

3 Steps to Your Promised Land

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Hello, my precious brothers and sisters, it's nice to get together again.

The first thing I want to share with you is that I have placed on [the Storehouse page](#) of my website a zip file of Christian Classics that I have collected, or been sent some by other subscribers, and I decided to make it available, like a book club for the remnant for you to download and have available. If you remember in my dream of the fires breaking out in my back garden, there were the works and writings of my father on the counter, and I really felt the Lord was emphasizing that we need to get back to reading the words of those who have gone before us, who have been found faithful in the faith, who faced persecution, some of them gave their lives for their faith, and they had wisdom that they learnt by the Spirit. So, there is that zip file called Christian Classics on the Storehouse page.

I have also uploaded a zip file of a whole lot of health and wellness information that I have gathered over the years, home remedies, things that can be used for various ailments, all the things that God has provided on this earth that we can use for our physical bodies. Please take advantage of that as quickly as possible, we never know how long communication and the ability to download is going to be available.

Today is the 12th of September 2024. We are on the 8th day of the Days of Awe, the 8th of Tishrei 5785. On the 10th day it is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, the holiest day of the year in the Hebrew calendar. Because today is Thursday, Yom Kippur will be on Saturday; beginning on Friday night and going through the whole of Saturday.

So, I want to share with you what the Lord has been breaking open to me in the last week when I have been silent. He told me to name this message '3 Steps to your Promised Land', so firstly let's clarify what the Promised Land is. Is it a geographical place? Is it a portion of territory on the earth measured with a ruler or measuring tape? What is it? In the Old Testament the Promised Land was a definite geographical area that God outlined, but in the New Testament, the Promised Land is the full experience of the pleroma of Christ. He is our Promised Land of Inheritance - that is what we work towards. We are not working towards houses or lands; we are working towards the fullness of experience of Jesus Christ.

Now the prophetic fulfilment of the Fall Feasts will bring us will bring the remaining fullness of our inheritance in Christ this side of heaven. There are 3 major fall feasts; Yom Teruah, or Rosh Hashanah (the 1st of Tishrei), then there is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, and then there is the Feast of Tabernacles, which lasts for 7 days, and then an 8th day and sometimes a 9th day, Simchat Torah (rejoicing in the Torah).

Yom Teruah is the day of the trumpet blasts; 'Teruah' is 'trumpet blasts'. I want us to go to Numbers 10:2 where God instructs Moses to make two trumpets of silver, *'of hammered or turned work, that you may use them to call the congregation and to break camp'*. In Numbers 10:5 it says when you blow an alarm the camps on the east side of the tabernacle shall set out. Now that was the camp of Judah. It says in the Bible that Judah goes first. The camp of Judah is a type of the forerunners, the tip of the spear, and when the alarm was blown on the two silver trumpets, the camp of Judah pulled up their tent pegs and set out, following the cloud. They did not know where the cloud was leading them; they followed the cloud and God showed them where to go and where to stop.

That word **Teruah** is the word translated 'alarm' in Numbers 10:5. *When you blow a teruah, the camps on the east side shall set out.* A **Teruah** is 'a clamor, a battle cry, an alarm, a sound of trumpets'. So, Yom Teruah, the first day of the new year; we have just celebrated Yom Teruah, Rosh Hashanah 5785, it is the day of trumpets but not just any kind of trumpets, it is a trumpet of alarm, a battle cry and a sound to break camp. In other words, change! You are coming out of a holding pattern and moving forward, led by the cloud and the Spirit of God. So, Yom Teruah is known as 'the day of the awakening blast', but it is also the day of alarm and the day of a battle cry. Number 10:9 says,

'When you go to war in the land against the enemy that oppresses you, blow an alarm, (a teruah) with the trumpets, that you may be remembered before the Lord your God and you shall be saved from your enemies.'

So, as you blew your shofars and blew an alarm on Yom Teruah, the day of trumpets, or Rosh Hashanah, talking about the same day, 'the head of the year', you will be remembered before the Lord your God and you will be delivered from the enemies that are waiting for you in the territory that you are entering into. Yom Teruah 5785 is announcing a change of season, a change out of the status quo and out of the holding pattern into a day of battle and into a day where you are going up against the enemy that oppresses you. As God hears the alarm, the teruah with the trumpets, He will remember you and deliver you.

