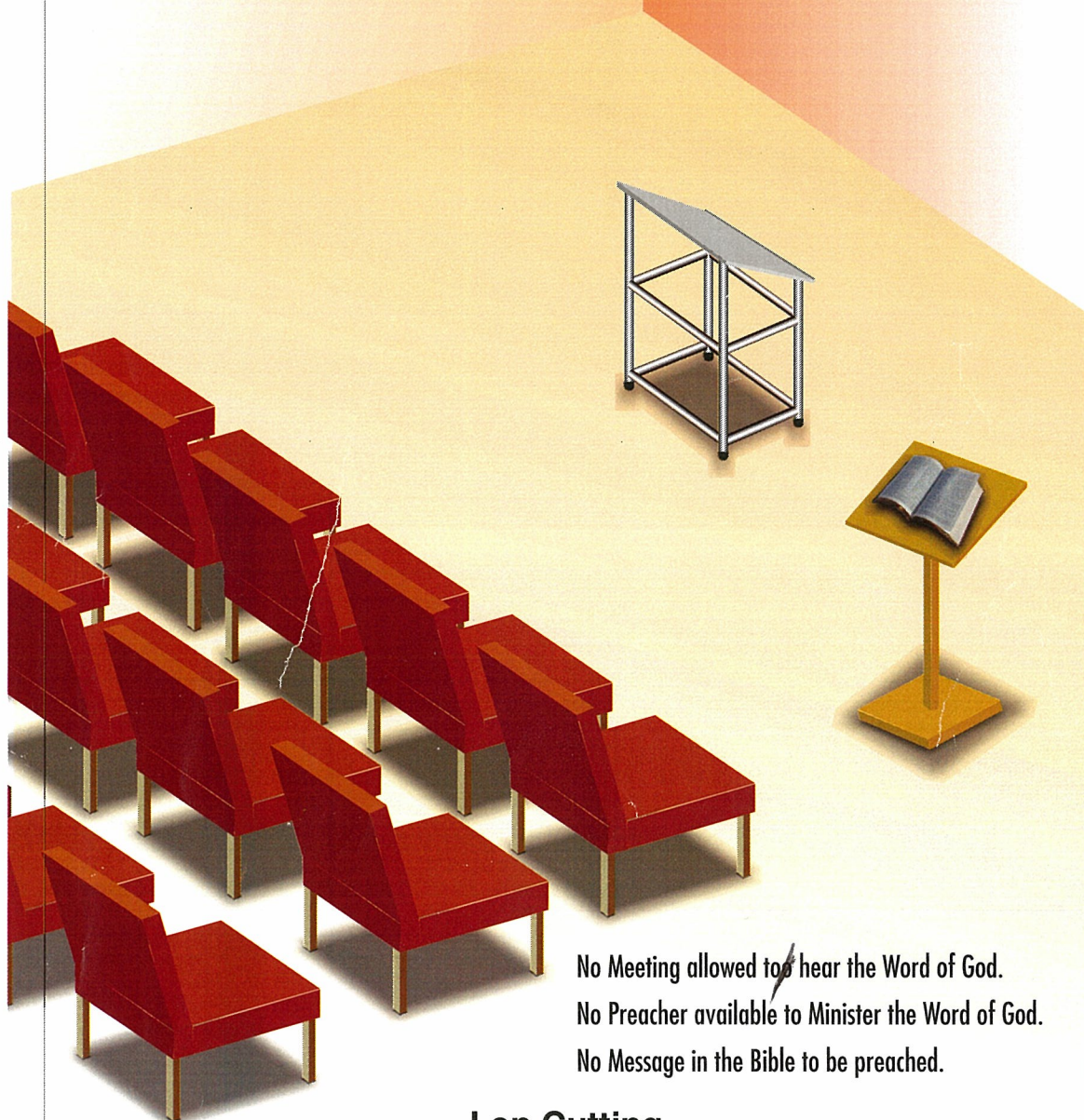


A Famine of Hearing the Word of God.

A Decision that will Effect our Eternal Future.



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Ministry Logo Meaning.

Many, many years ago I got a picture in my heart of a hand holding a sword that was on fire and I personally knew what this meant and just hung onto it in my heart.

A few years ago I was in Melbourne at a breakfast meeting listening to a Ministry Couple from Canada and while I was listening to them talking about their location and their ministry and the time that it took before God really started to move in their area which was a farming, cropping area where a lot of wheat was grown, I pictured the hand holding the flaming sword coming out of a harvest field of wheat.

So this is what it means.

The harvest Field of Wheat is the world.

The hand is the hand of Man.

The 2 Edged Sword is the Word of God.

The Fire is the Fire of God, the Holy Ghost anointing the Word of God in the hand of Man.

Introduction

A Famine of Hearing the Word of God.

Amos. 8;11.

This study guide is taken from my book of the same name and is a resource book to help the reader understand why the Lord encourages us to hear the Word of God ministered as much as we can and to read the Word of God as much as we can because there is a time coming according to the Word of God that we will not have the freedom or the availability to hear God's Word ministered.

This study guide is to encourage the reader and hopefully cause us to realize how many areas of our lives the Word of God and the understanding of it can and will affect us because the Word of God says in,

Hosea. 4;6.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

To have a good knowledge and understanding of God's Word as well as a healthy prayer life are the tools to be well equipped with weapons that the Lord has made available to his people to be able to stand against all the attacks of the enemy.

We need to remember that God's Word says in,

Romans. 8;31.

If God be for us, who can be against us?

The Message Bible says.

With God on our side like this, how can we lose? If God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing himself to the worst by sending his Son, is there anything else he wouldn't gladly and freely do for us?

And who would dare tangle with God by messing with one of God's chosen? Who would dare even to point a finger?

The one who died for us, who was raised to life for us! Is in the presence of God at this very moment sticking up for us.

I believe that because of this time in history that we are now living in, we are the last generation of mankind on the face of the planet and the Bible clearly shows us in the Word of God, but not in all the same place, that Jesus Christ is coming for his Church first [the rapture] and he will come as a bridegroom for his bride, the Church and later on in time he will come in judgment of all those that have rejected God and his Word.

This book will explain what the Bible says about certain situations in our life and how the Word of God is there to help and encourage and deliver us out of whatever it is that we may need help with.

With what the scriptures tell us that is going to happen in our lifetime then we as Christians need to gather as much information concerning the Word of God as we can while we are able because there will be a time in the future where we will not freely be able to worship God or preach the Word of God with the freedom that we have now and even that is restricted compared to what it was a few years ago.

I pray that the reader will be encouraged and released to be able to believe on and in the Word of God with a greater freedom and faith and be able to apply it to their lives.

I pray that the reader is able to get excited and gain encouragement from what they have read and come to the realization that God the Father and his Son Jesus Christ so much want a relationship with us and they use the Word of God to help with that so it is so important to hear the ministry of the Word of God as often as we can in the time that we are living in and can I encourage you to do as much personal reading of God's Word as you are able.

God Bless.

Len Cutting.

Flaming Sword Ministries.

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The following is the Scripture reference for this study guide placed in a message that could be used as a Bible study if needed so as to explain the significance of this passage of scripture to help explain why God has placed this Word in the Bible for us to read and be encouraged and stirred in our Spirit so that we will never become a person who cannot hear the Word of God when we want to hear it.

Amos. 8;11 - 14.

Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will send a **famine** in the land, not a famine of **bread**, nor a **thirst** of water, but of **hearing the Words of the Lord**.

The Message Bible says.

“Oh yes, Judgment day is coming.”

These are the Words of my master God.

I'll send a famine through the whole country. It will not be food or water that's lacking, but my Word.

People will drift from one end of the country to the other, roam to the north, Wander to the east.

The Hebrew meaning of words in the King James Version.

Come.

- Apply.
- Attain.
- Besiege you.
- To come against you.
- Go down into war.

Famine.

- A Hunger.
- A famish.

- To Suffer.
- To be Hungry.

Land.

- Land.
- Earth.
- Nation.

Bread.

- Food.
- To Consume.
- To Battle over.
- To Make War.
- To Fight.
- To Overcome.
- To Prevail.

Ruth. 1;6. For she [Ruth] had heard how the Lord had visited his people in giving them bread. [**The Word of God.**]

Thirst.

- To Suffer.
- To be Thirsty.

Hearing.

- To Hear.
- Obedience.
- Listen Intently.
- Gather Together.
- Be Diligent.
- Give an Ear to Hear.
- Perceive.
- Whatsoever you hear, be a Witness.

Vs. 12.

And they shall **wander** from **sea to sea**, and from the **north** even to the **east**, and they shall run to and fro to **seek** the Word of the Lord, and shall not **find** it.

The Message Bible says.

They will go anywhere, listen to anyone, hoping to hear God`s Word, but they will not hear it.

The Hebrew meaning.**Wander.**

- To go up and down - looking.
- To Scatter.
- To Stagger.

Sea.

- Groups of People.

Seek.

- To Search out by any method.
- In Prayer and Worship.
- To Strive after.
- To ask, beg, beseech, desire, enquire, get, make request, to seek for.

Find.

- Shall not appear.
- Appears to not exist.
- Find or acquire.
- Shall not meet.
- Take Hold of.

North and East.

This is where the scriptures tell us that those who will attack the nation of Israel come from, the north.

They are worshippers of false Gods and there is a mixing of God`s people with the people of false worship.

They shall move from the north even to the east, which speaks of the presence of God, looking for the Word of the Lord, and they shall not find it.

Vs. 13.

In that day shall the fair Virgins and young men, faint for thirst.

The Message Bible says.

“On Judgment Day.”

Lovely young girls will faint of Word thirst.

Robust young men will faint of God thirst.

Faint.

- To be Overlaid.
- To Languish.

Matthew. 25;1-13.

This is a story of 10 virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. They are divided into 2 groups.

The first group of 5 are called wise virgins and the second group are called foolish.

The 5 that were foolish took their lamps, which is a type of the Word of God, [**Psalm. 119;105. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path**], but took no oil with them for their lamps, which speaks of the Holy Ghost.

But the wise took their lamps and oil in their vessels for their lamps.

While the bridegroom tarried or kept a watch out for the Lord, the others slept and slumbered.

At midnight there was a cry made, “Behold the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,” Then all the virgins arose and trimmed their lamps, but the foolish church members, said unto the wise church members, “Give us your oil for our lamps are gone out,” but the wise answered saying, “no there is not enough for us and you, go and buy the oil.” While they were away buying the oil the bridegroom,[Jesus Christ] came and the wise church members went in unto the wedding feast and the Lord shut the door.

When the foolish returned with some oil they pleaded with the Lord to open the door for them and the Lord replied, “Verily I know you not.”

Watch or know your Word of God so that we will be aware as to when the time of the Lord's coming will be so we shall be able to hear the voice of the Angels of heaven and enter in the heavenlies when the cry is made.

The fact that the Word of the Lord cannot be found is causing strong young people who were Christians to a point, faint and become weak, because the Word of the Lord is a strong tower and all that run into it shall be saved, but if you cannot find the truth of the God's Word, then no strength shall be able to be given unto you.

Vs. 14.

They shall fall, and never rise again.

The Message Bible says.

Along with those who take oaths at the Samaria Sin and Sex Centre, saying, "As the Lord god of Dan is my witness!" and the lady goddess of Beer-sheba bless you!"

Their lives will fall to pieces.

They will never put it together again.

Hosea. 4;6.

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me; seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Knowledge is, Understanding. Understanding is belief and applying the Word of God to your Life.

The Message Bible says.

My people are ruined because they do not know what's right or true.

Because you have turned your back on knowledge, I have turned my back on you priests.

Because you refuse to recognize the revelation of God, I am no longer recognizing your children.

Revelation. 19;15.

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations.

He shall rule them with a rod of Iron, and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

The Message Bible says.

