

A New Year, A New Season

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AUDIO VERSION

Hello my precious brothers and sisters,

I really wanted to message you as the year 5785 begins. The new moon has been sighted in Israel. My time here is 06:32pm on 4th September, but I think Israel is an hour ahead.

So, regarding the new moon, or Yom Teruah, or Rosh Hashanah, meaning 'the head of the year' 5785, there was at 2.2% visibility and it has been sighted in the skies of Israel. What they normally say on Rosh Hashanah is "Shanah Tovah"

which means ' may you be sealed for a good year'. May you be inscribed for a good year, because you will eat the fruit of your doings.

What I want to share with you at the beginning here, that you must understand from Malachi 4, is that a clear distinction begins to be seen in the earth between the righteous and the wicked - those who fear God's name will skip for joy like calves released from the stall, as the holding pattern comes to an end, and they are propelled by the power of heaven into a new season. The morning watch year is over, and the first watch of the day of the Lord has begun.

Those who fear and serve God will be distinct and easily identified in this season that unfolds. How will they be identified? By the fact that the Hand of God is seen to be TOWARDS them, and against His enemies. It speaks of that in Isaiah 66, where it says that there is an uproar coming from the temple, and it is the voice of the Lord rendering recompense to His enemies. That is really interesting, because it seems His enemies are WITHIN His temple, within the Body of Christ, and judgement begins with the people of God and the house of God before it spills out and is executed on the world. Because His people have His Word, they have truth and they have light, and if they then choose to sin, and do not repent, there is no longer any sacrifice left for sin, only the fear of the judgement that will unfold.

So I want to share about the year 5785, as the Lord opened up some things to me this morning. The Hebrew number in the Strong's Concordance H5785 means 'skin or hide', as in God took 'skins' and made garments for Adam and Eve. It comes from the root word meaning 'naked, exposed or laid bare'. So this tells us that in the year 5785, hidden sin will be exposed in the Body of Christ first, and then in the world system. God is going to sweep away the refuge of lies and expose the hiding places of long established unrepentant sin within members of His Body, starting with the leadership and then going on to the members of the congregations.

I had quite an interesting thing unfold in my life, which the Lord used as a parable. In my bedroom, two of the walls have a terrible mould problem, they

are very damp, and I asked someone to come and drill holes in my wall to install damp drains, and he did this in the front wall. When he got to the back wall, he was drilling away and he hit a water pipe in an unexpected place, and it just began to flood everywhere. It was quite disasterous, because it was unexpected, and we had to run around turning off the water mains, which didn't work. We then had to go outside onto the pavement and turn off another water main pipe. Eventually we got the water to stop, but it had spewed out of the wall in copious amounts, wetting the bedroom wall-to-wall carpet.

Then of course they had to break out a big hole in the wall, in order to expose the pipes so that they could cut out the piece of damaged pipe and replace it. So a 'little fix' for the damp turned into a major construction project. Afterwards I had to leave the hole open in the wall; it is still open at this present time, 2½ weeks later, because the wall has to dry out, before we can fill the hole and install the damp drain that we originally intended to do.

They uncovered two pipes right next to each other, a fatter pipe and a thinner pipe, so I have a hole in my bedroom wall at ankle level and 2 exposed copper pipes. I kept looking at this scenario and saying, "What is this all about?" I looked at them and thought, "Those look like vocal cords", and a verse came to me, which is Isaiah 28: 17, it says,

"I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plummet; and hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and waters will overwhelm the hiding place (the shelter)."

In other words, God is going to expose and make naked and lay bare that which is hidden. That wall was a wall of my inner chamber, my bedroom, my place of rest and shelter, and the Lord began to speak to me about the fact that He was going to expose hidden places, unexpected places, in our inner chambers, in our inner circles. I knew, from previous Bible studies, that the word 'copper' in Hebrew comes from a root word meaning 'the throat of a serpent', so He was speaking to me about exposing those in one's inner circle, in one's inner chamber wall, that are turning out to be mouthpieces of the enemy. When He sweeps

away the refuge of lies and waters overwhelm the hiding place, there will be no stopping it - it will be laid bare, and it will be exposed for all to see, like the copper pipes in my wall.

