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Title:

SCRIPTURES

- Deuteronomy 33-34
- Joshua 1-6
- II Corinthians 3

THE END OF THE BEGINNING

- Diagnosis: “Cyclitis”
- Pattern Interrupt
- Wall-Breakers

“It’s time to go over the wall.” Those were his words after I explained what had transpired over the past six weeks. The whole thing seemed to climax on the previous Friday night after I presented “Scorched Earth.” And when I woke on Saturday morning it felt like the first day of Summer vacation. The pressure was off and I was relaxed for the first time in more than a month. I instantly had a vision of a sprinter running through the finish line, breaking the tape. “You run through the tape, not to the tape,” I heard. And then the thought settled in, “Now I can slowly glide to a stop over the next few weeks as we complete this year’s cycle, like a sprinter who slows down gently, so he does not hit the wall.” Run through the tape, not to the tape, and then ease up slowly. This is what I thought would happen, until I woke up on Sunday morning. Summer vacation was over.

“It’s time to go over the wall.” My dear brother’s words at dinner that night, just days after my vision of the sprinter, had vibrated my eardrums, but not instantly reached my brain. I shook loose from my momentary vacant stare. “Maybe you have to climb the wall, not stop at the wall.” His clarifying words testified to what I already knew to be true. Between those two moments, the vision Saturday morning and dinner the following Thursday night, I had already composed the first of the final two messages, and there was no indication that anything was slowing down. Naturally, the only possibilities would be to climb over or break through, but stopping at the wall was clearly not an option. Something new was coming!

Friday evening I delivered “Post Mortem Imperative.” Then, Saturday morning God gave me yet another vision, this for the young adult study that morning—W. A. R. (Warring Against Repentance). It’s about the internal war against our own repentance, the craving we have to erase our repentant hearts, just so we can cycle back to our lustful sins—cycle back. I woke again Sunday morning to begin preparation, this time for the final chapter in the saga, this very message. As usual, I had great anticipation that the Lord would speak. Although, I have to admit, what He was about to reveal far exceeded anything I could ever imagine.

This short introduction will not suffice; you will need to listen to the message in its entirety. However, I will say this; the plan of

cycling through the Torah portions, year-after-year, ending with Deuteronomy 34 and beginning immediately again with Genesis 1, is a double-edged sword. On one edge, by repeating the cycle we learn to recognize and rehearse the amazing patterns from the Torah that inspire New Testament teachings again and again. And, on the other edge, it seems to have engrained something ominous into mankind's psyche. Why? Because just when it's time to cross the Jordan into the Promised Land, we learn to STOP! Go back to the beginning and start all over again.

And isn't that precisely what all of mankind has done, repeatedly? It's the story of man: command, fail, repent, forgiven... repeat. What are the possibilities if we just keep going? Instead of Deuteronomy and back to Genesis, let's march straight ahead into Joshua. Let's go over the wall! Let's break free of this earth's gravitational pull. Gravity is a natural phenomenon by which all things with mass are brought toward one another, the force of attraction between any two masses. One mass is mankind, the other is sin! In other words, we are strongly attracted to the gravitational pull of being a sinful human; but what if we just went forward? What if we accepted that we are no longer just human? What if we brought an end to the beginning? Let's dare to cross the finish line, accelerate a little, and scale that wall. What's on the other side? I think it's what we've all been looking for. Dare we believe? Might

we look in the mirror one day and see the glory of the Lord staring back at us? Dare we believe?

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

“Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses.”

Deuteronomy 34:9 NKJV

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

“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.” II Corinthians 3:18
NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. This Torah portion is ordinarily read on the day of Simchat Torah (Rejoicing in the Torah) in conjunction with the beginning of the book of Genesis to mark the conclusion of one year's Torah cycle and the beginning of the next. The portion contains Moses' final blessings over Israel, the story of his ascent up

Mount Nebo to overlook the land of Canaan, and the record of his death and burial.

- (a) **Moses Final Blessings on each Tribe of Israel:** Now this is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. (*Notice the parallel blessings of Jacob over his 12 sons right before he dies in Genesis 49:1-28. **Special Note:** here in Deuteronomy 33 Simeon is conspicuously absent from the blessing. More on this in the notes below.*)
2. Moses first reminds them that from the right hand of Yahweh came a fiery law. And that He loves the people, and that they all sit down at His feet; and everyone receives His words. Moses reiterates how he had commanded a law for them as a heritage.
3. **They were gathered to here these blessings:** The leaders of the people were gathered, and all the tribes of Israel were together:
- (1) **Reuben:** “Let Reuben live, and not die, Nor let his men be few.”
- (2) **Judah:** “Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah, And bring him to his people; Let his hands be sufficient for him, And may You be a help against his enemies.”
- (3) **Levi:** “Bless Levi as they have observed Your word And kept Your covenant. They shall teach Jacob Your judgments, And Israel Your law.”

- (4) **Benjamin:** "The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by Him, Who shelters him all the day long; And he shall dwell between His shoulders."
- (5) **Joseph:** "He is blessed of the LORD with all the precious things of the earth and all its fullness. Receive the favor of Him who dwelt in the bush. Joseph will receive the blessings of the firstborn. Yahweh will use him to push the peoples to the ends of the earth by his sons, the ten thousands of Ephraim, and the thousands of Manasseh."
- (6) **Zebulun and Issachar:** "Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, and Issachar in your tents! They shall call the peoples to the mountain; There they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness; For they shall partake of the abundance of the seas and of treasures hidden in the sand."
- (7) **Gad:** "Blessed is he who enlarges Gad; He dwells as a lion, And tears the arm and the crown of his head. He provided the first part for himself, Because a lawgiver's portion was reserved there. He came with the heads of the people; He administered the justice of the LORD, And His judgments with Israel."
- (8) **Dan:** "Dan is a lion's whelp; He shall leap from Bashan."
- (9) **Naphtali:** "O Naphtali, satisfied with favor, And full of the blessing of the LORD, Possess the west and the south."

(10) **Asher:** “Asher is most blessed of sons; Let him be favored by his brothers, And let him dip his foot in oil. Your sandals shall be iron and bronze; As your days, so shall your strength be. There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, Who rides the heavens to help you, And in His excellency on the clouds. The eternal God is your refuge, And underneath are the everlasting arms; He will thrust out the enemy from before you, And will say, ‘Destroy!’

4. **Moses Final Blessings on the Nation:** “Then Israel shall dwell in safety, The fountain of Jacob alone, In a land of grain and new wine; His heavens shall also drop dew. Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, The shield of your help And the sword of your majesty! Your enemies shall submit to you, And you shall tread down their high places.””

Deuteronomy 33:28-29 NKJV

5. **Moses Dies on Mount Nebo:** Moses goes up to the top of Mount Nebo. (The parallel death of Jacob in Genesis 49:29-33)

(1) He is reminded that this is the land sworn to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. As promised, you will see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there. [See complete teaching on this topic: [Juicy Rocks and Fiery Serpents](#)]

(2) Moses dies and is buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day.

- (3) Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished.
- (a) It is fascinating that Moses seems to max-out his life span at 120 years and dies in a perfectly healthy condition.
 - (b) *“And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.””* Genesis 6:3 NKJV
6. Joshua the son of Nun [*from the tribe of Ephraim, the son of Joseph*] was full of the **spirit of wisdom** [**Just like Joseph*], for **Moses had laid his hands on him**; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.
- (1) Joseph too was made ruler over all the land as he was filled with the Spirit of God and with wisdom!
- (a) **“And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find such a one as this, a man in **whom is the Spirit of God?**” Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one **as discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house**, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you.” And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, **I have set you over all the land of Egypt.**””* Genesis 41:38-41 NKJV

7. “But since then there has not arisen in Israel **a prophet like Moses**, whom the LORD knew face to face, in all the signs and wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land, and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.” Deuteronomy 34:10-12
[See complete teaching on a prophet like Moses in sermon notes (page 41 Section 3): [Written on our Hearts](#)]

DIAGNOSIS: “CYCLITIS”

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(2) Amazon's Long Term Strategy!