A sharp sword comes out of his mouth so he can subdue the nations, then rule them with a rod of iron.

He treads the winepress of the raging wrath of God.

Amos. 9:9.

For lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.

- Jesus is in control of everything in our lives.
- Corn is a type and shadow of the Word of God in us, and we get tried and tested just as the corn was tested by being sifted and thrown into the air so that all the impurities could be blown away from the seed.
- A sieve is a fine sifting device that the seed is placed into, and then the seed is shaken to remove the particles that are not wanted to be mixed with the seed.
- Jesus said that not even a sparrow falls to the ground without him knowing about it, so how much more valuable are we than the sparrow.

Vs. 10.

All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, the evil shall not overtake, nor prevent us.

Vs. 11.

God is going to raise up his ordinances, Nehemiah closed up the breaches when God gave him a word to do it.

Vs. 13.

Behold the days come saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes, him that soweth seed, and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and the hills melt, [at the presence of the Lord.]

The Message Bible says.

I am still giving orders around here. I am throwing Israel into a sieve among all the nations and shaking them good, shaking out all the sin, all the sinners.

No real grain will be lost, but all the sinners will be sifted out and thrown away, the people who say, "nothing bad will happen in our life-time. It won't even come close."

"But also on that judgment day I will restore David's house that has fallen into pieces. I will repair the holes in the roof, replace the broken windows, fix it up like new. David's people

will be strong again and seize what is left of the enemy Edom, plus everyone else under my sovereign judgment.” God`s decree. He will do this.

“Yes indeed, it will not be long now.” God`s Decree. He will do this.

“Yes indeed, it won`t be long now.” God`s decree.

“Things are going to happen so fast your head will swim, one thing fast on the heels of the other. You won`t be able to keep up. Everything will be happening at once and everywhere you look, blessings, blessings, like wine pouring off the mountains and hills.

Revelation. 3:15-16.

I know thy works, that thou art neither hot nor cold; I would thou wert cold or hot

So then because thou art luke-warm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

The Message Bible says.

I know you inside and out, and find little to my liking. You`re not cold, you`re not hot, far better to be either cold or hot! You`re stale. You`re stagnant. You make me want to vomit. You brag, “Im rich, I`ve got it made, I need nothing from anyone,” oblivious that in fact you`re a pitiful, blind beggar, threadbare and homeless.

Vs. 20. Behold I stand at the door and knock, If any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him, and he with me.

Vs. 22.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

The Message Bible says.

Conquerors will sit alongside me at the head table, just as I, having conquered took the place of honour at the side of my father. “That`s my gift to the conquerors.”

Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the wind words, the spirit blowing through the churches.

The Amplified Bible says.

He who is able to hear, let him listen to and heed what the [Holy] Spirit says to the assemblies. [Churches.]

Matthew. 24;12.

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Iniquity.

- A lack of Love for the Word of God.
- Wickedness.
- Unrighteousness.
- Violation of the Law.
- Unlawful.

Wax.

- A reduction of Temperature.
- To Chill.

The Message Bible says.

In the confusion, lying preachers will come forward and deceive a lot of people. For many others, the overwhelming spread of evil will do them in, nothing left of their love but a mound of ashes.

Jeremiah. 1;4-10.

Then the Word of the Lord came to me, saying. "Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee, and before thou camest forth out of the womb, I sanctified thee, and ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."

Then said I, "Ah Lord God! Behold I cannot speak; for I am a child." But the Lord said unto me, "Say not I am a child; for thou shalt go to all that I send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak."

Be not afraid of their faces; for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth, and the Lord said unto me, Behold I have put my Words into thy mouth.

See I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

The Message Bible says.

Before I shaped thee in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you; A prophet to the nations, that's what I had in mind for you. But I said, "Hold it master God! Look at me. I don't know anything, I'm only a boy."

God told me "Don't say, I'm only a boy." I'll tell you where to go and you will go there. I'll tell you what to say and you will say it. Don't be afraid of a soul, I'll be right there, looking after you." God's decree.

God reached out and touched my mouth, and said, "Look I've just put my Words in your mouth, hand delivered. See what I have done, I've given you a job to do among nations and governments. A red letter day. Your job is to pull up and tear down, take apart and demolish, and then start over, building and planting."

The Amplified Bible says.

Before I formed you in the womb I knew and approved of you [as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I separated and set you apart, consecrating you; [and] I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.

John. 15;16.

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that you should bring forth fruit.

The Message Bible says.

"You didn't choose me remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil.

As fruit bearers, whatever you ask of the Father in relation to me, he gives you.

Ephesians. 1;4.

Accordingly as he has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be Holy and without blame before him in love.

The Message Bible says.

Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. What pleasure he took in planning this.

The Amplified Bible says.

Even as [In his love], he chose us, [actually picked us out for himself as His own] in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be Holy [consecrated and set apart for Him] and blameless in his sight, even above reproach, before him in love.

Now we need to get our head around this as we have no idea as to how long ago God created the foundations of the earth.

We do know that from the time that Eve and Adam sinned to the year 2000 is 6000 years.

It is at least 6000 years that God has been waiting on the people that he has chosen to step up to the plate and receive all the gifts and calling that he has placed on us all as well as any blessing that he wants to give us.

It is through the blood of Jesus Christ that we have been accepted into the family of God and made heirs according to the promise, to receive all and everything that the Lord has for us and the only thing stopping us is ourselves either not wanting to progress in God or allowing God to have a greater input into our lives, or not knowing that we are able to have as much of God in our lives that we want and may not realise what we have to do to experience God in a greater way.

We are far better than what some people think they are and we are able to do far more than what some think that they can do purely because we have had our sins forgiven by God through the blood of Jesus Christ who made an atonement for our sins on the cross at Calvary.

God welcomes us into his family and wants us to be able to receive eternal life through the blood of Jesus that was shed for all mankind.

If we are still alive on the earth when he returns for his Church we need to be aware of the time and the seasons that we are living in and need to really know the scriptures so we can be strengthened and encouraged by them because some Christians may miss out on meeting him [Jesus Christ] because they are not really committed to him or to his Word.

Notes.

Questions.

Session. 1.

1. **Amos. 8;11.** What is there going to be a famine of?

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2. **Amos. 8;12.** What shall the People be doing in this time?

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3. **Matthew. 25;1-3.** Write down what this story means!

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4. **Amos. 8;13.** What will happen to those that fall?

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5. **Amos. 9;9.** What does the Lord say that he is going to do to the house of Israel?

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6. **Revelation. 3;15-16.** Explain God`s statement here!

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7. **Matthew. 24;12.** How will the love of many be?

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8. **John. 15;16.** Who is chosen by God?

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9. **Ephesians. 1;4.** When did God chose us?

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What is a Famine?

1. Corinthians. 15;46.

The Bible tells us that first the **Natural** and then the **Spiritual**.

The Collins English Dictionary Describes Famine as.

- A severe shortage of food as through crop failure or over population.
- An acute shortage of anything.
- Violent hunger.

The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible describes Famine in Scripture as.

- An acute and prolonged lack of food.

Seasonal Famine.

- In the lands dependant on seasonal rainfall, failure of the rains or its coming at an inappropriate time means the failure of crops and pasturage.
- In Palestine there were too many rainy seasons, early rains and latter rains.

The **Old Testament** also mentions famines caused by the destruction of food supply by hail.

Exodus. 9;23-25.	Hail.
Exodus. 10;15. Joel. 1;4. Amos. 4;9.	Insects.
Deuteronomy. 28;51.	By Invasion.
11 Kings. 6;24-25.	By Siege.

Famines are often accompanied by wide spread disease.

- 1. Kings 8;37.
- Jeremiah. 14;12. 21;9.
- Luke. 21;11.

In the Bible famine is never regarded as a mere accident of nature, for God is the creator and ruler of all natural powers.

Famines form part of God's ordering of the lives of his people as with the journeys of Abraham and Isaac to Egypt. **Genesis. 12;10.**

The meeting of Naomi and Ruth. **Ruth. 1;1- 4.**

Joseph coming into power and authority in Egypt. **Genesis. 41;47.**

Famine was a Judgment of God to warn the nation of Israel.

- 1 Kings. 17;1. Warn.
- 1 Samuel. 21;1. Correct.
- Jeremiah. 14;12-15. Punish his people or the heathen.
- Matthew. 24;6-8. Sign of the end of the age.
- Mark. 13;8. Luke. 21;11. Amos. 8;1. Of hearing the Word of God.

Some other famines in Scriptures.

- 11 Kings. 4;38. Elisha.
- 11 Kings. 25;3. Zedekiah.
- Acts. 11;28. Claudius.

In the natural here the author mentions many things that can cause a famine. God uses the natural things to explain the Spiritual things to us.

- Rain is likened to the Word of God.
- Warnings and correction are instructions from God's Word.
- Natural problems can be a judgment of God.
- Signs of the end of the age are instructions and encouragement from God's Word.
- If we hear the Word of God then he is well pleased.
- Invasion and or being under siege can be seen as a warning from God that we are not hearing or doing what he wants us to do.

Notes.

Questions.

Session. 2.

Describe what a famine is!

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In the Old testament it mentions some famines. What are they?

Exodus. 9;23-25.

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Exodus. 10;15. Joel. 1;4. Amos. 4;9.

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Deuteronomy. 28;51.

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11 Kings. 6;24-25.

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Diseases can follow famines. List some.

1 Kings. 8;37.

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Jeremiah. 14;12. 21;9.

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Luke. 21;11.

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Ruth. 1;1-4. What caused Ruth and her family to leave Israel?

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Genesis. 41;47.

What was in the Land when Joseph was promoted to power by Pharaoh?

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The Word in Salvation.

In this chapter we will be looking at what the Word of God has to say about the relationship between the Word of God and Salvation.

Acts. 4;10-12.

Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, who God raised from the dead even by him doth this man stand before you whole.

This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

Neither is there Salvation, in one other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

The Message Bible says.

With that, Peter, full of the Holy Ghost, let loose, "Rulers and leaders of the people, if we have been brought to trial today for helping a sick man, put under investigation regarding this healing.

I'll be completely frank with you, we have nothing to hide. By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the one you killed on a cross, the One God raised from the dead, by means of his name, this man stands before you healthy and whole. Jesus is the stone you masons threw out, which is now the cornerstone.

Salvation comes no other way; no other name has been or will be given to us by which we can be saved."

We see by these two translations of the Word of God, that God has given no other name under heaven by which salvation can come into the heart of man, and that name is Jesus Christ.

John. 1;14.

And the Word of God was made flesh, and dwelt among us [and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the father.] full of grace and truth.

The Message Bible says.

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one of a kind glory, like Father, like Son, generous inside and out, true from start to finish.

The Amplified Bible says.

And the Word [Christ] became flesh [human, incarnate] and tabernacled [fixed His tent of flesh. Lived awhile] among us; and we [actually] saw His glory [His honor, His majesty], such glory as an only begotten son receives from His father, full of grace [favour, loving kindness] and truth.

Explanation.

When we accept Jesus Christ into life as our Lord and Saviour, we are actually accepting the Word of God [Jesus] into our life, allowing our Sins to be totally forgiven and forgotten.

Because we do this, God then allows the gift of Salvation to be released upon us as a blessing and a reward so that we then have a direct access to God the Father and His Son Jesus.

As long as we remain a believing person and follow the Word of God then the judgment of God in the last days will not come upon us because we are covered by the blood of Jesus Christ who became the sacrificial lamb and died on the cross for our sins.

Genesis. 49;18.

I have waited for thy Salvation O Lord.

The Message Bible says.

I wait in hope for your Salvation, God.!

Exodus. 14;13.

Moses said unto the people, fear ye not, stand still, and see the Salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you today.

The Message Bible says.

Moses spake to the people, "Don't be afraid. Stand firm and watch God do his work of Salvation for you today."

The Amplified Bible says.

