 7:17-21, 26:7,8, 34:10-12

Deuteronomy 7:17-21 says, “If you should say in your heart, ‘These nations are greater than I; how can I dispossess them?’—you shall not be afraid of them, but you shall remember well what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt: the great trials which your eyes saw, the **signs and the wonders**, the mighty hand and the outstretched arm, by which the Lord your God brought you out. So shall the Lord your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid. Moreover the Lord your God will send **the hornet** among them until those who are left, who hide themselves from you, are destroyed. You shall not be terrified of them; for the Lord your God, the great and awesome God, is among you.” Not only did God do **signs and wonders** in Egypt, but He promises that He will perform them against all the enemies that we face. Verse 19b says, “So shall the Lord your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid.” Politicians beware! It is obvious that **signs and wonders** had a purpose – they would display the greatness of Who God was in the midst of the covenant people. Deuteronomy 26:7,8 states, “Then we cried out to the Lord God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labor and our oppression. So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, with great terror and with **signs and wonders**.” Verses 7,8 make it plain – we cried out to God to bring us out of the affliction of Egypt and His answer was **signs and wonders**. It certainly seems like that fits today. And again, in Deuteronomy 34:10-12 we find, “But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, in all the **signs and wonders** which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land, and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.” Verses 10-12 make it clear that no one had risen to do all the **signs and wonders** like Moses had. Now we can certainly say that is true. However, it is prophesied in the book of Revelation that Jesus will do more than that and certainly, through His witnesses in Revelation 11:5,6. But so far, it is obvious what the early church was asking for. When they asked for **signs and wonders**, they were asking for the judicial manifestations that Israel saw in Egypt. Is there any doubt that that is the case? Certainly not in Deuteronomy. But what about the rest of Scripture?

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

Scripture: Nehemiah 9:9-11, Psalm 135:8-12

Nehemiah 9:9-11 says, “You saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, And heard their cry by the Red Sea. You showed **signs and wonders** against Pharaoh, Against all his servants, And against all the people of his land. For You knew that they acted proudly against them. So You made a name for Yourself, as it is this day. And You divided the sea before them, So that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; And their persecutors You threw into the deep, As a stone into the mighty waters.” Nehemiah makes it clear that **signs and wonders** refers to everything the Lord did in Egypt. Isn’t it interesting that when we run the phrase “**signs**” and “**wonders**” together, the place they consistently appear is in reference to one thing – what God did in Egypt. Psalm 135:8-12 says, “He destroyed the firstborn of Egypt, Both of man and beast. He sent **signs and wonders** into the midst of you, O Egypt, Upon Pharaoh and all his servants. He defeated many nations And slew mighty kings—Sihon king of the Amorites, Og king of Bashan, And all the kingdoms of Canaan—And gave their land as a heritage, A heritage to Israel His people.” Again we see that **signs and wonders** refers to all the judgments of Egypt. It is time we understood that the early church was asking not just for healing, but for a

judicial anointing! They were asking God to show up in judgment, exactly like He had done in Egypt. Are we ready for that? The early church was pushed there and maybe the same circumstances will get us there.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

Scripture: Jeremiah 32:19-21, Daniel 4:1-3

Jeremiah 32:19-21 says, *"You are great in counsel and mighty in work, for Your eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men, to give everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings. You have set **signs and wonders** in the land of Egypt, to this day, and in Israel and among other men; and You have made Yourself a name, as it is this day. You have brought Your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with **signs and wonders**, with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, and with great terror;..."* The judicial nature of God arises in verse 19 God rewards people according to their works. **Signs and wonders**, in the land of Egypt, testify to the Judicial Christ in action. It is still referred to today because we have a right to ask for covenantal **signs and wonders** today when we face affliction like the early church faced in Egypt. Even in Daniel 4, it is fairly obvious when we read verses 1-3 that God has not changed concerning the issue of **signs and wonders**. Daniel 4:1-3 says, *"To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you. I thought it good to declare the **signs and wonders** that the Most High God has worked for me. How great are **His signs**, And how **mighty His wonders**! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And His dominion is from generation to generation."* Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, who ate grass for seven years called his grass-eating days a **sign and a wonder**. And he proclaimed to all the earth that God rules in the affairs of men. He has dominion in the earth and He executes it through **signs and wonders**. The Old Testament is very consistent in what it has to say to us. Now what are we going to do with that? It is time to realize that the early church appealed to God and asked for judicial **signs and wonders**. If they got what they prayed for, why shouldn't we?

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Scripture: Acts 4:31-33

Acts 4:31-33 says, *"And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all."* In this passage, the first answer they got was for the very first thing they asked. They asked for boldness, and they got boldness. But not only did they get boldness, but they got delivered from the spirit of mammon and with great power, the apostle gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord and great grace was upon them all. So it is obvious that they probably had a tremendous healing anointing. We certainly know from the next chapter, that Peter got it. The question is, did they get the **signs and wonders** that they asked for?

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Scripture: Acts 5:1-12

In Acts 5:1-12, we find out whether or not they got the judicial anointing they asked for. And with the death of Ananias and Sapphira, we would have to say they did. The fruit of it, just like in the Old Testament, was that *"...great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things."* Verse 12 is the real kicker here, because it explains the fruit of what just happened. It says, *"And through the hands of the apostles many **signs and wonders** were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch."* The verse is referring to the death of Ananias and Sapphira. Their death was the first major sign/wonder that was done. And they were all in one accord in Solomon's porch. They asked for **signs and wonders** and got **signs and wonders**. What are we asking for today? Maybe if we were to ask for **signs and wonders**, we would see the Judicial Christ rise and we would start turning our nation back to God.

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