

Notes of Floyd E. Taylor for Jan. 22, 2011 Teleconference Bible Study

The Lord is Speaking Seemingly Everywhere the Same Word - It is the Time to Get Wise

Tonight I would like to continue looking at some important Prophetic Words that the Lord is making known. Also I would like to review Joel 2 because it is the most important of the instruction Words for this very moment of His Day that is given to us in the Scriptures. Then, if we have time I would like to consider Daniel chapters 1-3 and the unique sequence of events of these three chapters. It leads up to the three men being thrown into the fire that is seven times hotter. That should ring a bell with any of us because of the coming night.

As we look at these prophesies that are included, it really should draw a picture for us that we are as blind to the Scriptures as we are blind to what is occurring around us. The Lord is coming for our judgment and we are believing that in our lives everything is perfectly ready. We do not see that we are responsible for taking dominion over the earth. We do not see that we are to believe the Words of Moses and the Words of Jesus. We do not believe that the Bible is to be taken completely and not just literally. We do not believe that when the Lord said to come out of Babylon or enter into captivity and punishment with them - share in their sins and receive of their plagues, He really meant it. We did not believe He will allow us to cause ourselves to eliminate our food by our ignoring the evil around us.

God Warned We Would Lose Access To Food Due To The Words We Follow

The Lord warned us that He will allow the evil leaders of the One World Government – satan’s 5th Beast Kingdom - to destroy our food supply until there is nothing to eat but grains (*No meats*). He reveals our daily cost of this grain will be two times what you earn in one day. The Lord says that this punishment is coming upon all mankind, inclusive of His church, because they have rejected His invitation to receive the knowledge of Truth – the knowledge of His Words. As a result the Lord says that He will reject His people from being priests (speakers of His Words) and that He will also forget our children. The Lord says that even though food can be produced, and that there is no true famine by natural weather, He is going to allow the leaders of this beast kingdom to bring forth a tribulation upon all those on the earth that is so bad, that they will intentionally cause the destruction of the food supply so that the daily needs of a family’s simplest foods (Just bread/grains) will cost the people two times their daily wages. Because the people have rejected to receive His invitation to come and eat the bread of instruction in the Kingdom of God – the instruction into the knowledge of His Words in which reside all the power of the Promises of Good Works given to man by the Father from before the foundations of the earth were put into place, He is allowing satan to take away their supply of their necessary daily bread. They rejected to see that the Power of King of kings is found in the knowledge of His Words of His Voice. Thus His people have allowed satan to put the demonic spirit into the heart of prideful leaders to take away the good seed that replenishes in itself, and replace it with abominable GMO food that does not reproduce. GMO food tramples upon the seed of life foundation of the Covenant God made with man, and with man’s instruction to keep the earth in the Way of God. So God is allowing them to take away their right to have a garden and to plant good seed. This is of the punishments of the 3rd Seal Judgment. The Lord is going to protect those who turn, repent, receive His Words and then become doers of His Words so that they enable Him to do the Way of Good for others.



Revelation 6:5-6 ⁵When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. ⁶And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "**A quart of wheat for a denarius (a day's wage), and three quarts of barley for a denarius (a second day's wage);** and do not harm the oil and the wine." (*His elect who hear His Words will have no shortage of food or of resources.*)

Let's review some basics of His Words before we look at the Prophetic Words.

- **John 5:31-47** ³¹"If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true. ³²There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true. ³³You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. ³⁴Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved. ³⁵He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light. ³⁶But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. ³⁷And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. ³⁸But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. ³⁹You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. ⁴⁰But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. ⁴¹"I do not receive honor from men. ⁴²But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. ⁴³I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. ⁴⁴How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that *comes* from the only God? ⁴⁵Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; **THERE IS ONE WHO ACCUSES YOU—MOSES, IN WHOM YOU TRUST.** ⁴⁶**FOR IF YOU BELIEVED MOSES, YOU WOULD BELIEVE ME; FOR HE WROTE ABOUT ME.** ⁴⁷**BUT IF YOU DO NOT BELIEVE HIS WRITINGS, HOW WILL YOU BELIEVE MY WORDS?"**
- **John 18:37-38** ³⁷Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are you a King then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a King. **FOR THIS CAUSE I WAS BORN, AND FOR THIS CAUSE I HAVE COME INTO THE WORLD, THAT I SHOULD BEAR WITNESS TO THE TRUTH.** **EVERYONE WHO IS OF THE TRUTH HEARS MY VOICE.**" ³⁸Pilate said to Him, "What is Truth?" (*Have you searched out the meaning of His Truth in the Scriptures? Have you searched out the meaning of Truth in His Pure Language?*)
- **John 17:17-19** ¹⁷"Sanctify them by your Truth. Your Word is Truth. ¹⁸As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹**And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they may also be sanctified by the Truth.**"
- **Luke 11:29-36** ²⁹And while the crowds were thickly gathered together, He began to say, "This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. ³⁰For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation. ³¹The queen of the South **WILL RISE UP IN THE JUDGMENT WITH THE MEN OF THIS GENERATION AND CONDEMN THEM,** for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon *is* here. ³²The men of Nineveh **WILL RISE UP IN THE JUDGMENT WITH THIS GENERATION AND CONDEMN IT,** for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah *is* here. ³³"No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts *it* in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the Light. ³⁴The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when *your eye* is bad, your body also *is* full of darkness. ³⁵**THEREFORE TAKE HEED THAT THE LIGHT WHICH IS IN YOU IS NOT DARKNESS.** ³⁶If then your whole body *is* full of light, having no part dark, *the whole body* will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light."
- **John 17:11** Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. **Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be One as We are.**
- **Psalms 119:130** "The Entrance of His Words Gives Light, and Gives Understanding to the Simple."