Moses told the people. Fear not; stand still [firm, confident, undismayed] and see the salvation of the Lord which He will work for you today. For the Egyptians you have seen today you shall never see again.

Explanation.

Salvation is a gift from God. It cannot be earned in any way, other than accepting Jesus Christ into your life as your Lord and Saviour. Moses waited in hope. Israel was encouraged not to fear or be anxious but just rest and trust in God and see him do his marvellous work.

Luke. 1;77.

To give knowledge of Salvation unto his people by the remissions of their Sins.

The Message Bible says.

Present the offer of Salvation to his people, the forgiveness of their sins, the heartfelt mercies of God.

Luke. 3;6.

All flesh shall see the Salvation of God.

The Amplified Bible says.

¶And all mankind shall see [behold and understand and at last acknowledge] the salvation of God [the deliverance from eternal death derived by God. Isaiah. 40;3-5.

Luke. 19;9-10.

And Jesus said unto him, "This day is Salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a Son of Abraham."

For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which is lost.

The Message Bible says.

Jesus said, "Today is Salvation day in this home! Here he is: Zaccheus, son of Abraham! For the Son of Man came to find and restore the lost.

Explanation.

Because of the fall from grace of Adam and Eve, God has made a way for his greatest creation, man, to have the sins forgiven through Jesus Christ dying on the cross as the sacrificial lamb and any that receive him into their life as their Lord and saviour shall receive the gift of Salvation purely because of the grace and mercy of God that is extended to all mankind if they want it.

Because of the repentance of the heart of Zaccheus, Salvation was granted unto him and his household because it is written in the Word of God that Jesus Christ is looking and searching for all of mankind whose soul is lost or not in fellowship with God and are in need of Salvation so that he can by the Word of God restore them back to the kingdom of God so that they may have eternal life through him [Jesus Christ] available to them if they want it.

If you know that your soul at the moment feels lost, separated from God or is outside the fellowship of God then perhaps we need to have a closer look at the information in this book.

Acts. 13;26.

John the Baptist said.

Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the Word of his Salvation sent.

The Message Bible says.

Dear Brothers and sisters, children of Abraham and friends of God, this message of Salvation has been precisely targeted to you.

The Amplified Bible says.

Brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and all those others among you who reverence and fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation [the salvation obtained through Jesus Christ.] Psalm. 107;20.

Acts. 13;47-49.

For so hath the Lord commanded us saying, "I have set thee to be a light of the gentiles, that thou shouldest be for Salvation unto the ends of the earth."

And when the gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the Word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

And the Word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.

The Message Bible says.

But Paul and Barnabus didn't back down. Standing their ground they said. " It was required that God's Word be spoken first of all to you, the Jews.

But seeing that you want no part of it, you've made it quite clear that you have no taste or inclination for eternal life.

The door is open to all the outsiders, and we're on our way through it, following orders, doing what God commanded when he said, I've set you up as lights to all nations. You'll proclaim Salvation to the four winds and seven seas.

When the non Jewish outsiders heard this, they could hardly believe their good fortune. All those who were marked out for real life put their trust in God, they honoured God's Word be receiving that Life.

This message of Salvation spread like wildfire all through the region.

Explanation.

Jesus was born a Jew and came from the Godly line of King David, a Jew and belonging to the Jewish nation, but when they the Jews rejected the Word of God because of the envy in their heart they spoke against Paul by contradicting and blaspheming. **Acts. 13;45.**

Paul and Barbabus were commanded by God to be the light to the Gentiles [non Jewish people] so that they may hear the Word of the Lord so that the gift of Salvation would come into their hearts unto the end of the earth.

And when the non-Jews or Gentiles heard that they were given an opportunity to listen to and receive the Word of the Lord and from that Word, Salvation would come into their lives, they were so glad that they glorified the Word of the Lord and as many as wanted to received Salvation and eternal life, and believed.

And because of their belief, God`s Word was spread throughout all the region.

Romans. 1;16.

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto Salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. [non-Jew.]

The Message Bible says.

It`s news, I`m most proud to proclaim this extraordinary message of God`s powerful plan to rescue everyone who trusts him, starting with Jews and right on to everyone else.

The Amplified Bible says.

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel [Good news] of Christ, for it is God`s power: working unto salvation [for deliverance from eternal death] to everyone who believes with a personal trust and a confident surrender and firm reliance, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Ephesians. 1;13-14.

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the Word of truth, the Gospel of your Salvation: in whom after that, ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise.

Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession unto the praise of his glory.

The Message Bible says.

It's in Christ that you once heard the truth and believed it, [this message of your Salvation], found yourselves home free, signed sealed and delivered by the Holy Spirit. This signet from God is the first instalment on what's coming, a reminder that we'll get everything God has planned for us, a praising and glorious life.

1 Thessalonians. 5;9.

For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to attain Salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Message Bible says.

God didn't set us up for an angry rejection, but for Salvation by our master Jesus Christ.

He died for us, a death that triggered life, whether we're awake with the living or asleep with the dead, we're alive with him.

The Amplified Bible says.

For God has not appointed us to [incur His] wrath [He did not set us to condemn us], but [that we might] obtain [His] salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. [The Messiah]

11. Timothy. 2;10.

Therefore I endure all things for the elects sake, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

11 Timothy. 3;15.

And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee, wise unto Salvation through the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

The Message Bible says.

You took the sacred scriptures with your mother's milk! There's nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to Salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Titus. 2;11.

For the grace of God that bringeth Salvation hath appeared to all men.

The Message Bible says.

God's readiness to give and forgive is now public, Salvation's available for everyone.

1 Peter. 1;9.

Receiving the end of your faith, even the Salvation of your souls.

The Message Bible says.

Because you kept on believing, you`ll get what you`ve looking forward to, **total Salvation.**

Notes.

Questions.

Session. 3.

Acts. 4;10-12. By who`s name do we receive salvation?

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John. 1;14. What was made flesh?

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Luke. 1;77. What knowledge will we receive?

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Luke 3;6. Who shall see the salvation of God?

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Acts. 13;26. To who is the Word of salvation sent?

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Romans. 1;16. The Gospel of Christ is “what,” to those that believe?

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Ephesians. 1;13-14. After we heard the Word of truth we will do something. “What”

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1 Thessalonians. 5;9. God has appointed us to attain. “What.”

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Titus. 2;11. What does the grace of God bring?

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1 Peter. 1;9. When we receive the end of our faith, we receive what?

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The Word in Deliverance.

In this chapter we will be looking at what the Word of God says concerning deliverance that comes by hearing the Word of God and some of the various ways that we may receive a deliverance from hearing God's Word or Hearing the Word of the Lord.

Genesis. 45;7-8.

And God sent me before you to preserve you a prosperity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

So now it was not you that sent me hither but God: and he hath made me a father to the Pharaoh and Lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

The Message Bible says.

I am Joseph your brother whom you sold into Egypt. Don't feel badly, don't blame yourselves for selling me, God was behind it.

God sent me here ahead of you to save lives.

There has been a famine in the land now for two years; the famine will continue for five more years, neither plowing nor harvesting.

God sent me ahead to pace the way and make sure there was a remnant in the land, to save your lives in an amazing act of deliverance.

So you can see it wasn't you who sent me here, but God. He sent me in place as a father to Pharaoh, put me in charge of his personal affairs and made me ruler of all Egypt.

Explanation.

We see here that Joseph reveals his identity to his brothers despite the heartache and disappointment of experiencing the sorrow that he would have felt after he was sold by his brothers.

Joseph enquires about his father and tells his brothers not to be grieved and not to blame themselves as it was God who sent him and God was behind all the actions that you did at the time and I forgive you all for that you did as it was God who was behind it all so that I might be able to save your lives and make a future for you all and that you will be able to experience, a great deliverance at the hand of the Lord.

Can you imagine, first the shock of seeing their brother Joseph alive and well, knowing what you and your brothers did to him and then seeing him in such a powerful position having the

authority second only to the Pharaoh and knowing that he could have had them all killed without any concern. What they were hearing was the forgiving heart of their brother explaining to them the grace and mercy of God and how God had gone before them knowing what was going to happen in the future and then through a strange set of circumstances prepared a way that there would be a future for them.

Joseph explained how God had been in charge of this all along and put him in charge of the personal affairs of the Pharaoh and made him ruler of all Egypt.

As men and women of God we all go through experiences in our journey with the Lord and a lot of it is not to our liking and can be hurtful and disappointing at times but it is encouraging to hear Joseph encourage his brothers by saying that God was in charge of things all along their journey and God was in total command of every aspect of their lives. He is with us and our lives are his and that as we keep our eyes on the Lord and trust in him for everything, it will work out for our good and benefit.

By the Word of the Lord we overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the Word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto death. **Revelation.12;11.**

Judges. 15;18.

And he was athirst and called on the Lord and said, Thou hast given this great deliverance unto the hand of thy servant: and now shall I die for thirst and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?

The Message Bible says.

Now he was suddenly very thirsty, He called out to God. "You have given your servant this great victory, Are you going to abandon me to die of thirst and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?" So God split open the rock basin in Lehi; water gushed out and Samson drank.

His Spirit revived, he was alive again! That`s why it`s called En Hakkare, [Callers Spring] It`s still there at Lehi today.

Explanation.

After Samson was bound by the Philistines, God came upon Samson and loosed that which bound him and he picked up the Jaw Bone of an ass and slew a thousand men with it.

He cast the Jaw Bone aside and was thirsty and said unto God, you have given me a great deliverance and I do not want to fall back from the victory into a place that I was and come into bondage again so God gave him water to drink to revive his Spirit and his Spirit came alive and he went on to judge Israel 20 years.

It does not matter how bad the experience is that we are going through can be, as it only takes God to do one thing and we will experience a great deliverance from whatever it is that we are facing because of the Word of the Lord and God are moving on our behalf to bring about change on our lives.

God is God and nothing can stand against him or his Son Jesus Christ when they decide to do something and bring it to pass nothing and nobody is able to stop it.

11 Kings. 13;17.

And he said open the window eastward, and he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot and he shot and he said, [Elisha] the arrow of the Lord's deliverance and the arrow of deliverance from Syria, for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek till thou have consumed them.

The Message Bible says.

Elisha said, "Now open the east window" he opened it and then he said "shoot" and he shot.

The arrow of God's salvation! Exclaimed Elisha. "The arrow of deliverance from Aram!" You will do battle against Aram until there's nothing left of it.

Explanation.

When Elisha was sick and Joash the king of Israel came down to see Elisha and wept over him and Elisha gave him a Word of deliverance for his situation.

Elisha told Joash to take his bow and arrows and as the king put his hands on his bow Elisha put his hands on the King's hands and told him to shoot the arrow out of the window that faced eastward, as the east speaks in scripture as the presence of God and shoot that arrow toward God and the arrow of deliverance shall be your deliverance from Syria in Aphek until you have destroyed all the enemy there.

Joash's weapon was his bow and arrows representing the presence and power of God in a battle.

Our weapons are the Word of God and our prayer life and these weapons shall defeat any enemy that comes against us.

1 Chronicles. 11;14.

And they set themselves in the midst of that parcel, and delivered it, and slew the Philistines; and the Lord saved them by a great deliverance.

The Message Bible says.

The Philistines had mustered their troops for battle.

It was on an area where there was a field of Barley.

The army started to flee from the Philistines and then took its stand right in that field and turned the tide.

They slaughtered the Philistines, God helping them a huge victory.

Encouragement.

The Philistines often came to rob the people of God of their harvest, so David and his men made their stand for battle in the midst of a Barley field, facing the enemy head on and with God's help destroyed the enemy.

As Christians we are often going to face battles, experiences and situations in our life and just like David we need to take a stand and face head on with the enemy or situation and ask for God's help and at the Word of the Lord we shall stand and be delivered of whatever it is that we are facing. God will set us free and destroy anything that comes against us.

