

Day of Testing; Promise to Abraham; Greeting Strangers

In Lk 21:36 He tells us to *beg* to be able to endure the things that are coming upon the earth — to be able to stand before the Son of Man. It is going to be a time of great testing for us. It is also to test the nations of the whole world, but it is especially to test us. The great evil day will come upon us. So Paul exhorted us to put on the full armor of God (Eph 6:11-14) so that we would be able to stand and resist in that day when multiplied deception will come upon us to test us. Obviously, another anointing will try to overtake us to see who is *under* the anointing now — to see if we are the elect (Mt 24:24). It says we would *all* be deceived, but only the elect won't be deceived. It will be a deception so great that we can hardly imagine it right now. It will be a time when peoples' true colors will come out. Some insincere people are being weeded out at this time, but if they are not weeded out now, the rest will be weeded out then. All of the brothers and sisters will be weeded through, and who can stand? Great lawlessness and iniquity will come; your life will seem to be threatened; the love of the many will grow colder and colder; and our affection for Him (Mt 24:10-12) will wane. We won't retain our ardent love for our Master. This is what our Master was warning us about in Lk 21:36.

2 Ths 2:7-11 talks about the great deception which you see also in Daniel chapters 9 through 12 — the great and horrible day that is coming which ends (Dan 12:10) in the separation of God's people into those who are wise and those who are foolish. That is why Paul says we have to make the most of every opportunity *now* to love each other. We cannot have an evil wicked attitude of thinking we can wait since we have 50 more years. He will weed us out on the great threshing floor if we have such an attitude. Everyone will be winnowed. If our Master tosses us up to the wind (to the spirits), and we are not wheat (if we don't belong to Him), the spirits will take us away. But if we are wheat (truly under His anointing), we will fall right back down to the floor, at His feet. And then the time will come when He will sift even what comes back down to the floor, and He will use only what is sifted wheat to make His Bride. First it has to be beaten — which separates the wheat from everything else. Then He winnows it. Then He sifts it. That is what must happen to us so that what He will get is just pure grain to make his Bride out of. Mt 24:13 — And those who endure to the end of this beating and winnowing and sifting, will be saved in the last day.

(That is why we don't want anyone to make a premature confession of faith if our Father has not spoken to them — because they will be blown away with the wind. If He *has* spoken to you, you won't be able to hold yourself back from surrendering your life to Him. If not, you might say *Yahshua* by an evil spirit.) We have made that confession. We say we believe in our heart that our Father raised Yahshua from the dead. Some may only believe it in their mind. Christians only believe it in their mind. Otherwise it would have changed their life. They would not be able to live in hypocrisy.

In 2 Cor 2:14-17 Paul says that Messiah spoke through them to the people — they were a fragrance of Him to the people in every place. So in *every place* they were a fragrance of Messiah. Not every *where*, but every place that He caused His name to dwell. And Paul was a fragrance of Messiah to those who are being saved but to those who are not being saved, he was a stench of death. Such it will be with us as we go out: we are either a fragrance or a stench of death to people. People who are perishing hate it — those who are being saved love it. We speak *in* Messiah, in His presence, to communicate the very word of Messiah to people. And to some it is a good fragrance (you are drawn to a good fragrance, you love it), it is *good* news, you *want* to hear it. Sometimes I ask people, "Well, is it good news or bad news?" But it is hard for some people to be honest, so they say, "Well, yeah, it's good news", but it doesn't cause them to respond to give their lives up as in Mk 8:35. Unless we have done that, we don't belong to Him. And so our Father is going to cause situations and circumstances to come into the Body to test us. And then there will be a day of testing, an evil day (Eph 6:13).

Who is able to stand in that day? This is a time of refining and purification and it is hard. It is hard to be purified in the fire like gold until all the dross comes out of us and our Savior is able to see His very image in us. *This* is the place — His threshing floor — right here — where we can be purified. He is going to clean all the

dress out of us so only the pure grain is left. That is what John the Baptist said in Mt 3:12. That is what he did with Israel. He came and got rid of *everything* and then He started again with 3000 who were saved on the day of Pentecost, and *that* fell away and so now He is starting again to bring about what fell through in the first century (a felled tree sprouting).

So we are tested *every morning* to see who really worships and who doesn't worship. And those who really worship offer their bodies as a living sacrifice. Those who don't worship, don't offer their bodies as a living sacrifice. Rom 12:1 says that is the only service we can offer — otherwise we *can't* worship Him and we are just going through a form. We cannot worship Him unless we give our bodies as a living sacrifice, which is our reasonable serving. It is only by His grace that we can do it, and there is no other service we can give Him.