- Luke 24:44-45 ⁴⁴Then He said to them, **These are the Words WHICH I SPOKE TO YOU WHILE I WAS STILL WITH YOU, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.** ⁴⁵**And HE OPENED THEIR UNDERSTANDING, THAT THEY MIGHT COMPREHEND THE SCRIPTURES.**
- John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the Light of the world. **HE WHO FOLLOWS ME SHALL not walk in darkness, but HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE.**"
- Ephesians 1:13-14 ¹³In Him you also trusted, **after YOU HEARD THE WORD OF TRUTH, THE GOOD NEWS OF YOUR SALVATION;** in whom also, **having believed, YOU WERE SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT OF PROMISE,** ¹⁴**WHO IS THE GUARANTEE OF OUR INHERITANCE** until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His Glory.
- John 8:31-47 ³¹Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, **"IF YOU ABIDE IN MY WORD, YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES INDEED. ³²AND YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."** ³³They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, **"Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. ³⁶Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. ³⁷"I KNOW THAT YOU ARE ABRAHAM'S DESCENDANTS, BUT YOU SEEK TO KILL ME, BECAUSE MY WORD HAS NO PLACE IN YOU. ³⁸I SPEAK WHAT I HAVE SEEN WITH MY FATHER, AND YOU DO WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN WITH YOUR FATHER."** ³⁹They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, **"If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. ⁴⁰But now you seek to kill Me, A MAN WHO HAS TOLD YOU THE TRUTH WHICH I HEARD FROM GOD."** ⁴¹You do the deeds of your father." Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father--God." ⁴²Jesus said to them, **"If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. ⁴³WHY DO YOU NOT UNDERSTAND MY SPEECH? BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO LISTEN TO MY WORD. ⁴⁴You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the Truth, because there is no Truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. ⁴⁵But because I tell the Truth, you do not believe Me. ⁴⁶Which of you convicts Me of sin? AND IF I TELL THE TRUTH, WHY DO YOU NOT BELIEVE ME? ⁴⁷HE WHO IS OF GOD HEARS GOD'S WORDS; THEREFORE YOU DO NOT HEAR, BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT OF GOD."**
- Revelation 19:7-8 ⁷Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." ⁸And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 ¹⁶**ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE PERFECT, THOROUGHLY FURNISHED UNTO ALL "GOOD" WORKS.** (*The Scriptures are given to teach us the Ways of enabling His Works.*)
- Ephesians 5:22-27, ³² ²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶**that He might sanctify** (*Set her apart as Holy by the Word of Truth - John 17:17, His Word is Holy for His Word is the Father and is the Holy Spirit - 1 John 5:7*) **and CLEANSE HER WITH THE WASHING OF WATER BY THE WORD,** ²⁷that **He might present her to Himself a**

glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.³²This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

→ **Revelation 19:11-16** ¹¹Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. ¹²His eyes *were* like a flame of fire (*The anger is hot in His face - per Zephaniah 3:8-9,*) and on His head *were* many crowns. **HE HAD A NAME WRITTEN THAT NO ONE KNEW EXCEPT HIMSELF.** ¹³**HE WAS CLOTHED WITH A ROBE DIPPED IN BLOOD, AND HIS NAME IS CALLED THE WORD OF GOD.** (*We need to remember that He is appearing twice. First, at His Kingdom - Zephaniah 3:8-9, and then secondly at His Appearing - Rev. 19:17-21. At this Time He is coming in Spirit to establish His Kingdom over which He will rule with a Rod of Iron so as to Seal up His bride and enable her to prepare herself for His coming for His brides in the event known as the Rapture.*) ¹⁴And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. ¹⁵**NOW OUT OF HIS MOUTH GOES A SHARP SWORD, THAT WITH IT HE SHOULD STRIKE THE NATIONS. AND HE HIMSELF WILL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON.** He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (*See Ecclesiastes 8:4 and you will find that it is in the Words of a King that His Power can be found.*)

→ **John 12:48** **"HE WHO REJECTS ME, AND DOES NOT RECEIVE MY WORDS HAS THAT WHICH JUDGES HIM - the Word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day."**

→ **John 5:24-25** ²⁴**Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My Word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into everlasting life.** ²⁵**Most assuredly, I say to you, THE HOUR IS COMING, AND NOW IS, WHEN THE DEAD WILL HEAR THE VOICE OF THE SON OF GOD; AND THOSE WHO HEAR WILL LIVE."**



This is a Word on the internet today and again the Lord is asking them to seek the knowledge of the Words in the book. He is saying that they can know what is going to happen if they search out the Words.

January 22, 2011

My Vision with Jesus: Ask, Seek, Knock

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. -Matthew 7:7-8

It started on January 1, 2011. I was laying in bed reading a book "Dancing with Angels" by Kevin Basconi. He talked about regularly seeing the "Healing angel" enter a meeting and show him and tell him what to do and how to do it. I thought a lot about my own ministry, and I know I am not called to a healing ministry (although there will be times when I pray for healing). I "saw" someone relaxing in a chair, feeling OK with life and with their spiritual relationship with the Lord, but I also saw chains holding them down and I knew that my calling is **to set people free to be who God has called them to be.**

That's not a surprise because I tell people my heart is to see Believers living up to their potential because most of us don't. I know my calling is to push people who are comfortable in their faith and help them further in their spiritual walk, to show them how much more there is, and to break the chains that hold them back. So I went on to ask for a *chain cutting angel* to help me, and I asked the Lord to open my spiritual eyes to see him.

Then my thoughts continued to the ask, seek, knock verse in Matthew 7:7. I began to reflect on what it really means. I did not at this point get up to read the verse, but just lay in bed thinking about *asking, seeking, and knocking*. I recognized, that "Ask and you will receive" is not a magic formula, but is related to the seeking and knocking, and is all a part of my relationship with Jesus. Then the vision began.

The Vision of Doors and Questions for Jesus

I was in the entrance hall of a large chateau, with a feeling that I have been there before (maybe it's my mansion in Heaven). In front of me were lots of doors - two on my left, then a corridor off to the left, where I supposed there were lots more doors; then three facing me - one under the stairs which went up on the right, and double doors into the salon on the right at the bottom of the stairs.

I recognized that this was confirmation that the "Ask, seek, knock" phrases were related:

- Ask for what you want, and you'll get it... if you...
- Seek sincerely enough to find the right door which holds the answer, then...
- Knock on the door and you'll be granted entry into...

Whatever it is you asked for.

I found myself asking lots of questions...

