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“Seed of Promise”

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We felt impressed that this is a subject the Lord wants us to continue because it is a good description of what is going on in this hour.

For those who were not here when we started this, the Lord took us into **Matthew chapter 13**, and then to **Obadiah** and **Joel**.

God was speaking to us about a battle and letting us know that each person should take their position and the responsibility that God has given us in this hour more seriously. We also are to be in tune with Him at all times. To **sound an alarm in Zion is the battle cry** that is going on right now.

Matthew 13 is the parable of the seed sower as well as the parable of the good seed and the bad seed. It is a parable in which Christ interpreted what it all meant. He was talking about the kingdom of God and the fact that the son of man had sowed the seed in the children of the kingdom. He sowed the seed in the field, which is the world. Then the wicked one sowed the seed in the children who are wicked. What really made an impact on us was about the blade, in **Matt. 13:26**.

But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. God has

been working on a people to bring them forth in His nature and into the image of the Lord Jesus Christ as seen in **Galatians, chapter 5**.

The Lord showed us that the basic idea behind the blade shooting forth is that those who have been in training by God are starting to bear fruit. They are coming into maturity because this is the day that God is bringing His Sons into maturity. In other words, they are maturing into being the sons that God has called them to be.

So you can see that these children in whom the son of man has planted the seed, are the children of promise. We are going to talk about that a little today.

When you see the blade coming forth, you also see the tares start to come forth. God explained that at the same time He is bringing His sons into the fullness of the manifestation of Christ, so shall you see that 1st man, Adam, come forth in the fullness of transgression. This is why we are seeing things transpire in the world like terrorism, school shootings, the snipers, wars and rumors of war

God has also shown us things, which we were not able to bring out in **Part One**. He

reminded me of His promise to Abraham that He was going to give Abraham a son to be the seed of promise.

It is amazing how God wants us to thoroughly understand the full concept of what is going on. God told Abraham that He was going to give him a son. It didn't happen when Abraham and Sarah thought it should happen. Sarah, who is the woman, began to speak to Abraham.

Sometimes you and I struggle because we have the desire for the full manifestation to happen. Do you have that cry within yourself? Of course you do. If you are a true son whom God has called, it's the cry of your being for Christ to come forth. He does come forth all the time in you and me, but I'm talking about the full manifestation that will bring about the redemption of the body.

We understand that God is delivering us from corruption. Christ is life. In order to become more Christ like and, therefore, more full of life, we must be completely delivered from corruption, which is any thought that corrupts our minds. Thoughts that are not Christ like represent the death realm. As you are completely delivered of

that corruption and become more Christ like, what's going to happen, is the redemption of your body.

The groaning we have is for this redemption. *Romans 8:23, And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.* The whole creation is groaning for the release from corruption. The corruption is fear, unbelief, doubt, hate, jealousy and strife that the flesh man and the carnal mind create.

Abraham disbelieved God and listened to Sarah. Sarah wanted him to go into her servant; she had to bear a child so that Abraham and Sarah's son would come forth. *Genesis 16:3, And Sarai, Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife. Genesis 16:4 And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.* What did they create? They created a flesh man. That's all they created.

Even today we have a lot of children in the church. We have a large number of people who know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, yet they are just children. They are very emotional. Many of them are still in the soulish realm, these are a part of the bride, and God loves her. We shouldn't degrade her because there are different levels that various ones are on. The bride is still in that state of immaturity, and the true Shepherd needs to shepherd her.

God has been dealing with us to transform us into ones who will walk and talk like Christ and have a shepherd's heart.

When that one Shepherd comes forth, which is Christ Himself. He will have brought forth a Shepherd's heart in you and me. When you walk in that oneness with God, you have become a part of that one Shepherd.

When it's all over and done with, there will only be one Shepherd who will shepherd the nations. We know that it is Christ Himself who will shepherd all the nations.

Abraham and Sarah went ahead and produced Ishmael, a flesh man. Ishmael really became a problem, and God was very angry with Abraham. In fact, He didn't even speak to Abraham for many years. The one thing I can't stand is when God doesn't talk to me. I don't know about you, but that's when I start seeking Him. The Lord didn't speak to Abraham for a long time, but finally he had his son, Ishmael.