(a) *"What's not going to change?"*

1. "I very frequently get the question: '**What's going to change in the next 10 years?**' And that is a very interesting question; it's a very common one. I almost never get the question: '**What's not going to change in the next 10 years?**' And I submit to you that that second question is actually the more important of the two—because you can build a business strategy around the things that are stable in time. ...In our retail business, we know that **customers want low prices**, and I know that's going to be true 10 years from now. **They want fast delivery**; they **want vast selection**. It's impossible to imagine a future 10 years from now where a customer comes up and says, '**Jeff I love Amazon; I just wish the prices were a little higher,**' [or] '**I love Amazon; I just wish you'd deliver a little more slowly.**' Impossible. And so the effort we put into those things, spinning those things up, we know the energy we put into it today will still be paying off dividends for our customers 10 years from

now. **When you have something that you know is true, even over the long term, you can afford to put a lot of energy into it.** — *Jeff Bezos (founder)*

B. CFO Christianity (Cheap, Fast, Options) See: [Seeker Friendly](#)

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1. **I don’t think what I got should cost me anything:**

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as **he was not able to pay**, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The **servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'** Then the master of that servant was **moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.** "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants **who owed him a hundred denarii**; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, **'Pay me what you owe!'** So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, **'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'** And **he would not**, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. **Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant,**

just as I had pity on you?’ And his master was angry, and **delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. “So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”**”

Matthew 18:23-35 NKJV

(b) **The Truth:** You must count the cost...you do not belong to yourself...you were purchased at a great price...to live is Christ, to die is gain! What you go cost a lot!

1. “And **whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.** For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not **sit down first and count the cost**, whether he has enough to finish it—”...So likewise, **whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.**” Luke

14:27-28, 33 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

3. “For to me, **to live is Christ, and to die is gain.**”

Philippians 1:21 NKJV

(2) Fast

(a) **The Lie:** I can have what I want super fast! I want same day delivery service. I have no desire to wait. I want instant gratification. Why should I put up with delays when prime delivery is available? I want what I want; I want it now; and I want it easy.

1. “**You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss,** that you may **spend it on your pleasures.**” James 4:3 NKJV

2. “And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Spirit was given, **he offered them money, saying, “Give me this power also,** that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit.” But Peter said to him, “**Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money! You have neither part nor portion** in this matter, for **your heart is not right in the sight of God.**” Acts 8:18-21 NKJV

(b) **The Truth:** Trials are a certainty. Perseverance during difficult time builds character. Seek the lord when things are hard and He will give you peace. You can trust

God's perfect timing no matter what the struggle and no matter how long it takes.

1. ...**"We must through many tribulations** enter the kingdom of God." Acts 14:22 NKJV
2. "Therefore, having been justified by faith, **we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and **rejoice in hope** of the glory of God. And not only that, but **we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.** Now **hope does not disappoint,** because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." Romans 5:1-5 NKJV
3. "**Be anxious for nothing,** but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; **and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds** through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV
4. "But **those who wait on the Lord** Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles,

They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31 NKJV

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1. **“When they heard these things** they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth...
...Then **they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord;** and they **cast him out of the city and stoned him.** And the

witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.” Acts 7:54, 57-58 NKJV

2. Give us Barbaras NOT Jesus!!! We would rather be associated with a rebel and murder than be convicted of our own sins. Even when truth is staring them in the face, religious leaders would prefer to crucify it, rather than be held accountable to it. They will even stir up their followers into a frenzy against such truth. It’s not hard to convince the crowd that avoiding conviction is the desirable option.

- a) “And they all cried out at once, saying, “**Away with this Man, and release to us Barabbas**”— who had been thrown into prison for a **certain rebellion** made in the city, and for murder. Pilate, therefore, **wishing to release Jesus**, again called out to them. But they shouted, saying, “**Crucify Him, crucify Him!**” Then he said to them the third time, “Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let Him go.” **But they were insistent, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified.** And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed. So Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they

requested. And **he released to them the one they requested, who for rebellion and murder** had been thrown into prison; but he delivered Jesus to their will." Luke 23:18-25 NKJV

b) **What is the truth?!** "Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that **I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.**" Pilate said to Him, "**What is truth?**" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "**I find no fault in Him at all.** But you have a custom that I should **release someone to you at the Passover.** Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" **Then they all cried again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas!"** Now Barabbas was a robber." John 18:37-40 NKJV

c) "Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "**Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus** who is called Christ?" ...But the **chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes** that they should ask for

Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ...And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children." Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified." Matthew 27:17, 20, 25-26 NKJV

d) "But **the chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release Barabbas** to them. ...So Pilate, **wanting to gratify the crowd**, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified." Mark 15:11, 15 NKJV

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1. "**Against You, You only, have I sinned**, And done this evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge." Psalms 51:4 NKJV

2. ““You shall not circulate a false report. Do not put your hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness. **You shall not follow a crowd** to do evil; nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after many to pervert justice.” Exodus 23:1-2 NKJV
3. “There is **one** body and **one** Spirit, just as you were called in **one** hope of your calling; **one** Lord, **one** faith, **one** baptism; **one** God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.” Ephesians 4:4-6 NKJV
4. “As I urged you when I went into Macedonia— remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they **teach no other doctrine,**” I Timothy 1:3 NKJV
5. “Jesus answered them and said, “**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.** He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. **Did not Moses give you the law,** yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?”” John 7:16-19 NKJV (*“For if you believed Moses, you would*

believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?" John 5:46-47 NKJV)

6. **“Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!** For what good is the day of the Lord to you? It will be darkness, and not light. It will be as though a man fled from a lion, And a bear met him! Or as though he went into the house, Leaned his hand on the wall, And a serpent bit him! Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it? **“I hate, I despise your feast days, And I do not savor your sacred assemblies.** Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them, Nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings. **Take away from Me the noise of your songs, For I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments.”** Amos 5:18-23 NKJV

7. [Woe to you]... **“Who sing idly** to the sound of stringed instruments, And **invent for yourselves musical instruments like David;**” Amos 6:5 NKJV

(4) What’s got to change?!

(a) **The Lie:** It should be easy and convenient if I want to return it or exchange it, if I decide I don’t like it. Returns

or exchanges should be right at the tip of my fingers!

Besides, God will bless me no matter what I decided!

1. “and so it may not happen, when he hears the words of this curse, that **he blesses himself in his heart, saying, ‘I shall have peace, even though I follow the dictates of my heart’**—as though the drunkard could be included with the sober.” Deuteronomy 29:19 NKJV

(b) **The Truth:** The gifts of God cannot be returned. It is impossible to truly take possession of them and then to give them back. If you can give them back, it because YOU NEVER really owned them!

1. “For **the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.**”Romans 11:29 NKJV
2. “For **it is impossible** for those who were **once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away,** to renew them again to repentance, **since they crucify again** for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.”Hebrews 6:4-6 NKJV

3. **“They went out from us, but they were not of us;** for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, **that none of them were of us.”** | John 2:19 NKJV

C. Cyclitis

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- (a) Don't you think it's time to break the pattern? You should be teaching a message of maturity. It's time to go over the wall!

1. “For **though by this time you ought to be teachers,** you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. **But solid food belongs to those who are of full age,** that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” Hebrews 5:12-14 NKJV

- (b) It's time to move past the elementary matters of the faith and on to the deeper things!

1. “Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, **let us go on to perfection,** not

laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. **And this we will do if God permits.**" Hebrews 6:1-3 NKJV

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(b) Grace is NOT an excuse to stay the way you are!