Isaiah. 54;17.

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in Judgement thou shalt condemn.

This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.

The Message Bible says.

But no weapon that can hurt you has ever been forged.

Any accuser who takes you to court will be dismissed as a liar.

This is what God's servants can expect.

"I'll see to it that everything works out for the best." God's decree.

11. Chronicles. 12;7.

And when the Lord saw that they had humbled themselves, the Word of the Lord came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves: therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance; and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.

The Message Bible says.

When God saw that they were humbly repentant, the Word of the Lord came to Shemaiah, "Because they are Humble, I'll not destroy them, I'll give them a break: I won't use Shishak to express my wrath against them."

Explanation.

When the Lord saw that they humbled themselves and they repented of what they did and it was their decision to do that, the Word of the Lord was given that God was not going to destroy them but said I will grant them a great deliverance.

The Word of God says in **1. Peter. 5;6.** to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.

Humility is one of the greatest abilities that we can have in our relationship with the Lord as it will enable us to used of the Lord however he sees fit.

Joel.2;32.

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant who the Lord shall call.

The Message Bible says.

Whoever calls, "Help God!" gets help. On mount Zion and in Jerusalem, there will be a great rescue, just as God said.

Included in the survivors are those that God calls.

Explanation.

The Word here shows us that everybody who calls on God and asks for help of any kind shall receive it and there will be a great deliverance of many kinds in the lives of the people who call on the Lord.

This includes salvation, financial improvement and releasing, family situations resolved, work situations improved and sorted out, whatever is binding you up can be released as your walk and journey with the Lord improves.

It all happens when God's people call on him and start praying and seeking the Lord and also remember to believe for what you ask him for.

Luke. 4;18-19.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

The Message Bible says.

God's Spirit is on me; he's chosen me to preach the message of good news to the poor. Send me to announce pardon to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act."

Explanation.

We find that the Spirit of God along with the Word of God is on us and in us to preach the Word of the Lord to those who have need of it, and when accepted into our hearts, God's Word creates a deliverance in whatever area of our lives that needs a touch from the Lord and as we surrender to God and his Word, deliverance will impact us like we have never experienced before and it may even feel like that we have been released from prison as the things that have bound us just disappear and the grace and mercy of the Lord just flows into so many areas of our lives as the reality of God's forgiveness is realised.

Notes.

Questions.

Session. 4.

Genesis. 45;7-8.

Joseph said what to his brothers?

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11 Kings. 13;17.

Elisha described the shooting of an arrow as what?

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1 Chronicles. 11;14.

Where did Israel set themselves for the battle?

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Isaiah. 54;17.

Can anything rise up against us?

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11 Chronicles. 12;7.

What did the people do that got God's attention?

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Joel. 2;32.

What is one thing that we can do to get delivered?

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Luke. 4;18-19.

If the Spirit of the Lord is with us, what can we do?

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The Word in Healing

Matthew. 10; 5-8.

These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying “Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not.

But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

And as ye go, preach, saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.”

The Message Bible says.

Jesus sent his twelve harvest hands out with this charge.

Don't begin by travelling to some far off place to convert unbelievers.

Don't try to be dramatic by tackling some public enemy. Go to the lost, confused people right here in the neighbourhood. Tell them that the Kingdom is here. Bring health to the sick. Raise the dead. Touch the untouchables. Kick out the demons. You have been treated generously, so live generously.

We see from these scriptures that Jesus has given the power and authority not only to his disciples back then but also to us now to be able to heal and deliver through his powerful name.

We are going to look at a number of scriptures that deal with healing that I have placed into three sections and they are.

- Healing to the natural Body.
- Healing by Faith or believing through the name of Jesus Christ.
- Healing of the Spiritual.

John 1;14.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Message Bible says.

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood.

We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one of a kind glory. Like Father, like Son.

Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.

Whenever we see or hear of healing of any kind taking place through the name of Jesus Christ and him crucified then we need to realise that it is the Word of God manifested into flesh and blood.

Matthew. 4;23.

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their Synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

The Message Bible says.

From there he went all over Galilee. He used Synagogues for meeting places and taught people the truth of God. God's Kingdom was his theme, that beginning right now they were under God's government, a good government! He also healed people of their diseases and of all the bad effects of their bad lives.

Healing of the Natural Body.

Luke. 5;12-13.

And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus, fell on his face and besought him, saying, Lord, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

And he put forth his hand and touched him, saying, "I will, be thou clean," and immediately the leprosy departed from him.

The Message Bible says.

One day in one of the villages there was a man covered in leprosy. When he saw Jesus he fell down before him in prayer and said, "If thou want to, you can cleanse me." Jesus put out his hand, touched him, and said, "I want to. Be clean." Then and there his skin was smooth, the leprosy gone.

Leprosy in the scripture is a type of sin, so when Jesus said I want to make you clean, it is also referring to what salvation does to us after we have accepted Jesus Christ into our lives as our Lord and Saviour.

Luke 4;38-39.

And he arose out of the Synagogue, and entered into Simon`s house. And Simon`s wife`s mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for them.

And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever and it left her and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.

The Message Bible says.

He left the meeting place and went to Simon`s house. Simon`s mother-in-law was running a high fever and they asked him to do something for her. He stood over her, told the fever to leave, and it left her. Before they knew it, she was up getting dinner for her.

Matthew 12;10 & 13.

And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath days? That they might accuse him.

Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like the other.

The Message Bible says.

“Surely kindness to people is as legal as kindness to animals!” Then he said to the man, ‘ Hold out your hand.’ He held it out and it was healed.

Matthew. 20;32-34.

And Jesus stood still, and called them and said, What will you have me to do unto you?

They said unto him, Lord that our eyes might be opened.

So Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received their sight, and they followed him.

The Message Bible says.

Jesus stopped and called over, “What do you want from me?”

They said, “Master, we want our eyes opened. We want to see!”

Deeply moved, Jesus touched their eyes. They had their sight back that very instant, and joined the procession.

Mark. 7; 32-35.

And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseeched him to put his hand upon him.

And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into the ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue.

And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, “Ephphatha,” that is, Be opened.

And straightaway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.

The Message Bible says.

Some people brought a man who could neither hear nor speak and asked Jesus to lay a healing hand on him. He took the man off by himself, put his fingers in the man`s ears and some spit on the man`s tongue. Then Jesus looked up in prayer, groaned mightily, and commanded, “Ephphatha, Open up!” And it happened. The Man`s hearing was clear and his speech plain, just like that.

Mark. 8;22-25.

And he cometh to Bethsaida and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.

And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on the eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.

He looked up, and said, I see man as trees walking.

After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

The Message Bible says.

Some people brought a sightless man and begged Jesus to give him a healing touch. Taking him by the hand, he led him out of the village. He put spit in the man`s eyes, laid hands on him, and asked do you see anything?

He looked up. “I see men. They look like trees walking.” So Jesus laid hands on his eyes again. The man looked hard and realised that he had recovered, perfect sight, saw everything in bright, twenty-twenty focus.

Luke. 7;12-15.

Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.

And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.

And he came a touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still, And he said Young man, I say unto thee. Arise.

And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak: And he delivered him to his mother.

The Message Bible says.

As they approached the village gate, they met a funeral procession. A woman's only son was being carried out for burial. And the Mother was a widow. When Jesus saw he, his heart broke.

He said unto her, "Don't cry." Then he went over and touched the coffin. The pallbearers stopped. He said, "Young man, I tell you Get up." The dead son sat up and began talking, Jesus presented him to his mother.

Luke. 13;11-13.

And, behold there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

And when Jesus say her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

And he laid hands on her and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

The Message Bible says.

There was a woman present, so twisted and bent over with arthritis that she couldn't even look up. She had been afflicted with this for eighteen years. When Jesus saw her, he called her over, "Woman, you're free!" He laid hands on her and suddenly she was standing straight and tall, giving glory to God.

The Amplified Bible says.

¶And there was a woman there who for eighteen years had had an infirmity caused by a spirit [a demon of sickness.] She was bent completely forward and utterly unable to straighten herself up or to look forward.

¶And when Jesus saw her, He called [her to Him] and said to her. "Woman, you are released from your infirmity."

Luke. 14;2-4.

And behold there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy.

And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day?"

And they held their peace, And he took him, and healed him, and let him go.

The Message Bible says.

Right before him was a man hugely swollen in his joints. So Jesus asked the religion scholars and Pharisees present, "Is it permitted to heal on the Sabbath? Yes or no?"

They were silent, so he took the man, and healed him, and sent him on his way.

Luke. 17;12-14.

And he entered into a certain village, there met him with ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off.

And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

The Message Bible says.

As he entered a village, ten men, all lepers, met him. They kept their distance but raised their voices, calling out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

Taking a good look at them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the Priests."

They went, and while they were still on their way, became clean.

Luke 22; 50-51.

And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut of his right ear.

And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far, and he touched his ear, and healed him.

The Message Bible says.

One of them took a swing at the Chief Priest's servant and cut off his right ear.

Jesus said, "Let them be. Even in this." Then, touching the servant's ear, he healed him.

John. 11;43-44.

And when he had thus spoken, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth."

And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes; and his face was bound about with a napkin, Jesus saith unto them, "Loose him, and let him go."

The Message Bible says.

Then he shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" and he came out, a cadaver, wrapped from head to toe, and with a kerchief over his face.

Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him loose."

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Questions.

Session. 5.

Matthew. 10;5-8.

Where did Jesus say to go and not to go?

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John. 1;14.

Who dwelt amongst us?

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Matthew. 4;23.

Where did Jesus go and what did he do?

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Luke. 5;12-13.

What was the will of Jesus and what did he do?

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Luke. 4;38-39.

What did Jesus do to the fever of the woman?

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Matthew. 12;10&13.

Jesus did what to the man`s hand?

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Matthew. 20;32-34.

What was it that Jesus was asked to do?

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Mark. 7;32-35.

What did Jesus do when a request was made of him?

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Mark. 8;22-25.

How many times did Jesus pray for the man?

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Luke. 7;12-15.

What did Jesus do to the dead man?

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Luke. 13;11-13.

What was the condition that Jesus healed the woman off?

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Luke. 17;12-14.

Jesus healed 10 men of what?

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John. 11;43-44.

When Jesus called to Lazarus, What happened?

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If Jesus did not use Lazarus`s name what could have happened?

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Healing by Faith

Mark.2;2-5.

And straightaway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was not enough room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the Word unto them.

And they come unto him, bringing one sick with the palsy, which was borne of four.

And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

The Message Bible says.

A crowd gathered, jamming the entrance so no one could get in or out. He was teaching the Word. They brought a paraplegic to see him, carried by four men. When they weren't able to get in because of the crowd, they removed part of the roof and lowered the paraplegic on his stretcher. Impressed by their bold belief, Jesus said to the paraplegic, " Son, I forgive your sins.

The Amplified Bible says.

Then they came, bringing a paralytic to Him, who had been picked up by four men.

And when they could not get him to a place in front of Jesus because of the throng, they dug through the roof above Him; and when they had scooped out an opening, they let down the [thickly padded] quilt or mat upon which the paralyzed man lay.

And when Jesus saw their faith [their confidence in God through Him], He said to the paralyzed man, Son, your sins are forgiven [you] and put away [that is, the penalty is remitted, the sense of guilt removed, and you are made upright and in right standing with God.]

Mark. 5; 25-30.

And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years.

And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,

When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

And straightaway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

Straightaway Jesus said, "Who touched me. "

The Message Bible says.

A woman who had suffered a condition of haemorrhaging for twelve years, a long succession of physicians had treated her, and treated her badly, taking all her money and leaving her worse off than before. Had heard about Jesus. She slipped in from behind and touched his robe. She was thinking to herself, "If I can put a finger on his robe, I can get well," The moment she did it, the flow of blood dried up. She could feel the change and knew that her plague was over and done with.