So I thought, "Okay that is interesting, you know. I hear you Lord..." The next week, God brought to light the fact that the carer who had been tasked with taking care of the semi-invalid in our family, who was looking after the patient, and whom we trusted completely and welcomed into our family, and took into our hearts, was exposed and it was brought to light that she had been stealing money out of the patient's bank account - a large sum of money, with seven withdrawals in one week. It was very shocking to discover this, because I had felt so at peace with leaving her in charge of the patient, so that I could get on with my day, and go about my business, and she had totally abused this trust. She had taken advantage of the vulnerability of her patient, and his inability to remember things, and to discern what was going on, and she had been helping herself to his very limited finances, and actually emptied the bank account!

So we confronted her and she denied it, swearing on the Bible that it wasn't her, but we knew that there was no other possibility because of the way it had been done, using the patient's phone, and the banking app on the phone; there was nobody else who had access to that phone except her and the patient. I felt a dagger in my heart at this exposure and this laying wide open of betrayal and lies. She then had to leave and go home to another country because of family circumstances that were happening, and I decided to get a new carer; in spite of her never having admitted to doing what she had done... but we knew that there was no-one else it could be! It had been laid so wide open, investigating with the bank, and looking into the digital trail that had been left, and there was no chance that it was anybody else.

I really felt that sense of deep betrayal from someone that we had trusted, and opened up our inner chambers to. She was in my house every day from 08:00 to 17.00 and had full reign in whatever was needed, and the Lord exposed the refuge of lies. The waters gushing out my wall was such a graphic depiction of the sweeping away of the refuge of lies. I would never have guessed that it was

happening, just like I didn't know there was a water pipe in that section of my bedroom wall carrying water from one place to another.

So I want to say to you, brace your heart, be prepared, for God to expose people in your inner circle, people you have trusted, unexpected sources that you had thought was an agent of blessing, but will turn out to be mouthpieces and agents of the enemy. You have been warned, and guard your heart. I want to say to you, before you experience that, that being wounded in the house of your friends is a qualification for being called a son of God (Zech 13:6). It is something we must all go through.

Now I did explain that the root of H5785, the number for this year, is H5783, and it occurs only once in the Word of God. It is Habbakuk 3:9,

'Your bow was made quite bare; (that is the word H5783, naked, exposed, laid bare) sworn to the tribes by Your sure word were the rods of chastisement, scourges, and calamities.'

That is a reference to the promises of God made in Deuteronomy, I think Chapter 28, and the chapters around there, where God says 'if you serve Me, I will bless your bread and water, and take sickness from the midst of you. If you don't serve Me, this and this and this will be your portion....'

So the bow of God is being taken out of its storage place, being completely exposed and laid bare, and the arrow of judgement is aimed at those who are worthy of judgement for wickedness and the lack of the fear of the Lord. The year 5785 will clearly display this in God's house.

So this morning, which is Wednesday 4th September, I sat and I said, "Lord, tell me about the year 5785". All He said was, "**Trials and Woe.**" Immediately some scriptures speaking of woes began to scroll through my mind, and I will go through some of them later, but as I sat in silence, digesting what He had said, He spoke again: "**Gold amidst the grey, gems amidst the ashes**", and as He spoke those words I actually saw them, golden vessels standing out against a very grey

background, and shining gems sparkling amidst a pile of grey ashes, after a fire had passed through.