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(b) **The Truth:** True freedom is having no other options; when God's way is the only way you are truly free! It is against the Lord alone that you sin. You should not align your belief system with the mob! There is only one faith and one doctrine; teach none other. Besides, God absolutely despises those made-up religions that call themselves Christians!

(4) What's got to change?!

(a) **The Lie:** It should be easy and convenient if I want to return it or exchange it, if I decide I don't like it. Returns or exchanges should be right at the tip of my fingers! Besides, God will bless me no matter what I decided!

(b) **The Truth:** The gifts of God cannot be returned. It is impossible to truly take possession of them and then to give them back. If you can give them back, it because YOU NEVER really owned them!

C. Cyclitis

(1) Command, Fail, Repent, Forgiven...[IMMATURE] Repeat

(a) Don't you think it's time to break the pattern? You should be teaching a message of maturity. It's time to go over the wall!

- (b) It's time to move past the elementary matters of the faith and on to the deeper things!
- (2) Command, Fail, Repent, Forgiven...[GRACE] Repeat
 - (a) Don't you think it's time to stop the excuses?
 - (b) Grace is NOT an excuse to stay the way you are!

PATTERN INTERRUPT

2. Why stop at the wall, AGAIN?

A. Why me?

- (1) Prophetic Moments in History
 - (a) I am available. If you have not yet looked at the teaching [Available](#), please do so; it will explain much of what follows. But to make this ultra simple, there are prophetic moments in time when God reveals new things to His children that He has not revealed previously in the written word! And, when His children recognize something new that is on His heart, and declare it into the earth, Yahweh says, "Exactly! You got it! That is precisely what I want you to do!" This is what happened when David conceived to build the Temple! It was the next phase in God's progressive revelation from the Tabernacle in the wilderness, to Solomon's Temple (David conceived it and planned it, but Solomon built

it), to humans who would one day be the Temple of the Holy Spirit (See I Corinthians 6:19-20).

1. “Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, **and the Lord had given him rest** from all his enemies all around, that the king said to Nathan the prophet, “**See now**, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains.” **Then Nathan said** to the king, “**Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you.**”” II Samuel 7:1-3 NKJV
 2. “Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, **have I ever spoken a word to anyone** from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, **saying, ‘Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?’**” II Samuel 7:7 NKJV
 3. ““When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, **I will set up your seed after you**, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. **He shall build a house for My name**, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.” II Samuel 7:12-13 NKJV
- (b) We are intended to be God’s human initiative partners. The partnership look like this: 99.99% God and .01%

human. And your .01% is fulfilled when you are 100% available. David was fully aware that the revelation he received was from Yahweh; his only role was to be available to hear it and then to act upon it!

1. **“For Your word’s sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all these great things, to make Your servant know them.”** II Samuel 7:21 NKJV

(c) First the revelation, then the plans! David not only had the revelation to build a Temple for the Lord, but God then downloaded the plans to him, in every detail. That is what we need from God now, as we scale the wall!

1. **“Then David gave his son Solomon the plans** for the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner chambers, and the place of the mercy seat; and the plans for all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the Lord, of all the chambers all around, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries for the dedicated things; ...
“All this,” said David, **“the Lord made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans.”**” I Chronicles 28:11-12, 19 NKJV

(2) God’s message in “The End of the Beginning.” Go over the wall; don’t go back to the beginning!

- (a) Let me fill in on a few details. Refer back to the introduction for sequencing of events.
1. Both [Available](#) and [Scorched Earth](#) are a must watch!
 2. You read about the vision of the sprinter, the finish line, and going over the wall in the introduction. All this coordinated with what I felt the Lord was telling me about the new season coming upon us. Of course, this is amazing timing as it corresponds with the Fall Feast Season, the end of the Torah Cycle and the beginning of the new cycle (so like Yahweh)!
 3. Here are are few details about the message I mentioned earlier in the introduction: [W. A. R. \(Warring Against Repentance\)](#). I first attempted to teach James 4:1-10 on 9/03/22, and again on 09/17/22. Both times the recordings failed for difference reasons. It was after the second mishap that I finally realized had I MISSED something, both in the title and the main theme. The original title was going to be “Show Me Your Friends and I Will Show You Your Future”, quite a different theme from W.A.R.
 4. And yet the timing, when I finally got it right on 10/01/22, was actually PERFECT, because it was the exact message for a specific person that day. In other

words, I was both corrected by the Lord for missing something and exactly on time simultaneously! I know that sounds crazy, but it's true. The Lord uses all things to work out for the good. It's outrageous how we can be both wrong and right at the same time.

5. That same evening (Oct. 1, 2022) I had a prophetic word spoken over me. *"A 'shift' is coming. Don't worry about how disruptive it might appear, 'the people are ready for it; the people want it.' It does not matter how hard it is or how disturbing to me or them; the people who are ready for it will come to receive it, and all the resources to bring it will be made available."* In that moment I had this fleeting thought; *"Maybe we are not supposed to continue with the Torah Cycle as a teaching schedule!"* That was an absurd thought considering how fruitful the Torah Cycles had been over three years.
6. Also that evening, a word was prophesied over the same person I had realized that the message "W.A.R. (Warring against Repentance)" was for. And the prophecy was the EXACT same message. *"Take a step forward; you don't ever need to go back to your old life!"*

7. I woke Sunday morning to begin prepping for the final Torah Portion message before we GO BACK to start Genesis again. And the Lord spoke to me LOUD AND CLEAR! “Don’t slow down; don’t go back; go forward over the wall!”
8. It had been right for three years to follow the Torah Portion Cycle and NOW it seemed all wrong.

(3) The Story of Mankind

(a) Adam to Noah to Abraham (Isaac/Jacob/Israel named) to Moses to Israel (as bride) to Disciples/Church to Revealing of God’s Children to Glorious liberty of God’s Children. The line of faith, failures, redemption, and finally when mankind gets it right is carried through Hebrews 11-12 (Read it and see!). I have included a small sample from each section!

1. **Faith: (Hebrews 11:1-3)** “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”
Hebrews 11:1 NKJV
2. **Adam: (Hebrews 11:4-6)** “By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.” Hebrews 11:4 NKJV

3. **Noah: (Hebrews 11:7)** “By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.”
Hebrews 11:7 NKJV
4. **Abraham (Isaac/Jacob/Israel named): (Hebrews 11:8-22)** “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.” Hebrews 11:8 NKJV
5. **Moses: (Hebrews 11:23-26)** “By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter,” Hebrews 11:24 NKJV
6. **Israel (as bride): (Hebrews 11:27-40)** “By faith he kept the **Passover** and the **sprinkling of blood**, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.”
Hebrews 11:28 NKJV
7. **Disciples/Church: (Hebrews 12:1-2)** “**looking unto Jesus**, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:2 NKJV

8. **Revealing of God’s Children: Hebrews (12:3-17)**

“But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, **then you are illegitimate and not sons.**” Hebrews 12:8 NKJV

9. **Glorious liberty of God’s Children:)Hebrews**

12:18-29) “But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, **to the spirits of just men made perfect,**” ...“Therefore, since **we are receiving a kingdom** which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.”

Hebrews 12:22-23, 28 NKJV

B. Deuteronomy 33 & 34 (Portions of Today’s Torah Portion!)

(1) The last steps before the wall!

(a) The ministry of Moses can be summed up by the inheritance he leaves behind for Jacob (Israel)—the law. It is ultimately a great advantage to know the Torah (the 5 Books of Moses). In it is the entire story of mankind: created, commanded, failure, slavery, mercy, forgiveness, grace, redemption (Christ), and perfection.

