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Dedication

This book is dedicated to you, the reader; who is also a Watchman and Intercessor being equipped to lead, equipped to serve, and to follow on to know truth.

Preface

(Revised)

This book is intended to stir up a biblically based radical and military perspective of strategic prayer; corporate prayer, covering the earth, while praying in the Spirit for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. Examples of radical praying are throughout the Bible and it is consistent with Numbers 15:3, *The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name*. Further, effective prayer strategies must come from Holy Spirit since, *we know not what we should pray for as we ought* (Romans 8:26). We are not fully aware of or fully knowledgeable of the strategies and tactics of the enemy. We must always be in touch with our Lord Sabaoth, the Lord of Hosts (Romans 9:29). Standing

Since we are to occupy territories originally inhabited by the enemy, our presence in those territories incites activities, in the natural and spiritual realms, such that we need to use the authority given to us, as well as help from heaven. Like Israel, in order to live in the land, we must set boundaries and secure the perimeter of that which has been given to us (Numbers 33:52). Otherwise the enemy will execute attacks whenever it is desired to do so. The Lord has given every Believer authority over the works of the Devil (I John 3:8; Matthews 28:18; Luke 10:19). What this means is that if the works are not of God, they are works of the Devil, and we are authorized to stand against such works. We will study God's standing strategies in this book; they are standing array and protection strategies.

Please do not neglect to study our rich heritage in Jewish history. Study it, for it will serve you well. It was unnecessary for the Bible to contain information that was common knowledge to the first leaders of the Christian church, passed down through generations of Jewish history. For instance, there are numerous books that illuminate our understanding of the significance and shadows of heavenly things in the tabernacle. Take advantage of these tools.

In His Service,

Gwendolyn N. Davis,
Called to be an apostle

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Background

About 17 years ago, at the time of the first printing of this book, the Lord began speaking to me about the need for a prayer covering (He called it a blanket of prayer); 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. The first time He gave me instructions about the strategy, I followed them exactly as I was told. When I realized, there was a need for at least 72 people each day to cover the hours, with three people on each hour, I said, “Lord, I don’t know 72 praying people”. He said, “Leave that to Me.” I was relieved. I gave the prayer package to the people that I knew. The call for prayer took place days before the October 30th Angel’s Night watch in the City of Detroit in 1997.

Detroit had experienced a decline in arsons and related disturbances during the early 1990s, but there was a renewed proliferation of incidents in 1995 and 1996. October 30th was labeled Devil’s Night and in the early years of Mayor Dennis Archer’s term, there were a considerable number of acts of arson and vandalism. Then, in preparation for the night before Halloween in 1997, the city officials changed the name to Angel’s Night and organized volunteers that included the mayor’s appointees, to patrol the neighborhoods. Curfews were enforced from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. on October 29th through October 31st. Most would surmise that it was the efforts of the volunteers, mayor’s appointees, and the overall organized effort that changed the actions, and reduced the statistics that year. I believe there was a supernatural intervention in response to prayer, see Appendix A, B, and C. What I did not realize, at the time, the unveiling of and my understanding of His strategy would be a work in progress.

Ten years later in 2007, the Lord inspired me to share the “call to prayer” with the leader of a women’s Bible class at the church I was attending. Her assistant changed the chart from praying one hour to praying one half hour. I did not argue with her, but I knew it was not the

pattern God had given me. It was not until 2010 that I was led to look closer at the “call to prayer” and the strategy behind it. Although, it has taken a while to gain the understanding I now have, it was right in front of me the whole time. It is a worship, protection, and military strategy God gave Moses and the Israelites at the beginning of their wilderness journey and was employed by them the entire time.

Finally, this book is based on Scripture. The location of Scripture in the Old Testament and the New Testament is given and you are asked to read the Scriptures from your choice of versions of the Bible, perhaps use several. There are some instances when Scripture is cited; other times the location of Scripture is given, and you are expected to read them in your Bible. Why? Because, ultimately, you are accountable and responsible to God, not man, for what you do, what you say, and what you believe, while you live in the earth. It is therefore, my responsibility to provide information to you; the examination of that information and the search for truth is your portion. Other literary and historical books of Jewish origin are used to fill in information not presented in the Bible, only to enhance our understanding. Jewish history was passed down verbally and in writing, and not all of the biblical history is contained in the canon we read and know as the Bible, the word of God.

Please remember, each person will stand before the judgment seat of Christ (II Corinthians 5:10), if you are a Believer or the great white throne (Revelation 20:11), if you are a non-Believer. You must know, for yourself, the word of God and what God requires of you. May His blessings overtake you as you follow hard after Him.