Then I saw that I was going through the double doors into the salon in the chateau; it was beautiful and very traditional. There was a fire in the grate, arm chairs, small sofas, round tables, a huge mirror over the fireplace, and big windows looking out onto the garden. The wall with the door, which was facing the window, was nothing but bookshelves from floor to ceiling.

I sat in an armchair and Jesus sat in the other one by the fire, and I gave Him my list of questions. I also talked about things I had asked for and had not yet received, as well as lots of things I knew others had asked for and had not received.

The Lord reminded me that in the Gospels all who came to Him with sincere, seeking and believing hearts received what they asked for; but the Pharisees who asked for a sign didn't, because they had wrong motives (see Matthew 12:38-39, Matthew 16:1-4).

I believe I have a sincere and believing heart, so I returned to some of my "now" questions - things that are really pressing in my life at the moment, at least in my opinion. Jesus showed me that all the answers were in the books on the shelves. He walked me over to them and showed me high up the ladder, a whole shelf with year books.

The Year Books

We climbed the ladder together and I saw the books for 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012. I tried to see how many more year books there were before the end of time, but it was not clear from where I was on top of the ladder, but I knew that they were already written. Jesus lifted down the book of 2011 and laid it on a table for me to look at.

I hesitated to open it; I was suddenly not convinced that I really wanted to know the answers to my questions. Maybe there would be joy, maybe disappointment, and maybe it would be better to wait and let things take their course. But Jesus encouraged me to open the volume before me, so I did. It was a large, traditional leather bound book, just as I would expect to find in that sort of setting.

The contents page showed me that the book had 52 chapters, one for each week of the coming year, and each chapter had 7 sections, one for each day. I very slowly turned further on in the book, and saw the writing. I couldn't read it! It was all symbols that meant nothing to me. The symbols or letters were beautiful, all made of scrolls and swirls, but totally incomprehensible. I looked at Jesus and He smiled. He assured me that I could read it if I really wanted to - that part of the seeking I needed to do was to find the translation of the book.

"Seek and You Will Find"

He took me out into the hall of the chateau where the vision had begun, and I saw that many of the other doors were open. I looked into the rooms to find many more bookshelves. Each door was either a cupboard full of books or a library full of books. When I looked at the Lord for an explanation He smiled and said, "Seek, and you will find."

It seemed an almost hopeless task, but I recognized that He is calling me to seek Him more, to spend more time with Him, to dig deeper into His Word, and the depth of meaning there. I became aware of how easily I give up when I am searching for information.

I love to read but in a library, I can never decide which book to take. Even in a book store I will glance at a few, but very quickly I will get fed up and leave with nothing. I am the same when shopping for anything. If I can't find what I am looking for in a very short time my interest wanes and I go home, persuading myself that I can live without whatever it was that I was looking for.

The same thing happens when I need information, I too quickly get put off by the amount of information available and the choices before me, especially on the internet. For me a Google search just opens up too many options. Normally I will ask my husband or my children to find the information for me, because they are much more "computer friendly" than I am. At least that is what I have thought until now; I'm beginning to see that maybe they are more patient than I am!

I took this vision to be a reprimand from the Lord. All the books I saw were in my house, available for me to look at any time. The answers to all the questions I am asking are there, under my nose as it were. It just needs *patience, discipline, and perseverance* to seek out the answers, knock on the right doors, and faith to expect them to be opened.

I guess at least for me, this is going to be a year of seeking Him and His answers more than ever before. **It will be a year to ask, seek, knock, and receive so much that has been waiting to be found for a very long time.**

Do you see where the lady failed to discern truth? When the Lord brought her to the room and showed her the symbols and etc., she failed to ask for the key to understanding. The Lord came into the world doing the Ways of His Words and the disciples were with Him for 3.5 years, and they also failed to discern the knowledge of Truth - the knowledge of His Words. They failed to see that Jesus is the key to unlock the Words - He has the Key of David. If we took the time to hear the Words that He actually says and then ask of Him for understanding of these Words to be shown to us from the only Holy book, then we would receive the knowledge of Truth. It is pleasure to make it known. But, the Way of the Lord given in Isaiah 28:9-19 is a law that cannot be broken. He cannot give the knowledge in a download.

→ **Isaiah 28:9-19** ⁹**"Whom will He teach knowledge? And whom will He make to understand the message?** Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? ¹⁰**For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little."** ¹¹**For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people.** ¹²**To whom He said, "This is the rest with which you may cause the weary to rest," and, "This is the refreshing";** **YET THEY WOULD NOT HEAR.** ¹³**But the Word of the Lord was to them, "Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little," That they might go and fall backward, and be broken and snared and caught."** ¹⁴**Therefore hear the Word of the Lord, you scornful men, who rule this people who are in Jerusalem,** ¹⁵**because you have said, "We have made a covenant with Death, and with Sheol we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, it will not come upon us, for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood we have hidden ourselves."** ¹⁶**Therefore thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I lay a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation. Whoever believes will not act hastily.** ¹⁷**Also I will make justice the measuring line, and righteousness the plummet; the hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters will overflow the hiding place.** ¹⁸**Your covenant with Death will be annulled, and your vision with Sheol will not rise up;** ¹⁹**As often as it passes, it shall take you, for morning by morning it shall pass, and by day and by night, it shall only be a terror just to understand the report.**

When we read these Prophetic Words it saddens me to see how close they are to the Truth and yet so far away. Even when the Lord brings these people to the very cusp of Truth, they do not discern what it is that He is telling them. This is after there is so much written. I have written so many books and recorded so many audios. I would meet with them if they would come. But, it is so that even when they meet with Jesus, our carnal minds will not ask the right questions. I understand because I also had trouble to see it. But, now there is no excuse for the knowledge of His Wisdom is written out and the basics of the mystery is uncovered. They can see the knowledge of His Words if they ch

→ **John 5:36-40** ³⁶**But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish--the very works that I do--bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.** ³⁷**And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His Voice at any time, nor seen His form.** ³⁸**But you do not have His Word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.** ³⁹**You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.** ⁴⁰**BUT YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO COME TO ME THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE.**

→ **2 Timothy 3:1-9** ¹**But KNOW THIS that in the last days perilous times will come:** ²**For MEN WILL BE lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,** ³**unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, despisers of good,** ⁴**traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,** ⁵**HAVING A FORM OF GODLINESS BUT DENYING ITS POWER.** **AND FROM SUCH PEOPLE TURN AWAY!** ⁶**For of this sort are those who creep**

into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, ⁷always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth. ⁸Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, resisted Moses so do these also resist the Truth: men of corrupt minds, DISAPPROVED CONCERNING THE FAITH: ⁹BUT THEY WILL PROGRESS NO FURTHER, FOR THEIR FOLLY WILL BE MANIFEST (Made evident) to all, as theirs also was.

