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SCRIPTURES

- Genesis 18:1-22:24
- Daniel 5; I Samuel 15
- Ephesians 2:19-22
- Matthew 13:1-23

PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS

- Signpost Up Ahead
- The Writing on the Wall
- Stone-cold Silence
- Human Initiative Partners

Preconceived Notions: having the foreknowledge or awareness of something before having any evidence of that something being real. It's why Y'shua spoke in parables, and it's what you are privy to when it comes to what Yahweh is doing in the earth. And let me add, it's not simply a privilege; it's an obligation. "Surely God does nothing without first revealing it to His servants the prophets."

Of course, He can do anything He wishes, He just chooses to include us in His plans as His human initiative partners. He wants us involved and we ought to take that responsibility seriously. The Holy Scriptures are rife with proof that Yahweh has chosen to operate this way, right from the beginning; "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing?"

Y'shua continued His Father's ways; "It has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven." I think there is no better time in history, than right now, to learn what this means and how to discern what God is doing in the earth. The ongoing problem is that God's people have a history of killing the prophets. Back then it was with swords and stones. Today, it is the church that keeps them in stone-cold silence!

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

"And the LORD said, "**Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, since Abraham** shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?"

Genesis 18:17-18 NKJV

"Now therefore, restore the man's wife; **for he [Abraham] is a prophet**, and he will pray for you and you shall live. But if you do not restore her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours."" Genesis 20:7 NKJV

"Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, **Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.**" Amos 3:7 NKJV

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

"It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, **But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.**" Proverbs 25:2 NKJV

“He answered and said to them, “Because **it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven**, but to them it has not been given.” Matthew 13:11 NKJV

“Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, **having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets**, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.” Ephesians 2:19-22 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. This portion describes how Yahweh appeared to Abraham outside his tent, and then a second time at the end of the narrative, and describes a series of tests of faith, really for both Abraham and Isaac. It concludes with the greatest act of faith one could imagine, the faith to sacrifice ones own son.
2. **The Son of Promise:** The portion begins with Abraham being encountered by Yahweh, seemingly in the form of “three men.” He invites them to a meal which Sarah prepares. As they sit for the meal they inquire of Sarah’s whereabouts.

3. Through these “men” Yahweh speaks aloud, even so Sarah can overhear them. Yahweh will return Sarah’s body to the condition of childbearing years and she will have a son.
4. Sarah laughed to herself thinking, “I am way too old to have a child!” Of course, God knows she laughed and inquires why of Abraham. (Note: Abraham laughed as well back in Genesis 17:17 when he was told the same...Shall a child be born to a man who is one hundred years old and woman who is ninety?)
5. Then in a powerful declaration for all of us to hold onto, Yahweh declares: *“Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.”* Genesis 18:14 NKJV
6. **Abraham’s Intercession:** The three men departed toward Sodom and Abraham goes with them. Yahweh does not want to hide what He is about to do to Sodom as He knows Abraham’s line represents the seed of promise to bring justice and righteousness to to the whole earth.
7. Great cries are coming to the throne of God about the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and Abraham knows that Yahweh is about to destroy them.
8. He pleads with Yahweh to spare the cities for the sake of any righteous living in it.

9. Abraham negotiates with God; if there are 50 righteous men found, would you spare it? Yes, says Yahweh! How about 45, 40, 30, 20, 10? Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes!
10. However...it is obvious that is not the case! But do remember that Lot, Abraham's nephew, and his family are dwelling in Sodom.
11. Now two angels (messengers of Yahweh) arrive in Sodom as Lot sits at the city gate. Lot invites them to stay with him overnight and they initially decline. But as Lot insists they eventually accept his offer.
12. "...Then he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate." (Genesis 19:3 NKJV) Lot makes a feast for them and they eat together. I think it is interesting to note that Lot baked **unleavened bread** for the meal as it all needs to be done quickly, as sudden destruction is coming. This seems to be a prophetic foreshadowing of the Exodus.
 - a) "*Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread...*" Exodus 12:15
 - b) ..."**Rise, go out from among my people, ...And go...**" Exodus 12:31
 - c) "**...send them out of the land in haste...**" Exodus 12:33-34
 - d) "*And they **baked unleavened cakes ...because they were driven out of Egypt and could not wait...***" Exodus 12:39