1. “Moses **commanded a law for us, A heritage of the congregation of Jacob.**” Deuteronomy 33:4 NKJV
 - a) “**What advantage then has the Jew,** or what is the profit of circumcision? **Much in every way!** Chiefly because to them were committed **the oracles of God.**” Romans 3:1-2 NKJV
- (b) Moses dies...
 1. “So **Moses** the servant of the Lord **died** there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord.” Deuteronomy 34:5 NKJV
- (c) Moses dies in complete health at the maximum allotted number of years for man as promised when... *“the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”* Genesis 6:5 NKJV
 1. “Moses was **one hundred and twenty years** old when he died. **His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished.**” Deuteronomy 34:7 NKJV
 - a) “And the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; **yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.**”” Genesis 6:3 NKJV
- (d) Weep and move on...

1. "And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. So **the days of weeping and mourning for Moses ended.**" Deuteronomy 34:8 NKJV
- (e) **Passing the mantle...Joshua is handed the duties and authority of Moses. And his job is to take God's people into the Promised Land, something Moses was NOT able to do.
 1. "Now Joshua the son of Nun was **full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him**; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses." Deuteronomy 34:9 NKJV
- (f) And a picture of something more that is coming!
 1. "Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy **with the laying on of the hands** of the eldership." I Timothy 4:14 NKJV
 2. "**Do not lay hands on anyone hastily**, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure." I Timothy 5:22 NKJV
 3. "For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.**" Acts 8:16-17 NKJV

4. "And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and **laying his hands on him** he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may **receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.**"” Acts 9:17 NKJV
 5. "And **when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them**, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied." Acts 19:6 NKJV
- (g) The End...the last three verses of the Torah speak to something more. Did Joshua give them that something more?
1. "But **since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face**, in all the signs and wonders which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land, **and by all that mighty power** and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel." Deuteronomy 34:10-12 NKJV [THE END]

C. Something more...Hebrews 4 like never before!

- (1) Joshua was a stepping stone, but not the destiny...and yet, have we reached our destiny or is there something more?

(a) The good news, we can enter God's rest, His promised land. It was a message they heard in the wilderness, and it is a message you have heard. They did not have the faith to believe. Have you? As of yet, has the church? And what exactly does it mean to "enter His rest"?

1. "Therefore, since **a promise remains of entering His rest**, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed **the gospel was preached to us as well as to them**; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being **mixed with faith** in those who heard it." Hebrews 4:1-2 NKJV

(b) We who believe enter? Believe what? His plan from the foundation of creation is complete (in God's time-less perspective). Where did He speak about a specific day, the seventh day, as the PERFECT PICTURE of faith? That would be Genesis 2:2. And where did He describe precisely what prevents us from entering? That would be Psalms 95:7-11. And what would that be specifically? *"The people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways."* In other words, disobedience. And disobedience equals a lack of faith! So, if you are a disobedient church, you will never enter His rest. And is that not precisely how the church acts today?

1. “For **we who have believed do enter that rest**, as He has said: “So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest,’ ” **although the works were finished from the foundation of the world**. For He has spoken in a certain place **of the seventh day** in this way: “And **God rested on the seventh day from all His works**” [Gen. 2:2]; and again in this place: “**They shall not [never, NIV] enter My rest. [Ps. 95:11]**” Hebrews 4:3-5 NKJV

1. “For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. **Today, if you will hear His voice:** “Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, As in the day of trial in the wilderness, When your fathers tested Me; They tried Me, though they saw My work. For forty years I was grieved with that generation, And said, ‘**It is a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.**’ So I swore in My wrath, ‘**They shall not enter My rest.**’ ”” Psalms 95:7-11 NKJV

2. “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

(c) In the wilderness they did not obey. He made the point again to David (as seen in Psalms 95:7-11). And do NOT neglect this line; *"again He designates a certain day."* The certain day is the seventh day, the picture of entering His rest. And if you won't keep it, and the church won't keep it, then how can you enter as a disobedient people? You can't! Do not harden your hearts to this truth!

1. **"Since therefore it remains** that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached **did not enter because of disobedience, again He designates a certain day,** saying in David, "Today," after such a long time, as it has been said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, **Do not harden your hearts.**"" Hebrews 4:6-7 NKJV

(d) Joshua, of course, did literally bring the people into the promised land! But they remained a disobedient people and this is why Hebrews says, *"**if** Joshua had given them*

rest.” And it would not have needed to be mentioned again to David, and to YOU! Here is the solution, at least how it would manifest in the natural. “Those who are obedient rest on the certain day just like God rested, as we see He has spoken in a certain place (Gen. 2:2) of the seventh day!”

1. “For **if Joshua had given them rest**, then He would not afterward have spoken **of another day**. **There remains therefore a rest for the people of God**. For **he who has entered His rest** has himself also ceased from his works **as God did from His.**” Hebrews 4:8-10 NKJV
- (e) God knows your heart, and He has assigned us this task; Be diligent to enter THAT REST. Obey Him! Why? So you do not fall victim to the same type of obedience as they did. Who? Those in the wilderness and those at the time of David and those at the time of the writing of Hebrews. And Hebrews was written post resurrection, so it is speaking to those (YOU!) who live in the Church era! And how can we become educated and convicted of such matters? Know the word of God. Know it and obey it! In other words, Don't *“fall according to the same example of disobedience.”*

1. “Let us therefore **be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.** 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 4:11-13 NKJV
- (f) We cannot even offer the same excuse as those in the wilderness, or at the time of David! We have Y’shua; we have the Holy Spirit. No, Joshua could not have offered them rest, but Christ can? However, there remains this absurd question. Why don’t we enter?
 1. “Seeing then that **we have a great High Priest** who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. **For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses,** but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. **Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace,** that we may obtain mercy and find

grace **to help in time of need.**" Hebrews 4:14-16
NKJV

(2) The "Something more"...

(a) Genesis or Joshua; New Cycle or the Wall

1. For me this study was kind of like a "build the temple moment." And my intention is not to become overly dramatic, but this was a prophetic moment like none other in my life. Eighteen years ago (2004), I was given a vision from Yahweh to write "*The Heart of David*". It was at this exact time of the year, during the Fall Feasts. I recognized the prophetic moment in history when David conceived to build the temple and how, not only had God NEVER told anyone to do so, but how God blessed him and ALL his generations because he figured out what God wanted, without ever being told to do so in writing (the instructions to do so appear nowhere in Scripture!). David had embraced his role as God's human initiative partner, and as such, God used him to create an inflection point in history. God inhabited the Tabernacle in the wilderness; then Solomon's Temple (which could never keep God contained),

and all along it was pointing toward God inhabiting His people as the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

2. Now as we come to the close of Deuteronomy, we are supposed to end and go right back to Genesis 1:1–6:8. These two portions, the last two chapters of Deuteronomy, and the beginning of Genesis are generally read together, symbolizing the end of one thing and the beginning of something else, exactly like what's going on in my life right now, (you can't make this stuff up).
3. As I contemplated the transition from Deuteronomy back to Genesis each year, I also thought about the transition from Deuteronomy into Joshua, from Moses to Joshua. Then, this sudden thought rushed into my mind. There is no way to describe it for me other than as an infection point, a way to climb the wall, to get over the wall. *“Don't go back to Genesis 1-6; the first six verses in Joshua corresponded to those six chapters, one verse in Joshua for each chapter in Genesis.”* I thought, *“No way!”*
4. Of course, I would investigate and search for the deep meaning behind such a claim. It's not that I

don't trust God, of course. It's myself I don't trust. I am sure you can sympathize with me on this!

(b) Then, to add to the layers, I got a vision that the stages of discipleship development from II Peter that I have been teaching for years also overlaid these six verses in Joshua and six chapters in Genesis.

1. "But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, **add to your faith virtue**, to virtue **knowledge**, to knowledge **self-control**, to self-control **perseverance**, to perseverance **godliness**, to godliness **brotherly kindness**, and to brotherly kindness **love**." II Peter 1:5-7 NKJV

D. Aligning Forward Progress

(1) **Virtue (II Peter 1:5-7):** *What is right in God's eyes? What is on God's heart? What does God think about it (anything)?*

(a) The Lord Spoke...and it was good!