→ John 3:36 He who believes in the Son has everlasting life and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

→ John 3:12 IF I HAVE TOLD YOU EARTHLY THINGS AND YOU DO NOT BELIEVE, HOW WILL YOU BELIEVE IF I TELL YOU HEAVENLY THINGS?

→ Titus 1:16 They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being disobedient, and disqualified for every Good Work.

The following is another

The Curtains of Time

January 21, 2011

I have been receiving a recurring vision throughout the day today. At the end of the day, I lay down to sleep and the vision came again, so I got up to write it down before I forgot it all.

I saw before me a stage or platform of sorts. There were many curtains sectioned off all in a row up on the platform. Each section was with its own corresponding curtain. I counted 12 curtains. So, there were 12 sections. An angel stood by each section and had its hand on the curtain. The angel waited for the Lord to tell them when to open the curtain. I saw the Lord who stood nearby nod His head, and the 1st angel drew back his curtain. Behind it was fire. All I could see was fire. It looked like a furnace of fire. I could even feel the heat from the fire from where I stood. I could also hear singing coming from the flames. I could not understand the words, but I could hear them nonetheless. It was a beautiful song that carried a deep melody that made my heart soar. I listened, and I grew hungry for this fire. I wanted to go into the fire, but the Lord nodded no, and the angel drew back the curtain.

The Lord nodded, and the next angel drew back his curtain. There was a land being shown there with great winds blowing upon it. The trees were all bent over from the fierceness of the winds. I could hear the howling of the winds and it seemed that nothing else could be heard over it. The winds were blowing everything in that land and there was nothing that was not blown by the winds in that land. All was affected. Nothing grew but the trees, and they were very heavily bent over. I did not see any people out in the winds, but I felt that there were people that dwelled there. Everything was at the mercy of the blowing of the winds. I did not want to go there. The Lord nodded to the angel, and the curtain fell in folds before that scene.

The next curtain was opened by the next angel and behind that curtain was rain. Great rains were falling upon the land in this scene. The rain was like sheets that fell. Great blankets of rain that flooded instantly wherever it landed. You could hear the rain and it sounded like drummers drumming on a drum. It fell till some areas were submerged, and others were lifted up. I don't know what that meant, as I did not know how water could lift up an area, but that is what I saw. The rains were also like little hammers, as the drops would break down what was hard, and tear up that which was solid. Everything was made to open up in this rain. Everything expanded and either sank or rose up in the rain. Then the Lord nodded and this curtain also closed before me.

The next curtain opened with the Lord's nod, and I saw war. I saw war amongst houses. One house was shooting at the next house. I saw cities at war with other cities. One city was attacking the next city. I saw businesses at war with other businesses. I saw countries at war with other countries. Everything was set against the other. It was appalling to see the animosity and anger being released against one another. I could not understand what had caused the uprisings and the hostility. It seemed that everyone was participating in the attacks, and that there was no peace in this scene. I did not want to watch it anymore. The Lord signaled to the angel, and he dropped his curtain as well.

The next curtain was opened, and it was full of light. The light was blinding, and very gold in color. It was like deep gold, burnished and shining. It almost looked solid. I thought it must be solid gold, but the Lord assured me it was indeed the light. I could feel the life and energy from this golden light and I felt so drawn to it, that I stepped forwards, but the angel looked fiercely at me and I stopped. He said, "You are only to observe at this time." So I watched and wondered. The light pulsated and almost danced in its brilliance. I could not see through it, but could only look upon it. The life coming out of it was wonderful. The Lord nodded, and the angel lowered his hand and the light disappeared behind its folds.

The next angel then waited for the Lord to nod. The Lord did not nod right way, but waited. I wondered why the Lord did not give His approval as he had done so before. He only waited silently. After a few minutes, He finally sighed and nodded. The angel raised his hand and opened the curtain. What I saw was shocking and amazing at the same time. I saw many nations spread out like a carpet or a map. I saw great bolts of lightning coming down from heaven and the bolts were fierce-some. Great peals of thunder sounded, and lightning flashed, and the bolts would strike here and there on the map. When they struck I could hear voices speaking. I could hear the sound of the voices but I could not make out the words. As the voices spoke, the ground under the map shook. The ground rose up with each lightning bolt that struck it. The sky was dark like it was night time, but lit up like the day time with each lightning bolt strike. I don't know how long the lightning struck and the thunder sounded, but it seemed like a short time. Then everything was quiet. Dead quiet. Nothing moved. The sky was dark, and the winds died down and the lightning and thunder had ceased, and now there was peace. I wondered what had happened to the lands during the great storm. I did not find out because the curtain dropped.

I looked at the Lord, and He nodded to the next angel. The angel reached up and pulled the curtain back. Behind this curtain were floods. There were areas that were flooded with great floods of water. I did not know if the floods were the result of prolonged rains or from another source. The Lord did not show this. But I did notice that in these flood waters the waters boiled. It seemed like the water was churning or simmering. I did not feel that it was from heat. But it was from something else. Something was causing the flood waters to boil and the waters turned brown. Not everywhere was flooded, but vast areas were. There were islands here and there that stood out of the flood waters. But parts of the areas were dry too. Great portions were languished and others were not. I felt that wherever the floods were, the waters were bad and had death and sickness in them. Then I saw some people walking on the waters. There were not many, but some were not affected by the flooding, and they moved about freely during the floods. They helped many during this time period. I saw a few small boats try and rescue some people, but not many boats came. I heard the sound of a door closing, like someone closing a door after they enter a house. Then the Lord nodded, and the angel closed his curtain.

