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- Deut. 1:1-3:22; 11:24-25
- Joshua 1:2-3
- Genesis 15:5; 26:4-5
- Matthew 10:1-34; 26:47-56;
6:25-34
- Luke 9:1-6, 51-56; 10:1-12;
22:24-51
- Isaiah 53
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Title:

TWO SWORDS ARE ENOUGH, BECAUSE YOU WON'T EVEN NEED ONE!

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- Seek First the Kingdom

Take two swords with you! And by the way, the moment you think you need them, you won't. The battle you are in and the enemy you will face is not one you will need a sharp steel blade to defeat. First and foremost it is a battle in the Spirit. But don't be fooled, the

spiritual battle you wage “against the rulers of the darkness of this age, and against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places” will also manifest as weapons of warfare in the earth. What might that look like? Join us as we explore the answers together.

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

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“And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, ‘Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings; **so will the LORD do to all the kingdoms through which you pass.** You must not fear them, **for the LORD your God Himself fights for you.**” Deuteronomy 3:21-22

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

“Then He called His twelve disciples together and **gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.** He sent them **to preach the kingdom of God** and to heal the sick. And He said to them, **“Take nothing for the journey,** neither staffs nor

bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece.” (Luke 9:1-3 NKJV) “Then He said to them, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. **Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road... And heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’”** Luke 10:2-4, 9 NKJV

“And He said to them, “When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, **did you lack anything?**” So they said, “**Nothing.**” [Note: supernatural wilderness provision] Then He said to them, “**But now**, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; **and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one**. For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: ‘**And He was numbered with the transgressors.**’ **For the things concerning Me have an end [end = goal, and that goal being Isaiah 53].**” So they said, “**Lord, look, here are two swords.**” **And He said to them, “It is enough.”**” Luke 22:35-38 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. Deuteronomy is both the title for the last book from the scroll of the Torah and the title of the first Torah portion therein. One ancient name for the book of Deuteronomy is Mishnah HaTorah, which means "repetition of the Torah." This is similar to the Greek Septuagint name Deuteronomos, which means "second law." The English name Deuteronomy is derived from Deuteronomos.
2. The book of Deuteronomy is dominated by Moses' farewell address to the children of Israel as he urges them to remain faithful to the covenant and prepares them for entering Canaan. During the course of the book, Moses reviews the story of the giving of the Torah at Sinai and the trip to the Promised Land, reiterates many laws of Torah and introduces some laws for the first time.
3. As we study the first week's reading from the book of Deuteronomy, the children of Israel are assembled on the plains of Moab across the Jordan from Jericho.
4. **The Previous Command to Enter the Land:** we see that the whole journey from Egypt to the edge of the promised land could have taken 14 days. We know they were to go a 3-days journey into the wilderness and have a "feast for Yahweh" and

that should have landed them in Horeb (at Mount Sinai). And it was only an eleven day journey from Horeb to where they stood, had they taken the straight path and not the 40 year route! It's now the first day of the eleventh month 40 years later and Moses began to retell commands given at Mt. Sinai.

5. Back then Yahweh told them to take the commands they received and go. *“See, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—to give to them and their descendants after them.”* Deuteronomy 1:8 NKJV
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7. *“See, I have set the land before you; **go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to your fathers**—to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—to give to them and their descendants after them.”* (Deuteronomy 1:8 NKJV) “Go in and take the land” is not a suggestion but a command, and the purpose of it and the

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8. **Triable Leaders Appointed:** Moses recounts how Yahweh has multiplied them as "the stars of heaven" (clearly a reference to the promise to Abraham and his obedience!)

(a) *"Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and **count the stars** if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."*

Genesis 15:5 NKJV

(b) *"And I will make your descendants multiply **as the stars of heaven**; I will **give to your descendants all these lands**; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; because Abraham **obeyed My voice** and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."* Genesis 26:4-5

NKJV

9. Then Moses makes this explosive prophetic declaration: *"May the LORD God of your fathers make you **a thousand times more** numerous than you are, and bless you as He has promised you!"* (Deuteronomy 1:11 NKJV) The estimated number of Israelites at that moment he said that was **2.5 to 3 million**. That means he was prophesying that there would be **2.5 to 3 billion** children of God! How close might we be to that

number present day if we estimate all those who became believers since then, including all those alive today?