The whole issue I want you to see today is **faith and grace**, which is very important. The theme for today is **faith and the grace of God**. Again, we see the same thing happen—he had the promised son, Isaac. It is interesting that the true seed is not going to come out of Abraham, because even Paul said, not all are Israel that are Israel. Not all of Israel will receive the glory of the covenant. He said, not all of the seed will come out of Abraham. The seed will come out of Isaac. The reason the seed will come out of Isaac is that it is a seed of promise, and that's what I want

to make clear to you today. Interesting, isn't it? In *Genesis 25:1*, there were two nations in Rebekah's womb. I will not discuss this today, but it's about the birth of Jacob and Esau. Basically, it is similar to you and me. Read part 1 of this teaching and put the two together to see where I am going. There were two nations warring in the womb. The womb is your soul, and in your soul sometimes there is a war. The intensity of the war within you should be greatly reduced by now and be much less than you have ever known before. This is why the Lord is cleansing the soul. He is the good Shepherd who restores the soul back to that first estate.

Sometimes within your soul there are two nations at war, your self-will versus the will of God. The more you let the Lord perfect those areas in your soul, then what happens is this: That man child, the Christ that's in you, begins to come forth. Therefore, your self-will becomes dead because of what Christ did on the cross. You begin to awaken to your true identity, knowing that you are Christ and you are a spiritual individual, not a natural individual.

I'm going to speak about the natural for a moment. In Rebekah's womb were two types of people. There are two types of people in the world like I said in Part One. There is the 1st man Adam and the last Adam. *1 Corinthians. 15:45, And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.* God is very interesting because even in the beginning, He created two types

of people in the book of Genesis. It amazes me—He created a spiritual man, and He formed a natural man.

The Lord showed me something. He said, “Joyce, don’t you know that even in the natural, in movies, you have the bad people and the good people. You have the evil versus the good. In order to have a good play, there must be an opponent.” And so that’s the very thing that God did. He created people who are the seed of the wicked one. These are just fleshy, carnal people.

This is the day that God will bring judgment upon Esau. The battle cry I was telling you about, is for us to take our position in Him, because this is the day that the Father is going to cause saviors to come up on mount Zion and save a lot of people out of their flesh and awaken them. There will be multitudes of people whom God will awaken in this darkest hour of great tribulation. It will get even darker than it is now, but it will get brighter for those who are walking with Christ.

The Lord created Esau and Jacob, and they were both born. In the Old Testament, the first child in a family was to become the head of the family after the father passed away. He became the priest of the whole household with total responsibility to be the leader of that family. God never intended for the leadership of a household to go to a flesh man. He intended it to go to the seed of promise.

Esau was due to receive the inheritance since he was the firstborn. God had spoken when Jacob and Esau were in the womb

before birth, which neither child had done, good or evil. Think about that—neither one had done good or evil. Esau’s name is a representation of that first man Adam, and his name represents the flesh man.

In the world today they are talking about a holy war. That’s not coincidental because Esau married Ishmael’s daughter. The reason we see these people rising up like they are, that the flesh man has to come to fullness, and this is causing the current world situation.

God made the statement that Esau was not going to end up with the birthright because the flesh man could not have the birthright. **God will not let the flesh man be heir and sit in the throne room. It is the Christ who sits in the throne room in you and me.** The Lord was saying that the flesh man would not inherit the promise. If you look at the scriptures carefully and read about Jacob and Esau, you can see that Esau was a man of the field. He was just a natural man, strictly a man of the world. That’s all he was. He even despised his inheritance.

There are people who will hear this revelation and have the understanding of this revelation, but sometimes because people despise their inheritance, they choose the ways of the world rather than their inheritance in Christ.

Esau despised his inheritance. What do you see about Jacob? Yes, he was a liar. Yes, he had that nature because his nature had not been changed yet. There was something about him that caused him to fervently want that inheritance. He was a

pursuer, and if you look at the scriptures, he pursued it by faith. Faith! What really caused him to get the inheritance was the promise God had given while Jacob and Esau were in the womb. It was the grace and mercy of God that gave him the promise of what he would eventually receive.

Turn to *Galatians, chapter 4 Verse 6, And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Galatians 4:7, Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*

From this scripture, I’m going to point out some things that stood out to me. It says that when you came into Christ, you immediately became a joint heir with Jesus Christ. All of you know that. Every born-again believer is a joint heir with Jesus Christ.