13. **Then this bizarre and horrifying narrative ensues:** The very type of men, because of whom Yahweh is ready to destroy the city, surround Lot's house and demand he send out the visitors, so they can have homosexual sex with them.
14. Lot pleads with them, telling them that this is the very type of behavior that has caused Yahweh's desire to destroy the city in the first place. *"Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly!"*
Genesis 19:7 NKJV
15. Lot then goes outside and offers his two virgin daughters to them instead. This is so horrific, but it must impress upon you two things. One, how completely abominable to Yahweh the alternative is. And two, how desperate Lot is to save the city.
16. You must be thinking, "how on earth could a father offer his own child for such a thing, just to save someone else?"
Prophetic Alert: Where have I heard that before?
17. Instead, the wicked men threaten Lot and accuse him of "judging them!" As they are ready to deal harshly with him, Lot's guests pull him back inside the house and strike all the men outside with blindness.
18. **Judgement Rains Down in Sodom and Gomorrah:** Lot is warned by his two guests (seemingly they are two witnesses like in the book of Revelation 11:1-14) to gather his family who

dwell in the city. Lot's also warns his sons-in-law, who instead treat it like a joke, who then seemingly perish in the judgement.

19. The next morning, as Lot lingers, the two "angels" urge Lot to leave in a hurry (like in the exodus) and they grab Lot, his wife and daughters (and probably unleavened bread) and drag them outside the city.
20. They warn: "...*Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed.*" " Genesis 19:17 NKJV
21. Lot asks if they can go to a nearby city, Zoar, as he thinks escaping to the mountains is too dangerous. He is permitted as Yahweh rains down judgment: *"Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens. So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground."* Genesis 19:24-25 NKJV
22. And in one horrific moment, Lot's wife makes a grave error and she is turned into a pillar of salt (a standing or stationary pile of dust, mineral salts). *"But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt."* Genesis 19:26 NKJV
23. In the end God, remembered His promise to Abraham and saved Lot.

24. **Lot's Decedents:** Lot's stay in Zoar is not long-lived for fear, and he and his daughters leave the city and dwell in a cave.
25. His older daughter reasons that because, now, there are no men to come have children with them (we can presume their husbands perished), they should get their father drunk and lay with him. They do so two consecutive nights and both of them become pregnant. The son of the first is Moab who becomes the Moabites, and the son of the younger is Ben-Ammi who becomes the Ammonites!
26. Again, like earlier in Abraham's journey while he approached Egypt (Gen. 12:11-19), Abraham resorts to saying that Sarah is his sister, this time to Abimelech king of Gerar. Then, Abimelech has a dream, much like Pharaoh had a revelation about why he was being plagued, that Yahweh was going to kill him because he had taken another man's wife.
27. Fortunately for Abimelech he had not touched her and pleads his innocence to Yahweh as he was indeed told by Abraham that Sarah was his sister. *"Would you slay a righteous nation; I have acted in integrity and innocence."* Genesis 20:4-5.
28. **Yahweh's response is telling, as it teaches us that Yahweh was in control the whole time, just like He was with Pharaoh and Abraham and will be again with Pharaoh and Moses:** *"I know that you did this in the integrity of your heart. **For I also***

withheld you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her. Now therefore, restore the man's wife; for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you shall live. But if you do not restore her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours.”” Genesis 20:6-7 NKJV (**Note:** of course, with Pharaoh at the time of Moses Yahweh does the opposite. Instead of keeping Pharaoh from sinning He hardens his heart so He can punish him!)

29. Abimelech rises early the next day and restores Sarah to Abraham, but not without stiffly rebuking Abraham. “What did I do to you to deserve this?
30. Abraham tells him that he was afraid for his life as he thought this land to be a godless place. Besides, Sarah really is his sister. *“But indeed she is truly my sister. She is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.”* Genesis 20:12 NKJV
31. Abimelech restores Sarah and blesses Abraham with livestock and servants and offers him to dwell in his land wherever he pleases. He also gives Abraham 1000 pieces of silver to vindicate Sarah.
32. Abraham prays for Abimelech and for his wife and female servants as God had closed their wombs because of Sarah, and their wombs were opened!