He paused, and then He began to speak in earnest, and I want to share with you what He said. Now it is quite a severe Word, so I want you to take note that there are different strokes for different folks; those who are faithful and who fear the Lord, when judgement passes, they are judged and awarded a good portion; those who are wicked do not receive this. So this what He said,

“My golden vessels will be released in the hour of trial, tested and tried in the furnace of affliction, vessels of honour carrying within them the elixir of life, that drives out every presence of death. Sickness will flee as they lay their hands on the afflicted, demons who cause the sickness will slink back into the shadows. Blind eyes will open, and great exploits will be done by these who know Me well in the secret place. ‘Men of miracles’ they will be called, and divine life and power will flow unchecked from their consecrated lives. As my Spirit of Burning sweeps through, My bondservants will shine amidst the ashes of loss. They will stand out amidst the execution of My righteous judgements, marked as those whom Heaven knows, approved and useful to the Master. Sealed and set apart, they carry out Kingdom mandates as the whole earth reels and shakes. These are My jewels, the ones in whom I am well pleased.

But I say, woe to those who cling to their idols in the day of My righteous judgements. Woe to those who daily grow more wicked. I will expose the depths of every heart before I judge those masquerading as sheep amidst the flock. I see your hearts and I know your ways. I see you take advantage of the innocent, covering your sin with long public prayers, and much swaggering and boasting of your achievements in the kingdom, and I say ENOUGH! I will strip off your disguises and you will stand naked and exposed before the sheep you have hoodwinked. You are no sheep of Mine, and I will make it plain. I will leave no room for doubt, as I uncover the depths of your depravity before the eyes of the world.

For many seasons I have been patient, waiting for you to repent of your own accord, but now it is time to give an account, and all you have done in secret will be paraded openly before men. Because you have not feared Me, and mistaken patience for approval, I will now pluck you from your station and strip away all pretense. I will expose your parentage, you are of him who was a liar from the beginning. I will cleanse My House, that once again there may be the pure light of worship in the earth. I will pull down one and raise up another. It is time!”

That ends what the Lord had to say. All that He said can be summed up in this scripture, Isaiah 3:10,

‘10 Say to the righteous that it shall be well with them, for they shall eat the fruit of their deeds. 11 Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with them, for what their hands have done shall be done to them.’

Now remember when I asked the Lord to tell me about 5785, He said, **“Trials and Woe.”** So I want to just go through some of the ‘woe’ scriptures, so we can see who it is that the Lord is saying ‘woe’ to. Of course there are many more than the ones I am going to mention, but this is just a short study.

Let’s start in Isaiah 3: 8,

‘For Jerusalem is ruined and Judah is fallen, because their speech and their deeds are against the Lord, to provoke the eyes of His glory and defy His glorious presence. 9 Their respecting of persons and showing of partiality witnesses against them; they proclaim their sin like Sodom; they do not hide it. Woe to them! For they have brought evil [as a reward upon themselves].’

Then follows the scripture that I read before,

10 Say to the righteous that it shall be well with them, for they shall eat the fruit of their deeds. 11 Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with them, for what their hands have done shall be done to them.'

So we see that that when the Lord says 'trials and woe', the woe is connected to the wicked, and judgement being executed upon them. The whole of Isaiah 5 is about woes, here are just two, verse 20,

'Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! 21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and prudent and shrewd in their own sight!'

Then in Isaiah 5:24, He explains why the judgement is coming on them. It says this,

*'Therefore, as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and as the dry grass sinks down in the flame, so their root shall be like rottenness and their blossom shall go up like fine dust—**because they have rejected and cast away the law and the teaching of the Lord of hosts and have not believed but have treated scornfully and have despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.** 25 Therefore is the anger of the Lord kindled against His people, and He has stretched forth His hand against them and has smitten them.'*

That verse deals with those who say, "Oh God would never judge His people, we are in the Age of Grace". God's judgements are righteous, and if people who are called by His name cast away His teaching and despise His words, He will smite you. Woes are coming to you who call evil good and good evil, in the church of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 10:1 says,

‘Woe to those [judges] who issue unrighteous decrees, and to the magistrates who keep causing unjust and oppressive decisions to be recorded, 2 To turn aside the needy from justice and to make plunder of the rightful claims of the poor of My people. And what will you do in the day of visitation [of God’s wrath], and in the desolation which shall come from afar? To whom will you flee for help? And where will you deposit [for safekeeping] your wealth and with whom leave your glory?’