1. "After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that **the Lord spoke** to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, **saying:**" Joshua 1:1 NKJV

a) Joshua, I am about to tell you exactly what I want as you cross into your new beginning. I will speak it into existence!

(b) Then God said...and it was good!

1. “In **the beginning** God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”

Genesis 1:1-2 NKJV

2. “**Then God said**, “Let there be light”; and there was light.” Genesis 1:3 NKJV

3. “Then **God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good**. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.” Genesis 1:31 NKJV

a) *What is right in God’s eyes? What is on God’s heart? What does God think about it (anything)?*

b) In the beginning God spoke all that was good in His eyes into existence! And it was very good!

(2) **Knowledge (II Peter 1:5-7):** *I need to know what to do with what I know is on God’s heart!*

(a) We are done in the wilderness...now what?

1. ““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.”

Joshua 1:2 NKJV

a) Arise, go into the Promised Land! “Enter my rest” in the land I am giving you!

(b) My work here is done...now what?

1. “Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, **were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day** from all His work which He had done. Then **God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested** from all His work which God had created and made.” Genesis 2:1-3 NKJV
2. Lie in the garden: “**The Lord God planted a garden** eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. **And out of the ground** the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. **The tree of life** was also in the midst of the garden, and **the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.**” Genesis 2:8-9 NKJV
3. Boundaries of the Garden: Genesis 2:10-14
4. Rules in the Garden: “Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “**Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and**

evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”” Genesis 2:15-17 NKJV

5. Formed all the beasts; given to Adam to name; not good for man to be alone; given Eve; given marriage (Genesis 2:18-25)

a) *I need to know what to do with what I know is on God's heart!*

b) Enter My rest in the garden (land) I am giving you!

c) Your provision is there; your boundaries are there; your rules are there; your authority is there; your family and future are there!

(3) **Self-Control (II Peter 1:5-7):** *You know what to do, now do it!*

(a) It's yours, now take it!

1. “**Every place** that the sole of your foot will tread upon **I have given you**, as I said to Moses.” Joshua 1:3 NKJV

a) You have the authority to take the land and these are my instructions.

(b) You have your instructions... no need to second guess!

1. “Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “**Has God indeed said**, ‘You shall

not eat of every tree of the garden'?" " Genesis 3:1
NKJV

2. "And the woman said to the serpent, "**We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree** which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, '**You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it**, lest you die.' "" Genesis 3:2-3 NKJV
3. Lies, desires, more lies, then removed from the "**place**" that was give them! (Genesis 3:4-24)
4. "So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, **and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.**" Genesis 3:24 NKJV
 - a) *You know what to do, now do it!*
 - b) It's yours already—no need to question God!
 - c) Has God indeed said? "Yes, He has!" is the only correct answer!
 - d) Everything (every place) God has given is a given!
 - e) It will go sideways if you misrepresent His promises or instructions—"nor shall you touch it."
 - f) Everything bad will follow that critical error!

g) It would be your territory, if you did not second guess God. But, because you did, you lose what has been given to you!

(4) **Perseverance (II Peter 1:5-7):** *You know what to do, now do it, and keep doing it, forever. Perseverance is permanent self-control.*

(a) It's is your permanent territory!

1. "From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, **shall be your territory.**" Joshua 1:4 NKJV

a) It is yours to keep (manage), if you keep doing what you are told!

(b) The herds and ground are yours to manage! It's your territory.

1. "Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the Lord." Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now **Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.**" Genesis 4:1-2 NKJV

2. "**And in the process of time** it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock

and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering. **And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.**"

Genesis 4:3-5 NKJV

3. Cane MURDERS his brother and all the curses that follow with LOSING TERRITORY! (Genesis 4:6-15)
4. **"So now you are cursed from the earth [land],** which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth." Genesis 4:11-12 NKJV
5. Family line of Cane (Genesis 4:16-24)
6. "And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, "For God has appointed **another seed** for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed." And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Ē'nosh. **Then men began to call on the name of the Lord.**" Genesis 4:25-26 NKJV
 - a) *You know what to do, now do it, and keep doing it, forever. Perseverance is permanent self-control.*
 - b) In the process of time you became a poor manager (did not continue to do what you knew to do)!

- c) Cain became depressed because he was held to account.
- d) Cain kills his brother and now the land of promise is cursed.
- e) There is a way of redemption in a “new” seed.
- f) Call on the name of the Yahweh!

(5) **Godliness (II Peter 1:5-7):** *Godliness is when a man lives with wholistic integrity. His spirit, soul and body are in complete alignment with God’s will.*

(a) You are man who has God’s favor above all others...

1. **“No man shall be able to stand before you** all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. **I will not leave you nor forsake you.”**

Joshua 1:5 NKJV

- a) You are living in the will of God, so no man nor any thing can come against you. God is for you, so nothing can be against you! (Romans 8:31)

(b) We progress from Adam to Noah (the man of restored favor).

1. **“This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.** He created them male and female,

and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created.” Genesis 5:1-2 NKJV

2. Now carrying SIN!!!
3. “And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.” Genesis 5:3 NKJV
4. Family line of Adam up to Noah (Genesis 5:4-3)
5. “And Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah begot Shem, Ham, and Japheth.” Genesis 5:32 NKJV
 - a) *Godliness is when a man lives with wholistic integrity. His spirit, soul and body are in complete alignment with God’s will.*
 - b) God has a plan for man’s godliness. He will not leave him or forsake him!
 - c) From Adam, who was created in God’ image, to the fall, to another chance with Noah!
 - d) No man could stand against Noah.
 - e) God preserved mankind through Noah (did not leave him or forsake him), so this could happen...
 - 1) “Therefore, just as **through one man sin** entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is

not imputed when there is no law. **Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses**, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam [*sin was stuck in man's DNA*], **who is a type of Him who was to come**. But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the **one man's offense many died**, much more the grace of God and the gift by the **grace** of the **one Man**, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. **For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one**, much more those who receive abundance of **grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.**)” Romans 5:12-17 NKJV

(6) **Brotherly Kindness (II Peter 1:5-7):** *A life of godliness lived for others who look on and can emulate your example!*

(a) Be a good example!

1. **“Be strong and of good courage,** for to this people **you shall divide** as an **inheritance** the land which **I swore** to their fathers to give them.” Joshua 1:6 NKJV
 - a) You are in charge and the people are looking to you as an example of strength, courage and faith to deliver what God has promised.
 - (b) Noah was s good example!
 1. “Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. And the Lord said, **“My Spirit shall not strive with man forever,** for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”” Genesis 6:1-3 NKJV
 2. “There were **giants on the earth** in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.” Genesis 6:4 NKJV
 3. **“Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man** was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And

the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the Lord said, **“I will destroy man** whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.” But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.” Genesis 6:5-8 NKJV

4. **“This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.** And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.” Genesis 6:9-12 NKJV
5. Build the Ark (Genesis 6:13-21)
6. “Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.” Genesis 6:22 NKJV
 - a) *A life of godliness lived for others who look on and can emulate your example!*
 - b) God is not pleased with man’s godlessness and he is ready to wipe them out.

- c) There will be giants in the land (Joshua!), and we will need a just man, perfect in his generations, like Noah who walked with God to lead the people, in whom they can emulate and follow.
- d) Noah was strong and of good courage, and did all that the Lord commanded him!

E. Love, Fruitfulness and Sin (II Peter 1:7-9)

(1) This concludes our journey through Joshua 1:1-6 and Genesis 1-6!

(a) But there is still more!