33. **The Birth of Isaac:** Sarah gives birth to Isaac when Abraham is 100 years old. And Isaac is circumcised on the eighth day.
34. After Isaac is weaned, Sarah catches Ishmael scoffing, so she tells Abraham; *“Cast out this bondwoman and her son; for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, namely with Isaac.”* Genesis 21:10 NKJV (See Galatians 4:21-31)
35. Abraham is not pleased at Sarah’s attitude, but God tells him to honor her request, as it is through Isaac that the seed comes.
36. Hagar leaves with Ishmael with some provisions and goes into the wilderness where she runs out of food and sits down to die, hoping only that she will die before Ishmael. God calls to her and promises that from Ishmael will be a great nation and then opens her eyes to see a nearby well. *(Again a prophetic picture: Supernatural provision of water in the wilderness!)*
37. God was with Ishmael as he grows to be an archer and Hagar takes a wife for him from Egypt.
38. **A Covenant with Abimelech:** Abimelech requests that Abraham make a covenant of honesty with him and his future generations, reminding him of his kindness toward Abraham, which he does.
39. Then Abraham rebukes Abimelech for his servants having seized his well. Abimelech had not heard of the situation, but does

make a covenant with Abraham and agrees the well was dug by Abraham.

40. Abraham sets seven female lambs apart as a witness of the agreement. Then Abimelech returns to the land of the Philistines.
41. *“Then Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there called on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God.”* Genesis 21:33 NKJV
42. **Abraham and Isaac, a Test of Faith for All Times:** *“Then He said, “Take now your son, **your only son** Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.””* (Genesis 22:2 NKJV) What ensues is the prophetic foreshadowing of the most famous verse in the Bible. *“For God so loved the world that He gave **His only begotten Son**, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”* John 3:16 NKJV
- a) Abraham rises early the next day to obey.
 - b) He takes two men and Isaac and splits the wood for a burnt offering, and then heads off to the place God instructed.
 - c) On the third day he sees the place he is going to in the distance.

- d) He tells the men he is with that he is going on ahead with Isaac. He somehow knows this thing he is doing is a sign of worship and that he will be coming back. ...*“Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.”*” Genesis 22:5 NKJV
- e) It is not just Abraham who demonstrates radical-faith-based-obedience—so too does Isaac, as he willingly goes every step of the way, even unto laying on the sacrificial altar.
- f) God will provide a lamb for a burnt offering Isaac, Abraham believes and declares to his “only” son!
- g) Abraham makes every preparation—in every detail in obedience—right up to the moment of truth when he about to plunge a dagger into Isaac’s heart!
- h) The Lord appears (as an Angel) and stops him—Yahweh now knows the full extent of Abrahams faith, by his ultimate act of obedience, to sacrifice his own son.
- i) God provides a ram to replace Isaac. (*A curious question: Why a ram and not a lamb?*)
- j) This is all demonstrative of the ultimate fulfillment of Yahweh promises to Abraham (See Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 13:14-16; Genesis 15:4-6). *“Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this*

*thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son — blessing I will bless you, and multiplying **I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore;** and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. **In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.**”*

Genesis 22:15-18 NKJV (see teaching "[Are You the One?](#)" for more details on the Seed of Promise)

- k) The Portion ends with Abraham being informed about his brother Nahor and his wife Milcah having been blessed with eight sons. One of them Bethuel, who became the father of **Rebekah!** This is obviously significant because this narrative of Abraham's and Issac's faith, which affirms Issac as the SEED OF PROMISE, ends with the introduction of the women who would one day be Isaac's wife! Nahor also had four other sons via Reumah his concubine, for a total of twelve sons.

43. You can see last year's teaching on this portion of Scripture here: [A Prophetic Bailiwick](#)

SIGNPOST UP AHEAD

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(1) You should recognize the signs of the times without asking...