Then the Lord took me to Deuteronomy 2 from verse 1. It is describing the journey of the Israelites in the wilderness. It says in Deut 2:1,

'They went round and round Mount Seir for many days.' Then in verse 2 the Lord spoke to me saying **"You have gone around this mountain long enough, turn northward."**

In other words, turn away from the mountain and go in a true north direction. Align yourself again to the plumb line, stop going round and round in circles. Mount Seir was where the tribes of Esau lived. Esau was a man of the flesh, and perhaps you have been going round and round the mountain of flesh that manifests in your life for many, many days but it is now time to turn northward. God is saying you are not achieving anything going round and round this mountain! Turn towards true north, turn away from the mountain of those who are led by their flesh, and go towards true north, which is the plumb line of Christ and the character of Christ.

He then gives them a whole lot of instructions in Deuteronomy 2. He said you are going to be going through the territory of the Edomites, don't pick a fight with them, don't have anything to do with them, don't get into battle with them. Then He speaks in a similar way about the Moabites; don't fight with the Moabites either. So, when you turn away and realign to true north again, and start moving forward in the instruction of the Spirit, you are crossing over for specific battles. Don't pick fights not appointed you in the season ahead! You are moving in the midst of a land belonging to those moved by the flesh, and those full of unclean spirits - the Moabites came out of the incestuous union of Lot and his daughter; unclean spirits.

As you journey through the land of the Moabites, you are going to be surrounded by people full of unclean spirits but God does not direct you to tackle those battles. Don't tackle the flesh, don't tackle the Edomites, don't tackle those who are moved and operating under unclean spirits. Be harnessed to the Lord's specific instructions. He is wanting to work a work in you that is very necessary before you cross over into the Promised Land.

It tells us in Deuteronomy 2:13 that God says to them that once they have stopped going around the mountain and turned true north, He says,

"Rise up and go over the Brook Zered, and so they did."

Rise up is the word 'koom' and 'go over or pass over' is the word 'abar'. Koom abar the Brook Zered. Moses records that *'from the time of them leaving Kadesh Barnea until they came over the Brook Zered was 38 years, until the whole generation of the men of war had perished from the camp, as the Lord had sworn.'* It gives more detail in verse 15,

"The hand of the Lord was against them to exterminate them from the midst of the camp until they were all gone."

So, these are the ones who didn't want to enter the Promised Land. You remember when the 12 spies went in, and 10 came back and said, "oh no, there are giants, it's terrible", and the people believed them and only 2, Joshua and Caleb, said, "yes there are giants, but we are well able to take the land". God was angry with them and He decreed that they would all die in the wilderness. So, this is who Moses is talking about in Deuteronomy 2:14-15.

These were the men that were full of unbelief and fear, and Moses records that they were called 'the men of war'. I am not sure why but perhaps because they were warring against the will of God, and once all of them had died, after 38 years in the wilderness, then new instructions came from God. Now there are some things that have to die in the wilderness of preparation before you can receive instruction on how and where to go forward. It says in Deut 2:17,

"Then the Lord spoke to me [Moses], saying, 18 You are this day to pass through Ar, the border of Moab." Then He goes into detail and says to them, don't assault the Ammonites. Verse 24, "Rise up, take your journey, and pass over the Valley of the Arnon. Behold, I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land; begin to possess it and contend with him in battle."

So here is the picture; all the old generation has died off, their generation was full of unbelief and fear, they died off according to the judgement of God. In fact, His hand was against them to kill them, and it took 38 years for that to be fulfilled. What is left behind is their children and then God gives this instruction in verse 24,

"Rise up, take your journey, and pass over the Valley of the Arnon."

The word rise up is 'koom', the word 'take your journey' is 'nasa' and 'pass over' is 'abar', so koom nasa abar. After telling them about a whole lot of people that they mustn't pick a fight with, He says, "I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite king of Heshbon".