10. Moses recalls that because of the massive population he was advised to approve judges (wise, understanding, and knowledgeable men) to help with disputes.

(a) Leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders of fifties, leaders of tens, and officers were appointed to impartially handle all cases but the most difficult, which Moses will still handle himself.

11. **Israel's First Refusal to Enter the Land:** When Israel had its first opportunity to enter they asked if they could do some reconnaissance of the land beforehand. Moses agreed and they sent 12 men ahead. Of course two of the men (Joshua and Caleb) brought back a good report, and the other ten brought back words that frightened the people, inciting a rebellion. Moses assured them and reminded them all that Yahweh had done thus far, a history of going before them and fighting their battles, even leading them in the exact path they should go by fire and cloud. But it was fruitless. *"Yet, for all that, you did not believe the LORD your God,"* (Deuteronomy 1:32 NKJV)

12. **The Penalty for Israel's Rebellion:** None of you grown-up rebels will see the good land except the two men (Joshua and Caleb) who brought the good word, plus the young (20 and under at

the time) who are innocent. So for now, take a turn and head back into the wilderness (for another 39 years).

13. **The penalty inspires a fear-based repentance:** The people say, “we are sorry, we are ready to fight, we will go fight right now.” Yahweh tells them “**Don’t do it!**” But, in rebellious fashion they presumptuously do it anyway, and get a good old-fashioned whooping!
14. **The Desert Years:** Yahweh tells the people, as they launched back into the wilderness, to not meddle with the descendants of Esau, that not one footprint’s-worth of their land will be for Israel. You should buy water and food from them and keep going. And remember that I will provide for you every step of the way on your trudging through this great wilderness. Moses reminds them that indeed they have lacked nothing over these past 40 years. (Remember, this sermon by Moses we call Deuteronomy is taking place as they stand at the edge of the Promised Land 40 years after the exodus.)
15. **Wilderness of Moab:** Again, looking back to when they were told they’d be staying in the wilderness, they were told to not harass Moab, nor contend with them in battle, for Yahweh will not give them any of Moabite land as a possession. They are told that what will happen now is that they will keep wandering the wilderness until all the adult men who would not cross over

into the Promised Land, when they had their first chance, are dead.

16. Looking back again, they were given intricate details about when they would come upon the people of Ammon. They were ordered to not harass them or meddle with them, for Yahweh would not give them any of the land of the people of Ammon as a possession, because He had given it to the descendants of Lot.
17. In contrast to Moab and Ammon, they were ordered to go to war against Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land. They would possess that land and their victory would put the dread and fear of them upon the nations. When they hear the reports of Israel, they shall tremble and be in anguish.
18. **King Sihon Defeated:** at first Israel is told to approach Sihon peacefully, asking if they can buy food and water and use his roads. But Yahweh's plan was to harden his spirit and make his heart obstinate (like Pharaoh), that He might deliver him into their hands. Sihon's ultimate defeat was decisive in every way and Israel moved on with many spoils of war.
19. **King Og Defeated:** The same happens with Og as he comes out against Israel. The defeat is total and complete. They were utterly destroyed (cities and people). But all the livestock and the spoils of the cities Israel took as booty.

20. And at that time they took the land from the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were on the east side of the Jordan.
21. **The Land East of the Jordan:** Moses recounts the request of the Reubenites, Gadites and half the tribe of Manasseh. They wanted some good land on the east side in which to settle (as they had many livestock and needed an abundance of fertile land). Moses had ruled that as long as they prep with their brothers for the war in the Promised Land, go before them in battle, and fight with them until they had complete victory, then their request is acceptable.
22. **This is how the Reubenites, Gadites and half the tribe of Manasseh were to go about fulfilling their obligations:** All you men of valor shall cross over armed before your brethren, the children of Israel. “Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock (I know that you have much livestock) shall stay in your cities which have been given to you, until the LORD has given rest to your brethren as to you, and they also possess the land which the LORD your God is giving them beyond the Jordan. Then each of you may return to his possession which I have given you.”
23. **The ultimate reminder of how every battle from this time forward is won!** *“And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, ‘Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to*

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TAKE THE LAND; IT’S A COMMAND

1. How, Why and Who?

A. How do we win and who fights the battle?

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1. The focus of our study today (when to go and how to take the land!)
2. It is the command to possess the land.
3. Why? How does the victory come?
4. When do we fight and when do we walk away?