1. “[add] to brotherly kindness **love**. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be **neither barren nor unfruitful** in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has **forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.**” II Peter 1:7-9 NKJV

Summary: PATTERN INTERRUPT

2. Why stop at the wall, AGAIN?

A. Why me?

(1) Prophetic Moments in History

- (a) I am available. If you have not yet looked at the teaching [Available](#), please do so; it will explain much of

what follows. But to make this ultra simple, there are prophetic moments in time when God reveals new things to His children that He has not revealed previously in the written word! And, when His children recognize something new that is on His heart, and declare it into the earth, Yahweh says, "Exactly! You got it! That is precisely what I want you to do!" This is what happened when David conceived to build the Temple! It was the next phase in God's progressive revelation from the Tabernacle in the wilderness, to Solomon's Temple (David conceived it and planned it, but Solomon built it), to humans who would one day be the Temple of the Holy Spirit (See I Corinthians 6:19-20).

- (b) We are intended to be God's human initiative partners. The partnership look like this: 99.99% God and .01% human. And your .01% is fulfilled when you are 100% available. David was fully aware that the revelation he received was from Yahweh; his only role was to be available to hear it and then to act upon it!
- (c) First the revelation, then the plans! David not only had the revelation to build a Temple for the Lord, but God then downloaded the plans to him, in every detail. That is what we need from God now, as we scale the wall!

- (2) God's message in "The End of the Beginning." Go over the wall; don't go back to the beginning!
- (a) Let me fill in on a few details. Refer back to the introduction for sequencing of events.
1. Both [Available](#) and [Scorched Earth](#) are a must watch!
 2. You read about the vision of the sprinter, the finish line, and going over the wall in the introduction. All this coordinated with what I felt the Lord was telling me about the new season coming upon us. Of course, this is amazing timing as it corresponds with the Fall Feast Season, the end of the Torah Cycle and the beginning of the new cycle (so like Yahweh)!
 3. Here are a few details about the message I mentioned earlier in the introduction: [W. A. R. \(Warring Against Repentance\)](#). I first attempted to teach James 4:1-10 on 9/03/22, and again on 09/17/22. Both times the recordings failed for different reasons. It was after the second mishap that I finally realized had I MISSED something, both in the title and the main theme. The original title was going to be "Show Me Your Friends and I Will Show You Your Future", quite a different theme from W.A.R.

4. And yet the timing, when I finally got it right on 10/01/22, was actually PERFECT, because it was the exact message for a specific person that day. In other words, I was both corrected by the Lord for missing something and exactly on time simultaneously! I know that sounds crazy, but it's true. The Lord uses all things to work out for the good. It's outrageous how we can be both wrong and right at the same time.
5. That same evening (Oct. 1, 2022) I had a prophetic word spoken over me. *"A 'shift' is coming. Don't worry about how disruptive it might appear, 'the people are ready for it; the people want it.' It does not matter how hard it is or how disturbing to me or them; the people who are ready for it will come to receive it, and all the resources to bring it will be made available."* In that moment I had this fleeting thought; *"Maybe we are not supposed to continue with the Torah Cycle as a teaching schedule!"* That was an absurd thought considering how fruitful the Torah Cycles had been over three years.
6. Also that evening, a word was prophesied over the same person I had realized that the message "W.A.R. (Warring against Repentance)" was for. And the

prophecy was the EXACT same message. *“Take a step forward; you don’t ever need to go back to your old life!”*

7. I woke Sunday morning to begin prepping for the final Torah Portion message before we GO BACK to start Genesis again. And the Lord spoke to me LOUD AND CLEAR! “Don’t slow down; don’t go back; go forward over the wall!”
8. It had been right for three years to follow the Torah Portion Cycle and NOW it seemed all wrong.

(3) The Story of Mankind

- (a) Adam to Noah to Abraham (Isaac/Jacob/Israel named) to Moses to Israel (as bride) to Disciples/Church to Revealing of God’s Children to Glorious liberty of God’s Children. The line of faith, failures, redemption, and finally when mankind gets it right is carried through Hebrews 11-12 (Read it and see!).

B. Deuteronomy 33 & 34 (Portions of Today’s Torah Portion!)

(1) The last steps before the wall!

- (a) The ministry of Moses can be summed up by the inheritance he leaves behind for Jacob (Israel)—the law. It is ultimately a great advantage to know the Torah (the 5 Books of Moses). In it is the entire story of mankind:

created, commanded, failure, slavery, mercy, forgiveness, grace, redemption (Christ), and perfection.

- (b) Moses dies...
- (c) Moses dies in complete health at the maximum allotted number of years for man as promised when... *“the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”* Genesis 6:5 NKJV
- (d) Weep and move on...
- (e) ******Passing the mantle...Joshua is handed the duties and authority of Moses. And his job is to take God’s people into the Promised Land, something Moses was NOT able to do.
- (f) And a picture of something more that is coming!
- (g) The End...the last three verses of the Torah speak to something more. Did Joshua give them that something more?

C. Something more...Hebrews 4 like never before!

- (1) Joshua was a stepping stone, but not the destiny...and yet, have we reached our destiny or is there something more?
 - (a) The good news, we can enter God’s rest, His promised land. It was a message they heard in the wilderness, and it is a message you have heard. They did not have the

faith to believe. Have you? As of yet, has the church?
And what exactly does it mean to “enter His rest”?

- (b) We who believe enter? Believe what? His plan from the foundation of creation is complete (in God’s time-less perspective). Where did He speak about a specific day, the seventh day, as the PERFECT PICTURE of faith? That would be Genesis 2:2. And where did He describe precisely what prevents us from entering? That would be Psalms 95:7-11. And what would that be specifically? *“The people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.”* In other words, disobedience. And disobedience equals a lack of faith! So, if you are a disobedient church, you will never enter His rest. And is that not precisely how the church acts today?
- (c) In the wilderness they did not obey. He made the point again to David (as seen in Psalms 95:7-11). And do NOT neglect this line; *“again He designates a certain day.”* The certain day is the seventh day, the picture of entering His rest. And if you won’t keep it, and the church won’t keep it, then how can you enter as a disobedient people? You can’t! Do not harden your hearts to this truth!

- (d) Joshua, of course, did literally bring the people into the promised land! But they remained a disobedient people and this is why Hebrews says, *“if Joshua had given them rest.”* And it would not have needed to be mentioned again to David, and to YOU! Here is the solution, at least how it would manifest in the natural. *“Those who are obedient rest on the certain day just like God rested, as we see He has spoken in a certain place (Gen. 2:2) of the seventh day!”*
- (e) God knows your heart, and He has assigned us this task; Be diligent to enter THAT REST. Obey Him! Why? So you do not fall victim to the same type of obedience as they did. Who? Those in the wilderness and those at the time of David and those at the time of the writing of Hebrews. And Hebrews was written post resurrection, so it is speaking to those (YOU!) who live in the Church era! And how can we become educated and convicted of such matters? Know the word of God. Know it and obey it! In other words, Don't *“fall according to the same example of disobedience.”*
- (f) We cannot even offer the same excuse as those in the wilderness, or at the time of David! We have Y'shua; we have the Holy Spirit. No, Joshua could not have offered

them rest, but Christ can? However, there remains this absurd question. Why don't we enter?

(2) The "Something more"...