We know that God has two different types of priests. There are two different types of realms. All who have accepted Jesus Christ as savior have become a part of that royal priesthood. Every believer is enabled to go into the presence of God and commune with Him and then go out and share it with others.

I Peter 2:9 says, But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Every born-again believer has the ministry of reconciliation. What Christ did on the cross, that’s what God did by His mercy—He chose even the heathen and gentiles to accept the new covenant in Christ.

Hebrews 7:1 says, For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him.

We know there is a higher level of priesthood that God has called some to. They are the kings and priests after the order of the Melchizedek priesthood. It's a different realm of priestly ministry than those who have received the royal priesthood ministry. It is a different level. It is given to those whom God has elected and selected, and those who are walking with Him and are willing to be set apart unto Him and who understand that it is a life ministry. It is also a ministry of holiness, righteousness, and peace. It is a ministry without end, meaning all other ministries—the Levitical order and the church order—will come to an end. That will pass away. In fact, a lot of shepherds will lose their jobs. When Christ becomes the one Shepherd over all nations, it will only include those who have become one with Him. Those in whom He has birthed a shepherd's heart have the heart of God and are walking in that king-priest ministry. It is the ministry that is without end throughout eternity.

God is teaching us that not only can He create one world, but He also can create another world. He created a world, and then He put an end to it, in the time of Noah. He put an end to that age. He issued in a new world. Now, once again, God is going to issue in a new world. The world in the natural will automatically be there, but He will bring an end to the transgressor, the individual

who does not want to be born again and have his nature changed at this particular time.

When you came into this priestly order, you automatically received this position in Christ. As long as you stay in the world and dwell in the things of the world and the elements that the world is caught up into, you will not come into the reality of whom you are in God and take your position and responsibility. You will remain as a child and behave as a child, and you will only be a servant; yet you are a son. So this is how we came in.

When we came in, we had some childish behaviors. Yet God says things about us that are not immediately evident. Because of what Christ did on the cross to break the elements and the law and the religion off of you and me, now we are sons, no longer children.

Galatians 4:1-7 says; Now I say, that the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant.

Therefore, the individual who decides he wants to stay as a child is really a son. If he decides he wants to remain as a child and not take his responsibility and still wants to be in the world, he hasn't fully awakened as to who he really is. This is called *mistaken identity*. He has not identified with his true self. The tape on "Mistaken Identity" that we did some time ago goes into this.

As long as you are a child and remain as a child, you have to stay under the government of God. The church is full of children, and they have to stay under the government of God. They need to have tutors.

While we are children, we are in bondage to the elements of the world. The world is caught up in the things of the world, isn't that correct? It's very easy to get caught up in the things of the world because there are so many thoughts out there promoting it. Department stores, newspapers, TV and radio are promoting it.

God wants you to understand you have been redeemed out from under the law. God has redeemed you from religion and from the Law of Moses. He has brought you under the law of life. He wants you to stay in the law of life. Galatians 4:6 says, because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; He has adopted us because of what He did on the cross.

I can remember when I got filled with the Holy Spirit starting out in Christ, all I thought about was Jesus, all I talked about was Jesus. That's all I could think about, was Jesus. I still think about Jesus. What I'm saying is that as you begin to understand who you are, you begin to cry, "Abba, Father." It doesn't mean that you left Jesus; it just means you have matured, and now you understand that Jesus and the Father are one, and even though you recognize the Father, you are recognizing the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost all at the same time. Because maturity has taken place, you are not just on the Jesus realm, but you have advanced to the Father realm. You begin to understand that you are a son. You are, an heir of God through Christ. You didn't become an heir through anything

you did. The *only* way you became an heir was through Christ. The interesting thing that I saw here was that Paul was very upset with the church in Galatia. Why? He could not understand why, knowing who they were, they would return to those beggarly elements under the law and remove themselves from grace. Also, He said in *Galatians 4:10-11* Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. 11 I am afraid of you. Why did he say that? They had been handpicked, elected by God through grace, to be heir after the order of the Melchizedek priesthood. That is the eternal realm. It is an eternal realm of understanding. **It's not something in the future.** You are walking in heavenly places in Christ every day in your own mind, and you need to understand that calendar time is insignificant. When others are caught up in time and in the things of the world, you often don't even know what is happening in the natural world because you are busy walking in the spirit and in being about the Father's business. When they say, "Thanksgiving is coming," you say, "Oh, really?" Or when they say, "Christmas is coming," you say, "Oh really?" Whatever God tells you to do each day, that's what He wants you to do and not be caught up in the worldly things like others are. He said, *11 I am afraid of you lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.* ¹² Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am; for I am as ye are: ye have not injured me at all. He tells about the affliction in his body and how they did not despise him. In fact, he even said that they loved him

so much that they would have given their own eyes to him to help him. Then he continues in *Gal. 4:19*, My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, meaning, "Do you mean I am going to have to go back and labor and travail, interceding until Christ is formed in you?"