My mind was racing trying to remember all that I had seen. I was trying to mentally file these curtains away within me as I knew they were important. The Lord reached out and touched my shoulder getting my attention. I looked and he nodded to the next angel. The angel nodded,

and pulled back the folds of the curtain. I saw the heavenly skies. It was dark in space, and the stars were brilliantly lit. I watched and soon I saw a comet fly by. It was blue and it had a long glowing tail. I saw meteors and other space formations out in their distant places. I could see the farthest of stars. It was like I noticed them all, no matter how many there were. They were all distinct and important. I saw an explosion to my right, and one of the stars to my right just blew up. I don't know why, and I could not see the cause of its disintegration. Its debris rained down everywhere from where I stood, but I could not see the earth from my view, so I could not tell the effect it had on our planet. I was not shown what happened, only that the star was now broken. I could feel shockwaves from its demise and felt the ripples as they moved through space. I don't know how long this event took or how long it would take to go throughout the heavens. The Lord nodded, and this curtain went down too.

I saw four more curtains were left on the platform. I waited for the Lord to nod. He just stood there and watched me. The angels waited, and stood erect at attention. I could feel the anticipation in their beings. Suddenly, I felt like I was falling, and I tried to steady myself, but there was nothing to hold onto. It seemed like the whole floor that I was standing on was moving. I looked down and we were indeed moving. The floor was moving almost like a conveyor belt, yet we were motionless. How could that be? I steadied myself as best as I could.

I looked up, and the Lord nodded to the next angel and he opened his curtain. I could see mountains and many lands. There were some mountains rising up from the ground, and in other places I saw mountains being made to fall straight downwards. There was no sound as this happened. I did not hear anything, but that did not mean that there wasn't any sound. I was not allowed to hear, I felt. I could feel that the ground was moving and the lands were changing. But I knew that it was also that time was changing. Time was accelerated and the earth was responding to the changes of time. Everything was out of timing and out of synchronization with the laws that held it together. What was balanced became unbalanced. What was out of order, now came into order. Some things blossomed in the accelerated time and even thrived. Things reversed and even exchanged places. I saw many areas grow in population and others grow sparse that were once overcrowded. Lands changed and even diversities were exchanged. It seemed the Lord was mixing up things and yet, clarifying things at the same time. I tried to comprehend the vast changes, and the blendings that were happening. The Lord just smiled. He motioned for the angel to drop his curtain.

I saw the Lord again nod, and the next angel raised his curtain. Behind it was a huge factory of sorts. It has many conveyor belts and assembly lines. There were multitudes of angels busily at work everywhere. There were crowns and scepters being fashioned on the machines. There were so many crowns that they seemed to flow fluidly down the belts, almost like liquid. They just seemed to pour through the machines as fast as it could make them. I saw this huge golden liquid coming from above and it poured down into the machines below and then the crowns came out of the other end of the belts and the waiting angels worked on them. Many angels were fashioning precious stones into them or other things which I could not tell what they were from my point of view. There were many polishing them, and some were carrying them to somewhere. The other belt has golden scepters coming out of the other machine. There were about 1½ to 2 feet long, I thought. They were very ornate and each one had unique carvings on them. The angels picked them up reverently and polished them carefully. They also were carried to somewhere out of my view. I could hear faint music in the background. I wondered who they were making these crowns and scepters for. The Lord said, "For the ones who will rule and reign with me in the earth of course." I nodded. The angel then dropped his curtain at the Lord's nod.

The Lord took me by the elbow and pointed me to the next curtain. He was very sober, yet His eyes were on fire. I looked and the next curtain had opened. We were looking at a very holy place. The walls were of bronze, or a dark gold color. The furniture was a dark wood and very heavy. There were golden bowls and bronze bowls and copper bowls all sitting on the tables. The golden bowls had coals burning in them. The bronze bowls had what looked like incense in them. The copper bowls had little scrolls in it. I could smell a very rich heady smell that was thick and overbearing. My nose began to burn and my eyes began to water. I could not see clear. The air seemed to get hazy and I felt like I fell asleep. I do not know how long I slept, or what I did. I faintly recalled hearing thunder and harps playing and angels singing. But I did not know if that was in my sleep or if I was awake. I was so heavy. I felt someone shaking me. It seemed like I was floating in eternity. I heard someone calling my name. I groggily shook myself awake and stood up. I had fallen asleep! I was shocked and mortified at the same time. The angel only smiled at me.

He said to me, "It's time to go." I thought, "Time to go?" Had we saw all of the curtains? I couldn't remember.

I shook as I walked. It took some time for me to get my bearings. I followed the angel for a while and then he led me to a hallway. I walked down the hallway and came to a large door. I wondered why I could not remember a lot more of the events that I had seen. The Lord then said, "You are not meant to retain the full knowledge of the events at this time, but you are to take note of the time. Men seek to measure time by the events that take place in their lives and in the earth. Men tend to mark their calendars by the events and try to discern the future by their marks. But the wise already know the time, and thereby understand the events when they come. It is time for My people to be wise." I opened the door and I was out of the vision.

Daniel 2:21 He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding;

Acts 17:26 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.

1 Thessalonians 5: 1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you.

Daniel 11:33 And the wise among the people shall make many understand, though for some days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder.

Daniel 12:10 Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand.

Hosea 14:9 Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; whoever is discerning, let him know them; for the ways of the LORD are right, and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them.

James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

Psalms 107:43 Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving kindness of the LORD.

I have added these verses, especially the shutting of the door, for it seems that the Lord is clarifying this timing for us in this Prophecy:

→ **Job 24:1** "Since times are not hidden from the Almighty, why do those who know Him see not His days?" (*Job is saying if we know the Father, then we will understand His Times.*)

↳ **Luke 11:5-8** ⁵And He said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; ⁶for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'? ⁸I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

The following Word gives us some urgent preparation clarification:

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Word of the Lord

February 2011

For I shall break forth like the morning, and in the midst of the horizon my wind shall blow away the very chaff off your lives. For I desire to raise up my people and send them out, for in this hour I will release my *Glory*, and my deliverance will be upon the land. For, the time is short and the work is plenteous, and it must be harvested in this time. For the day will come, that all will cease from their labors. So, look out into the fields for they are white unto harvest. I am blowing my trumpet for a solemn assembly. This is a sober time when the purpose of the work is the most important thing, because there are literally lives hanging in the balance waiting on change, needing deliverance, and looking around for someone to help and bring them out of the places of darkness that surround their very lives.