For those of you that received the original version of this book *Radical Prayer Covering (Calling All Warriors - Uniting in Continual Prayer)*, we know in part and therefore can only write in part. Please contact us if you are interested in receiving the new book, which is a

revised copy of the original book. God is directing us each step of the way. I humbly await any additions to which He opens the eyes of my understanding, as we walk and grow in Him.

Whether there are many or whether there are a few, when we obey God, we don't have to worry about the numbers. One can do a tremendous work in prayer, since the work is really being done by legions of God's angels.

Introduction

The early Church was made up of Jewish people and Gentiles. The Church leaders were all raised in what we call today, Judaism. They lived the Old Testament which was also available to them, in writing, but the New Testament was in the process of being written. Their reference was the Old Testament. Therefore, the Church today has a distinctive advantage over the early Church. That advantage is that we have both the Old Testament and the New Testament available to us.

Why is this important? We can look back and forth between the two in order to confirm for ourselves what is being taught and preached to us. We must be like the Bereans, *they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so* (Acts 17:11). An appropriate saying to consider,

“The New is in the Old contained,
The Old is in the New explained,
The New is in the Old concealed,
The Old is in the New revealed,
The New is in the Old enfolded,
The Old is in the New Unfolded” (Conner, p.1).

Herein lies a very significant reason for a person to “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (II Timothy 2:15). That being said, only Jesus can remove the blinders from our eyes and our heart, and open up the eyes of our understanding. The god of this world is actively putting blinders over the eyes, mind, and heart of those who do not receive Jesus as Lord (2 Corinthians 4:3-5 KJV). We cannot accept blinders because their removal is essential to our spiritual growth. Read Acts 9:1-19; meditate on verse 18. Paul knew the Law; his spiritual growth began with prayer and removal of the blinders, which helped to propel him into his call.

The Bible, among other important evidence, is a record of a Loving Father and Creator concerned with providing, protecting, preparing for, the preparing of, guiding, correcting, sacrificing for, and governing His people. Yet we know that throughout the Bible and even today, Jeremiah's description of God's people, in the 17th chapter, is right on point, "But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction" (v. 23).

Every part of God's creation, except His people, obeys His laws without hesitation. His people do not have, or do not desire to have an appreciation for God's knowledge of the need for order and balance. As it is in heaven, so let it be in the earth (Matthew 6:10; Luke 11:2). We have absolutely no comprehension, beyond what God reveals to us, of what God has already done for mankind, His creation. If we knew even a small portion, we would forever praise Him. Jesus said, *I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now* (John 16:12). Paul said, *I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able* (I Corinthians 3:2). There is so much more God desires to reveal to His people but we must be mature enough to bear it, to handle it and not get "puffed up". Are we ready? The answer to that question must come from Jesus and He will do so by the unction from and the anointing of Holy Spirit.

This book assumes you have a basic understanding of spiritual warfare, as defined in the Bible, and that you accept the role you have as a Believer. There is no shortage of books and training on "spiritual warfare". You can use the material you have or attend training sessions in your local church or community. Know this, there is a war; the war is real; the war is raging; God has a plan; God's plan is already accomplished; God is already victorious; God has shown

His people how to be victorious! We must listen, study and obey, and we must know our position and role in the war. There are times He will say and has said, “the battle is not yours”.

God’s strategy is hidden in plain sight. How did we get so far from the simplicity of God’s plan? From before the foundation of the world, God desire is to dwell among His people.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God (Psalm 90:1-2).

He created earth for man.

For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else. I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right (Isaiah 45:18-19).

God is holy, just, righteous, merciful, faithful, and there is no end to the words that we can use to describe Him. No matter what character (person) was or is involved in matters pertaining to God, whether in the Bible or the centuries since biblical times, God’s plan has not changed. He desires to dwell among His people. He is dwelling among His people, and each century brings more revelation of that fact.

It is not within the scope of this book to review, in detail, the events that took place between the fall of Adam and Eve and their expulsion from the Garden of Eden to the exit of Israel from Egypt. Although, throughout the Bible, the people, the situations, their decisions, and the consequences of their decisions are all lessons every person can use to help navigate through the phases of life. It is fitting to say God has anticipated every sin, including Lucifer’s fall, so do not think it is strange that He would hide mysteries, and choose the time, and the season to reveal them. It is with purpose and consistency, coupled with a person’s level of maturity, that God manifest the call that is on that person’s life, and reveals their purpose.