Paul continues in **verse 22**, For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. We see the grace of God, the very grace of our heavenly Father. ²³ But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; There are only two types of people in the earth, the first man, which is the flesh man Adam, and the last Adam after the spirit *1 Corinthians. 15:45*. That's why you can see people behaving the way they are because there are only two types of people in the earth. The one who is the flesh man is of the bondwoman. Listen to this, in **Verse 24**, Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai. We know that Jesus issued in the new covenant, which we will cover later on.

You may not know this, but the United States of America is spiritual Israel. God showed that to me years ago.

The Word says in *Matthew 23:37*, O' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! He told the Jews, I have come to give you the kingdom. You killed the prophets. You would not receive it, and you are going to kill the

Son, so what would God do? And they said it themselves; "He will give it to another nation." So God gave the gospel of Christ to the United States of America. This is why we have a free nation, a free country, to be able to speak what we believe, but we have allowed other gods to come into our country. We have left our first love of Christ. This is why America is going through things right now.

Esau married Ishmael's daughter, and all those people who are of the generations of Esau are not the seed of promise. It says in *Matt. 5:11-12*, Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. ¹² Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. Paul continues in *Gal. 4:24*, the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem, which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above . . . Talking about the natural Jerusalem. Now it's talking about the spiritual Jerusalem. Every born again believer is the New Jerusalem. They were not born by their works or by flesh, but they were born by the blood of the Lamb of Christ. Therefore, they came under the new covenant of Christ. It says in *Gal. 4:27*, **Rejoice.**

Galatians 4:28 says; Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. The children of promise are the seed that comes out of Isaac. The reason they are the seed from Isaac is

that Isaac is the seed of promise that God gave Abraham. ²⁸ Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit. You as true believers will experience more persecution in the days ahead. You will be persecuted even in your own household, because if you have people in your family or home who are carnal, you will be persecuted for His name's sake. Jesus says, "Rejoice, for great is your reward in heaven." God allows it because you can't get a reward without it. When you are persecuted by carnal people, instead of complaining and being upset and bitter, you are supposed to be rejoicing. If you are not rejoicing, you will miss your reward. It was in God's plan for Esau to persecute Jacob because as Esau persecuted Jacob, it pushed Jacob into God. It pushed him into the dream that he was to have, for he was reaching into the goal to which God had called him. God has a purpose for the opponent, a purpose for His glory and a purpose for mankind.

Galatians 4:29-30 says, but as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. ³⁰ Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. It's true. The flesh man cannot become heir because he is not of the seed of promise. God didn't cast him out because if you look at Ishmael and you look at Esau, they both got blessed. God blessed them. ³¹ So then, brethren, we are not

children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

Why is God doing all this? What is the whole purpose in this? Why did he create people who would not be able to enter in at this particular time, or that particular age? Why did he create carnal people who would do evil things?

Look at Romans 9:6-8, Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel. ⁷Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. I told you why. ⁸ That is, they, which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

Matthew, chapter 13, talks about the son of man sowing the seed in the children of the kingdom and of the wicked one sowing his seed. These are the children of the flesh, of the world. Romans 9:8 says, ⁸That is, they who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

In Romans 9:11, I shared with you that the two children of Isaac and Rebekah, before they were born, had done neither good nor evil. Romans 9:11, For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works....