(a) “Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would **show them a sign from heaven**. He answered and said to them, “When it is evening you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red’; and in the morning, ‘It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ Hypocrites! **You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.** A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.” And He left them and departed.” Matthew 16:1-4 NKJV

1. Think about Jonah—it begins with God’s man ignoring his calling and it takes a storm to wake him up—judgment begins in the house of the Lord (I Peter 4:17)

B. God does not hide what He will do from His prophets

(1) Shall I hide from Abraham...

- (a) “Then the men rose from there and **looked toward Sodom**, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way.” Genesis 18:16 NKJV
 - (b) “And the LORD said, “**Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing**,” Genesis 18:17 NKJV
 - (c) **Why hide anything from Abraham...** “since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?”
Genesis 18:18 NKJV
 - (d) **Yahweh already knows He can trust Abraham...** “**For I have known him**, in order **that he may command his children and his household** after him, **that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice**, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.”” Genesis 18:19 NKJV
- (2) Let’s check out Sodom and Gomorrah...
- (a) **If it’s as bad as they say...** “And the Lord said, “**Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great**, and because their sin is very grave, **I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me**; and if not, I will know.” Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the

Lord. **And Abraham came near and said**, “Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked?” Genesis 18:20-23 NKJV

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surely die, you and all who are yours.”” Genesis 20:6-7
NKJV

(4) Yahweh does not hide what He is doing from the prophets...

(a) “If a trumpet is blown in a city, will not the people be afraid? If there is calamity in a city, will not the LORD have done it? Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, **Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.**” Amos 3:6-7 NKJV

(b) “It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, **But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.** As the heavens for height and the earth for depth, **So the heart of kings is unsearchable.** Take away the dross from silver, And it will go to the silversmith for jewelry. Take away the wicked from before the king, And his throne will be established in righteousness. Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king, And do not stand in the place of the great; For it is better that he say to you, “Come up here,” Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, Whom your eyes have seen.”
Proverbs 25:2-7 NKJV

C. Pay Attention!

- (1) Nothing is secret that will not be revealed (after the Parable of the Sower)
- (a) **And if you pay attention, more will be given...** ““No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light. **For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light.** Therefore take heed how you hear. **For whoever has, to him more will be given;** and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him.”” Luke 8:16-18 NKJV [See also Mark 4:21-25]
- (b) See HUMAN INITIATIVE PARTNERS (Section Four) for details about the Parable of the Sower
- (2) Seek, write it down, and shout it for everyone to hear!
- (a) **Stand your watch! “I will stand my watch** And set myself on the rampart, And **watch to see what He will say to me,** And what I will answer when I am corrected. Then the Lord answered me and said: **“Write the vision** And **make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it.** For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, **wait for it;** Because **it will surely come,** It will

not tarry. "Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith." Habakkuk 2:1-4 NKJV

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3. God is not hiding what He is doing. The more you uncover, the more He reveals. It's as if one revelation paves the way to the next revelation. However, if you ignore it you will be left in the dark.
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THE WRITING ON THE WALL

2. An Object Lesson in Prophetic Warnings

A. Defiling the things of Yahweh

- (1) Praising false god with the vessels of the True God!
 - (a) "Belshazzar the king made a great feast for a thousand of his Lords, and drank wine in the presence of the thousand. While he tasted the wine, **Belshazzar gave the command to bring the gold and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple**

which had been in Jerusalem, that the king and his Lords, his wives, and his concubines **might drink from them**. Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken from the temple of the house of God which had been in Jerusalem; and the king and his Lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. **They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood and stone.**" Daniel 5:1-4 NKJV

(b) Don't you know that you are the Temple of the Holy Spirit! It would not be wise to defile the things of Yahweh.

1. "Do you not know that **you are the temple of God** and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? **If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him.** For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are." I Corinthians 3:16-17 NKJV
2. "Or do you not know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you**, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." I Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJV

B. The party is over!

(1) Someone please—tell me what this means!