(2) Yahweh’s Plan Set in Motion

(a) “But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass through, for the LORD your **God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate**, that He might deliver him into your hand, as it is this day. “And the LORD said to me, ‘**See, I have begun to give Sihon and his land over to you. Begin to possess it, that you may inherit his land.**’” Deuteronomy 2:30-31 NKJV

1. God hardened his heart like He did Pharaoh’s so he could then defeat him
2. The Order: Begin to possess his land

B. The ultimate reminder of how every battle from this time forward is won!

(1) The Testimony

- (a) *'Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings; so will the LORD do to all the kingdoms through which you pass. You must not fear them, for the LORD your **God Himself fights for you.**'*

Deuteronomy 3:21-22 NKJV

1. Remember what your eyes have witnessed and what Yahweh has done!
2. Do this to all the kingdoms you are told to do it to (and not the ones you are not told to do it to!)
3. Don't ever be afraid; Yahweh Himself fights the battles for you! (But you must obey to enter the fight when instructed!)

(2) Every Place Your Sole of Your Foot Treads

- (a) **"Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours:** from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the River Euphrates, even to the Western Sea, shall be your territory. No **man shall be able to stand against you;** the LORD your **God will put the dread of you and the fear of you** upon all the land where you tread, just as He has said to you." Deuteronomy 11:24-25 NKJV

(b) ““Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. **Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you**, as I said to Moses.” Joshua 1:2-3 NKJV

1. When Yahweh tells you to take possession of a piece of land, it will be yours when you plant your feet on it.
2. That is the authority and power Yahweh gives His people (but only when you obey His commands and go when He says go and stay when He says stay.)
3. The people coming against you will have dread and fear of you.

C. Multiply

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4. But it was fruitless. *“Yet, for all that, you did not believe [***and remember—belief = obedience**] the LORD your God,”* (Deuteronomy 1:32 NKJV)
5. **“For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, **but to those who did not obey? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.**”* Hebrews 3:16-19 NKJV

SWORD OR NO SWORD, THAT IS THE QUESTION

2. The Battle That Must Take Place First!

A. Take nothing with you, and go manifest the Kingdom

(1) Sending Out the Twelve

- (a) **Matthew:** “And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, **He gave them power over unclean spirits**, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. Matthew 10:1NKJV
- (b) “These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: “Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, ‘**The kingdom of heaven is at hand.**’ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. **Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts, nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs;** for a worker is worthy of his food. “Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out. And when you go into a household, greet it. If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom

and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!" Matthew 10:5-15 NKJV

(c) **Luke:** "Then He called His twelve disciples together and **gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.** He sent them **to preach the kingdom of God** and to heal the sick. And He said to them, "**Take nothing for the journey,** neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece.

"Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them." So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere." Luke 9:1-6 NKJV

1. When Y'shua sent out His twelve He told them to take nothing with them.
2. He gave them power over unclean spirits
3. He gave them authority over demons
4. He gave them authority to heal the sick
5. He sent them to preach the kingdom, not just salvation
6. He told them to take nothing with them

7. And He Told them that for those who reject the message, they'd have been better off if they lived in Sodom or Gomorrah when it was reduced to ashes (the city and all the people).

8. Hint: this is the power we must exercise!

(2) Sending out the seventy

(a) **Luke:** "After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go your way; behold, **I send you out as lambs among wolves. Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road.** But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. **And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near**

to you.’ But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, ‘The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. **Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.’ But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.”** Luke 10:1-12 NKJV

1. When Y’shua sent out the seventy, He told them that they would be operating among wolves (the evil of the world)
2. He also told them to take nothing with them
3. He gave them the same mandate, preach the kingdom, heal the sick, etc.
4. And He added that if they are not interested in the kingdom, that for them, they’d have been better off if they lived in Sodom when it was reduced to ashes (the city and all the people).
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B. Take a Sword with You

(1) Bestowing a Kingdom

- (a) **Luke:** “Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. And He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise

lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called 'benefactors.' **But not so among you;** on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. "But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. **And I bestow upon you a kingdom,** just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and **sit on thrones judging** the twelve tribes of Israel.'" Luke 22:24-30 NKJV