Your being here has nothing to do with you. God elected you, handpicked you, and chose you by His grace and mercy. He told me a long time ago when I was crying out to God, I felt like a yo-yo Christian, I said, "God, I'm sick and tired of being up one

day and down the next." God spoke to me loudly, and He said, "**It's My grace that got you this far, and it will be My grace that will take you all the way on. My grace is sufficient.**" He will finish what He has started in each one of you. He will consume everything that is not like Him. In the last moment it will all be consumed. The only thing required of you and me is faith and obedience, because obedience goes with faith. Faith is action. If you believe, you act upon what you believe. If you don't believe, then you are not walking in faith. Faith and obedience go together. James 2:20 Faith without works is dead. You must understand that you have reached your present position because God has given it to you by His grace and not by any good deeds done by you. It came by the fact that He handpicked you and sought you out among a lot of people. It is by His grace that He elected and hand-chose you to be His son by His grace and mercy. Romans 9:11 says, For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth; Him that calleth you and me. God is so good. Then in Verse 14, is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. ¹⁵ For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ¹⁶ So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. ¹⁷For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be

declared throughout all the earth

God needed an opponent, and Pharaoh was the one God picked. It was God who hardened the heart of Pharaoh. God needed an opponent because Israel had disobeyed Him. Pharaoh took Israel and put taskmasters over them for 400 years because they didn't want the true living God. Even after God delivered them, they were still crying out for a man to rule over them. God's people today are still crying out for a man to rule over them. They want that man to look at or to see, but God is a true living God, and He is the one to rule over us.

God raised up Pharaoh at that time to reveal His power. Why is God raising up the flesh man at this time? Because God began to speak to me, and you can read it in the first paper on this subject, that He will not bring a full end to the flesh man until the transgression has come to its fullness. When it has come to its fullness, that is the time Christ is coming to cut the flesh man off from the earth.

Mt 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

He is going to give them the opportunity to hear the gospel of the kingdom. That is the grace of God. He is going to bring every nation of the entire world, and they all will have to come to the valley of Jehoshaphat. The reason He is going to bring them to the valley of Jehoshaphat is that this is the valley of decision. Jehoshaphat means *judged of God*. God will judge every man.

In order to bring every thing to the point it needs to be, you

have to allow this flesh man to escalate to where it comes to the fullness. No man knows the time but the Father, but He has the appointed time. He says when you see the blade, you will see the tares. We are seeing the blade, and we are seeing the tares. Angels will come to bind up the works of the flesh, and you know you are the angels. The works of the flesh will be bound up to go through the fire. ***That's why this great tribulation is the fire of God.***

Who are these people? The scriptures say these are the people who have come out of great tribulation. That's why you will see the world go through much more tribulation than it is going through right now. ***Rev. 7:9-14*** says, After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; ¹⁰ And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

¹¹ And all the angels stood around about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, ¹² Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. ¹³ And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they? ¹⁴ And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in

the blood of the Lamb. It will cause a harvest to come forth like you have never seen before. God is causing you to be caught up into a higher realm to rule and reign with Him now, in order to allow Him to bring about what He wants in the earth. ***Romans 9:16, So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.*** ¹⁷For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power. The worse it gets, the more power we are going to see.

A sister told about a man who came from Africa and was sharing that they are raising the dead over there and many miracles are happening. Miracles also happen all the time in the United States. The Lord told me this a long time ago, "The greater the need is, the greater My power is." America has very few needs. In Africa, they have need of water. They have AIDS, many kinds of problems, and a great need of food. As a result, the power of God is much more there. ***The power of Christ is going forth through His sons as we reign with Him now. It's not something in the future.*** It is the energy of Christ flowing out of you as you worship Him, going out to creation and mankind. ***Romans 9:18, Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.*** He hardened Pharaoh's heart. Every time God sent Moses to Pharaoh, God hardened Pharaoh's heart.

I must tell you the good news about this. Look at ***Psalm 22*** and ***23***. Psalm 22 is what Christ did on the cross. ***Psalm 22:27*** says, All the ends of the world

shall remember and turn unto the Lord.

Was it horrible that God destroyed Pharaoh and all his army in the Red Sea? The Bible says that God kills but He makes alive again. It is because of what Christ did on the cross for everyone.

One day we were going within, and the Lord caused Moses to appear with a rod that was different from the rod that he had back then. It was a rod of life. There was Pharaoh standing on the left side. We heard this as clearly as if you were talking to me right now. Christ said, "Israel was in bondage for 400 years. They have been in bondage for 4,300 years. When are you going to release them?" The mercy of God shined on them at that appointed time, and he played his part. He was in hell, in the prison of his mind, tormented out of the presence of God, for 4,300 years, but because of what Christ did on the cross, if you read in **Jude**, it says that God destroyed all of those who were in Sodom and Gomorrah. He also destroyed Egypt and all of those who did not believe, and He put them all in chains of darkness **until that great day. We are in that great day. That great day is the day of the Lord.** Until, until, until—I love that word. That's why when God does cut the wicked off from the earth, whether they remain in that state of the lake of fire which is to burn out those things that are not like Christ, whether they remain 4,000 years or 300 years, God does not look at time like we do. I know He will make them alive again because of what Christ did on the cross. The love of God is grace,