Now what is interesting is the battle with Sihon, who was a giant, is assigned to those who have never been in battle before. The fathers who were full of unbelief God called 'men of war', but He is not going to use seasoned men of war, full of unbelief, in this next chapter. God takes young men, wet behind the ears as far as battle with giants is concerned, and He shows them how to fight from a standpoint of victory because of belief in His spoken words. He says, "I have given... begin to possess... and contend with him in battle". After saying don't contend with the Ammonites, the Edomites, the Moabites, now God says, "CONTEND".

I want to look at that middle instruction, 'TAKE YOUR JOURNEY'. The word is 'nasa' H5265, it means 'to pull up tent pegs, to cause to blow, to journey, to go forward'. Now, 'cause to blow' is referring to those silver trumpets. Blow an alarm and the east camp must move out first, but the pulling up of tent pegs is a very significant thing. What it is

saying is you are not going to live in this place where you have had your tent pegs put down anymore. Pull them up, you are moving permanently, you are taking your tent with you when you cross over the river Arnon, and you are not going back. From now on you are only going forward. Those years of waiting for all the fathers to die, those 38 years in the wilderness, where God looked after you supernaturally, that is over. Now it is a new season, arise, pull up your tent pegs, and go forward.

It is the silver trumpet teruah blast that is blown to cause the camp on the east to move out first. The teruah blast is a blast that is designed to elicit a response, it is an awakening blast - the holding pattern is over, wake up, it's no more business as usual, pay attention and move accordingly as I lead you. We are going into battle this 5785.

Now we as Believers, and even as the Remnant, have lived long in the House of Bread, Bethlehem, Beit-lechem, we have studied the Word, we have eaten the Word, we have digested the Word, we have loved the Word, we have searched the Word, we have received insight and wisdom, but NOW THERE IS A CHANGE IN SEASON. Did you know that the word for 'bread', 'lechem' comes from a root word 'lacham'? It means 'to consume or to battle or to war and overcome and prevail'. So, Beit-lechem is not only 'house of bread', it also contains a sense of 'house of war', and there is a transition in this season as we arise, pull up our tent pegs, as the house of bread, and cross over to become the house of war - the house that prevails, the house that fights and battles the enemy. We are moving from Beit-lechem, house of bread, to Beit-lechem, house of war.

We are crossing over the river Arnon. 'Arnon' in Hebrew means 'brawling', as in tumbling around and fighting; you can just picture those waters tumbling over the rocks, but it comes from a root word 'ranan' which means 'to shout for joy, to cry out and to rejoice'. So, they are crossing over this river that is taking them from a season of mourning, where all the fathers have been dying, and there has been a great loss in the wilderness, into a season of rejoicing and celebration.

The first thing God said was, "Stop going round and round the mountain of the flesh, turn to true north, align yourselves with north, and cross over into a new chapter." The wilderness of separation is behind, it is now a new season. As they crossed the river Arnon, they are moving into a war chapter, because once they crossed Arnon, that is when God said to them,

"I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite and his land begin to possess and contend with him in battle."

So, the season of joy and the season of rejoicing is also a season of battle.

Yom Teruah is the awakening blast. It is telling you war is ahead. Tabernacles is known as 'the season of our joy'. You are crossing the river Arnon into a season of joy! Even though war and battle is involved, victory is certain. God said to them, "I have given him into your hand, begin to possess and contend for it". So, you are going to skip about for joy because of victory. That is what Malachi 4 says, '*you will skip about for joy...*' Yes, you are going to fight giants and possess their territory, but you are going to experience what your fathers wouldn't believe was possible. Joshua and Caleb said there were giants but we are well able to take the land.

These battles are taking place in the wilderness, the wilderness of preparation. It is the last battle before crossing over into the fullness of inheritance, the Promised Land. God is saying, now, while still in the wilderness, I am giving you territory of two giants, so you know that you are well able to take the land, and I fight for you. When you fight the battles that God directs you to, He will give you victory. What He said to Moses was, it is recorded in verse 25 of Deuteronomy 2,

"This day will I begin to put the dread and fear of you upon the peoples who are under the whole heavens, who shall hear the report of you and shall tremble and be in anguish because of you."

