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A POWER-WORTHY CHURCH

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Are you perfectly content with commemorating Hallmark holidays that are dedicated to man-made traditions, while completely ignoring the Feasts of the Lord—Yahweh's Biblical Holidays? When you explore the prophetic relevance and magnificent imagery of Pentecost, you will no longer be satisfied with celebrating pagan holidays. Certainly Pentecost is a holy day that Christians would be interested in remembering, seeing that it was then that the Holy Spirit became available to possess all who believe that Y'shua is the long-awaited Messiah of Israel.

Unfortunately, it would seem that while the world remains inundated with lies and wrapped in chaos, the Church often bows to a lower authority. Instead of being the dominant power in and influence over the world, in many cases the world has overpowered

the Church and become the dominant influence, ruling God's people as if they have no authority in the earth. Have Church leaders and thus church-goers been deceived? Have God's people become devoid of power because they are prophetically ignorant and untrained in the times and seasons? It's time to wake up and reclaim access to Divine power! Let's begin with a deep dive into Pentecost, the Festival of Truth and Spirit.

THEME SCRIPTURES:

"...Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern **the signs of the times.**" Matthew 16:3 NKJV

"But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you." I Thessalonians 5:1 NKJV

"In the **third month** after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai... Then it came to pass **on the third day**, in the morning, that there **were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain**; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled." Exodus 19:1,16 NKJV

"Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks [Pentecost], and at the

Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed." Deuteronomy 16:16 NKJV

"When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place [because it was the Feast of Weeks/Pentecost]. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven [because it was the Feast of Weeks/Pentecost]." Acts 2:1-5 NKJV

"Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the Lord your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you— The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month." Joel 2:23 NKJV

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are **not** worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Romans 8:18 NKJV

"Arise, shine; For your light has come! **And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.**" Isaiah 60:1 NKJV

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

1. Shadows and the Real Thing

A. WARNING: Do not be ignorant about the times and seasons

- (1) **Question:** In Acts 2, was it Pentecost because the Holy Spirit fell on mankind, or did the Holy Spirit fall on mankind because it was Pentecost?
 - (a) Why were they in Jerusalem and for what were they waiting? They were told to wait in a place they were already commanded to be on the 50th day after the Feast of Firstfruits.
 - "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you;
 but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are
 endued with power from on high." Luke 24:49 NKJV
 - 2. "Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses [Jerusalem]: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks [Shavuot/Pentecost], and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed."

 Deuteronomy 16:16 NKJV
 - 3. "'And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths [seven

- weeks/shavua) shall be completed. Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath [seventh week]; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the LORD. Leviticus 23:15-16 NKJV
- a) This is the offering of the barley as that is the ripe grain in the first month.
- 4. "And you shall proclaim **on the same day** that it is **a holy convocation** to you. You shall do no customary work on it. It shall be **a statute forever** in all your dwellings throughout your generations." Leviticus 23:21 NKJV
- (2) **Question:** Why is it that you don't know the time?
 - (a) The world is dominating the Church!
 - 1. Unfortunately, it would seem that while the world remains inundated with lies and wrapped in chaos, the Church often bows to a lower authority. Instead of being the dominant power in and influence over the world, in many cases the world has overpowered the Church and become the dominant influence, ruling God's people as if they have no authority in the earth. Church leaders and thus church-goers are deceived. God's people have become devoid of power because

they are prophetically ignorant and untrained in the times and seasons.

(b) Hypocrisy

- 1. "Then He also said to the multitudes, "Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming'; and so it is. And when you see the south wind blow, you say, 'There will be hot weather'; and there is. Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?" Luke 12:54-56 NKJV
- 2. "Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites!

 You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." And He left them and departed." Matthew 16:1-4 NKJV
- 3. **Question:** What is the sign of the prophet Jonah?

a) "But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Matthew 12:39-40 NKJV [See Finding Pentecost (Shavuot) below.]

(c) Ignorance

- 1. "But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober." I Thessalonians 5:1-6 NKJV
- (3) **Question:** What is the cause of the ignorance?