mercy and compassion. The Bible says everything came out of God, everything is going through God, and everything is going back into God. God uses the wicked and the children of the flesh for a purpose. That does not give you permission to go back and get carnal and fleshy. Paul said God forbid. Yield to the spirit. **Romans 9:18, Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.**¹⁹ Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? And the Lord replies,²⁰ Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Shall you question me?²¹ Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? Pharaoh had a dishonorable part in the plan of God. How could Christ go to the cross without a Judas? There had to be a Judas in the plan of God. There has to be a Judas in your life to betray you so you can go on into the resurrection and glory of God.

Romans 9:23, And that he might make known the riches This is the whole reason. Underline this if you don't underline anything else. You say, well God, why have you done this? Why have you created people like this? In the natural, you know about the two people they have in prison right now, the two snipers that were caught. They were captivated with the darkness in their minds. Some day they are going to have to come before the judgment seat of God. Oh yes, the book of life. Was God willing to show His wrath to make His

power known, endured with much long suffering in vessels of wrath fitted for destruction.

²³ And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory. You would not be able to see His mercy or the riches of His glory without them, the vessels of wrath.²⁴ Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

We are His battle-axe. What is the battle-axe going to do? We are the axes He is going to lay at the root of many trees. Many people, many trees, come in here and we get in the spirit. We worship the Lord, and Christ is in us to burn out the chaff that's in their lives and to lay the axe to the root of the trees of their generations. The whole time you are worshipping God, you are in a battle. What is the battle? The battle is the battle of Armageddon. ***The battle of Armageddon is nothing but thoughts that battle in the mind, steals the peace, and joy that's in Christ.*** **2Cor.10:4, For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;** **2Cor.10:5, Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;** **2Cor.10:6, And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.** We had to go through the battle of Armageddon and allow Christ to deal with all the things that are not like Him so that we may abide in Him. We become the branch that's resting in Christ. God has given us the seven

spirits—which include wisdom, knowledge and understanding. It's that new man that He is creating in the earth that has a state of peace in their minds. Yet all around them, they will see people with pain on their faces, and they will see faces blackened. In Joel it talks about the great army. Joel 2:2 says, A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. They will see people whose faces are blackened. The countenances on people's faces are blackened because of doubt, fear, worry, and unbelief, pain, hurt and suffering. The man-child has been caught up with Christ and is in that rest with Christ, to rule the nations with a rod of iron and with such peace that becomes an ensign. You are to become an ensign to all the nations. People are probably thinking, "Well, what's wrong with that woman? Hasn't she seen the news? Why isn't she upset? What's wrong with that man? Hasn't he seen the price of gas go up? Why does he have so much joy? What's wrong with these people when there is such turmoil going on in the world? Why are they happy? Why are they smiling? Why do they seem to have such peace?" They will come, and they are already coming today. They are coming in the invisible because they need rest for their souls. Only Christ can give that rest to them through you as you allow Him to minister to them by His spirit. That's in *Isaiah, chapter 11*. Read it.

What is this battle-axe going to do? Jeremiah 51:20 says, Thou art my battle-axe and weapons for war. I said, "God, you know sometimes your Word is contradictory. In one place you say one thing, then in another place you say something else. In one place you say it's not your battle. Ministers have come through here and said, "You don't have to do anything, it's not your battle." It's true, it's not your battle, but it is. God spoke one day and said, "It's My battle." I said, "Okay, then why do I have to get in the spirit and deal with these things?" He said, "Because it's My battle and I'm in you, and I'm going to battle through you." I said, "Oh." He said, "Yes, let's just sit here and commune together. I'm going to raise My battle-axe. That battle-axe is the mind of Christ. As you worship Me, My thoughts will go forth into battle." In *Isaiah 42:13: The Lord shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.*

¹⁴ I have long holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once. Why did He say that He would cry like a travailing woman? When you go within and intercede with Christ, He is working through you to bring forth judgment to the enemies in other people's lives.