(a) “In the same hour the **fingers of a man’s hand appeared and wrote** opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king’s palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. **Then the king’s countenance changed,** and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his hips were loosened and his knees knocked against each other. **The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers.** The king spoke, saying to the wise men of Babylon, “Whoever reads this writing, and tells me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck; and he shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.” Now all the king’s wise men came, but they **could not read the writing,** or make known to the king its interpretation. Then King Belshazzar was greatly troubled, his countenance was changed, and his Lords were astonished.” Daniel 5:5-9 NKJV

1. A total buzz killer. Nothing ruins a party faster than a giant finger appearing in your midst and writing cryptic warning on the wall in front of you!

2. And it even gets more depressing when none of your trusted advisers have a clue about what it says.

C. Find a Prophet

(1) I have your man!

(a) “The queen, because of the words of the king and his Lords, came to the banquet hall. The queen spoke, saying, “O king, live forever! **Do not let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your countenance change. There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the Spirit of the Holy God.** And in the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him; and King Nebuchadnezzar your father—your father the king—made him chief of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers. **Inasmuch as an excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting dreams, solving riddles, and explaining enigmas were found in this Daniel,** whom the king named Belteshazzar, now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation.”” Daniel 5:10-12 NKJV

1. No worries, the queen has a great recommendation.
2. Let me remind you that we have the perfect guy to interpret this writing on the wall.

3. He used to work for your dad as the “knowledge, understanding, interpreting dreams, solving riddles, and explaining enigmas” expert!

D. The Prophet’s Reminder!

(1) You should have known...

- (a) **“Then Daniel was brought in before the king.** The king spoke, and said to Daniel, “Are you that Daniel who is one of the captives from Judah, whom my father the king brought from Judah? **I have heard of you, that the Spirit of God is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you.**

Now the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they could not give the interpretation of the thing. And I have heard of you, that you can give interpretations and explain enigmas. Now **if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around your neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.”** Then **Daniel answered, and said before the king, “Let your gifts be for yourself,** and give your rewards to another; yet I will read the writing to the king, and make known

to him the interpretation. O king, **the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father a kingdom** and majesty, glory and honor. And because of the majesty that He gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whomever he wished, he executed; whomever he wished, he kept alive; whomever he wished, he set up; and whomever he wished, he put down. **But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him.** Then he was driven from the sons of men, his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, **till he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men,** and appoints over it whomever He chooses. **“But you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, although you knew all this.** And you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven. They have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your Lords, your wives and your concubines, have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of **silver and gold,** bronze and iron, wood and stone,

which do not see or hear or know; and the God who holds your breath in His hand and owns all your ways, you have not glorified. **Then the fingers of the hand were sent from Him, and this writing was written.**"

Daniel 5:13-24 NKJV

1. The king acknowledges Daniel and offers him great rewards if he will tell him what the writing means.
2. Daniel tells him he's not interested in the king's stuff, but he will certainly interpret the message.
3. Daniel starts off by telling Belshazzar that it should have been very clear from his dad's testimony that he should not mess with Yahweh.
4. At least your dad repented, but you Belshazzar, have taken defilement to another level, worshiping false gods with Yahweh's possessions!
5. That is why the finger appeared!

E. The Interpretation

- (1) When God says these things about you, it ain't good!
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been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.”

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5:25-29 NKJV

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F. It is finished!

(1) The Writing on the Wall!

(a) “**That very night Belshazzar**, king of the Chaldeans, **was slain**. And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.” Daniel 5:30-31 NKJV

1. Belshazzar is toast!

Summary: THE WRITING ON THE WALL

2. An Object Lesson in Prophetic Warnings

A. Defiling the things of Yahweh

(1) Praising false god with the vessels of the True God!

- (a) Don't you know that you are the Temple of the Holy Spirit! It would not be wise to defile the things of Yahweh.

B. The party is over!

- (1) Someone please—tell me what this means!
 - (a) A total buzz killer. Nothing ruins a party faster than a giant finger appearing in your midst and writing cryptic warning on the wall in front of you!
 - (b) And it even gets more depressing when none of your trusted advisers have a clue about what it says.