Promise to Abraham

In the first century he started again to reform the twelve tribes of Israel so it would extend all over the world. They worshipped night and day, *sincerely*, in truth (Acts 26:6-7), in order to bring about the hope that was promised Abraham. A promise was made to Abraham and it has not been fulfilled yet. After 4000 years He still has not yet gotten the land. The land is big. Some Jews are over there in that little bit of land because all of the Arabs live on the rest of it. They are trying to get it by their own efforts, but they cannot get it by their own flesh — it has to be given to them. Elad [an Israelite guest (see November)] said that 70% are not even interested in God at all and only about 30% want to know God (but of course they don't know Him because they don't know Yahshua.) It says that 2/3 of the Jews will be cut off and that 1/3 will be left to go into the next age to restore that land, the promise that God made to Abraham, which is to have that land with peace and without *any* enemy. So that is what Paul said the twelve tribes were doing (Acts 26:6) to bring about the promise that our Father made.

You see in Gen 15:18 all the enemies that were in the land. Later, after 430 years of being slaves of Pharaoh, the children of Israel were to come back to Canaan and drive out all those enemies. But they never drove out all the enemies. Instead they mixed in with the nations and they started to have wars between themselves. Ten tribes were taken off to Assyria and then Judah (mixed with Benjamin) was taken to Babylon. And then Israel was no longer, and the land was totally desolate. Many of the nations come from Israel which was scattered. Then after 70 years of the Jews being in Babylon, only a few, a small remnant of Jews, came back in 500 BC to rebuild the temple. And then 500 years later our Master came into the Jews, into the tribe of Judah to restore the Jews, and they crucified Him — they rejected Him as King. He was the smell of death to them, not the fragrance of life. But to those who received Him, He gave them the power to become sons of God (Jn 1:12). His life was the light of men (Jn 1:4). *Our* life is the light of the world. John the Baptist came with a message — he bore witness of the light. He was the fragrance of Messiah. All who received that fragrance received Messiah. "The light shines in the darkness, the darkness did not comprehend it" (Jn 1:5-9). John came to bear witness to the light. Everyone would believe through John, through his word. He would put Israel on his threshing floor and all who would receive him would receive Messiah. John was not the light but he bore witness of the light; he had the light of Yahshua in Him. Yahshua was the light. The *word* was the real light that gives light to every man. He (the Word) was in the world which came into being *through* Him, but the world did not recognize Him. To those who *did* accept Him and believed in His name, He gave them the power to be sons of God. He started again. He took it away from Israel and gave it to a people who would produce the fruit of the kingdom (Mt 21:43). He started again, but even they stopped producing the fruit of His kingdom. They lost their salt and their light (Mt 5:14; Isa 49:6-8). Obviously Christianity is not producing the fruit of the kingdom. So now he has given it to us. If we don't bear the fruit of the kingdom, it will be taken away from *us*. We are the beginning, just the embryo, of that nation. We are barely in the gestation period. We are waiting to be born as a nation. So you see how it started again (Acts 26:6-7) It is very important that we would understand this, to know that we exist for a purpose: to bring about the hope of the fulfillment of the promises that God made to Abraham. We are here to drive the enemies out of *our* midst and take *this* land so that He would be able to bring about that

nation that produces the fruit of His kingdom (Heb 10:13; Rev 11:5). That is why Abraham's descendants were to be circumcised (Gen 17:10; 18:19) in order to bring about the promise that God made to Abraham so that he could be the father of many nations. It has not come about yet. In the nations, if they lived for one thousand years and keep having babies without pain, how many babies are they going to have? They would outnumber the stars. And then if Siberia and the north pole and the deserts and the jungles will be just like the garden of Eden, and all those people will be raising their crops and sitting under their fig trees and you will be ruling them in goodness, just like our Master Yahshua would, thus Abraham will have all the sons he is supposed to have. But he cannot have it until the next age comes because Israel never did route out all their enemies like they were supposed to and Israel today cannot do it in the flesh. But we *can* route out the enemy. We *can* do it by His Spirit. So what do we have to do for the promise to Abraham to come about? Put all of Messiah's enemies under His feet and offer our bodies as a living sacrifice. He is waiting on the throne of David, ruling over the house of Jacob (the twelve tribes which is just now forming) for all of His enemies to be subdued. And when they are all subdued (Heb 10:13), He will come back. Therefore we are waging war now (Eph 6:10-17). We are waging war against every deceptive spirit that wants to overtake us. But right now we are in boot training, we are just practicing, getting ready for the *real* war that is coming. We don't have great deceptions now, God knows we can't take it yet. But we are being prepared for it. We will be ready. Those who are truly grains will endure to the end of the purification process. You must be prepared; you are chosen for that — not just to have a nice life of love here. *We are chosen to go through hardships*. It is predestined for us that we must go through hardship to enter the kingdom (Acts 14:22). If you don't want to go through hardship, you better leave now because you won't be able to endure until the end.