What the battle-axe is to do is in Jeremiah 51:20, Thou art my battle-axe and weapons for war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms; ²¹And with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider;

A horse is a representation of the strength of the Adam man. Obadiah is talking about the pride that God is going to bring down, the pride of Esau, the flesh man. Jeremiah 51:22 continues, With thee also will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces old and young; and with the will I break in pieces the young man and the maid. When God broke you into pieces, what happened? Did you not become humble and surrender to Christ? ²³ I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock. This refers to preachers who are building their own kingdom rather than building God's nature in His people. ²³ I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock; and with thee will I break in pieces the husbandman (farmer) and his yoke of oxen; and with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers.

²⁵ Behold I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the Lord, which destroyest all the earth: He is talking about Babylon. How is God going to use you like that? How many of you spend time in Christ every day? How many of you have learned to go within and commune with Him because that is really where it is. Your relationship with Him is the most important thing there is. This is the day when the Lord is consuming all that is in you that is not like Him.

How many of you are willing to go within and commune with Him, even if it is 30 minutes to an hour? If He can get you beyond time and your clock, you might end up being with Him for two hours and not realize you were with Him for two hours. During the time God is ministering to His creation, He is working through

you. It is not by might nor by power. You are not going to do this by any of your own strength, you cannot muster it up. It's not by your might, it's not by power, but it's by My Spirit, saith the Lord. It is the Spirit of the Lord who is moving. **Daniel 12** goes along with **Rev. 12**. You can read those scriptures for yourself. This is the day that Michael has stood up, and he is working with us in establishing the government of God. It is very interesting, about many who will be awakened. It relates to the third chapter of Joel.

Why does the Lord want you to go into battle? It is time to judge the flesh man. **Joel 3:9** says, Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up. It's a different type of war. They are talking about a war in the natural. The Lord is talking about the war against the flesh man, and it's the flesh man in the natural who is standing up against spiritual Israel, the United States of America. Isn't that amazing? If you don't understand what is going on today, you will never understand. God is making it very clear. You need to refer to Part One of this teaching to go with this.

Some of the mighty men are not awake yet because they don't want to take the responsibility. **Joel chapter 3 Verse 10** continues, Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. ¹¹ Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord. This is the flesh man who

exalts himself and rules the world. God has allowed Adam to rule the world for 6,000 years. Now God is taking over and ruling it through His sons, by His grace.

¹²Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. It is not a particular place. Jehoshaphat means, "**been judged of God.**" They are in the valley because the valley is in their own mind and is a place of decision. Some of God's sons are in a valley of decision whether to go on. It is also called Jehoshaphat because Jehovah means "He who is, He who was and He who will be." This takes you into Revelation. I said, "God, you are something else." **Revelation 11:14** says, And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. In Revelation it talks about this world, which is coming under the rulership of the Lord Jesus Christ. It talks about His taking over the world. Isn't that interesting?

And the people, the sons, lay down their crowns and say, "He was, He is and He shall be."

It all ties in together. What is God trying to do? He is trying to bring man into love. What is the wrath of God? It is His love. If God doesn't correct you, He doesn't love you. God's love corrects the disobedient ones. **Joel chapter 3 Verse 13** continues, Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the vats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

¹⁴Multitudes, in the valley of

decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. The harvest is ripe and the laborers are few. One Shepherd will shepherd the nations, and the nations (people) will have to learn the ways of their God. They will say, "Let us go up to mount Zion and learn the ways of our God." ¹⁵The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. ¹⁶The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

Psalms 37 is another important chapter. When the Lord cuts the wicked off, you won't even remember them. **Psalms 37:37-38** says, Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace. ³⁸ But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

The Bible says the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the righteous shall inherit the world. Isn't that interesting? That is the plan of God.

In this day you will see perilous times. "You will see people becoming lovers of themselves, people who even knew God at one time. You will see people's hearts hardened. You will see people who profess godliness but deny the power of it. Read **II Timothy, chapter 3**, it's all there.

God is bringing His sons, to the place where Christ is Lord in every area of their lives. Then the world will see His glory. God will give the people of the world the opportunity to hear the gospel of the love of Christ. They

will have the opportunity to yield and bow down to Him. Many will not. In His time, whatever age it will be, He will bring in the remainder of His creation. Then they will be in God, and God will be all and in all. 1Cor. 15:28, *And when all things shall be subdued unto Him, then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him that put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.* Phil. 2:10-11, *That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

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