Let me give an insightful example. It appears that Paul was a much better candidate for the assignment he was given, by Christ, than Peter and the other disciples. One reason, given in the Scriptures, is Peter's inhibitions concerning the Gentiles and his overall slowness toward change (Acts 10). Another reason, Paul was a highly trained, single minded, focused, persecutor with a purpose, focused on the law. Notwithstanding, he was chosen before the foundation of the world; although he could have made different choices before he was converted, he was totally obedient to accomplish what he believed was his purpose, before and after the Damascus road encounter. How many of us have the testimony?

Jesus said it is given for us to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God (Luke 8:10), and Paul was given an abundance of the revelations (II Corinthians 12:7). So we can know with certainty that we can glean truth from what both Jesus and Paul says. That being said, Paul very clearly told us in Ephesians 6:10-18, the position, posture, and war clothes we are to wear,

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

We are to stand, and after we have done so, we are to continue to stand! Where we stand, our attitude, and our attire are clearly detailed by Paul. And since 'all power in heaven and earth' is given to our Lord, Jesus Christ, He has told us to cover the earth with His word, truth, and baptize them ("Go and teach all nations); with the full assurance that He is forever with us

through the end of the world (Matthew 28:18-20). The position of standing is of vital importance and is addressed in chapter nine.

The journey in this book begins with God leading Israel out of Egypt, Israel's experiences in the wilderness, and several key experiences of the Israelites after establishing government in the Promised Land. It is my prayer that God is using this book to unveil His strategies with the intention for His people to use them as revealed in the Bible.

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place. Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them. Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah. He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord belong the issues from death. But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses. Psalm 68:17-21

Chapter One: The Way Out of Bondage

It is without a doubt, the people who lived in countries adjacent to Egypt were aware of what was taking place before and during the time Moses was interacting with Pharaoh for the release of God's people. We have spies today and they also had spies during biblical times (Joshua 2, 6:23). The Bible says in Exodus 13:17-18, when Pharaoh "let the people go", God used a longer route to lead the people out of Egypt since He did not want them to face war and become fearful while going through the land of the Philistines. He knew their hearts and knew they would choose to return to Egypt if they had to face war. (Do you think this sound like today's Christians?)

Next, when Israel turned to camp by the sea, as instructed by God, they were able to see the Egyptians approaching (Exodus 14:1, 10). Then Moses was accused of taking them from Egypt to die in the wilderness (vs. 11-12). To their complaint Moses told the Israelites, not to fear the Egyptians but rather to stand still and observe the salvation of the Lord (v. 13). A very significant statement from Moses was, "The Lord shall fight for you, and you shall hold your peace" (v. 14). This was the first of many encounters Israel would have with evil and their battles would be fought and won on their behalf, even in the twentieth century.

This first attack from the Egyptian army, a rear attack, came just as Israel was passing through the red sea. The enemy of the people of God, the world, wanted to hold on to the people and decided to take them back into bondage. Sounds familiar? So, what happened? God destroyed the Egyptian army, men, horses, and chariots by closing the sea upon them. Everyone was happy, rejoicing with singing and dancing. Moses gave them a song, Miriam gave them a song, and everyone joined in the singing and dancing. We know, from Bible history, the

rejoicing did not last long and if you don't know, please read Exodus chapters 15, 16, and 17.

The first battle that Israel engaged in will be discussed in a later chapter.

We now come to Exodus chapter 18 where we find Jethro, Moses' father-in-law; a Priest of Midian (Exodus 3:1) coming for a visit. Jethro did several things that reflected his level of knowledge: (1) he acknowledged the Lord as greater than all gods because of the way He had annihilated all of the Egyptian's sacred cows and delivered Israel (v.10-11); (2) he took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God, with Moses, Aaron, and the elders participating (v.12); and (3) he told Moses how to establish an organization (perhaps civil government is a better description) in order to delegate or share responsibilities (v.17-26). We will not examine each of these actions, because what is most important for our study is that we know the actions took place and what God did.

Another point we should note is perhaps the Priest of Midian did not suffer the same fate as Nadab and Abihu (Leviticus 10; Numbers 3), because he was not in a place that had been sanctified for God, nor had he been consecrated a Priest of God. We do know that the Midianites were later punished for offences they committed against God and Israel (Numbers 25:17-18; 31).

After crossing the red sea, it took approximately three months for Israel to arrive at Mount Sinai. Remember when God destroyed the Egyptian army, Moses said, "The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him a habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him" (Exodus 15:2). These Scriptures, Exodus 15:1-18, are a Word of Knowledge and Prophecy. The Israelites sang the song of Moses but demonstrated that they had a short term perspective of what they were singing. They did certainly build God a habitation.