At the same moment, Jesus felt energy discharging from him, He turned around to the crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe."

Mark. 5; 35-36. 41-42.

While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue`s house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?

And as soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid only believe.

And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talithacumi, which is, being interpreted, Damsel I say unto thee, Arise.

And straightaway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

The Message Bible says.

While he was still talking, some people came from the leader`s house and told him, "Your daughter is dead, Why bother the teacher anymore?"

Jesus overheard what they were talking about and said to the leader, "Don`t listen to them; just trust me."

Matthew. 9;27-30.

And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying and saying, Thou son of David, have mercy on us.

And when he came into the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? "They said unto him, Yea Lord."

Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

The Message Bible says.

As Jesus left the house, he was followed by two blind men crying out, "Mercy, Son of David! Mercy on us!" When Jesus got home, the blind men went in with him. Jesus said, "Do you really believe I can do this?" They said, "Why yes, Master!"

He touched their eyes and said, "Become what you believe." It happened. They saw.

Mark. 10;50-52.

And he,[Bartimaeus] casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.

And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord that I might receive thy sight.

And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

The Message Bible says.

Jesus stopped in his tracks. "Call him over."

They called him. "It`s your lucky day! Get up! He`s calling you to come!"

Throwing off his coat, he was on his feet at once and came to Jesus.

Jesus said, "What can I do for you?"

The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

"On your way," said Jesus. "Your faith has saved and healed you."

In that very instant he recovered his sight and followed Jesus down the road.

John.4;46-51.

So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.

When he heard that Jesus was come out of Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son; for he was at the point of death.

Then said Jesus unto him, "Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe."

The nobleman saith unto him, "Sir, come down ere my child die."

Jesus saith unto him, "Go thy way; thy son liveth." And the man believed the Word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.

And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, "Thy son liveth."

The Message Bible says.

Now he was back in Cana of Galilee, the place where he made the water into wine. Meanwhile in Capernaum, there was a certain official from the king's court whose son was sick. When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and asked that he come down and heal his son, who was on the brink of death. Jesus put him off: "Unless you people are dazzled by a miracle, you refuse to believe."

But the court official wouldn't be put off. "Come down! It's life or death for my son. Jesus simply replied, "Go home. Your son lives!"

The man believed the bare Word that Jesus spoke and headed home. On the way back, his servants intercepted him and announced, "Your Son Lives!"

Healing of the Spiritual

Luke. 8;30-33.

And Jesus asked him, saying, "What is thy name?" And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.

And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep.

And there was there a herd of many swine feeding on the mountain; and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them.

Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and they were choked.

The Message Bible says.

Jesus asked him. "What is your name?"

"Mob. My name is Mob," he said, because many demons afflicted him.

And they begged Jesus desperately not to order them to the bottomless pit.

A large herd of pigs was browsing and rooting on a nearby hill. The demons begged Jesus to order them into the pigs. He gave the order. It was even worse for the pigs than the man. Crazy, they stampeded over a cliff into a lake and drowned.

Matthew. 9;32-33.

As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil.

And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

The Message Bible says.

Right after that, as the blind men we`re leaving, a man who had been struck speechless by an evil spirit was brought to Jesus. As soon as Jesus threw the evil tormenting spirit out, the man talked away just like as if he`d been talking all his life. The people were up to their feet applauding: There`s never been anything like this in Israel.

Mark. 7;25-30.

For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet:

The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nature, and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

But Jesus said unto her, "Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children`s bread, and to cast it to the dogs."

And she answered and said unto him, "Yes Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat the children`s crumbs."

And he said unto her, "For this saying, go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter."

And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

The Message Bible says.

He was barely inside when a woman who had a disturbed daughter heard where he was. She came and knelt at his feet, begging for help. The woman was Greek, Syro-Phoenician by birth. She asked him to cure her daughter.

He said, "Stand in line and take your turn, The Children get fed first. If there`s any left over, the dogs get it."

She said, "Of course, Master, But don`t the dogs under the table get scraps dropped by the children?"

Jesus was impressed. "You`re right! On your way! Your daughter is no longer disturbed. The demonic affliction is gone." She went home and found her daughter relaxed on the bed, the torment gone for good."

Luke 9;38-42.

And behold, a man of the company cried out saying, "Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son: for he is my only child."

And lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him.

“And I besought thy disciples to cast him out; and they could not.”

And Jesus answering said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither.”

And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father.

The Message Bible says.

A man called out of the crowd, “Please, please, Teacher, take a look at my son. He’s my only child. Often a spirit seizes him. Suddenly he’s screaming, thrown into convulsions, his mouth foaming. And then it beats him black and blue before it leaves. I asked your disciples to deliver him but they couldn’t.

Jesus said, “What a generation! No sense of God! No focus to your lives! How many times do I have to go over these things? How much longer do I have to put up with this? Bring your son here.”

While he was coming, the demon slammed him to the ground and threw him into convulsions. Jesus stepped in, ordered the vile spirit gone, healed the boy, and handed him back to his father.

Mark. 1;23-26.

And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out.

Saying, “Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy one of God.”

And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him.

The Message Bible says.

Suddenly, while still in the meeting place, he was interrupted by a man who was deeply disturbed and yelling out, “What business do you have here with us, Jesus? Nazarene! I know what you’re up to! You’re the Holy One of God, and you’re come to destroy us!”

Jesus shut him up: “Quiet! Get out of him!” The afflicting spirit threw the man into spasms, protesting loudly, and got out.

Notes.

Questions.

Healing by faith.

Session. 5.

Mark.2;2-5.

What did the sick man`s friend`s do?

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Mark. 5;35-36. 41-42.

Jesus said what and did what?

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Matthew. 9;27-30.

What did the 2 blind men believe for?

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Mark. 10;50-52.

Bartimaeus believed for what?

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John. 4;46-51.

Because a man believed the Words of Jesus, What happened?

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Healing of the Spiritual

Luke. 8;30-33.

How many devils did Jesus cast out?

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Matthew. 9;32-33.

What happened when the dumb man had a devil cast out of him?

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Mark. 7;25-30.

After talking to Jesus the woman returned home to find what?

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Luke. 9;28-42.

What happened when a man asked Jesus to heal his son that was not with him?

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Mark. 1;23-26.

When Jesus gave a command to an unclean spirit, What happened?

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The Word in Direction

In this chapter we will be looking at a number of scriptures where a Word from the Lord has been given as a direction for the individual and they are asked by either God or Jesus Christ to do something, go somewhere, or say something. Even individuals directed words unto the Lord that revealed their heart and soul.

As Christians living in the generation that we are living in, we need to realise that **we were born for such a time as this**, we are not here by accident but I believe that God has us here as part of his plan so that the Lord can use us for what he wants to do in us and to be able to perform what the Lord will have us to do in this time period.

We will see that as we obey the Word of the Lord, and the direction of the Holy Ghost on that Word, then not only will things work out well for us but there will be the least amount of stress connected with the decision that has to be made.

The scriptures used are only a small portion of what the Word of God has written in the Word of God and cover a lot of different situations and is used as an example and encouragement for us all and not put in any order of preference.

David tells the Lord that he is going to communicate with him every morning and that is going to be his direction.

Psalm 5;3.

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord, in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

The Message Bible says.

Every morning you`ll hear me at it again.

Every morning I lay out the pieces of my life on your alter and watch for the fire to descend.

The Amplified Bible says.

In the morning You hear my voice, O Lord; in the morning I prepare [a prayer, a sacrifice] for you and watch and wait [for you to speak to my heart.]

David encourages us to realise that God controls every aspect of our lives so that we will keep his ways in our lives.

Psalm. 119;5.

O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

The Message Bible says.

Oh, that my steps might be steady, keeping the course you set.

The Amplified Bible says.

Oh, that my ways were directed and established to observe Your statutes [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying them.]

Solomon`s wisdom encourages us to believe that as we acknowledge God and his Word in our lives, then he, God, will direct the path that we need to take.

Proverbs. 3;6.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

The Amplified Bible says.

In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths.

The Message Bible says.

Listen for God`s voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he`s the one who will keep you on track.

Don`t assume that you know it all.

Run to God! Run from evil!

Your body will glow with health, your very bones will vibrate with life!

Solomon`s wisdom tells us that God`s way is perfect and the wicked are going to fall by their own devices.

Proverbs. 11;5.

The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his ways, but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

The Message Bible says.

Moral character is the best insurance; an evil life is a hard life.

A man`s heart can lead us the wrong way unless the Word of God directs our steps.

Proverbs. 16;9.

A man`s heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps.

The Message Bible says.

We plan the way that we want to live, but only God makes us able to live it.

We are encouraged to realise that as we seek the wisdom of the Lord that we will find that the decisions that we make can make our life easier.

Ecclesiastes. 10;10.

If the iron, be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more; strength but wisdom is profitable to direct.

The Message Bible says.

Remember: The duller the axe the harder the work; Use your head: The more brains, the less muscle.

As we keep our heart right, God will direct the work that we do and make an everlasting agreement with us that can lead to eternal life with him.

Isaiah. 61;8.

For I, the Lord, love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Paul is asking the Lord to show him the way that is right so that he can find him.

1 Thessalonians. 3;11.

Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.

The Amplified Bible says.

Now may our God and Father Himself and our Lord Jesus Christ [The Messiah] guide our steps to you.

Paul is encouraging us to realise that as our heart remains right in the sight of God it will give us the patience as we wait for the return of Jesus Christ.

11 Thessalonians. 3;5.

And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

The Message Bible says.

May the Master take you by the hand and lead you along the path of God's love and Christ's endurance.

These next group of scriptures do not have the word "direct" written in them, but as we read the instructions from the Lord that were given we certainly realise that as the instruction is received and carried out then it directs the path and direction of the person that the instruction was given to.

It does not mean that there may not be a trial because of stepping out in God, but God will be with you and we shall not fail as we keep our trust in him.

Sometimes we need to see and hear what the Word of God says about a certain situation, accept that Word into our heart and then make a conscious decision in our mind to do what the Word of God says that we are to and apply that in our lives and then we will see God begin to unfold things for us.

It is amazing how we can pray and pray about a certain thing and seeming there is no response from the Lord but as soon as God sees us using our faith and taking the action to implement something in our lives then he moves on our behalf bringing things into being.

I have tried to use stories in scripture that are well known so that we can relate to them.

We see here that even in Creation the direction of the Word of God was paramount for the work of the Lord. The spoken Word mixed with faith brings it into being.

Genesis. 1;1-6.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

And God said, let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

The Message Bible says.

God spoke: "Light!" and light appeared. God saw that it was good and separated light from dark.

God named the light, Day, and he named the dark Night, It was evening, it was morning, Day one.

God spoke: "Sky! In the middle of the waters; separate water from water!"

God looked upon the face of the earth and saw the wickedness of mankind and he repented or wished that he had never made man, but Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord along with his family and God decided to end this corruption and use Noah and his family to do it and that they were the only people on all the earth that would survive what God had in mind to do. There were eight in Noah's family.

Genesis. 6;13-14. & 17.

And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold I will destroy them with the earth.

Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

And behold, I even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and everything that is in the earth shall die.

The Message Bible says.

Build yourself a ship from teakwood. Make rooms in it. Coat it with pitch inside and out. Make it 450 feet long [136 meters], seventy five feet wide, [38 meters], and forty five feet high [14 meters].

Build a roof for it and put a window eighteen inches [450 mm.] from the top; put a door on the side of the ship ; and make three decks, lower, middle, and upper.

I'm going to bring a flood on the earth that will destroy everything alive under heaven.

Total Destruction.

Because Noah and his family believed the Word of the Lord when he said that he was going to send a flood upon the earth and that it was going to be the result of forty days and nights of rain upon the earth, when up to this time in history it had never rained before on the face of the earth. The earth was watered by a sphere and dew that covered the earth.