I am calling forth my warriors, and yes, I am calling my army to move into position and to do my will. For there is a time coming when destruction shall be upon the land and devastation will be in the very midst, and it will be a time of weeping, travail, and even sorrow. But I say to my beloved, come now and heed my call, answer my call; for I am wooing you, beckoning you, reconciling with you, and resolving your difficulties so that you may serve in my courts and fulfill your duty as priests and watchmen in the earth.

There's much that can be changed - the evil plots and plans can be shifted and averted through prayer and supplication. So, I say to you this day—Will you stand? Will you pray and cry out for your loved ones? Will you cry out for your nation? Will you stand before my presence and rebuke the enemy that stands before you? Will you cast down the anger and strife that is dividing your nation? Will you stand in the gap?

I am calling forth my people, whom I have ordained before the foundation of the earth. I am calling those who will press in and prevail in prayer. To those who know the seriousness of the hour, I will reveal keys of the Kingdom that will overcome the works of the evil one. And I will deal with the very root of pride that has hovered over this nation because of evil men, and I will reverse every curse that has been set upon this nation. For if you will wait before my presence and cry out for your land, I will do these things.

For I have a healing balm and a healing salve that will wipe away the hurt within this nation. For I have a host of angels that I will be release this month to do great miracles upon this land. And they will usher forth a release of My glory and light even in the darkest of places. The time is at hand, and my plan was purposed for this hour. I will not hold back, but I will move forth to redeem a people, says the Lord.

Sing unto me a new song: a song of righteousness, a sound of glory and honor. Declare my name, sing praises, and worship Me; for my Spirit is hovering over the land for good to save many and set the captives free that are imprisoned. And I shall do mighty miracles in the prison system in Florida, and there shall be a revival beginning in Miami. Those who are in the jail system shall experience great deliverance, freedom, and liberty in their spirit. And I shall even touch those that are among the guards and even those in higher authority. For the wave of my presence will sweep from the prisons throughout Miami and from Miami throughout the land of Florida, for my glory shall be revealed in that region.

I am preparing a strong evangelistic anointing to go forth and lead my people up and out—to do the miraculous - for I shall be in the midst of them----walking with them and moving amongst them. For this is the time to win this land for the Kingdom----- for the King declares it, and it shall be so!!

So, even though you see trouble and infighting within your government, with upheaval and even violence, pray that healing comes—for I shall uncover and remove, I shall uproot and destroy; and the people shall see me touch men, change hearts, and even humble those who refused to be humbled. For I, the Lord, shall do these things and who shall hinder my work? For that which is humbled I shall exalt, and that which is exalted—I shall humble, says the Lord.

Prophetic Insights: The night before I received this word, I could not sleep. It was like sleep was removed from me. I was troubled in my spirit, and I prayed throughout the night. The Lord spoke to me and said that I was to send out the word of the Lord for February now, because at the first of the month, I would not have time to send it---I knew also that the people of God needed to see this word as soon as possible, so they could pray. I found out the next morning that many other intercessors/prophets could not sleep that same night. (Many felt as if something was about to happen that needed much intercession.)

I was reminded about a dream that my husband, Miles, had some years ago, where in a dream he was ushered into an arena type place by an angel, and as he turned around, a strong man entered the room---Miles knew they were about to engage in a battle. All of a sudden, Miles flew straight up and laid hold to some iron gates----way towards the top of the arena. These gates were wrought iron and were very intricately made like nothing he had ever seen. While holding onto those gates, he began to speak in a loud authoritative tongue, and at the very sound of it---the strong man began to shriek with frustration and weaken with the sound of his voice. The Lord said that Miles had caught hold of a place in intercession where the strong man could not get to him. The fervent prayer holding on to the very gates of God preserved him from the ensuing attack. The Lord said that this is the hour of intense intercession and that we must laid hold to the very gates of God over our regions with great authority in order to defeat this enemy.

Judgment on Judah and Israel

→ **Joel 2:1-11** ¹"Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the LORD is coming, for it is at hand: ²A day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, like the morning clouds spread over the mountains. a people come, great and strong, the like of whom has never been; nor will there ever be any such after them, even for many successive generations. ³A fire devours before them, and behind them a flame burns; the land is like the Garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; surely nothing shall escape them. ⁴Their appearance is like the appearance of horses; and like swift steeds, so they run. ⁵With a noise like chariots over mountaintops they leap, like the noise of a flaming fire that devours the stubble, like a strong people set in battle array. ⁶Before them the people writhe in pain; all faces are drained of color. ⁷They run like mighty men, they climb the wall like men of war; every one marches in formation, and they do not break ranks. ⁸They do not push one another; every one marches in his own column. Though they lunge between the weapons, they are not cut down. ⁹They run to and fro in the city, they run on the wall; they climb into the houses, they enter at the windows like a thief. ¹⁰The earth quakes before them, the heavens tremble; the sun and moon grow dark, and the stars diminish their brightness. ¹¹The LORD gives voice before His army, for His camp is very great; for strong is the One who executes His Word. For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; who can endure it?

A Call to Repentance

→ **Joel 2:12-17** ¹²"Now, therefore," says the LORD, "Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." ¹³So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm. ¹⁴Who knows if He will turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him— a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God? ¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly; ¹⁶Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and nursing babes; let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, and the bride from her dressing room. ¹⁷Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar; let them say, "Spare Your people, O LORD, and do not give Your heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

The Land Refreshed

→ **Joel 2:18-27** ¹⁸Then the LORD will be zealous for His land, and pity His people. ¹⁹The LORD will answer and say to His people, "Behold, I will send you grain and new wine and oil, and you will be satisfied by them; I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations. ²⁰"But I will remove far from you the northern army, and will drive him away into a barren and desolate land, with his face toward the eastern sea and his back toward the western sea; his stench will come up, and his foul odor will rise, because he has done monstrous things." ²¹Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done marvelous things! ²²Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field; for the open pastures are springing up, and the tree bears its fruit; the fig tree and the vine yield their strength. ²³Be 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. ²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil. ²⁵"So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, the

consuming locust, and the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. ²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be put to shame. ²⁷Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the LORD your God and there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame.