- (a) The love of the world
 - 1. "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever." I John 2:15-17 NKJV
- (b) The lack of training.
 - 1. "Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old."" Matthew 13:51-52 NKJV
 - 2. **Question:** What does it take to apply the Spirit to the Truth?
 - a) **The Lesson:** Even the experts in the Law need to be instructed in the Kingdom.
 - b) **The Treasure:** integrating things old (Mt. Sinai, the Law, Shavuot, Truth) with things new (The indwelling Spirit at Pentecost). Spirit and Truth
- (c) False prophets and the spirit of the Antichrist

- 1. "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world." I John 4:1-3 NKJV
- (4) **Question:** What is the present time and season?
 - (a) Picture in your mind this type of person. You see these worthless wicked people every day, all around you, on the news, making speeches, and pushing their agendas.
 - 1. "A worthless person, a wicked man, Walks with a perverse mouth; He winks with his eyes, He shuffles his feet, He points with his fingers; Perversity is in his heart, He devises evil continually, He sows discord." Proverbs 6:12-14 NKJV
 - a) They lie to you without shame or remorse. They gaslight you because they take you for a fool.
 - b) And maybe worse of all is that they do it, knowing they are doing it, and knowing that you know they

are doing it, and yet they have no concern at all. It is wickedness exemplified.

- (b) **Question:** How can you recognize them?
 - 1. **The Perverse Mouth:** (a person; their actions, words, thoughts, and/or beliefs). First let's define perverse...
 - a) Showing a deliberate and obstinate desire to behave in a way that is unreasonable or unacceptable, often in spite of the consequences.
 - b) Contrary to the accepted or expected standard or practice: (i.e. in the general election the outcome was quite perverse.)
 - c) Law (of a verdict) against the weight of evidence or the direction of the judge on a point of law.
 - 2. **Winking Eyes:** You know the look; it's the silent gesture offered that says to select persons watching,
 - a) "You know what I'm doing, and you know what I mean by what I'm saying, and you know my real agenda, but all these "fools" are being led like blind men into a ditch."
 - 3. **Shuffling Feet:** It is like the soft shoe tap dance of a used car salesman, the celebratory dance of a man who knows his victim has bought what he is selling.

- a) And literally these days (2024), the false, dishonestly elected leader of the free world shuffles his feet as a sign of his decaying mental state.
- 4. **Pointing Fingers:** This wicked man points his finger to identify in his audience each of his wicked accomplices, those who have joined him in his evil agenda.
 - a) The enemy recognizes his own!
- 5. **Perverse Heart:** This man has a darkened wicked heart. His conscience is seared, and all of his beliefs and actions are in alignment with the enemy of our souls.
 - a) A deliberate and obstinate desire to behave in a way that is unreasonable or unacceptable, often in spite of the consequences
 - b) Contrary to the accepted or expected standard or practice.
 - c) Against the weight of evidence or the direction of the judge on a point of law.
- 6. **Constantly Devising Evil:** What else is there for a wicked man to do than to devise wicked plans?

- a) Look around again, and you will see that every policy of those in charge has an agenda to bring controversy, destruction, poverty, conflict, separation, bondage and crises. The current president and his administration (2024) is the most divisive there has ever been in the history of the United States of America.
- b) Here is a list of atrocities perpetrated on the American people.
 - 1) Illegal Surveillance
 - 2) Fraudulent Dossier
 - 3) Russian Collusion
 - 4) Russian Disinformation
 - 5) Unjustified Impeachments
 - 6) Social Unrest
 - 7) Riotous Destruction
 - 8) Race-bating
 - 9) Purposeful Lab Leaks
 - 10) A Planned Pandemic
 - 11) Suppression of free speech
 - 12) Conspiracy with social media giants to hide the truth
 - 13) Fake Laptop

- 14) Former Intelligence Leaders' Conspiracy
- 15) Stolen Election
- 16) Failed Military Operations
- 17) Fostering International War and Unrest
- 18) Open Boarders
- 19) Oppressive Energy Policies (the Green Agenda)
- 20) Irresponsible Fiscal Policies
- 21) Insider Trading
- 22) A Treasonous President on the Take
- 23) A DEI Vice President
- 24) Political Lawfare
- 25) A Weaponized DOJ
- 26) Bogus Indictments
- 27) Corrupt Judges
- 28) This all takes place while gaslighting the public and accusing opponents of doing what they are doing! Is there any better description of...
- 7. **One who sows discord...** strife, conflict, friction, hostility; disagreement, lack of agreement, dissension, dispute, discordance, disunity, division, incompatibility, antagonism, enmity, opposition, bad blood, argument, quarreling, wrangling, feuding, contention, clashing, falling-out, war, vendetta.