God was now giving them permission to leave the Ark and God began to tell them of the covenant or agreement that he was going to establish between God and Noah and his family and all his seed after them.

As Christians we are of the seed of Noah so we have a covenant or agreement with God because we believe in him.

Genesis. 9;9-13.

And I, behold, I, establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;

And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the Ark, to every beast of the earth.

And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there anymore be a flood to destroy the earth.

And God said, "This is a token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a token of a covenant between me and the earth."

The Message Bible says.

Then God spoke to Noah and his sons: "I'm setting up my covenant with you including your children who will come after you, along with everything alive around you, birds, farm animals, wild animals that came out of the ship with you. I'm setting up my covenant with you that never again will everything living be destroyed by floodwaters; no never again will a flood destroy the earth."

God continued, " This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and everything living around you and everyone living after you.

I'm putting my rainbow in the clouds, a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

At this time we know that the wife of Abram, Sarah, was barren and she had no child and was not able to conceive and bare children, so it is interesting and it happens quite often in Christian circles where you hear that God gives a Word to someone that is quite the opposite as to what is happening in the natural.

Here Abram receives a Word from the Lord that is definitely the opposite to what is happening naturally. God requires Abram and Sarah to exercise their faith and believe for children in the natural despite their age. Because of the Word that God has been given to them they will need to trust in him and the Word of direction that God has given to them.

Abram was given an option to believe in and act upon the direction that the Lord had given him and if he did what the Lord asked him to do, he was not only going to bless him but cause him to be a blessing to others and establish from Abram a great nation.

Not only did Abram have to take part in the temptation that God was testing him in but he also had to take the means by which the temptation was going to take place and that is the firewood for the burnt offering. Sometimes when we are tested by God, knowing the test that God puts us through we sometimes have to take an active role in that test by providing the means for the test to take place.

Genesis. 12;1-3.

Now the Lord said unto Abram, “Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing.

And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all the families be blessed.”

The Message Bible says.

God told Abram: ” Leave your country, your family, and you father`s home for a land that I will show you.

I`ll make you a great nation and bless you. I`ll make you famous; you`ll be a blessing.

I`ll bless those that bless you; those who curse you I`ll curse.

All the families of the earth will be blessed through you.”

Genesis. 22;1-3.

And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, “Behold, here I am.”

And he said, “Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, who thou lovest, and get thee into a land of Moriah; and offer there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.”

And Abraham rose up early the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

The Message Bible says.

After this, God tested Abraham, God said, "Abraham!" "Yes?" answered Abraham. "I'm listening."

He said, "Take your dear son Isaac whom you love and go to the land of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I'll point out to you."

Abraham got up early in the morning and saddled his donkey. He took two of his young servants and his son Isaac. He had split wood for the burnt offering. He set out for the place that God had directed him.

As Moses was tending sheep in the backside of the desert and an angel of the Lord appeared to him and got his attention by causing a bush to burn and not be consumed.

When Moses saw this he turned aside to have another look at the bush and his action pleased God as it was then that God called to him out of the burning bush and Moses replied, "Here am I."

God began to share with Moses how he had heard of the sufferings of his people and that he had come to deliver them, but also to inform Moses that he had been chosen to lead that deliverance.

Moses replied, "Who am I that you should send me?"

We need to realise that God has called us all and equipped us with the Word of God and the Holy Spirit for those who have received the Spirit of God that we will be able to do whatever it is that the Lord has asked us to do.

All we have to do is believe in ourselves.

Exodus. 3;2-10.

And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flaming fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, "Here am I."

And he said, "draw not hither; put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place where on thou standest is Holy ground."

Moreover he said, "I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

And the Lord said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows.

And I come to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hittites. And the Jebusites.

Now therefore, behold the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me; and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

Come now therefore, and I will send thee to Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.”

The Message Bible says.

Vs. 7-10.

God Said, “I’ve taken a good, long look at the affliction of my people in Egypt. I’ve heard their cries for deliverance from their slave masters; I know all about their pain. And now I have come down to help them, pry them loose from the grip of Egypt, get them out of that country and bring them to a good land with wide open spaces, a land lush with milk and honey, the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, out of Egypt.”

The Israelite cry for help has come to me, I’ve seen for myself how cruelly they’ve been treated by the Egyptians. It’s time for you to go back; I’m sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the people of Israel, out of Egypt.

We see from these scriptures that God gave Moses and Aaron a Word about the Passover lamb that we know is a likeness to the communion of the Lord and to Jesus Christ being on the cross.

It was the obedience of Moses to instruct the directions of the Lord to Israel so as to spare the whole nation of Israel from the death spirit that would affect the first born of every household in the land.

If the blood of the sacrificial lamb was not sprinkled on the door posts and the lintel of the houses of Israel then the first born of that house would die along with the Egyptians.

It was a Word that God gave to Moses that through its implementation God was able to gain the release of his people from the Pharaoh and Egypt.

The Lamb speaks of Jesus Christ.

The blood on the door posts gives the sign of the cross when you run the points through from one side to the other.

It was a sign of release and setting free.

Exodus. 12;3-4. & 7.

Speak unto all the congregation of Israel saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house.

And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it accordingly to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your account for the lamb.

Vs. 7.

And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses; wherein they shall eat it.

With these next scriptures we find that Moses received a Word of direction to encamp near the sea after they fled Egypt.

Not knowing the events that were about to take place, the Israelites started to moan about dying at the hand of the Egyptians as they followed after them. Little did the children of Israel know that it was all in the plan of God and that he had everything under control because God hardened the heart of Pharaoh and caused him to follow after the Israelites not realising what it would be the death of the Egyptian soldiers.

Moses encouraged the people to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord which he was going to show them this day. The Lord will fight for you all you need to do is, hold your peace and believe in him.

God told Moses to lift his rod to the sea and divide it so that my people can go across to the other side on dry land.

As we go through the trials that we face, sometimes circumstances can appear that God is not there but he always is, so we need to not look at the situation but believe in and trust in the Lord and see him deliver us out of whatever it is that we are going through.

Exodus. 14;12-16.

Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, "Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness."

And Moses said, unto the people, “Fear not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today; ye shall see them again no more forever.”

The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

And the Lord said unto Moses, “Wherein criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel of Israel, that they go forward:

But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go across on dry ground through the midst of the sea.”

The Message Bible says.

They told Moses, “ Weren` t the cemeteries large enough in Egypt so that you had to take us out here in the wilderness to die? What have you done to us, taking us out of Egypt? Back in Egypt didn` t we tell you this would happen? Didn` t we tell you, Leave us alone in Egypt, we` re better off as slaves in Egypt than as corpses in the wilderness. ”

Moses spoke to the people: “Don` t be afraid. Stand firm and watch God do his work of salvation for you today. Take a good look at the Egyptians today for you` re never going to see them again.

God will fight the battle for you, And You? You keep your mouth shut.!”

God said to Moses: “Why cry out to me? Speak to the Israelites. Order them to get moving. Hold your staff high and stretch your hand out over the sea: Split the sea! The Israelites will walk through the sea on dry ground.”

Here find that God has given Joshua a specific Word to enable him and the children of Israel to capture the city of Jericho. The directions that he received were very specific on what they were to do each day and who was to march and where in the order they should be.

As he did what the Lord told him it came to pass and they captured the city.

Joshua. 6;2-5.

And the Lord said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the King thereof, and the mighty men of valour.

And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go around about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days.

And the seven priests shall be before the ark seven trumpets of ram`s horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.

And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout; and the walls of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.

We see with this story of Gideon how God spoke to him telling him that the number of the people that he had was too many for the battle. The number was thirty two thousand.

God told Gideon to say to the people that all that are fearful and afraid let them return and depart early and twenty two thousand left and left him with ten thousand men.

The Lord then said that there are still too many so go down to the river and get them to drink and all those that bend down and lap the water like a dog, put them aside.

All of those that lap the water by putting their hand to their mouth were three hundred men.

The Lord said that by these three hundred men I will save you.

In any situation that we face and experience it is not what we have naturally that is going to win a battle but how much we hear from and trust in the Lord.

God gave Gideon instructions on how the three hundred men were going to have a deliverance over the enemy in the battle.

Judges. 7;7-8.

And the Lord said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place.

So the people took the victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all the rest of Israel, every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men: and the host of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

The Message Bible says.

God said to Gideon, "I'll use the three hundred men who lapped at the stream to save you from and give Midian into your hands. All the rest may go home.

After Gideon took all their provisions and trumpets, he sent all the Israelites home. He took up his position with the three hundred. The camp of Midian stretched out below him in the valley.

We see here that God speaks to Samuel while he was but a boy and tells him that because Eli the high priest has not corrected his sons from the evil that they were doing in the house of

God, that God was going to judge Eli and his two sons and that they would die because of the judgment.

1 Samuel. 10-13.

And the Lord came, and stood and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, "Speak; for thy servant heareth."

And the Lord said to Samuel, "Behold, I will do a new thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.

In that day I will perform against Eli all the things which I have spoken concerning his house; when I begin, I will also make and end.

For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile and he restrained them not."

The Message Bible says.

Then God came and stood before him exactly as before, calling out, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel answered, " Speak, I'm your servant, ready to listen."

God said to Samuel, " Listen carefully. I'm getting ready to do something in Israel that is going to shake everyone up and get their attention. The time has come for me to bring down on Eli's family everything I warned him of, every last word of it. I'm letting him know that times up. I'm bringing judgment on his family for good. He knew what was going on, that his sons were desecrating God's name and God's place, and he did nothing to stop them.

We see here in Ezekiel that he was taken in the Spirit out to a valley which was full of dry bones and there were many of them in this valley.

The Lord asked Ezekiel, "Can these bones live?" and his reply was. "You know!"

An answer given when someone does not want to be wrong with the answer they give.

Then the Lord instructed Ezekiel to Prophecy over the bones and tells him what he is to say and as he obeys God and begins to prophesy, there was a noise that starts to happen as well as a shaking as the spoken Word begins a great deliverance of these dry bones and the bones begin to come together.

Then sinew and flesh start appearing on the bones and then skin to cover them all.

Then the Lord instructed Ezekiel to Prophecy unto the wind that it would come from the four winds and breath life into these slain people that they may live and the wind came into them and life was given to them and they arose on their feet and became an exceedingly great army.

This is a picture of what the Lord can do to his Church in the days ahead.

Ezekiel. 37;1-5.

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones.

And caused me to pass by them round about: and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and lo, they were very dry.

And he said unto me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, thou knowest."

Again he said unto me, "Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye bones, hear the Word of the Lord."

Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; "Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live."

The Message Bible says.

God grabbed me. God's Spirit took me up and set me down in the middle of an open plain strewn with bones. He led me around and among them. A lot of bones! There were bones all over the plain, dry bones, bleached by the sun.

He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Master God, only you know that."

He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones: Dry bones, listen to the Message of God!"

God, the Master, told the dry bones, "Watch this: I'm bringing the breath of life to you and you'll come to life. I'll attach sinews to you, put meat on your bones, cover you with skin, and breathe life into you. You'll come alive and you'll realise that I am God.

This is the story of when Jesus was asleep in a ship, when a great windy storm arose and the waves started to throw the boat around and started to fill the boat with water.

The disciples went and woke Jesus up and said to him that are not you concerned that we may perish in this storm and he woke up and spoke unto the wind and rebuked it and said to the sea, "Peace, be still," and the wind stopped blowing and there was a great calm.

Mark. 4;37-39.

And there rose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, "Peace, be still." And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

The Message Bible says.

A huge storm came up. Waves poured into the boat, threatening to sink it. And Jesus was in the stern, head on a pillow, sleeping! They roused him, saying "Teacher, is it nothing to you that we are going down?"

Awake now, he told the wind to pipe down and said to the sea, "Quiet! Settle down!" The wind ran out of breath; the sea became as smooth as glass.