C. Find a Prophet

- (1) I have your man!
 - (a) No worries, the queen has a great recommendation.
 - (b) Let me remind you that we have the perfect guy to interpret this writing on the wall.
 - (c) He used to work for your dad as the “knowledge, understanding, interpreting dreams, solving riddles, and explaining enigmas” expert!

D. The Prophet's Reminder!

- (1) You should have known...
 - (a) The king acknowledges Daniel and offers him great rewards if he will tell him what the writing means.

- (b) Daniel tells him he's not interested in the king's stuff, but he will certainly interpret the message.
- (c) Daniel starts off by telling Belshazzar that it should have been very clear from his dad's testimony that he should not mess with Yahweh.
- (d) At least your dad repented, but you Belshazzar, have taken defilement to another level, worshiping false gods with Yahweh's possessions!
- (e) That is why the finger appeared!

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3. Monumental Mistakes: What happens when you ignore the Prophet?

A. What happens when you ignore the Prophet?

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- (a) “Samuel also said to Saul, “The Lord sent me to anoint you king over His people, over Israel. Now therefore, **heed the voice of the words of the Lord.** Thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he ambushed him on the way when he came up from Egypt. **Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.’ ”** So Saul gathered the people together and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand foot soldiers and ten thousand men of Judah. And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and lay in wait in the valley. Then Saul said to the Kenites, “Go, depart, get down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them. For you showed kindness to all the children of Israel when they came up out of Egypt.” So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites. And Saul attacked the Amalekites, from Havilah all the way to Shur, which is east of Egypt. **He also took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. But Saul and the people spared**

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(1) I did do what you said—really!

- (a) “Now the word of the Lord came to Samuel, saying, **“I greatly regret that I have set up Saul as king, for he has turned back from following Me, and has not performed My commandments.”** And it grieved Samuel, and he cried out to the Lord all night. So when Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul, it was told Samuel, saying, **“Saul went to Carmel, and indeed, he set up a monument for himself;** and he has gone on around,

passed by, and gone down to Gilgal." Then Samuel went to Saul, **and Saul said to him, "Blessed are you of the Lord! I have performed the commandment of the Lord."** But Samuel said, **"What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?"** And Saul said, **"They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the Lord your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed."** Then Samuel said to Saul, **"Be quiet! And I will tell you what the Lord said to me last night."** And he said to him, **"Speak on."** So Samuel said, **"When you were little in your own eyes, were you not head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the Lord anoint you king over Israel? Now the Lord sent you on a mission, and said, 'Go, and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.' Why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the Lord?"** **And Saul said to Samuel, "But I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, and gone on the mission on which the Lord sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took**

of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal.” So Samuel said: “Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.”” I Samuel 15:10-23

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- (1) Leaders who fear what the people think more than they fear God!

(a) “Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words, **because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.** Now therefore, please pardon my sin, and return with me, that I may worship the Lord.” But Samuel said to Saul, **“I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel.”** And as Samuel turned around to go away, Saul seized the edge of his robe, and it tore. So Samuel said to him, **“The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you.** And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor relent. For He is not a man, that He should relent.” Then he said, “I have sinned; yet honor me now, please, before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me, that I may worship the Lord your God.” So Samuel turned back after Saul, and Saul worshiped the Lord. Then Samuel said, **“Bring Agag king of the Amalekites here to me.”** So Agag came to him cautiously. And Agag said, **“Surely the bitterness of death is past.”** But Samuel said, **“As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be**

childless among women.” And Samuel hacked Agag in pieces before the Lord in Gilgal. Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house at Gibeah of Saul. And Samuel went no more to see Saul until the day of his death. Nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul, and **the Lord regretted that He had made Saul king over Israel.” I Samuel 15:24-35 NKJV**

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B. Apostles and Prophets

- (1) The Missing Office: it’s time to stop silencing the prophets!
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Ephesians 2:19-22 NKJV

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NKJV

C. Y'shua continuing in His Father's doctrine

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 - (a) **“My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.** If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning

the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.” John 7:16-17 NKJV

(2) You too must hold fast to the same doctrine...don't you dare build on any other foundation!