God took Moses, the set man, up onto Mount Sinai and gave him the Ten Commandments (Exodus 19-20) and the model of kingdom government with its statutes, ordinances, and regulations (Exodus 21-31). Moses went to read the Ten Commandments to the people in the presence of God, and the people were so afraid that they told Moses, “You speak to us and we will listen to what you say, but don’t let God speak to us, we are afraid we will die if God speaks to us” (20:19). God had set boundaries in place for the people to ensure their protection, but the people let fear come between them and Him. Moses even tried to explain what he thought God was doing, but to no avail. So Moses drew closer to God and the people stood as far away as possible.

Interestingly, as Moses was hearing what God had to say and receiving further instructions, the Israelites proceeded to do the things most children do when they are left alone too long; they got themselves into trouble, and built an idol. God said, “They have corrupted themselves” (Exodus 30:7). Moses interceded so God would not destroy the people and God sent him down from the mount to the people. Moses broke the tables of commandments God had written (v.19) and he had the Levites slay 3,000 men (v.26-28). Again, you know all of this and will do well to read it as often as needed.

When Moses returned to Mount Sinai, God completed His instructions to Moses. In fact, God told Moses several times to make sure he followed the pattern that was shown to him (Exodus 25:9, 40). These were very specific instructions to be followed exactly, with no deviation, and it took approximately one year to complete.

According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work. And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the LORD had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them. (Exodus 39:42-43).

When you read chapter 40, you will find that God gave specific instructions about setting up the tabernacle. Then we read in verses 31-34,

And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat: When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; as the LORD commanded Moses. And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work. Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

The habitation for God was completed and the glory of the Lord, moved in. What an awesome wonder this must have been. God's plan is to dwell among His people that they may depend on Him for guidance, protection, and provisions. The cloud led Israel in the wilderness.

And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys: But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys. (Exodus 40:36-38)

Chapter Two: Guiding, Directing, and Protecting

Israel was depending on God for their very existence. He was guiding them, which means to assist (a person) to travel through, or reach a destination in, an unfamiliar area, as by accompanying or giving directions to the person. He was directing them, which means to manage or guide by advice, helpful information, instruction, etc. He was protecting them, which means to defend or guard from attack, invasion, loss, annoyance, insult, etc.; cover or shield from injury or danger.

There is evidence throughout the Bible that clearly delineates God's actions toward His people. Language specifically related to this study can be found in the following Scriptures:

Exodus 14:15-22

And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night. And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

God gave Moses instructions to stretch the rod in his hand out over the sea, and when Moses did so, the waters were parted. God further told Moses that after He hardened Pharaoh's heart He would get honor from giving Pharaoh over to doing what was in his heart (hardened Pharaoh's heart) to do against the Israelites. God protected Israel when His angel "moved and

went behind” Israel to stand between them and the Egyptians. God guided Israel through the sea, on dry land. Magnificent!

The first order of things for God was to establish order, structure, and directions through the laws and commandments relating to the human relationship with Him, as well as human living and livelihood (Exodus 20:17). This was followed by very detailed instructions concerning the tabernacle itself and every aspect of it, inside and outside; the placement of every vessel, the priests, the priest’s clothing, and the making of the oil (we know today the tabernacle is a representation of Christ). Then God anointed and appointed the craftsmen to build the tabernacle. He left nothing that required man to make decisions. He gave specific instructions on how to collect what was needed from the people as well as the expected condition of their heart; “a willing heart” (Exodus 25:2, 35:5). Everything had a specific time-line, even the day to set up the tabernacle and the placement of the vessels in the tabernacle was given to Moses (Exodus 40:1-33). God further, gave Moses New Tablets to replace the ones that were broken (Exodus 32:19). The first tablets were hewn and written by God. The New Tablets were hewn by Moses and God did the writing (Exodus 34:1).

Once the habitation for God was completed, God moved in. When the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle, it was an indication that God had placed His stamp of approval on the work.

Chapter Three: Able to go to War

Moses was in the tabernacle when the Lord gave him instructions for taking a census as well as the method he was to use. Men 20 years old and older that were fit to “go to war” were to be included in the count. He was to work cooperatively with Aaron to accomplish the census (Numbers 1). God selected the leaders from each tribe that was to stand with Moses and Aaron (vs. 5-16). Moses and Aaron obeyed and proceeded to complete the census.