(a) Genesis or Joshua; New Cycle or the Wall

1. For me this study was kind of like a "build the temple moment." And my intention is not to become overly dramatic, but this was a prophetic moment like none other in my life. Eighteen years ago (2004), I was given a vision from Yahweh to write *"The Heart of David"*. It was at this exact time of the year, during the Fall Feasts. I recognized the prophetic moment in history when David conceived to build the temple and how, not only had God NEVER told anyone to do so, but how God blessed him and ALL his generations because he figured out what God wanted, without ever being told to do so in writing (the instructions to do so appear nowhere in Scripture!). David had embraced his role as God's human initiative partner, and as such, God used him to create an inflection point in history. God inhabited the Tabernacle in the wilderness; then Solomon's Temple (which could never keep God contained),

and all along it was pointing toward God inhabiting His people as the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

2. Now as we come to the close of Deuteronomy, we are supposed to end and go right back to Genesis 1:1–6:8. These two portions, the last two chapters of Deuteronomy, and the beginning of Genesis are generally read together, symbolizing the end of one thing and the beginning of something else, exactly like what's going on in my life right now, (you can't make this stuff up).
3. As I contemplated the transition from Deuteronomy back to Genesis each year, I also thought about the transition from Deuteronomy into Joshua, from Moses to Joshua. Then, this sudden thought rushed into my mind. There is no way to describe it for me other than as an infection point, a way to climb the wall, to get over the wall. *“Don't go back to Genesis 1-6; the first six verses in Joshua corresponded to those six chapters, one verse in Joshua for each chapter in Genesis.”* I thought, *“No way!”*
4. Of course, I would investigate and search for the deep meaning behind such a claim. It's not that I

don't trust God, of course. It's myself I don't trust. I am sure you can sympathize with me on this!

- (b) Then, to add to the layers, I got a vision that the stages of discipleship development from II Peter that I have been teaching for years also overlaid these six verses in Joshua and six chapters in Genesis.

D. Aligning Forward Progress

- (1) **Virtue (II Peter 1:5-7):** *What is right in God's eyes? What is on God's heart? What does God think about it (anything)?*

- (a) The Lord Spoke...and it was good!

1. Joshua, I am about to tell you exactly what I want as you cross into your new beginning. I will speak it into existence!

- (b) Then God said...and it was good!

1. *What is right in God's eyes? What is on God's heart? What does God think about it (anything)?*
2. In the beginning God spoke all that was good in His eyes into existence! And it was very good!

- (2) **Knowledge (II Peter 1:5-7):** *I need to know what to do with what I know is on God's heart!*

- (a) We are done in the wilderness...now what?

1. Arise, go into the Promised Land! "Enter my rest" in the land I am giving you!

(b) My work here is done...now what?

1. *I need to know what to do with what I know is on God's heart!*
2. Enter My rest in the garden (land) I am giving you!
3. Your provision is there; your boundaries are there; your rules are there; your authority is there; your family and future are there!

(3) **Self-Control (II Peter 1:5-7):** *You know what to do, now do it!*

(a) It's yours, now take it!

1. You have the authority to take the land and these are my instructions.

(b) You have your instructions... no need to second guess!

1. *You know what to do, now do it!*
2. It's yours already—no need to question God!
3. Has God indeed said? "Yes, He has!" is the only correct answer!
4. Everything (every place) God has given is a given!
5. It will go sideways if you misrepresent His promises or instructions—*"nor shall you touch it."*
6. Everything bad will follow that critical error!

7. It would be your territory, if you did not second guess God. But, because you did, you lose what has been given to you!

(4) **Perseverance (II Peter 1:5-7):** *You know what to do, now do it, and keep doing it, forever. Perseverance is permanent self-control.*

(a) It's is your permanent territory!

1. It is yours to keep (manage), if you keep doing what you are told!

(b) The herds and ground are yours to manage! It's your territory.

1. *You know what to do, now do it, and keep doing it, forever. Perseverance is permanent self-control.*

2. In the process of time you became a poor manager (did not continue to do what you knew to do)!

3. Cain became depressed because he was held to account.

4. Cain kills his brother and now the land of promise is cursed.

5. There is a way of redemption in a "new" seed.

6. Call on the name of the Yahweh!

(5) **Godliness (II Peter 1:5-7):** *Godliness is when a man lives with wholistic integrity. His spirit, soul and body are in complete alignment with God's will.*

(a) You are man who has God's favor above all others...

1. You are living in the will of God, so no man nor any thing can come against you. God is for you, so nothing can be against you! (Romans 8:31)

(b) We progress from Adam to Noah (the man of restored favor).

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2. God has a plan for man's godliness. He will not leave him or forsake him!
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WALL-BREAKERS

3. It's time to go over the wall, FINALLY!

A. Love, Fruit & Reminders

(1) **Love**— "...and to brotherly kindness [add] **love**. II Peter 1:7 *Love is God's divine nature. God is love! Love is obedience!*

(a) Obey every law of God!

1. "**Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do** according to **all** the law which Moses My servant commanded you; **do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left**, that you may prosper wherever you go." Joshua 1:7 NKJV

a) Do not stray from God's laws even a little. Why? Obedience to God is how we demonstrate our love for God and others.

b) We already learned that disobedience is equivalent to a lack of faith. Now we see disobedience is also demonstrative of a lack of love. Therefore, we conclude that without faith we cannot love.

1) "**But without faith it is impossible to please Him**, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6 NKJV

(b) Love exemplified...

1. *If you love God you will obey Him...* “**If you love Me, keep My commandments.**” John 14:15 NKJV
2. *If you love others you will obey God and not say His commands are a burden...* “By this we know that **we love the children of God**, when **we love God** and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His **commandments are not burdensome.**” I John 5:2-3 NKJV
3. *Love is perfection...* “But above all these things put on love, which is **the bond of perfection.**” Colossians 3:14 NKJV
4. *Love is the greatest of all...* “Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. ...And now abide faith, hope, love,

these three; but the greatest of these is love.” I

Corinthians 13:4-8, 13 NKJV

5. *God is love...* “He who does not love does not know God, for **God is love**. ...And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. **God is love**, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.” I John 4:8, 16 NKJV
 6. *The Divine Nature is love, and we can partake...* “by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” II Peter 1:4 NKJV
- (c) A man righteous before God and radically obedient...
1. “Then the Lord said to Noah, “Come into the ark, you and all your household, because **I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.**” Genesis 7:1 NKJV
 2. “So **He destroyed all living things** which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. **Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive.**” Genesis 7:23 NKJV

- a) *Love is God's divine nature. God is love! Love is obedience!*
- b) Noah did everything God's instructed him to do.
- c) Noah lived because of it!

(2) **If then**— “For **if these things are yours and abound** [*if you build those seven things on top of your faith*], you will be **neither barren nor unfruitful** in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” II Peter 1:8 NKJV

(a) If you do this...meditate on God law day and night, you will have this... prosperity in all things! You will be neither barren nor unfruitful.

1. “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, **but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do** according to all that is written in it. For then you **will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.**”
Joshua 1:8 NKJV

(b) Genesis 8 (new beginnings). God remembered Noah and new things abound! While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, shall not cease. You will be neither barren nor unfruitful.

1. “Then **God remembered Noah, and every living thing**, and all the animals that were with him in the

ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.” Genesis 8:1 NKJV

2. “And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry. And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried. Then God spoke to Noah, saying, **“Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you.** Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so **that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.”** So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him. Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark. Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the Lord smelled a soothing aroma. Then the Lord said in His heart, **“I**

will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. **"While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."** Genesis 8:13-22 NKJV

- (3) **Don't ever forget**— "For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has **forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.**" II Peter 1:9 NKJV
- (a) Do not ever forget...God is with you wherever you go. Forgetting this will always causes complications.
1. "Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed**, for the Lord your **God is with you wherever you go.**" Joshua 1:9 NKJV
- (b) God has blessed you, and has new covenant for you! Now be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. Do not ever forget; Do not ever be afraid; Do not ever be dismayed.
1. "So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: **"Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth."** Genesis 9:1 NKJV

2. **“Thus I establish My covenant with you:** Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”” Genesis 9:11 NKJV
3. The rainbow (Genesis 9:1-15)

B. Time to leave Genesis and climb over the wall...

- (1) One final exclamation point from Peter!
 - (a) Be diligent to climb the wall, you can't fail; the Kingdom is on the other side!
 1. “Therefore, brethren, **be even more diligent** to make your call and election sure, for if you **do these things you will never stumble**; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the **everlasting kingdom** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” II Peter 1:10-11 NKJV
- (2) Into Joshua and the Jericho Narrative...
 - (a) Purify yourself; get ready to cross over. Take the ark with you and follow Joshua; he's My man.
 1. “And Joshua said to the people, **“Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.”** Then Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, **“Take up the ark of the covenant and cross over before the people.”** So they took up the ark of the covenant and

went before the people. And the Lord said to Joshua, **“This day I will begin to exalt you** in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, **as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.**” Joshua 3:5-7 NKJV

(b) As soon as the priests carrying the ark step in the water, it will stop flowing from upstream. Have 12 men ready for an assignment.