So, God is saying, I am going to do something so profound during these battles that your reputation as a warrior tribe, your reputation to defeat giants is going to go far and wide in the kingdom of darkness, and they are going to tremble when you appear. God is giving you a reputation that will make the foreign tribes that you tackle in the Promised Land tremble when they see you coming. Do you remember that Rahab said to the spies, "we know what you guys did to Sihon and Og, we know what happened, and there is no one that can defeat you". Their reputation had gone before them but more than that, God was taking His people who had no experience in battle, and He was showing them how to have absolute victory when you fight the battle God gives you to fight, because He has already given you the victory and He is fighting for you.

Now one thing to be very clear about this - the giants don't go quietly. Moses sent a message to Sihon, king of Heshbon, saying, "Can we pass by, like we passed by the Edomites and the Ammonites", and in verse 30 it says,

“But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him; for the Lord your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, that He might give him into your hand, as at this day. 31 And the Lord said to me [Moses], Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land over to you. Begin to take possession, that you may succeed him and occupy his land. 32 Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz. 33 And the Lord our God gave him over to us, and we defeated him and his sons and all his people.”

The word Jahaz means ‘threshing floor’. This battle took place at a threshing floor, and what happens at a threshing floor? Chaff is separated from the kernels of grain. So, God actually puts it into the giants to resist you and not cooperate and just surrender to you, and it is in order to give you unbelievable victory.

Now obviously since Jesus has come, been crucified and risen, in the wilderness we don’t deal with external giants anymore, we deal with internal giants. These two giants that they battled, the Lord has said to me are **unbelief and fear**. Sihon and Og are the barrier to the Promised Land of experiencing the fullness of Christ. Straddled across your pathway as you head true north, unbelief and fear are trying to block your way and prevent you going forward to the Promised Land.

Sihon is the giant that deals with UNBELIEF. God says, “I have begun to give, begin to possess and contend with him”. Right here you have a choice; belief or unbelief. You can look at the size of that giant, and you can hear that God has said - He has begun to give him into your hand, or you can look at the size of the giant and be totally intimidated. Unbelief rises up to bar your way and wrestle with you but go up to the fight and address it. God has said He will give you victory over all unbelief.

Sihon was the king of Heshbon, and that word means ‘devices, reasoning, contrivance’. These are the things that the giant of unbelief will use to keep hold of territory in your heart. He uses soulish reasoning. When God says something, unbelief says, “Oh but these are the facts... oh but no, what if this happens? But, but, but.....” The battle is at the threshing floor Jahaz, and Sihon, the giant of unbelief, has to be conquered so that this chaff can be removed from your heart, and the victorious kernel of Christ within can fully emerge unveiled.

Moses actually recorded in Numbers 21:26 about this battle. He says,

“For Heshbon was the city of Sihon king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab and taken all his land out of his hand, as far as [the river] Arnon. 27 That is why those who sing ballads say, Come to Heshbon, let the city of Sihon be built and established. 28 For fire has gone out of Heshbon, a flame from the city of Sihon; it has devoured Ar of Moab and the lords of the heights of the Arnon.”

So, it is speaking about a judgement by fire. God executes judgement by fire on the giant Sihon. This is how He fights for you. If you will go out and contend with the giant of unbelief, and refuse to walk any pathway with it, God will do His part and give you complete victory, and unbelief will be incinerated out of your heart. It was unbelief that caused those men of war to be appointed death in the wilderness, because they did not believe that God was capable of giving them victory in the Promised Land.

Once Sihon had been dealt with, in Deuteronomy 3:1, the giant Og came next. It says,

“Then we turned and went up the road to Bashan, and Og king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. 2 And the Lord said to me, do not fear him.”

The giant Og is the giant of FEAR. But God says ‘DO NOT FEAR’.

“2 I have given him and all his people and his land into your hand; and you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon. 3 So the Lord our God also gave into our hands Og king of Bashan and all his people, and we smote him until not one was left to him. 4 And we took all his cities at that time.”