So you see in Isa 49:6 the work of the twelve tribes is in order to bring about v.8: to restore the desolate inheritances — the promise made to Abraham, to restore that land to them (Gen 18:19). Isa 49:6 is what must be done in order to bring about what God promised Abraham. What we are doing right now, we are doing to bring about that promise. Israel *had* the land but they didn't drive all the enemies out; they still mixed with the nations. So now, we, as the twelve tribes, are no longer to be conformed to the nations that dwelt in Canaan, the world (Rom 12:1-2). Our work has to be *pure* worship so that we can do His will and know His purpose. If we don't know His perfect will, we will go off. You cannot know His perfect will if you don't offer your body as a living sacrifice. If we know His will, we can walk in the work He has preordained for us (Eph 2:10; 4:12; Tit 2:14). Israel couldn't do His will because they were conformed to the nations. Neither can Christianity because they are conformed to the world. *Rom 12:2* — It is so important that we know His perfect will. He wants us to experience that, walk in it, walk through it. The building that he is building has to be perfectly straight up, not off even just a little bit or it will go further and further off as it goes up and it will not stand. We must be *perfect* to enter the kingdom — in perfect unity and perfect in love (Phil 2:2-4,14,15).

Greeting Strangers

Yesterday we were walking from Segunda Eva and we said hello to our brothers as they passed by us on the street, but not to the gentiles. But we *have* to say hello to the gentiles too. If we don't, we are no better than they are. There they are, feeling so bad and low and worthless, and we walk right by and don't even notice them. We have to be *perfect* as our heavenly Father is perfect (Mt 5:46-47). If someone would say hello to them, they might think, "Oh! Somebody cares about me! They cared about me! They said hello to me! Maybe there's a God!" You don't know how much that can bless a person in the world — just saying hello with our Master's grace. Mt 5:46-47 is His word. Who takes this seriously? Let's take it serious. Jn 8:51 — The word says that if we don't, we will die. 1 Jn 2:4 — Don't take that negatively. We *want* to obey His word. It is *good* news. It is life from the dead. It is recorded in the good news, not the bad news. We take it in a positive way. Our *Master* said this. *He*, our Savior, the One who saves us. We are saved by His word. He wants us to behave in a certain way. He is our King. We want to give ourselves to Him and not be conformed any longer to the

pattern of this world, this evil world which is perishing, but we want to be a light and life to the nations. Elezar — After all this time our Father is faithful to his word. It is true that Yahshua is the light, but there has not been a people to show it so that what is written could become valid. I'm thankful we can participate in the reality of the restoration of Israel and the fulfillment of God's word.

Yadutan — Our Father meets us when we pray and give the sacrifice of our bodies; we are talking to the living God. When you say 'amen' you are saying you really want to give your body as a living sacrifice, not living by your emotions anymore or your desires or for yourself, but for Him. You are looking for covering, seeing to it that your brothers are not missing grace. We are responsible for the word of God, that it would be fulfilled. He has given us that responsibility — He entrusted it to us, that we can bring the fragrance of the Son of God to people on the street. We have to remember this during the day — in our diligence in our work, in talking to people, not looking for some room for our flesh, but we have to build this nation *soon*. We are responsible. He is waiting for us. We are proclaiming here that we are in the light. We really have to *walk* in the light. If not, we are not really true grains of wheat. If we feel like we are not, we can repent and be transformed into true wheat and really give our bodies as a living sacrifice to our Master.

I want you to see how important our path into the kingdom is. Even at the end, two people will be at the mill and one will be taken and one will be left. Those not left behind will be taken to be in that army in Rev 19:11-17 that marches through the sky — when Satan is thrown into the abyss. The ones left behind aren't going to the lake of fire, but they are not going to the kingdom either. He cannot have *anyone* in the kingdom who is not pure. Entering the kingdom is the most difficult thing you can *think* of. We come from great deficits from our past life. We did so many things that are ingrained in us that have to be taken out — like stains that have to be removed. But He chose us like that so that He could be glorified through it. However, he doesn't want us to stain our *new* garment (Rev 3:4).