- a) This man sows strife in hopes of harvesting chaos.
- (5) **Question:** What are the remedies?
 - (a) The Image of God in heaven and on earth (See: <u>In the Image of God</u>)
 - 1. "This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit [Divine Family (Trinity) Father, Word (Son), Spirit (Mother)]; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit [Pentecost], the *water [baptism], and the *blood [the cross]; and these three agree as one." I John 5:6-8 NKJV
 - a) *"But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out." John 19:34 NKJV
 - (b) The Spirit of truth
 - ""If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He [She] may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive,

because it neither sees [Her] nor knows **Him**; but you know [Her], for [She] dwells with you and **will be in** you. <u>I will not leave you orphans</u> [without a Mother (Spirit) and Father; "...he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also." I John 2:23]; I will come to you." John 14:15-18 NKJV

- 2. "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, [She] will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." John 14:26 NKJV
- 3. "However, when He [She], the **Spirit of truth**, has come, [She] will guide you into **all truth**; for [She] will not speak on [Her] own authority, but whatever [She] hears [She] will speak; and [She] will tell you things to come." John 16:13 NKJV
- (6) **Question:** How can we escape the love of the world and its corruption?
 - (a) Knowledge: you can't have what you don't know is yours!
 - "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him

who called us by glory and virtue, 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 1:2-4 NKJV

- (b) The Power of God in His people!
 - "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."" Luke 24:49 NKJV
 - 2. "And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.""Acts 1:4-5 NKJV
- (c) Wisdom and revelation of that knowledge!
 - 1. "Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the

eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come." Ephesians 1:15-21 NKJV

- (7) **Question:** How does the church go from powerless to powerful?
 - (a) **Condition:** Why have God's people become powerless?
 - "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.

 But your iniquities have separated you from your
 God; And your sins have hidden His face from you,
 So that He will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, And your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken lies, Your tongue has muttered perversity. No one calls for justice, Nor does any

plead for truth. They **trust in empty words** and speak lies; They **conceive evil and bring forth iniquity**. They hatch vipers' eggs and weave the spider's web; He who eats of their eggs dies, And from that which is crushed a viper breaks out. Their webs will not become garments, Nor will they cover themselves with their works; Their works are works of iniquity, And the act of violence is in their hands. Their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed innocent blood; Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; Wasting and destruction are in their paths. The way of peace they have not known, And there is no justice in their ways; They have made themselves **crooked paths**; Whoever takes that way shall not know peace. Therefore justice is far from us, Nor does righteousness overtake us; We look for light, **but there is darkness!** For brightness, but we walk in blackness! We grope for the wall like the blind, And we grope as if we had no eyes; We stumble at noonday as at twilight; We are as dead men in **desolate places**. We all growl like bears, And moan sadly like doves; We look for justice, but there is **none**; For salvation, but it is far from us. **For our**

transgressions are multiplied before You, And our sins testify against us; For our transgressions are with us, And as for our iniquities, we know them: In transgressing and lying against the Lord, And departing from our God, Speaking oppression and revolt, Conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter." Isaiah 59:1-14 NKJV

- 2. Iniquities separate you from your God!
 - a) Sins hide His face from you, so He can't hear you.
 - b) Your hands are defiled with blood and iniquity.
 - c) You speak lies and mutter perversity.
 - d) No one calls for justice.
 - e) No one pleads for truth.
 - f) You trust in empty words.
 - g) You conceive evil.
 - h) You participate in acts of violence.
 - i) Your feet run to evil.
 - j) You hasten to shed innocent blood.
 - k) Your thoughts are thoughts of iniquity.
 - I) Wasting and destruction are in your path.

- m) You have no peace.
- n) There is no justice in your ways.
- o) You have become altogether crooked.

3. Therefore...

- a) Justice will elude you.
- b) Righteousness will be foreign to you.
- c) You will look for light, but see only darkness like a blind man.
- d) You will be like dead men walking in the wilderness.
- e) You will seek justice, but find none.
- f) Your transgressions will multiplied and your sins will testify against you.
- g) You will be well aware of your transgressions and iniquities, but feel powerless over them.
- h) You life will be marked by transgression and lying against the Lord; departing from His ways; being oppressive and rebellious; and conceiving and uttering falsehoods.
- i) Justice and righteousness will be impossible to access.
- j) Truth has been trampled in the street, and equity has no way to be part of your culture!