1. The power is in the meekness. With true authority from Yahweh, we need not display that authority or power in a haughty prideful manner. *"Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth."* Matthew 5:5 NKJV
2. Instead Serve! And with that service we will operate with kingdom authority and power!
3. We will sit at the judges bench as righteous judges! *"But judgment will return to righteousness, And all the upright in heart will follow it. Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? Who will stand up for me*

against the workers of iniquity?" Psalms 94:15-16

NKJV

(2) Christ Brings Division

(a) "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace **but a sword.**" Matthew 10:34

NKJV

(3) Time to buy a sword

(a) "And He said to them, "When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, **did you lack anything?**" So they said, "**Nothing.**" [Note: supernatural wilderness provision] Then He said to them, "**But now**, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; **and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one. For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors.' For the things concerning Me have an end *[end = goal, and that goal being Isaiah 53]."** So they said, "**Lord, look, here are two swords.**" And He said to them, "**It is enough.**"

Luke 22:35-38 NKJV

1. In the past I sent you out without money and a sword

2. Did you lack anything? No, the in wilderness portion of the journey to the promised land, all provision is supernatural!
3. This time take your money with and if needed sell something to buy a sword. WHY?
4. Because there is an ULTIMATE REASON for the things in the Messianic prophecy of Isaiah 53!
5. That which is written WILL BE accomplished!
6. And you will have access to a sword, BUT NOT the way you think!
7. Two swords are enough because you WON'T NEED ANY!
8. *SEE ALL OF ISAIAH 53 (MESSIANIC PROPHECY)
 "Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great **[and see what make one great above in Luke 22:24-30—MEEKNESS AND SERVING]**, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, **And He was numbered with the transgressors**, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors." Isaiah 53:12 NKJV
9. **All of Isaiah 53 For you reading pleasure: "Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of**

the LORD been revealed? For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. And they made His grave

with the wicked— But with the rich at His death,
Because He had done no violence, Nor was any
deceit in His mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to
bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make
His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He
shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD
shall prosper in His hand. He shall see the labor of
His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge **My
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with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto
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- a) “Who has believed our report? (Spies, belief =
obedience)
- b) And to whom has the arm of the LORD been
revealed? (This is the power we need)
- c) My righteous Servant shall justify many,”

C. Put that Sword Away, You Don't Need It!

- (1) Luke and the sword

(a) “And while He was still speaking, behold, a multitude; and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. But Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?” When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, “**Lord, shall we strike with the sword?**” And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus answered and said, “**Permit even this.**” And He touched his ear and healed him.” Luke 22:47-51 NKJV

(2) Matthew and the Sword

(a) “And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with **a great multitude with swords** and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.” Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him. But Jesus said to him, “Friend, why have you come?” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him. And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and **drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest,** and cut off his ear. But Jesus said to him, “**Put your sword in its**

place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled [Isaiah 53], that it must happen thus?" In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me. **But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.**" Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled." Matthew 26:47-56 NKJV

1. Should I use this "physical sword?"
2. Put it away, you won't need it.
3. I told you to bring one so you can learn this lesson!
4. What lesson?
 - a) All who choose the sword will perish by the sword.
 - b) Instead, you can at any moment pray to the Father, and He will provide you with more than twelve legions of angels!
 - c) But don't enter that battle unless you are told to, as the ones you enter without permission cannot win!

d) **See the seven sons of Sceva:** *“Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, **so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.** Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.” Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?” Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand*

pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.” Acts 19:11-20 NKJV

D. The Real Weapons of War

(1) Look at the words of Mark in his version of sending out the twelve

(a) “And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and **gave them power over unclean spirits.** He commanded **them to take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bag, no bread, no copper in their money belts— but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics.** Also He said to them, “In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place. **And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust** under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!” So they went out and preached that people should repent. **And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.”** Mark 6:7-13 NKJV

1. We are given power over unclean spirits.

2. Fight the fights you are told to fight and shake off the rest.
3. Yahweh will handle their judgment!

(2) We do not wrestle against flesh and blood

- (a) “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the **devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.** Therefore **take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;** praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end

with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints
—” Ephesians 6:10-18 NKJV

(b) **HIS WORD AS A WEAPON:** “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.” Hebrews 4:12-13 NKJV

1. The true fight is in the spiritual realm first and that will then manifest as victory in the earth
2. Put on your armor to fight the battle
3. And the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword. Obey it and you will know when and how to fight. **(The WORD is the sword of the spirit!)**
4. And when you do fight you will have the authority to pray to the Father, and He will provide you with more than twelve legions of angels!