Now Beloved, there will be battles in the Promised Land, and Jericho was the first one, but it was fought in a totally unconventional way. There was no battle plan with swords, it was done with the shofar blowing, encircling Jericho and a shout. Until the giants of FEAR and UNBELIEF are dealt with, you cannot cross over the Jordan into the fullness of your inheritance, ready for war.

Deut 3:21 says,

“And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, your own eyes have seen all that the Lord your God has done to these two kings [Sihon and Og]; so shall the Lord do to all the kingdoms into which you are going over [the Jordan]. 22 You shall not fear them, for the Lord your God shall fight for you.”

So, the last bit of preparation in the wilderness of preparation is to prepare you fully for crossing into the Promised Land, your inheritance of the fullness of Christ. This last battle that you are going to be facing is firstly with UNBELIEF, and then with FEAR. God says He has already given you the victory, and He knows you don't know how to fight. You have already been through a whole lot of separation from your fathers that have been wiped out before you, you have never had a battle in your life in the wilderness of preparation like this. You have never faced a giant before, but now, these giants that have got territory in your very own heart are going to be dealt with once and for all. God is going to give you victory, you are going to slaughter them.

Joshua 4:13 says,

*“About 40,000 [of these] **prepared for war** passed over before the Lord to the plains of Jericho for battle.”*

They were prepared for war by their battle with the giants Sihon and Og. They were equipped, they were strengthened, they were full of faith and they were armed with the knowledge that their God would fight for them. They had experience of it in their own lives. When you cross over into the Promised Land, and unbelief and fear have been dealt with, it is not you who lives but Christ who lives in you.

Tabernacles in the feast of Christ in the midst of you, ‘the season of our joy’. First you get Yom Teruah, the awakening blast, the warning blast, the announcement that battle is ahead. Then you have the 10 days of awe, and ‘face to face’ at Yom Kippur. The crossing of the river Arnon and the slaying of the giants of fear and unbelief prepare you for the season of your joy, experiencing the fullness or the pleroma of Christ.

Deut 3:18 says that those who crossed over the Jordan were ‘*meet for war*’. That is a strange way of putting it, and in the Hebrew, what they have translated ‘meet’ is the word ‘ben’ which is the word for ‘sons’, and what they have translated ‘war’ is the word ‘chayil’ which means ‘valor, bravery, champion’. So those who crossed over the Jordan to possess the Promised Land of their inheritance were ‘ben chayil’, sons of valor, sons of

bravery, champion fighters. Now they are trained for battle because they know Christ in them has emerged and is already victorious in all the appointed battles ahead. There is not a grain of fear, there is not a grain of unbelief. They are not those who draw back in fear, that God has no pleasure in them. They are those who belief and by faith preserve the soul (Hebrews 10).

Now when I was studying this whole thing, I discovered that I have actually dealt with this battle with Sihon before in previous seasons. So, I am going to just read to you segments out of those particular posts. Some of it may be repeating what I have already said, but some of it has things that will add to and complement what I have shared.

This is from a word called 'Instructions for a New Season'.

It had taken 38 years for the Lord to complete the sifting and removal amongst His people. Their starting point had been Kadesh Barnea, which means 'wilderness of wandering', and finally, as they stood before the small stream of water called Zered, the ruthless purging had been completed. It is the same for the Bridal Company - the going round and round the same mountain has served the purpose of allowing enough time to pass until every man with experience in battle has fallen to the ground, every person who may have been tempted to lean on his natural understanding and experience when facing war in the rest of the journey, has been removed from the company. There remain only those who are described as 'ready for war', but without any actual experience. In what way are they ready for war? They had not been trained or put through their paces, or taught to use weapons, but they had grown to maturity and learned to lean and trust completely on God. They had never experienced any other form of provision or guidance, and they did not have a slave mentality. They had no personal memory of the ways of Egypt, and total dependence on God and surrendered to His lordship.

This company that now stands at the Brook Zered, and then crosses over Arnon, have experienced loss and separation from family members and friends, having been fed supernaturally by the hand of God and having had their hearts tested and tried during the last 38 years, and now it is time to rise up and cross over into a new season, through territory they have never been before. It has been a brutal journey, a long season of proving, but now the time of wandering in the wilderness is over. It has been dry and hot and hard on body and soul, but the Brook Zered marks the end of that season, and the beginning of another very different season. Zered means 'exuberant growth'. You may have felt much reduced and barren in the wilderness wandering season, but now you are crossing the boundary into a season of exuberant growth and fruitfulness.