(b) The Turn

1. "So truth fails, And he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the Lord saw it, and it displeased Him That there was no justice. He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him. For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak. According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, Fury to His adversaries, Recompense to His enemies; The coastlands He will fully repay. So shall they fear The name of the Lord from the west, And His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him. "The Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says the Lord. "As for Me," says the Lord, "this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of

- your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the Lord, "from this time and forevermore."" Isaiah 59:15-21 NKJV
- 2. When truth has failed and God's people have become the hunted... only God's intervention can remedy these atrocities.
 - a) The Lord sees there is no justice and it angers Him.
 - b) He sees that no one is interceding so He intercedes Himself.
 - c) He inserts His own righteousness
 - d) He institutes His put own vengeance.
 - e) According to your deeds He will institute justice against those acting as His enemy.
 - f) You will fear His name.
 - g) When come against God to overpower Him, the Spirit of the Lord will overpower you.
 - h) God will remember His covenant.
 - i) His Spirit will come upon you and His words will be in your mouth and in mouths of all your descendants.
- (c) Awake and Walk in Power
 - 1. "Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the

darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side. Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you." Isaiah 60:1-5 NKJV

2. The Glory of the Lord

- a) It's time to wake up and let God's light shine through you!
- b) There is darkness covering the earth and deep darkness in people.
- c) But, the Lord will arise over you and His glory will be seen upon you.
- d) The people of the world and world leaders will come to your light
- e) You will become radiant and your heart shall overflow with joy because of the abundance of the

spiritual and physical fruit of your work in the world!

- (d) Question: When will this happen?
 - 1. "Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the Lord your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you— The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month." Joel 2:23 NKJV
 - 2. "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are **not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.**" Romans 8:18 NKJV
 - 3. The latter rain outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the glory of God's children!
 - a) The former rain was at Pentecost in the first century!
 - b) The latter rain is coming and the glory will be revealed in you!
- (8) **Question:** What is the fate of God's enemies? (Back to Proverbs 6)
 - (a) Signs of the times!
 - "Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly;
 Suddenly he shall be broken *without remedy."
 Proverbs 6:15 NKJV

- a) This is what these wicked people have coming to them...
 - 1) **Sudden Calamity:** Even in the midst of feeling they are being successful, carrying out their demonic plans, God will enact His vengeance upon them, and they will be destroyed without moment's notice.
 - 2) Lives Shattered *without remedy: Both their lives here on earth and their eternal lives will be destroyed—their destiny of damnation is sealed for eternity and there will be no way to reverse God's ruling.
- b) The Sin that Leads to Death
 - 1) When one see a phrase as such that indicate there is no remedy, one can't help, but think of *The Sin that Leads to Death*—blasphemy of the Holy Spirit for which there is no remedy. It is the unforgivable sin!
 - 2) When you look into the eyes of today's leaders who are propagating such evil schemes as mentioned above, you can observe the darkness within a person who has been overtaken in such

- a way that they can't ever repent for their sinful behaviors.
- 3) There is only sin (type of sin) for which there is no remedy, and that is the one for which there is no possibility of repentance (one who has a seared conscience will NEVER repent).
- 4) **Three studies** for you to learn more about *The*Sin that Leads to Death: I John 5:14-21; Exodus

 13-17; Notes
- c) The remedy against the wicked and his plans. One Psalm says it all! This is how our victory is secured. This is why we need not repay evil for evil!
 - 1) "Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently

for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; **Do not fret—it only** causes harm. For evildoers shall be cut off: But those who wait on the Lord, They shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it shall be no more. But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. **The** wicked plots against the just, And gnashes at him with his teeth. The Lord laughs at him, For He sees that his day is coming. The wicked have drawn the sword And have bent their bow, To cast down the poor and needy, To slay those who are of upright conduct. **Their sword shall** enter their own heart, And their bows shall be **broken.** A little that a righteous man has Is better than the riches of many wicked. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, But the **Lord upholds the righteous.** The Lord knows the days of the upright, And their inheritance shall