He will pour out His Spirit on those who will hear Him.

→ **Joel 2:28-32** ²⁸"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. ²⁹And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. ³⁰**AND I WILL SHOW WONDERS IN THE HEAVENS AND IN THE EARTH: BLOOD AND FIRE AND PILLARS OF SMOKE.** ³¹**THE SUN SHALL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS, AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND AWESOME DAY OF THE LORD.** ³²**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 was the ways for those who will turn and hear Him, but Joel 3 is describing the punishment - the Judgment - He is bringing on the nations who will not turn and hear Him and call upon His Name. This is the judgment on the nations who walk after complacency and the world.

→ **Joel 3:1-17** ¹"For behold, in those days and at that time, when I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, ²I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; they have also divided up My land. ³They have cast lots for My people, have given a boy as payment for a harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they may drink. ⁴"Indeed, what have you to do with Me, O Tyre and Sidon, and all the coasts of Philistia? Will you retaliate against Me? But if you retaliate against Me, swiftly and speedily I will return your retaliation upon your own head; ⁵because you have taken My silver and My gold, and have carried into your temples My prized possessions. ⁶Also the people of Judah and the people of Jerusalem you have sold to the Greeks, that you may remove them far from their borders. ⁷"Behold, I will raise them out of the place to which you have sold them, and will return your retaliation upon your own head. ⁸I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the people of Judah, and they will sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off; for the LORD has spoken." ⁹Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near, let them come up. ¹⁰Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, 'I am strong.'" ¹¹Assemble and come, all you nations, and gather together all around. Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O LORD. ¹²"Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. ¹³Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; for the winepress is full, the vats overflow—for their wickedness is great." ¹⁴Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. ¹⁵The sun and moon will grow dark, and the stars will diminish their brightness. ¹⁶The LORD also will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; the heavens and earth will shake; but the LORD will be a shelter for His people, and the strength of the children of Israel. ¹⁷"So you shall know that I am the LORD your God, dwelling in Zion My holy mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy, and no aliens shall ever pass through her again."

→ **Joel 3:18-21** ¹⁸And it will come to pass in that day that the mountains shall drip with new wine, the hills shall flow with milk, and all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water; a fountain shall flow from the house of the LORD and water the Valley of Acacias (*This name means "point", "spine", or "thorns".*) ¹⁹"Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom a desolate wilderness, because of violence against the people of Judah, for they have shed innocent blood in their land. ²⁰But Judah shall abide forever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. ²¹For I will acquit them of the guilt of bloodshed, whom I had not acquitted; for the LORD dwells in Zion."

Let us again look at an important Prophetic Word for us:

→ **Daniel 1:1-21** ¹In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ²And the Lord gave Jehoiakim (*This name means "avenging", or "establishing", or "resurrection of the", or "God will establish"*) king of Judah into his hand, with some of the articles of the house of God, which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the articles into the treasure house of his god. ³Then the king instructed Ashpenaz (*This name means "horse-nose". This may have been a title given to him, such as for the head of those who watch over the wise ones*), the master of his eunuchs, to bring some of the children of Israel and some of the king's descendants and some of the nobles, ⁴young men in whom there was no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who had ability to serve in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans. ⁵And the king appointed for them a daily provision of the king's delicacies and of the wine which he drank, and three years of training for them, so that at the end of that time they might serve before the king. ⁶Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel (*This name means "God is Judge"*), Hananiah (*This name means "grace"; "mercy", or "gift of the Lord"*), Mishael (*This name means "who is asked for", or "who is lent"*), and Azariah (*This name means "who is asked for", or "who is lent"*). ⁷To them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: he gave Daniel the name Belteshazzar (*This name means "who lays up treasures in secret"*); to Hananiah, Shadrach (*This name means "tender", "nipple", thus "a giver of milk knowledge"*); to Mishael, Meshach (*This name means "who draws with force"*); and to Azariah, Abed-Nego (*This name means "servant of light", "shining"*). ⁸But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. ⁹Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs. ¹⁰And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and drink. For why should he see your faces looking worse than the young men who *are* your age? Then you would endanger my head before the king." ¹¹So Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, ¹²"Please test your servants for ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink (*Ten is the number of the perfection of the earth. The herbs are of the foundational plan of God for the growth of man, and the purpose of Daniel's time in that day was to increase in knowledge. Thus, Daniel was indeed going by the Ways of the Words of God and doing so within the framework of the known Plan of God.*)" ¹³Then let our appearance be examined before you, and the appearance of the young men who eat the portion of the king's delicacies; and as you see fit, so deal with your servants." ¹⁴So he consented with them in this matter, and tested them ten days. ¹⁵And at the end of ten days their features appeared better and fatter in flesh than all the young men who ate the portion of the king's delicacies. ¹⁶Thus the steward took away their portion of delicacies and the wine that they were to drink, and gave them vegetables. ¹⁷As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom (*This word that is translated as "literature" means "books" or "scrolls" - the written Words, or Words that were made known. Remember that they had with them the books that had come with them out of Israel, and that would have included the fourteen books that are*

mentioned within our Bible, but that are now missing. They are surely the books that were buried by Daniel that are mentioned in Daniel 12:4. There was no power of Daniel to close up the Words of God, for only the Father can do that, and it is mentioned in Daniel 14:9-10 that the Father closed up the Words of God. Thus, the only thing that Daniel could have done in Daniel 12:4 was to bury the missing 14 books that were not missing until the Time of Daniel 12. The Bible reveals that those books contained the understanding of how many of the Good Works were enabled from God by the great prophets and men of old. That is knowledge that will soon be uncovered by the Lord, for He says that He is going to bring back the former rain of the prophets of old, and He will not do so partially. At this point we are only receiving partial knowledge of the great works that the Spirit had made known to these great men of old.); and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. ¹⁸Now at the end of the days, when the king had said that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹Then the king interviewed them, and among them all none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they served before the king. ²⁰And in all matters of wisdom and understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten times (*Remember the ten days of testing that Daniel established in verse 12. God increased their faith by the example of His Good Works that they called upon Him to make them increased in appearance. God changes you in all ways when you ask of Him in His Ways for His Glory.*), better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm. ²¹Thus Daniel continued until the first year of King Cyrus.