(a) “For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. **For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.** Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. **If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.** If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.” I Corinthians 3:9-15 NKJV

D. It’s been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom...

(1) After the Parable of the Sower

(a) “And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” He answered and said to them, “**Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance;** but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. **Therefore I speak to them in parables,** because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: ‘Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; **For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed,** Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.’ **But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear;** for assuredly, I say to you that **many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see,** and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.” Matthew 13:10-17 NKJV

(2) Good Stewards of the Mysteries

(a) “I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, **the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.** To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”
Colossians 1:24-27 NKJV

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7. And what shall you do with this knowledge?

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(1) Do not worry about how or what you should speak...

- (a) “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. **You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.** But when they deliver you up, **do not worry about how or what you should speak.** For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.”

Matthew 10:16-20 NKJV

- (b) **Do not fear them! “For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.”** Matthew 10:26 NKJV

(2) Speak His words!

(a) “So shall I have an answer for him who reproaches me,
For I trust in Your word. And take not the word of truth
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- (b) **APPOINTMENTS:** “Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. And **God has appointed these in the church:** first **apostles**, second **prophets**, third **teachers**, after that **miracles**, then **gifts of healings**, **helps**, **administrations**, varieties of **tongues**. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly

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(c) **GRACE:** "For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as **God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.** For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then **gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us,** let us use them: if **prophecy,** let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or **ministry,** let us use it in our ministering; he who **teaches,** in teaching; he who **exhorts,** in exhortation; he who **gives,** with liberality; he who **leads,** with diligence; he who shows **mercy,** with cheerfulness." Romans 12:3-8 NKJV

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1. As you can see, there is ONE Spirit, who through grace, assigns different gifts, assignments, and offices to God's people.
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- (a) GIFTS: "There are diversities of gifts...But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: wisdom, knowledge, faith, gifts of healings, working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, to tongues, interpretation of tongues.
 - (b) APPOINTMENTS: "God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.
 - (c) GRACE: "God has dealt to each one a measure of faith ...Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: prophecy, ministry, teaching; exhortation; giving, leadership, mercy..
 - (d) OFFICES: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors teachers

1. As you can see, there is ONE Spirit, who through grace, assigns different gifts, assignments, and offices to God's people.
2. We are to embrace those assignments until the very end, with this ultimate goal...unity of the faith and a church that is the perfect expression of the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ in the earth!

G. We are called to work at this until the end

- (1) The mysteries are ended—the seventh angel blowing the last trumpet!
- (2) The seventh and last trumpet
- (3) Be faithful stewarding the mysteries until they are finished!
 - (a) The mysteries end at the blowing of the seventh trumpet, the last trumpet, which is the return of Y'shua to the earth.
 - (b) Our prophetic role until then is to be good stewards of those mysteries.
 - (c) Next up on God's prophetic calendar: *“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for **the revealing of the sons of God**. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but*

*because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into **the glorious liberty of the children of God.***” Romans 8:18-21 NKJV

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

- 1. Why is it important to recognize the signs of the times?**
 - A. Regarding what Yahweh was about to do to Sodom and Gomorrah, what did He promise Abraham in advance?
 - B. What did God know about Abraham that allowed Him to trust him?
- 2. Explain the following:**
 - A. God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.
 - B. It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.
 - C. For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light.
- 3. What did Belshazzar do that put his transgressions over the edge?**
 - A. What was his initial response when he saw the fingers writing on the wall?

- B. When he finally sent for Daniel, after no one could translate the message, what did Daniel tell him the message meant?
- C. What ultimately differentiated Belshazzar from his father Nebuchadnezzar?
- D. What was the final outcome for Belshazzar?

4. What was King Saul commanded to do regarding the Amalekites?

- A. Instead, what did he do?
- B. Even though Saul did not do what Yahweh commanded, what argument did he offer?
- C. How does this compare to many political leaders of today?
- D. What was the final outcome for Saul.

5. Why can we be considered God's human initiative partners?

- A. What are the three branches of church government?
- B. What does it mean that we have the duty to know the mysteries of the kingdom?

6. What does it mean that your skills will bring you before great men and kings?

- A. Examine the diversity of gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:4-31 and Romans 12:3-8. Which ones do you think you have been blessed with?