be forever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. But the wicked shall perish; And the enemies of the Lord, Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish. Into smoke they shall vanish away. The wicked borrows and does not repay, But the righteous shows mercy and gives. For those blessed by Him shall inherit the earth, But those cursed by Him shall be cut off. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the Lord upholds him with His hand. I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed. Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell forevermore. For the Lord loves justice, And does not forsake His saints; They are preserved forever, **But the descendants** of the wicked shall be cut off. The righteous shall inherit the land, And dwell in it forever. The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, And his

tongue talks of justice. The law of his God is in his heart; None of his steps shall slide. **The** wicked watches the righteous, And seeks to slay him. The Lord will not leave him in his hand, Nor condemn him when he is judged. Wait on the Lord, And keep His way, And He shall exalt you to inherit the land; When the wicked are cut off, you shall see it. I have seen the wicked in great power, And spreading himself like a native green tree. Yet he passed away, and behold, he was no more; Indeed I sought him, but he could not be found. Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright; For the future of that man is peace. But the transgressors shall be destroyed together; The future of the wicked shall be cut off. But the salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; He is their strength in the time of trouble. And the Lord shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, And save them, Because they trust in Him." Psalms 37:1-40 NKJV

FINDING PENTECOST & HIDDEN AGENDAS

2. Looking Back to Look Ahead (See Past Pentecost Teachings: One Accord in One Place & To Be Continued...) for full length teaching on the following topics!

A. Finding Pentecost (Shavuot)

- (1) It starts with First Fruits
- (2) A Three Day's Journey, First Fruits and the Resurrection
- (3) Y'shua had a three day journey into the wilderness!
- (4) Why it is critical that Christians can count? (See the Timeline Chart: From Anointing to Resurrection)
- (5) The 50 Days from the Resurrection to Pentecost: (See <u>The Counting of the Omer</u>)

B. In the Third Month after the Exodus—Arrival at Mt. Sinai

- (1) The Marriage Covenant. If you will, than I shall—We do!
- (2) Fast Forward to the First Century: the legal precedent for what takes place in the first century and why there are so many people in Jerusalem when it happens.
- (3) One Place, One Accord, Every Nation

C. The Upper Room Narrative: Critical Questions

- (1) Why or why not did the Holy Spirit fall in an Upper Room on the day of Pentecost in the first century and why is it even important?
- (2) You can watch the full length <u>Upper Room Conspiracy</u> teaching from Chaim Goldman.

POWER

3. Looking Back to Look Ahead

A. The Apostle Peter

- (1) Looking forward by looking back!
 - (a) He is about to refer to the prophet Joel!
 - "But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words." Acts 2:14 NKJV
 - 2. "But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams." Acts 2:16-17 NKJV
- (2) It shall come to pass...
 - (a) "I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh..."
 - 1. "But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and **all who dwell in Jerusalem [those present for Pentecost]**, let this be known to you, and heed my words. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the

third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved." Acts 2:14-21 NKJV

B. Joel

- (1) What Peter **DID** say!
 - (a) "I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh..."
 - 1. ""And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will

pour out My Spirit in those days. "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the LORD has said, Among the remnant whom the LORD calls." Joel 2:28-32 NKJV

- (2) What Peter **DID NOT** say.
 - (a) Joel 2:1-27 (the 27 verses preceding Peter's quote!) "He has given you the former rain faithfully, and He will cause the rain to come down for you— The former rain, and the latter rain in the first month."
 - 1. {23} "Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the LORD your God; For *He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you— The former rain, And **the latter rain in the first month." Joel 2:23 NKJV
 - 2. Two first months in Hebrew calendar...
 - a) The first month when we have Passover all the way to Pentecost (which has the lighter former rains

which are sufficient for the softer and less complex grain of the barley harvest, and the Seventh month which is the first month of the 2nd half of the year, and which we have the heavy latter rains for the more complex fall harvest grain [the fields are ripe for harvest]."