The number 38 is the gematria for 'His Glory' and 'His Heart', and 'He Shall Show'. You may have endured suffering in the wilderness chapter, but the time of His glory is coming. You have experienced breakings in the long proving years, but now you have had His heart forged within you, and that is extremely important, because you are entering a time of war for the children of God, and these coming wars must not be fought leaning on the strength of man or the wisdom and experience of man. Every step taken in the journey ahead must be under the guidance of the Spirit of God, and yes there are battles, even war with giants ahead, but what the Holy Spirit stressed to me is that we are to go forward in the same pattern as our ancient Israelite counterparts. Very specific instructions were given them for their journey forward. They were not to just rush ahead willy-nilly attacking any city or stronghold they came across. On the contrary, God had specific battles for them to fight, and specific land for them to take possession of.

If you have read through Deuteronomy 2, you will discover that God was very clear concerning which battles they were to engage in, and which areas were to be passed through without picking a fight or meddling. Certain kings could be engaged and conquered, others were to be avoided, some territory was allotted to others, and certain places, kings and strongholds were to be overthrown and possessed.

So, what is the Lord saying to us about the journey ahead? The Spirit is calling for clear focus and obedience. His instruction will give precision of vision and marked boundaries to function and move within. There are God-appointed battles ahead. Do not lean on your own understanding and be drawn into war that you are not anointed or appointed to wage. Not all the territory that you pass through in the coming days is yours to possess, you are appointed victory in territory that God wants to give you. Even in territory appointed for your possession, you will get opposition. Resistance is not a sign you are on the wrong path. If the territory is appointed, remnant of God, victory is certain. God will give it into your hand. The possessing of the land is a process, not an overnight miracle. God is beginning to give you the land appointed.

Your victory begins at the threshing floor of your enemy. Even after you have obtained victory, and taken possession of enemy territory, do not be tempted to transgress the boundaries of war that God has set for you. The strongholds and land being conquered and possessed at this time is not necessarily for you personally. These battles were fought by all the Israelites before they crossed the Jordan but the cities conquered were allotted to the tribes of Ruben, Gad and Manasseh. Even if it is territory God has appointed you personally, you are still required to accompany your brethren across the Jordan and help them take possession of what is appointed them.

The victories given in this time, over fear and unbelief, are firstly to demonstrate to you that God is fighting for you and that you need never fear the giants or any kingdom stronghold in the Promised Land. The battles you win in the coming days will also serve notice on every enemy who presently occupies your portion of the Promised Land of inheritance. God is fighting for you and they must flee. News of the coming victories will terrify the enemy camp long before you get there to fight the battle with them. Your wilderness journey started with God delivering you from your enemies and it ends on a note of victory too.

Two kings, Sihon and Og, were given into the hand of the people of God. Two victories, a sign of the double recompense that awaits you. Yes, there is a giant standing between you and the Promised Land of your inheritance, and to the natural eye it looks like you cannot possibly reach it, but God is going to give him into your hand. He may come out against you and attempt to stop you passing through, but there is not one bit of territory he resides over that you will not take back from him.

The Brook Zered announces the beginning of a time of overflowing victory and experiencing the glory of God in your life. Yes, you will encounter war, the Promised Land is not about peace, but God is fighting for you and you will win! You will go forward confident in the omnipotence of your God.

Lastly, I want to share with you from a word that was called 'Rats and Riots' – interesting! 'This morning the Lord took me back to the river Arnon and indicated that we are not finished with the topic. He pointed out again how king Sihon and all who were with him were drawn out onto the battlefield at Jahaz, the threshing floor, before being conquered. He reminded me about the verse which speaks about multitudes being in the valley of decision. The Hebrew word translated 'decision' actually means 'threshing sledge', so multitudes are in a valley of threshing, where they must make a decision whom they will serve, and I am reminded of the cry of Elijah; "*Why do you halt or limp between two opinions? If Baal is god, serve him, but if the Lord is God, serve Him*". The word 'tribulation' also means 'threshing sledge'. Saints, pray for those who are vacillating in this valley of decision as severe trouble breaks out, that they would choose life, that they would choose Christ.