This is the account of when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. The family members were upset that Lazarus had died and that Jesus was not there to heal him before he died.

When Jesus said to Martha to take away the stone from the grave, she replied that because he had been dead for four days he would be stinking by now!

Jesus said to hear that is for the glory of God if she could believe and as Jesus prayed he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, Come forth." And even though Lazarus had been dead for four days he arose and came forth from the grave bound in graveclothes and Jesus told the people to let him loose.

Such is the power and authority in the name of Jesus that if he had not called the name of Lazarus, and him only, many others could have been risen from the dead and walked from the grave.

John. 11;43-44.

And when he had thus spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

The Message Bible says.

Then he shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" And he came out, a cadaver, wrapped from head to toe, and with a kerchief over his face.

Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him loose."

Notes.

Questions.

Session. 6.

Psalm. 5;3. What did David say to the Lord?

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Psalm. 119;5. David told the Lord what?

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Proverbs. 3;6. As we acknowledge the Lord, what will happen?

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Proverbs. 11;5. Our ways are directed by who?

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Proverbs. 16;9. Even though our heart is not perfect, what does God do?

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Ecclesiastes. 10;10. What is wisdom?

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11 Thessalonians 3;11. Who directs our way to the Lord?

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Exodus. 12;3-4. &7. This is what and what is it a type off?

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Joshua. 6;2-5. What direction did God give Joshua?

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Judges. 7;7-8. God gave Gideon specific instructions. What were they?

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Mark. 4;37-39. The disciples sought the Lord in a storm, what was the result?

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The Word in the Prophetic

In this chapter we will be looking at a brief number of scriptures that shows the Word of God in prophetic intervention that touches and influences many people and areas of our lives.

As we look at the **Old Testament scriptures**, we find that the prophets of old were actually the mouth pieces of God as he used them to expand His word for direction, deliverance and instruction.

1. Samuel. 9;9.

Before time in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, “Come, let us go to the seer, for he that is now called a prophet was before time called a seer.”

1. Corinthians. 29;24.

Now the Acts of David the King, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the Prophet, and in the book of God the seer.

Exodus 7;1-2.

And the Lord said unto Moses, “See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh; and Aaron thy brother shall be a prophet.

Thou shalt speak all that I command thee, and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh that he send the children of Israel out of his land.”

We can see through the writings of the prophets that it certainly clarifies the task of the Old Testament Prophets to be a mouth piece for God.

Amos. 3;8.

The lion hath roared, who will not fear? The Lord God hath spoken, who can but Prophesy.

The Message Bible says.

The Lion has roared, “Who isn’t frightened? God has spoken, what Prophet can keep quiet.”

When the Spirit of God moves it activates the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead and dwells in us, to speak and proclaim the Word of the Lord, if God has called the individual into the Prophetic calling.

Numbers. 11;25.

And the Lord came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him and gave it unto the seventy elders, and it came to pass, that when the Spirit rested upon them, they Prophesied and did not cease.

The Message Bible says.

So Moses went out and told the people what God had said, he called together seventy of the leaders and had them stand around the tent.

God came down in a cloud and spoke to Moses.

Don't be afraid of a soul.

I'll be right there, looking after you!

God's Decree.

Jeremiah. 1;17.

Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee; be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them.

The Message Bible says.

"But you, up on your feet and get dressed for work!

Stand up and say your piece. Say exactly what I tell you to say.

Don't pull your punches or I'll pull you out of the line up.

The Amplified Bible says.

But you [Jeremiah] gird up your loins! Arise and tell them all that I command you. Do not be dismayed and break down at the sight of their faces, lest I confound you before them and permit you to be overcome.

Ezekiel. 3;4.

And he said unto me, "Son of man, go get thee unto the house Israel and speak my Words unto them."

We can see through the writings of the scripture that God not only uses his Word to activate the Prophets, but he uses the Prophets to activate his Word.

The Call of a Prophet.

Without a doubt the call of a Prophet is an office that is given by God and not placed upon man by a man, for if man decided that a certain individual could or should be a Prophet without receiving any instruction from the Lord, then all God has to do is not speak to the man concerning the operation of that office and no Prophetic words will or should come out of the mouth of that man that actually come from God.

Over the years of both Ministry and fellowship, it's amazing how some people when they hear the word Prophet, that they seemingly seem to automatically think of is the possibility of some Prophetic words that they might be said over them.

The diversity of the Prophetic gift is amazing as not all the Prophets of God speak Prophetic words over people's lives, nor should they just because mankind thinks that.

The Prophetic Office can come in the form of, but not specific to

- Spoken words. Eg. Words of Knowledge etc.
- Direction.
- Visionary.
- Ministry of the Word.
- Prophetic teaching with good Revelationry understanding of the Word of God.
- The writing of books and material.
- A Prophetic voice.
- Having a presence and Authority about them.
- Able to have a discernment of the things of the Spirit.
- Has a boldness and great faith.
- Intercessory Prayer Warrior.
- Some may focus on foundation laying and building.
- Have a burning desire for the restoration of God's truth.
- Have a desire for God's people to know and understand God's Word.
- May not be every body's favourite person. If you know their life you will realise that their life has not been a bed of roses but God has tried and tested their Spirit, to bring about a humility before God so that he is able to use them.

11. Chronicles. 20;20.

Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his Prophets, so shall ye prosper.

The Message Bible says.

“Believe firmly in God your God, and your lives will be firm! Believe in your Prophets and you’ll come out on top.

The Amplified Bible says.

Believe in the Lord your God and you shall be established; believe and remain steadfast to His prophets and you shall prosper.

Amos. 3;7.

Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the Prophets.

The Message Bible says.

The fact is, God, the Master, does nothing without first telling his Prophets the whole story.

The New Testament.**John. 11;51.**

And this spake he not of himself but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation.

The Message Bible says.

He didn’t say this of his own accord, but as Chief Priest that year he unwittingly Prophesied that Jesus was about to die sacrificially for the nation, and not only for the nation but so that all God’s exile-scattered children might be gathered together into one nation.

Acts. 2;16-18.

But this is that which was spoken by the Prophet Joel:

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh: and your sons your daughters shall Prophecy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall Prophecy.

The Message Bible says.

This is what the Prophet Joel announced would happen.

“ In the last Days, ” God says, :I will pour out of my Spirit on every kind of people: Your Sons will Prophecy, also your daughters; Your young men will see visions, and your old men dream dreams. ”

When the time comes, I'll pour out my Spirit on all those who serve me, men and woman both, and they'll Prophecy.

1. Corinthians. 14;3-4.

But he that Prophesied speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that Prophesieth edifieth the church.

The Message Bible says.

If you praise him in the private language of tongues, God understands you but no one else does, for you are sharing intimacies just between you and him.

But when you proclaim his truth in everyday speech, you are letting others in on the truth so that they can grow and be strong and experience His presence with you.

The one who prays using a private prayer language certainly gets a lot out of it, but proclaiming God's truth to the church in its common language brings the whole church into growth and strength.

1. Timothy. 1;18.

This charge I commit unto thee, son, Timothy, according to the Prophecy which went before on thee, that thou by them mightiest war a good warfare.

The Message Bible says.

I'm passing this work onto you, my son Timothy.

The Prophetic Word that was directed to you prepared us for this. All those prayers are coming together now, so you will do this well, fearless in your struggles, keeping a firm grip on your faith and on yourself. After all, this is a fight we are in.

1. Timothy. 4;14.

Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by Prophecy, with the laying on of hands of the presbytery.

The Message Bible says.

Stay at your post reading scripture, giving council, teaching, and that spiritual gift of ministry you were given when the leaders of the church laid hands on you and prayed.

Keep that dusted off and in use.

The Amplified Bible says.

Do not neglect the gift which is in you. [that special inward endowment] which was directly imparted to you [by the Holy Spirit] by prophetic utterance when the elders laid their hands upon you [at your ordination]

2. Peter. 1;19-21.

We have also a more sure Word of Prophecy, wherefore ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretations.

For the Prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

The Message Bible says.

We couldn't be more sure of what we saw and heard. God's Glory, God's voice. The Prophetic Word was confirmed to us. You'll do well to keep focusing on it. It's the light you have in a dark time as you wait for daybreak and the rising of the morning star in your hearts.

The main thing to keep in mind here is that no Prophecy of scripture is a matter of private opinion. And why? Because it's not something concocted in the human heart.

Prophecy resulted when the Holy Spirit prompted men and woman to speak God's Word.

Revelation. 1;3.

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the Words of this Prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

The Amplified Bible says.

Blessed [happy to be envied] is the man who reads this aloud [in the assemblies] the word of this prophecy; and blessed [happy, to be envied] are those who hear [it read] and who keep themselves true to the things which are written in it [heeding them and laying them to heart], for the time [for them to be fulfilled] is near.

Revelation. 19;10.

I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: Worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy.

The Message Bible says.

I fell at his feet to worship him, but he wouldn't let me. "Don't do that," he said. "I'm a servant first like you, and like your brothers and sisters who hold to the witness of Jesus.

The witness of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy.

Notes.

Questions.

Session. 7.

1 Samuel. 9;9. Who did man go to enquire of God?

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Amos. 3;8. When God speaks, who has trouble being silent?

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Numbers. 11;25. Who places the spirit of God on people?

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Jeremiah. 1;17. God tells us to do what?

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Ezekiel. 3;4. What did God tell this man to do?

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Amos. 3;7. What does God reveal to his prophets?

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Acts. 2;16-18. What did the prophet Joel say?

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1 Corinthians. 14;3-4. He that Prophesieth does what?

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1 Timothy. 4;14. What does the Word of God tell not to do?

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Revelation. 1;3. If we read and hear the Prophetic word of God, we are what?

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Revelation. 19;10. The testimony of Jesus is what?

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The Word in Relation to his Second Coming.

This is a subject in itself and I have covered with a certain amount of detail in my book **“Is there a Second coming of Jesus Christ?”**

The Bible itself is a book that has a lot of revelation in it regarding the times that we are living in and the time that Jesus Christ is ordained by God to return to the earth as the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings.

In this chapter we will be looking at some of the scriptures that God has in his Word where he describes some of the things that are going to happen, prior to and during the second coming of Jesus Christ.

As a believing reader you will realize, God has so many scriptures written in the Word of God that are directly or indirectly connected in some way to the End of the Age or the Second Coming of Jesus Christ that it would be impossible to place them all in this chapter so I will use just a few of them.

I will use the scriptures that describe certain things written in the Word of God pertaining to revelation and the Second coming of Jesus Christ.

Zechariah. 4;6.

Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord of Hosts.

The Message Bible says.

You cannot force these things. They only come about through my Spirit, says the God of the Angel-Armies.

Micah. 4;1-3.

But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow into it.

And many nations shall come and say, Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and we will walk in his paths; for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

And he shall judge among people and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

The Message Bible says.

But when all is said and done, God's Temple on the mountain, firmly fixed, will dominate all mountains, towering above surrounding hills. People will stream into it and many nations set out for it, Saying, "Come let's climb God's mountain. Let's go to the Temple of Jacob's God.

He will teach us how to live. We'll know how to live God's way."

True teaching will issue from Zion.

God's revelation from Jerusalem, He'll establish justice in the rabble of nations and settle disputes in faraway places.

They'll trade in their swords for shovels, and their spears for rakes and hoes.

Nations will quit fighting each other, quit learning how to kill one another.

Revelation. 17;14.

These shall make war with the lamb, and the lamb shall overcome them; for he is the Lord of Lords, and King of Kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

The Amplified Bible says.

They will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will triumph over them; for He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings and those with Him and on His side are chosen and called [ə'lektəd] and loyal and faithful followers.

The Message Bible says.

"They will go to war against the lamb but the lamb will defeat them, proof that he is Lord over all Lords, King over all Kings, and those with him will be the called, chosen, and faithful."