- 3. The Harvest that comes with the Heavy Rains
 - a) "Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.""
- (3) Former Rain and Latter Rain (Joel 2:23)

- (a) What took place in that moment of outpouring of the Holy Sprit was the former rain. We are still waiting for the Latter rain.
 - 1. This is what Joel just said would come first and is why the first century was just a dress rehearsal!
 - 2. You can see the same pattern in Malachi 4 when the full expression of Elijah takes place in two stages (first century with John the Baptist and the "spirit of Elijah" and then the Final "behold I send you Elijah."
 - 3. The passages in Joel leading up to Peter's reference starting in verse 28 are critical to your understanding of what took place at Pentecost in the first century and what we should be LOOKING FORWARD TO in the future, a greater outpouring.
 - 4. As such, Paul called the giving of the Holy Spirit in the first century an "ernest" or a deposit on a whole for which the rest will be paid later!

C. *He has given you the former rain faithfully...

- (1) A *Deposit with a Guarantee of **More to Come
 - (a) What is the "more to come"? The Latter Rain!
 - 1. "Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and

- given us the Spirit in our hearts **as a guarantee.**" II Corinthians 1:21-22 NKJV
- a) [NIVUK] "Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come." 2 Corinthians 1:21-22
- b) **[KJV]** "Now he which establisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the **earnest** of the Spirit in our hearts." 2 Corinthians 1:21-22
- 2. "In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory." Ephesians 1:13-14 NKJV
 - a) [NIVUK] "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our

- inheritance until the redemption of those who areGod's possession to the praise of his glory."Ephesians 1:13-14
- b) **[KJV]** "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory." Ephesians 1:13-14

D. Now let's take another look at Pentecost Mountain!

- (1) For you have not come to the old mountain...
 - (a) **Question:** What mountain did you come to and why?
 - 1. "For you have not come to the mountain [Mt. Sinai] that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. (For they could not endure what was commanded: "And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow." And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.") 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, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel." Hebrews 12:18-24 NKJV

- 2. What is your mountain?
 - 1. Mount Zion in the heavenly Jerusalem, where...
 - a) there are an innumerable company of angels...
 - b) the church of the firstborn worships...
 - c) God is on His throne...
 - d) the spirits of just men are made perfect!
- (b) **Question:** What did you receive on the Pentecost mountain? "A kingdom which cannot be shaken."
 - 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

E. Pentecost: a Power-Worthy Church

- (1) We received the truth and we could not keep it; we received the power and it was not enough. Now the sons must grow up!
 - (a) Pentecost: a Power-Worthy Church
 - "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."" Luke 24:49 NKJV
 - 2. "Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the Lord your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you— The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month." Joel 2:23 NKJV

- 3. "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are **not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.**" Romans 8:18 NKJV
- 4. "Arise, shine; For your light has come! **And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.**" Isaiah 60:1 NKJV
- 5. "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 12:28 NKJV
- (b) How can we achieve all power!
 - 1. The Gospel of the Kingdom
 - a) "And **this gospel of the kingdom** will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come." Matthew 24:14 NKJV
- (c) What will make the Church worthy of all power?
 - 1. The REVEALING THE SONS
 - a) "For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God."Romans 8:19 NKJV

F. The Procession to a Power-Worthy Church

- (1) Authority Commission
 - (a) Go therefore... Y'shua has the authority to commision you. What exactly is that commission?

- 1. "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen." Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV
- (b) Greater Works you will do, by doing what?
 - 1. ""Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." John 14:12-14 NKJV
- (c) Transference... All authority was given to Y'shua; what did He do with it?
 - 1. "[The Holy Spirit] will glorify Me, for [She] will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that [She] will take of Mine and declare it to you." John 16:14-15 NKJV

- (d) Direct Access... at some point you will have the SAME access to that Father as the Son!
 - 1. "Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you. "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; for the Father Himself loves **you**, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God." John 16:22-27 NKJV
- (e) Y'shua's authority... He was given all authority, and with that authority He finished the work He came to do.
 - "Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He

Should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was." John 17:1-5 NKJV

- (f) Now, just as He was sent to do His job, you are being sent to do your job!
 - "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As
 You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them
 into the world." John 17:17-18 NKJV
- (g) And the authority Y'shua had been given has been given to you just as if you and He were one being!
 - 1. "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me." John 17:22-23 NKJV

- (h) After the resurrection... You have been sent to do the EXACT SAME JOB job He was sent to do, by the POWER of the Holy Spirit! What job is that?
 - 1. "So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."" John 20:21-23 NKJV
- (i) Do you see now what it means to "Go therefore" with authority?
 - 1. "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen." Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

- 1. Throughout this teaching there are 30 questions posed...
 - A. Review the teaching and catalog your own answers to each.