1. **“Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over before you into the Jordan.** Now therefore, **take for yourselves twelve men** from the tribes of Israel, one man from every tribe. And it shall come to pass, as soon **as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark** of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, **shall rest in the waters** of the Jordan, that **the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off**, the waters that come down from upstream, and they shall stand as a heap.”” Joshua 3:11-13 NKJV

(c) Even though it is flood season, the water stopped just as God said. The priests stood there on the dry riverbed for as long as it took for all the people to cross over (in our picture, climb over!)

1. “So it was, when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the

ark of the covenant before the people, and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, **and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest), that the waters which came down from upstream stood still,** and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan. So the waters that went down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho. **Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground,** until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.” Joshua 3:14-17 NKJV

(d) Those 12 chosen men are to set up 12 memorial stones to remind the people forever about what happened that day when the waters stopped flowing, so the people could cross over on dry ground.

1. “Then **Joshua called the twelve men** whom he had appointed from the children of Israel, one man from every tribe; and Joshua said to them: “**Cross over before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst**

of the Jordan, and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, **'What do these stones mean to you?'** Then you shall answer them that **the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant** of the Lord; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. **And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever.**"" Joshua 4:4-7 NKJV

(e) The Walls Come Down. When you obey every command of the lord, the walls come down, every stronghold collapses before you. It's easy to go over the wall when the wall crumbles.

1. "It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; **then the wall of the city will fall down flat.** And the people shall go up every man straight before him."" Joshua 6:5 NKJV

C. Go Over the Wall!

(1) Finally breaking free of the gravitational pull of sin (getting over the wall).

(a) Today, if you will hear His voice...Do not harden your hearts.

1. “again He designates a certain day, saying in David, “Today,” after such a long time, as it has been said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, **Do not harden your hearts.**”” Hebrews 4:7 NKJV

(b) For if Joshua could have given the rest...we would not still be talking about it! The great sign of this disobedience and therefore obedience is the Sabbath!

1. “For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. **For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.**” Hebrews 4:8-10 NKJV

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(d) Everything that is not of the kingdom will be shaken. You might as well let it all go now and climb that wall. God is ready to rip it out of your hands anyway!

1. “**See that you do not refuse Him who speaks.** For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, **much more shall we not escape** if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, “**Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.**” Now this, “Yet once more,” indicates **the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.** **Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom** which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.” Hebrews 12:25-29 NKJV

(2) Creation is waiting!

(a) All creation is waiting for the revealing of the sons.
Don't Disappoint Me!

1. “For the earnest expectation of the creation **eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.**” Romans 8:19 NKJV

(b) Open your eyes and see...

1. “But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, **how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?** For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, **the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory.** For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. For if what is passing away was glorious, **what remains is much more glorious.** Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech— unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. **But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ.** But even to this day, when Moses is read, a

veil lies on their heart. **Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.** Now the Lord is the Spirit; and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.**" II Corinthians 3:7-17 NKJV

2. "But we all, **with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord,** are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." II Corinthians 3:18 NKJV
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- 1. “Now to Him who is able to do **exceedingly abundantly above** all that we ask or think, according to **the power that works in us**, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21 NKJV

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Matthew 13:43-46 NKJV

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(a) We are going into the land, this year's fruit will be our
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1. **"When you come into the land,** and have planted all
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Summary: WALL-BREAKERS

3. It's time to go over the wall, FINALLY!

A. Love, Fruit & Reminders

(1) **Love**— "...and to brotherly kindness [add] **love**. II Peter 1:7 *Love is God's divine nature. God is love! Love is obedience!*

(a) Obey every law of God!

1. Do not stray from God's laws even a little. Why? Obedience to God is how we demonstrate our love for God and others.
2. We already learned that disobedience is equivalent to a lack of faith. Now we see disobedience is also demonstrative of a lack of love. Therefore, we conclude that without faith we cannot love.

(b) Love exemplified...

1. If you love God you will obey Him...
2. If you love others you will obey God and not say His commands are a burden...
3. Love is perfection...
4. Love is the greatest of all...
5. God is love...
6. The Divine Nature is love, and we can partake...

(c) Noah—a man righteous before God and radically obedient...

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2. Noah did everything God's instructed him to do.
3. Noah lived because of it!

(2) **If then—**

- (a) If you do this...mediate on God law day and night, you will have this... prosperity in all things! You will be neither barren nor unfruitful.
- (b) Genesis 8 (new beginnings). God remembered Noah and new things abound! While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, shall not cease. You will be neither barren nor unfruitful.

(3) **Don't ever forget—**

- (a) Do not ever forget...God is with you wherever you go. Forgetting this will always causes complications.
- (b) God has blessed you, and has new covenant for you! Now be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. Do not ever forget; Do not ever be afraid; Do not ever be dismayed.

B. Time to leave Genesis and climb over the wall...

- (1) One final exclamation point from Peter!

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- (2) Into Joshua and the Jericho Narrative...
 - (a) Purify yourself; get ready to cross over. Take the ark with you and follow Joshua; he's My man.
 - (b) As soon as the priests carrying the ark step in the water, it will stop flowing from upstream. Have 12 men ready for an assignment.
 - (c) Even though it is flood season, the water stopped just as God said. The priests stood there on the dry riverbed for as long as it took for all the people to cross over (in our picture, climb over!!)
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QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

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- C. Fast: James 4:3; Acts 8:18-21; Acts 14:22; Romans 5:1-5; Philippians 4:6-7; Isaiah 40:31
- D. Options: Acts 7:54-58; Luke 23:18-25; John 18:37-40; Matthew 27:17-26; Mark 15:11-15; Psalms 51:4; Exodus

23:1-2; Ephesians 4:4-6; I Timothy 1:3; John 5:46-47; Amos 5:18-23; 6:5

2. Deuteronomy 29:19 speaks of a people who want to do things their own way, and be blessed by God at the same time...

A. Why is it just not possible to do things your own way and be blessed? (See: Romans 11:29; Hebrews 6:4-6; I John 2:19)

3. Don't you think it's time to break the pattern: Command, Fail, Repent, Forgiven, Repeat?

A. How can Hebrews 5:12-14; 6:1-3 and Romans 5:20-21; 6:1-2 help us do so?

4. How can the ministry of Moses be summed up by the inheritance he leaves behind for Jacob? (See Deuteronomy 33:4)

A. What is one advantage of being Jew? (See Romans 3:1-2)

B. How was Moses' ministry passed on? (See Deuteronomy 34:9)

5. Something more...Hebrews 4 like never before!

A. What does it mean to "enter His rest"? (Hebrews 4:1-2)

B. When did God rest from all His works? (Hebrews 4:3-5)

C. What were they warned about, against which to not harden their hearts? (Hebrews 4:6-7)

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 - F. Why are we without any excuse to disobey God? (Hebrews 4:14-16)
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 - B. Include how the stages of discipleship development from II Peter 1:1-9 overlay each of the first nine verses in Joshua and nine chapters in Genesis.
- 7. Joshua 6:5 shows us what happens to walls at the hands of an obedient people.**
- A. How does II Corinthians 3 depict how our obedience should look?
- 8. What are you willing to surrender to go all-in with God?**
- A. What does that look like in Matthew 13:43-46?