Revelation. 19;16.

And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Mark. 1;15.

And saying, The time is at fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

The Message Bible says.

"Times up! God's kingdom is here. Change your life and believe the Message."

The Amplified Bible says

And saying, The [appointed period of] time is fulfilled [completed], and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent [have a change of mind which issues in regret for past sins and in change of conduct for the better] and believe [trust in, rely on, and adhere to] the good news [the gospel].

Acts. 2;38-39.

Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

The Message Bible says

Peter said, "Change your life. Turn to God and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, so your sins are forgiven. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The promise is targeted to you and your children, but also to all who are far away, whomever in fact, our Master God invites.

Acts. 3;19-21.

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his Prophets since the world began.

The Message Bible says

"Now it's time to change your ways! Turn to face God so he can wipe away your sins, pour out showers of blessing to refresh you, and send you the Messiah he prepared for you, namely Jesus. For the time being he must remain out of sight in heaven until everything is restored to order again just the way God, through the preaching of his Holy Prophets of old, said it would be.

John. 14;6.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John. 14;2-3.

In my Father`s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

The Message Bible says.

Don`t let this throw you. You trust God, don`t you? Trust me.

There is plenty of room for you in my Father`s home. If that weren`t so, would I have told you that I`m on my way to get a room ready for you? And if I`m on my way to get a room ready, I`ll be back and get you so you can live where I live.

1.Thessalonians. 4;16-17.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; so shall we ever be with the Lord.

The Message Bible says.

And then this. We can tell you with complete confidence, we have the Master`s Word on it, that when the Master comes again to get us who are still alive will get a jump on the dead and them behind.

In actual fact, they`ll be ahead of us. The Master himself will give the command.

Archangel thunder! God`s trumpet blast! He`ll come down from heaven and the dead in Christ will rise, they`ll go first. Then the rest of us who are still alive at that time will be caught up with them into the clouds to meet the Master. Oh, we`ll be walking on air!

And then there will be one huge family reunion with the Master. So reassure one another with these words.

Matthew. 24;21-22.

For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no nor ever shall be.

And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect`s sake those days shall be shortened.

The Message Bible says.

“This is going to be trouble on a scale beyond what the world has ever seen, or will see again. If these days of trouble were left to run their course, nobody would make it. But on account of God’s chosen people, the trouble will be cut short.

Isaiah. 65;8-9.

Thus saith the Lord. As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing in it; so will I do for my servants sakes, that I may not destroy them all.

And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains; and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

The Message Bible says.

“But just as one bad apple doesn’t ruin the whole bushel, there are still plenty of good apples left.

So I’ll preserve those in Israel who obey me. I won’t destroy the whole nation.

I’ll bring out my true children from Jacob and the heirs of my mountains from Judah.

My chosen will inherit the land, my servants will move in.

Matthew. 24;35-44.

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my Words shall not pass away.

But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.

For as in the days, that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the Ark.

And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.

Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

But know this that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh.

The Message Bible says.

This age continues until all these things take place. Sky and earth will wear out; but my Words won't wear out.

“But the exact day and hour? No one knows that, not even the heaven's angels, not even the Son. Only the Father knows.

The arrival of the Son of Man will take place in times like Noah's. Before the great flood everyone was carrying on as usual, having a good time right up to the day Noah boarded the Ark. They knew nothing until the flood hit and swept everything away.

The Son of Man's arrival will be like that; Two men will be working in the field, one will be taken, one left behind; two women will be grinding at the mill, one will be taken, one left behind. So stay awake, alert.

You have no idea what day your Master will show up. But you do know this; You know that if the homeowner had known what time of night the burglar would arrive, he would have been there with his dogs to prevent the break-in.

Be vigilant just like that; You have no idea when the Son of Man is going to show up.

Luke. 17;34-37.

I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed: the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

Two women shall be grinding together: the one shall be taken and the other left.

Two men shall be in the field: the one shall be taken, and the other left.

And they answered and said unto him. Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.

The Message Bible says.

“On that day, two men will be in the same boat fishing, one taken, the other left.

Two women will be working in the same kitchen, one taken, the other left.

Trying to take all this in, the disciples said, “Master, where?” He told them, “Watch for the circling of the vultures, They'll spot the corpse first. The action will begin around my dead body.

Matthew. 7;21-23.

Not everyone that saith unto me, “Lord, Lord shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven.

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?”

And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you, depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

The Message Bible says.

“Knowing the correct password, saying “Master, Master” for instance, isn’t going to get you anywhere with me. What is required is serious obedience, doing what the Father wills.

I can see it now, at the final judgement, thousands strutting up to me and saying, “Master, we preached the Message, we bashed the demons, our God sponsored projects had everyone talking.”

And do you know what I am going to say? “You missed the boat. All you did was use me to make yourselves important. You don’t impress me one bit, You’re out of here,”

Matthew. 24;29-31.

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.

And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven: and then shall the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

The Message Bible says.

Following those hard times!

The moon will fade out, the moon will cloud over and the stars will fall out of the sky, then the cosmic powers will tremble.

“Then the arrival of the Son of Man! It will fill the skies, no one will miss it.

Unready people all over the world, outsiders to the slender and power, will raise a huge lament as they watch the Son of Man blazing out of heaven.

At that same moment, he’ll dispatch his angels with a trumpet-blast summons, pulling in God’s chosen from the four winds, from pole to pole.”

Revelation. 14;14-20.

And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of Man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

And another Angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud. "Thrust in thy sickle, and reap; for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe."

And he that sat on the cloud thrust his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

And another Angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

And another Angel came out from the Alter, which had the power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe."

And the Angel thrust his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even to the horse`s bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

The Message Bible says.

I looked up, I caught my breath! A white cloud and one like the Son of Man sitting on it. He wore a gold crown and held a sharp sickle.

Another Angel came out of the Temple, shouting to the Cloud Enthroned, "Swing your sickle and reap, It`s harvest time. Earth`s harvest is ripe for reaping." The Cloud Enthroned gave a mighty sweep of his sickle, began harvesting earth in a stroke.

Then another Angel came out of the Temple in heaven. He also had a sharp sickle. Yet another Angel, the one in charge of tending the fire, came from the Altar.

He thundered to the Angel who held the sharp sickle, "Swing your sharp sickle. Harvest earth`s vineyard. The grapes are bursting with ripeness."

The Angel swung his sickle, harvested earth`s vintage, and heaved it into the winepress, the giant winepress of God`s wrath. The winepress was outside the City.

As the vintage was trodden, blood poured from the winepress as high as a horse`s bridle, a river of blood for two hundred miles.

Isaiah. 63;3-4.

I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

For the day of vengeance is in my heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

The Message Bible says.

I've always been treading the winepress alone. No one to help me.

Angrily, I stomped the grapes; raging, I trampled the people.

Their blood spurted all over me, all my clothes were soaked with blood.

I was set on vengeance.

The time for redemption had arrived. I looked around for someone to help me. No one.

I couldn't believe it, not one volunteer.

So I went ahead and did it myself, fed and fueled my rage.

I trampled the people in my anger, crushed them under foot in my wrath, soaked the earth with their blood.

Revelation. 1;7.

Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so. Amen.

The Message Bible says.

Riding the clouds, he'll be seen by every eye, those who mocked and killed him will see him.

People from all nations and all times will tear their clothes in lament.

Oh. Yes.

Revelation. 19;11-15.

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse, and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns: and he had a name written, that no man knew, but himself.

And he was clothed with a vessel dipped in blood; and his name is called the Word of God.

And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of almighty God.

Revelation 20;12-15.

And I saw the dead small and great stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things that were written in the books, according to their works.

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

The Message Bible says.

And I saw a Great White Throne and the one Enthroned. Nothing could stand before or against the Presence, nothing in Heaven, nothing on Earth.

And then I saw all the dead, great and small standing there, before the throne!

*And books were opened. Then another book was opened: **The Book of Life.***

The dead were judged by what was written in the books, by the way they had lived.

Sea released its dead. Death and Hell turned up their dead. Each man and woman was judged by the way he or she lived. Then Death and Hell were hurled into the lake fire. This is the second death, lake fire.

Anyone whose name was not found inscribed in the Book of Life was hurled into lake fire.

Revelation. 21;1-8.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

The Message Bible says.

I saw heaven and earth new-created. Gone the first heaven, gone the first earth, gone the sea.

I saw Holy Jerusalem new –created, descending resplendent out of Heaven, as ready for God as a bride for her husband.

I heard a voice thunder from, the Throne; “Look! Look! God has moved into the neighbourhood making his home with men and women! They`re his people, he`s their God. He`ll wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good, tears gone, crying gone, pain gone, all the first order of things gone.” The Enthroned continued, “Look! I`m making everything new. Write it all down, each word dependable and accurate.”

Then he said, “Its happened, I`m A to Z. I`m the beginning, I`m the Conclusion. From the water of life well I gave freely to the thirsty. Conquerors inherit all this. I`ll be God to them, they`ll be sons and daughters to me.

But as for the rest, the feckless and faithless, degenerates and murderers, sex peddlers and sorcerers, Idolaters and all liars, for them it`s lake fire and Brimstone. Second Death!”

Revelation. 22;17-21.

And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book. If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

And if any man shall take away from the words from the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

He which testify these things saith, “Surely I come quickly.” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

The Message Bible says.

“Come.” Say the Spirit and the Bride. Whoever hears, echo, “Come.” Is anyone thirsty? Come! All who will, come and drink, Drink freely of the Water of Life!

I give fair warning to all who hear the words of the prophecy of this book: If you add to the words of this prophecy, God will add to your life the disasters written in this book; if you subtract from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will subtract your part from the Tree of Life and the Holy City that are written in this book.

He who testifies to all these things says it again: “I`m on my way! I`ll be there soon!”

Yes Come, Master Jesus!

The grace of the Master Jesus be with all of you.

Oh, Yes!

Hebrews. 6;18.

That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.

The Message Bible says.

When God wanted to guarantee his promises, he gave His Word, a rock solid guarantee. God can` t break His Word. And because his word cannot change, the promise is likewise unchangeable.

The journey through life as a Christian is not always easy but the result at the end of that journey is well worth what we face and experience.

I hope that those who have read and gone through the study guide are encouraged by what they have read and even if you are not a believer when you have started to read the contents I really pray that what you have read may inspire you to rethink your life`s direction and find a believer who will help you to accept Christ into your life and begin to form a greater relationship with the Lord your God. Your creator.

God Bless.

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Notes.

Questions.

Session. 8.

Zechariah. 4;6. How shall the Lord do all things?

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Micah. 4;1-3. Where shall the people of God flow into?

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Revelation. 17;14. What shall happen to those that make war with the lamb?

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Revelation. 19;16. What shall the Lord have written on him when he comes?

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Mark. 1;15. What are we asked to do because of the time at hand?

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Acts. 2;38-39. What is the gift that we are promised and encouraged to get?

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Acts. 3;19-21. What is the time described as in his presence?

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John. 14;6. How do we come unto the Father?

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John. 14;2-3. Jesus said that in my Father`s house there are many, What?

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1 Thessalonians. 4;16-17. Write down the order that the dead and the living meet Christ.

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Matthew. 24;21-22. What shall happen on earth after we leave the earth?

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Matthew. 24;36. Do we know the hour that Christ shall return?

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Luke. 17;34-37. What will happen in the rapture?

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Matthew. 7;21-22. Will everyone make it into the Kingdom of God?

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Revelation. 14;14-20. What do the angels have in their hands?

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Revelation. 1;7. When Christ comes who shall see him?

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Revelation. 20;12-15. Who stands before God and what was opened?

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Revelation. 21; 1-8. What did John see coming down from heaven?

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Revelation. 22;7-21. What do the Spirit and the bride say?

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Hebrews. 6;18. Can God lie?

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