There we see a woe being spoken to the legal system that is unrighteous and calls evil good and good evil.

Isaiah 29: 15 says,

‘Woe to those who [seek to] hide deep from the Lord their counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, Who sees us? Who knows us? 16 You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be considered of no more account than the clay? Shall the thing that is made say of its maker, He did not make me; or the thing that is formed say of him who formed it, He has no understanding?’

That is a woe of judgement coming to those who do not acknowledge their Creator nor walk in the fear of Him.

Isaiah 30:1 says,

‘Woe to the rebellious children, says the Lord, who take counsel and carry out a plan, but not Mine, and who make a league and pour out a drink offering, but not of My Spirit, thus adding sin to sin; 2 Who set out to go down into Egypt, and have not asked Me—to flee to the stronghold of Pharaoh and to strengthen themselves in his strength and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! 3 Therefore shall the strength and protection of Pharaoh turn to your shame, and the refuge in the shadow of Egypt be to your humiliation and confusion.’

There is a woe judgement to those of the Lord's children who rebel against His covering and protection, and go to the world system for strength and protection and provision.

Isaiah 31: 1, speaks of it again,

'Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, who rely on horses and trust in chariots because they are many and in horsemen because they are very strong, but they look not to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek and consult the Lord! 2 And yet He is wise and brings calamity and does not retract His words; He will arise against the house (the whole race) of evildoers and against the helpers of those who work iniquity. 3 Now the Egyptians are men and not God, and their horses are flesh and not spirit; and when the Lord stretches out His hand, both [Egypt] who helps will stumble, and [Judah] who is helped will fall, and they will all perish and be consumed together.'

There is a woe judgement against those who look to the world system and the systems of Egypt for strength and for shelter.

Note this, in verse 2 of Isaiah 31 it says God brings calamity. That is a direct contradiction to all doctrines that are taught in the modern day church, that say 'God is love, He would never bring any form of calamity.' The Word of God says something very different, and when the whole world system crumbles in on itself, like a house of cards, those of His people who have leaned with all their weight upon the world system for strength and for sustenance, are going to fall with the systems they have leaned on.

Isaiah 45:9 says,

'Woe to him who strives with his Maker!' Do you know that when you strive with your Maker, you are operating in unbelief in His wisdom, goodness, and superior understanding.

Isaiah 45:9 continues,

'Shall the clay say to him who fashions it, What do you think you are making?

We need to walk in the fear of the Lord and trust that His wisdom is higher than our wisdom, and He knows what He is doing, and to do strive against His plans and His purposes that He is unfolding.

Then we have in Ezekiel 13 the judgement on the false prophetic, and it is another woe.

'3 Thus says the Lord God: Woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit [and things they have not seen] and have seen nothing!'

You can read the whole of Ezekiel 13, it goes into depth about the false prophetic being judged. It is coming down! The year 5785, which is connected to being made naked and laid bare, is going to have the exposure of the false prophetic in the modern day church.

Then there is also judgement on pastors. Ezekiel 34:2 says,

'Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them, even to the [spiritual] shepherds, Thus says the Lord God: Woe to the [spiritual] shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the sheep?'

And you can read that whole judgement about the unrighteous shepherds in Ezekiel 34.

Amos 5:18 talks about the day of the Lord, and it says,

'Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness and not light;'

Remember that the Hebrew day begins with evening and ends with morning. The day of the Lord comes with darkness, and judgement, and shaking, and rearranging, and the removal of unrighteous men, and judgement being executed on the neck of the wicked.

Micah 2:1 says,

'Woe to those who devise iniquity and work out evil upon their beds! When the morning is light, they perform and practice it because it is in their power.'

There is a woe judgement coming to those as well. God sees all our deeds, even the secret ones.

Habakkuk 2 has five woes in it; you can read that chapter.