Daniel Explains the King's Dream, but consider the way of this event. The King is requiring the wise men to have knowledge of the times.

→ **Daniel 2:1-13** ¹Now in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was so troubled that his sleep left him. ²Then the king gave the command to call the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. ³And the king said to them, "I have had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to know the dream." ⁴Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will give the interpretation." ⁵**THE KING ANSWERED AND SAID TO THE CHALDEANS, "MY DECISION IS FIRM: IF YOU DO NOT MAKE KNOWN THE DREAM TO ME, AND ITS INTERPRETATION, YOU SHALL BE CUT IN PIECES, AND YOUR HOUSES SHALL BE MADE AN ASH HEAP.** ⁶However, if you tell the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts, rewards, and great honor. Therefore tell me the dream and its interpretation." ⁷They answered again and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will give its interpretation." ⁸The king answered and said, "I know for certain that you would gain time, because you see that my decision is firm: ⁹if you do not make known the dream to me, there is only one decree for you! For you have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the time has changed. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can give me its interpretation." ¹⁰The Chaldeans answered the king, and said, "There is not a man on earth who can tell the king's matter; therefore no king, lord, or ruler has ever asked such things of any magician, astrologer, or Chaldean. ¹¹It is a difficult thing that the king requests, and there is no other who can tell it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh." ¹²For this reason the king was angry and very furious, and gave the command to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. ¹³So the decree went out, and they began killing the wise men; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill them.

God Reveals Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

→ **Daniel 2:14-23** ¹⁴Then with counsel and wisdom Daniel answered Arioch (*This name means "long", "great", or "tall"*), the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon; ¹⁵he answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, "Why is the decree from the king so urgent?" Then Arioch made the decision known to Daniel. ¹⁶So Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time, that he might tell the king the interpretation. ¹⁷Then Daniel went to his house, and made the decision known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, ¹⁸that they might seek mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret, so that Daniel and his companions might not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. ¹⁹Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven. ²⁰Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His. ²¹And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding. ²²He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with Him. ²³"I thank You and praise You, O God of my fathers; You have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of You, for You have made known to us the king's demand."

Daniel Explains the Dream

→ **Daniel 2:24-45** ²⁴Therefore Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said thus to him: "Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; take me before the king, and I will tell the king the interpretation." ²⁵Then Arioch quickly brought Daniel before the king, and said thus to him, "I have found a man of the captives of Judah, who will make known to the king the interpretation." ²⁶The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its interpretation?" ²⁷Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, "The secret which the king has demanded, the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king. ²⁸But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these: ²⁹As for you, O king, thoughts came to your mind while on your bed, about what would come to pass after this; and He who reveals secrets has made known to you what will be. ³⁰But as for me, this secret has not been revealed to me because I have more wisdom than anyone living, but for our sakes who make known the interpretation to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your heart. ³¹"You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. ³²This image's head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, ³³its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. ³⁴You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. ³⁵Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. ³⁶"This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. ³⁷You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; ³⁸and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you are this head of gold. ³⁹But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. ⁴⁰And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces

and crush all the others. ⁴¹Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. ⁴²And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. ⁴³As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. ⁴⁴And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. ⁴⁵Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure."

Daniel and His Friends Promoted

→ **Daniel 2:46-49** ⁴⁶Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, prostrate before Daniel, and commanded that they should present an offering and incense to him. ⁴⁷The king answered Daniel, and said, "Truly your God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret." ⁴⁸Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts; and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief administrator over all the wise men of Babylon. ⁴⁹Also Daniel petitioned the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel sat in the gate of the king.

After the requirement of knowledge comes the fire seven times hotter.

→ **Daniel 3:1-7** ¹Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its width six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. ²And King Nebuchadnezzar sent word to gather together the satraps, the administrators, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ³So the satraps, the administrators, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered together for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ⁴Then a herald cried aloud: "To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, ⁵that at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship the gold image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up; ⁶and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace." ⁷So at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the horn, flute, harp, and lyre, in symphony with all kinds of music, all the people, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the gold image which King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

Daniel's friends disobey the King because of the way of the "Bow" of the Lord.

→ **Daniel 3:8-18** ⁸Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and accused the Jews. ⁹They spoke and said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! ¹⁰You, O king, have made a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the gold image; ¹¹and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. ¹²There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach (*This name means "tender", "nipple", thus "a giver of milk knowledge"*), Meshach (*This name means "who*

draws with force"), and Abed-Nego (*This name means "servant of light", "shining"*); these men, O king, have not paid due regard to you. They do not serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up." ¹³Then Nebuchadnezzar, in rage and fury, gave the command to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. So they brought these men before the king. ¹⁴Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the gold image which I have set up? ¹⁵Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, good! But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?" ¹⁶**Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. ¹⁸But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."**

Consider that our testing time of the King is urgent, so it will be turned up seven times to purify us and refine us.

→ **Daniel 3:19-25** ¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. He spoke and commanded that they heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated. ²⁰And he commanded certain mighty men of valor who were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, and cast them into the burning fiery furnace. ²¹Then these men were bound in their coats, their trousers, their turbans, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. ²²**THEREFORE, BECAUSE THE KING'S COMMAND WAS URGENT, AND THE FURNACE EXCEEDINGLY HOT, THE FLAME OF THE FIRE KILLED THOSE MEN WHO TOOK UP SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABED-NEGO.** ²³And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. ²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." ²⁵"Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

Nebuchadnezzar Praises God

→ **Daniel 3:26-30** ²⁶Then Nebuchadnezzar went near the mouth of the burning fiery furnace and spoke, saying, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here." Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego came from the midst of the fire. ²⁷And the satraps, administrators, governors, and the king's counselors gathered together, and they saw these men on whose bodies the fire had no power; the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments affected, and the smell of fire was not on them. ²⁸Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God! ²⁹Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, or language which speaks anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made an ash heap; because there is no other God who can deliver like this." ³⁰Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego in the province of Babylon.