(3) The right time to use our weapons of warfare

(a) **NO:** “Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face

to go to Jerusalem, and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him. But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. And when His disciples **James and John** saw this, they said, **“Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, *just as Elijah did?”** But He turned and rebuked them, and said, **“You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. [WRONG TIME!]** For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives but to save them. ” And they went to another village.” Luke 9:51-56 NKJV

1. **This what Elijah did!** “So Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, **“If I am a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men.”** And fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty. Then he sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty men. And he answered and said to him: “Man of God, thus has the king said, ‘Come down quickly!’ ” So Elijah answered and said to them, **“If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men.”** And the fire of God came down from

heaven and consumed him and his fifty. Again, he sent a third captain of fifty with his fifty men. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and pleaded with him, and said to him: **“Man of God, please let my life and the life of these fifty servants of yours be precious in your sight.** Look, fire has come down from heaven and burned up the first two captains of fifties with their fifties. **But let my life now be precious in your sight.”**” II Kings 1:10-14 NKJV

- (b) **Yes:** “But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles’ feet. But Peter said, **“Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit** and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? **Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”** Then **Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last.** So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. And the young men arose and wrapped

him up, carried him out, and buried him. Now it was about three hours later **when his wife came in**, not knowing what had happened. And Peter answered her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?" She said, "Yes, for so much." Then Peter said to her, "**How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.**" **Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last.** And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying her out, buried her by her husband. **So great fear came upon all the church** and upon all who heard these things." Acts 5:1-11 NKJV

- (c) "And through the hands of the apostles **many signs and wonders were done among the people.** And they were all **with one accord [UNITY]** in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they **brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.** Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to

Jerusalem, bringing sick people **and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.**" Acts 5:12-16 NKJV

1. Let us call down fire
2. Sometimes the answer is yes, sometimes the answer is no
3. Elijah knew when to call down fire and when to refrain. We too must know that.
4. James and John were off in their timing
5. Peter was not! He knew that there was a grieving of the Holy Spirit by both Ananias and Sapphira and they both dropped dead WITHOUT THE USE OF THE SWORD.
6. Can you see the contrast here with what took place by the sword in the Garden of Gethsemane?
7. Peter was so in tune with the Spirit by now that even his shadow was healing the sick and rebuking demons!
8. **You see similar power in Paul:** "Now God worked **unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs** or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them." Acts 19:11-12 NKJV

(4) How do you know when to use your weapons?

- (a) ““Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,** and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for

tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." Matthew 6:25-34 NKJV

1. The only way to get to the level at which Elijah, Peter and Paul were operating (and knowing when it is yes and when it is no) is to seek first the kingdom and Yahweh's righteousness. THAT'S WHAT THE 12 AND THE 70 WERE SENT OUT TO PREACH!
2. Then we will be ready to:
 - a) "Sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Luke 22:30 NKJV
 - b) Sit at the judges bench as righteous judges! *"But judgment will return to righteousness, And all the upright in heart will follow it. Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?"* Psalms 94:15-16

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

1. Why did Yahweh "command" that Israel possess the land?

- A. What promises did God make to Moses and Joshua about "the soles of their feet"?

2. **Deuteronomy 1:11 says, “May the LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times more numerous than you are, and bless you as He has promised you!”**
 - A. How does this relate to the promise to Abraham about the number of his descendants (stars of heaven)?
 - B. Compare the number of Israelites at the time of that statement to the number of Christians throughout history, including the present day.
3. **Why did Y’shua tell the 12 and then the 70 to take nothing with them (including swords) when He sent them out?**
4. **Why did Y’shua later tell His disciples to sell some things so they could buy swords?**
5. **Why then did Y’shua rebuke one of His disciples for using his sword in the Garden of Gethsemane?**
6. **What did Y’shua prefer they use as a weapon, instead of using the sword?**
 - A. **Hint:** In Matthew’s account of Y’shua’s betrayal in the Garden (26:47-56), Y’shua tells us what He could have done to protect Himself!