Then in Matthew 23 Jesus speaks out against the Pharisees and He mentions the word 'woe' 8 times. I am just going to read a few to you, but you can go through Matthew 23.

'13 But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces; for you neither enter yourselves, nor do you allow those who are about to go in to do so. 14 [e]Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you swallow up widows' houses and for a pretense to cover it up make long prayers; therefore you will receive the greater condemnation and the heavier sentence. 15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you travel over sea and land to make a single convert, and when he becomes one [a convert], you make him doubly as much a

child of hell as you are. 16 Woe to you, blind guides, who say, If anyone swears by the sanctuary of the temple, it is nothing; but if anyone swears by the gold of the sanctuary, he is a debtor [bound by his oath].'

So we see there in Matthew 23, an incredibly detailed judgement on hypocrisy in the house of God. Tremble with the fear of the Lord, remnant, ask the Lord to search your heart if there is any hypocrisy in it.

Then in Revelation 8:13, after the fourth trumpet has blown and there is a darkening of the third of the light of the sun, the moon and the stars, it says,

'Then I [looked and I] saw a solitary eagle flying in midheaven, and as it flew I heard it crying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the rest of the trumpet blasts which the three angels are about to sound!'

And after the locusts have come out of the pit and rampaged for 5 months, Revelation 9:12 says,

'The first woe (calamity) has passed; behold, two others are yet to follow.'

So the first woe is the star falling from heaven, the opening of the abyss, and the release of the locust army.

Revelation 11:14 says,

'The second woe (calamity) has passed; now the third woe is speedily to come.'

So the second woe entails a third of mankind being killed; it sounds like by nuclear war, the trampling of the holy city, and a great earthquake where a 10th of the city is destroyed. It is from Revelation 9 to midway through Revelation 11.

The third woe, which follows quickly, is mentioned in Revelation 12:12, after there has been the war in heaven, and satan is cast down, it says,

‘Therefore be glad, O heavens and you that dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in fierce anger, because he knows that he has [only] a short time!’

So there are many woes mentioned, and I have given to you just a few. When I asked the Lord about the year 5785 He said Trials and Woe.

Now obviously, the woes are for the wicked, but I do want to refer you back to a message I did a little while back called, ‘Standing in the Day of Trial’, where the Lord showed me a pattern of the three watches of the day of Jesus’ crucifixion and the different things that happened during the 3 watches of the day. This was connected to the 3½ years of trampling and the wearing out of the saints. So I would encourage you to go back and re-read or listen to that podcast.

So precious saints, there is a reason why God said to us in the last message, BRACE, BRACE, BRACE! Remember always Psalm 91; if you make the Lord most high your refuge and shelter under the wings of the Almighty, there shall be no evil befall you or any plague come near your tent, but it does not mean that you will not witness the unfolding of the judgement of the wicked. So as the day Yom Teruah or Rosh Hashanah 5785, has begun, rejoice in the Lord your Maker, rejoice in the fact that your names are written in heaven, that you belong to Him. Re-dedicate yourself to the Lord as bondservants on this day, that you will serve Him no matter what comes, that you will remain faithful to Him, that no-one will be able to take from you your crown in these days. That no matter what else, you may have to give up, no matter what loss you may have to suffer, no matter what hardship you may have to go through, no one can take from you the Lord

Jesus Christ within, and the incredible experience of relationship and intimacy you have with Him.

He is going to use His vessels of gold, Tip of the Spear, those of you who have been through very long refinings, through very many trials of fire, heated seven times hotter, He is going to use His vessels of gold in this hour. So be encouraged by that, and know that you are known to Him; He sees you, He is guiding you with His eye upon you, and He will never leave or forsake you. He knows your needs before you ask Him. Do not fret and fear about what you are going to eat or drink, because He knows your needs. Those who serve the Lord and who love Him; the righteous, will never be forsaken, and their seed will never beg bread. He has your situation in hand, and He is working and planning on your behalf.

May you be encouraged, may you be strengthened, but at the same time, brace yourself. Trials and woe will be the portion of 5785.

Selah