Then the Father gave me a word, which I bring to you with a very heavy heart, concerning the city of New York. I was shown the streets of New York and rats with red eyes were pouring out of the sewers and running up buildings. They threw rocks, bricks and petrol bombs and smoke rose from the city skyline.

God said, **"This city will burn, I will not quench its fire. I am weary of the stench of its sin rising in my nostrils. The harlot who stands at the gates of this city, the one who calls herself 'I will do as I please', that idol who offers liberty but gives enslavement and debauchery, she will fall and not rise again. This vile city with its bull and its peep shows will be reduced to ashes, for I have heard the cries of children kept in cages, for middle-aged politicians to have their way with them. I have heard them weeping for their mothers, and the stench of this city I will tolerate no more. Though I have raised up righteous prophets in their midst who cried warning after warning, and though I have brought prophets from across the sea, at great personal cost to themselves, to cry out on street corners and call this city to repentance, they have not heeded my voice, they have turned their hard hearts and their harlots' foreheads away and said, 'Who is God that He should tell us what to do? We will do as we please. We will profit off the pain of others, and we will gather our treasure into our barns. We will expand to the right and to the left, for great is our country and great is our future. We are the carvers of our own destinies and we will rise and rise and rise, and all the earth will bow down before our greatness.'** Therefore I will not spare or have mercy on these streets, as they have bred their offspring for wickedness, so shall they taste the bitter fruit of wickedness."

I was so disturbed by the Lord's words, and I asked Lord, "What about your people in this city?"

"I will take one from a tribe and two from a family, and I will draw them unto Myself, and I will send angels to hasten their flight out of Sin City, even as the gavel of judgement is falling. I will give them their lives for a prey but they will escape with just the shirts on their backs, humble and grateful to be spared. How long must I endure the stench of this city? No, it will consume itself from within, for it is a leprous house and there is no healing for its infected walls. Its stones and timber will I burn to the ground, and all who pass by and gaze at the smoke rising from the ashes will know that there is a God in heaven who calls men to holiness."

"Father, when?" I asked.

"Has it not begun? Do you not see the sewers spewing forth the foot soldiers of lawlessness? Oh yes, he brings his armies to the streets now, displaying his strength and power. Did I not say that Sihon would come out with all who support him? Behold the ranks of the defiled, behold the foot soldiers of the mind controller - pawns in a vast plot to take My throne. He will try, but history will repeat itself, and the final casting down will be mighty and final."

That is a really sobering word, isn't it?

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So, I just want to recap what I shared earlier in the message. There are 3 steps to full preparation for the Promised Land of your inheritance in Christ.

1. Arise, wake up, pull up your tent pegs, and cross over – mentally, emotionally and spiritually.
2. Deal with Sihon, the giant of unbelief, so that you cannot be known as one who has a wicked heart of unbelief.
3. Deal with Og, the giant of fear.

When these victories have been achieved, then you are fully ready to be led through the Jordan river into the Promised Land of the fullness of your inheritance in Christ. You will witness with your own eyes the raw power of the manifest presence of God as you cross over.

So Beloved, I pray that what I have shared with you are some nuggets to chew on, that some wisdom has been imparted for things you are dealing with. I pray for added understanding as we move through these Fall Feasts. Remember, Friday night begins Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year, when the High Priest went into the Holy of Holies and poured the blood on the mercy seat. Our wonderful High Priest, Jesus, after the order of Melchizedek, has done that for us. Yom Kippur is also known as 'face-to-face' because going into the Holies was face-to-face with God. It is also connected to the wedding, when the Bride and the Groom see each other face-to-face. Then 5 days from there, Tabernacles starts – the season of our joy. May these be very rich and full of revelation, understanding, impartation and victory. Use these last 2 days, 'the days of awe', well. Deal with unbelief and fear, Beloved. God doesn't want them to have any territory in your heart anymore, no matter what one has to face in the months ahead.

Amen