The Levites were later counted in chapter four and were given responsibility for the tabernacle and all the vessels. They were responsible to take down the tabernacle when it was time to travel, and set up the tabernacle when it was time to camp. Only Aaron and his sons could touch the sacred vessels. Further, the Levites, including Moses, Aaron, and Aaron’s sons were to encamp around the tabernacle, closer to it than any of the other tribes. (Note: Levite men numbered were between the ages of 30 and 50. Jesus was baptized by John at the age of 30. He is our high priest.)

Order of Encampment

The twelve tribes were to camp around the outer perimeter of the encampment in the manner prescribed by God starting in the east, then the south, then the west, and the north; three tribes camped in each direction, also called division, and each tribe had a captain. There were three tribes in each division, with the standard of the lead tribe being designated the standard for the division. The two other tribes in the division camped under their tribal ensign. (Remember when Jacob gave his blessing to Joseph’s two sons, he placed his right hand on Ephraim’s head, the younger, and placed his left hand on Manasseh’s head, the older, in Genesis 48. Although, Joseph tried to change the position of his father’s hands, Israel refused to allow the move to take place.) In the order prescribed by God, Ephraim and Manasseh replaced Levi and Joseph.

Although we know the twelve tribal names in the wilderness are not the tribal names in Revelation 7:4-8,

And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

There are several reasons we can site from the Scriptures. Levi was designated for service to Aaron and his sons (Numbers 8:19-20), and the entire congregation of Israel, they were taken in place of the firstborn of all of Israel (Numbers 8:16-18). The priesthood was from the tribe of Levi. Levi takes his rightful place while replacing Dan. Joseph takes his rightful place while replacing Ephraim. This is discussed in another book in the Growth and Development Series.

Our High Priest Jesus Christ is a priest of the order of Melchizedek (Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:6, 6:20, 7:17, and 7:20-21). The Levitical priesthood has ceased.

We know that the earthly patterns God showed in the Old Testament are shadows of spiritual realities. As it is in heaven, so let it be in earth (Matthew 6:10; Luke 11:2). The habitation for God was in the center of the camp, with the Levites encamped around it. The array of the encampment prescribed by God was as follows:

The position of those close to the tabernacle was designated by God, to ensure that the people would not suffer the wrath of God, which was protection for the people.

To the East were Moses, Aaron, and Aaron's sons.

To the South were the Kohathites.

To the West were the Gershonites.

To the North were the Meraris.

Aaron and his sons packed and unpacked the holy vessels in the tabernacle. The Kohaths carried these vessels when Israel resumed the journey. The Gershons carried the sanctuary and the Meraris carried the coverings.

God gave very detail instructions in Numbers chapter 2, however, only the placement of the tribes within the camp is noted here, please read the entire chapter.

And on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch throughout their armies: (v.3).

And those that do pitch next unto him shall be the tribe of Issachar: (v.5).

Then the tribe of Zebulun: (v.7).

Eastern Division – Camp of Judah (Numbers 2:3-9) Standard is the Lion

Judah (Lion) – 74,600

186,400 Men

Issachar (Sun & Moon) – 54,400

Zebulun (A Ship) – 57,400

On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben according to their armies: (v.10).

And those which pitch by him shall be the tribe of Simeon: (v.12).

Then the tribe of Gad: (v.14).

Southern Division – Camp of Reuben (Num. 2:10-16) Standard is the face of a Man

Reuben (Man) – 46,500

151,450 Men

Simeon (A City) – 59,300

Gad (A Troop or A Camp) – 45,650

Then the tabernacle of the congregation shall set forward with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camp: as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place by their standards (v.17).

On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim according to their armies: (v.18).

And by him shall be the tribe of Manasseh: (v.20).

Then the tribe of Benjamin: (v.22).

Western Division – Camp of Ephraim (Num. 2:18-24) Standard is the Ox

Ephraim (Ox) – 40,500

108,100 Men

Manasseh (Unicorn) – 32,200
Benjamin (Wolf) – 35,400

*The standard of the camp of Dan shall be on the north side by their armies: (v.25).
And those that encamp by him shall be the tribe of Asher: (v.27).
Then the tribe of Naphtali: (v.29).*

Northern Division (Numbers 2:25-31) Standard is the Eagle

Dan (Eagle) – 62,700
Asher (Olive Tree) – 41,500
Naphtali (Hind) – 53,400
157,600 Men

Order and Guidance

The position of the cloud by day having the appearance of fire during the night, dictated when Israel was to camp and when Israel was to move. Silver trumpets were blown in a way to signal when a designated action was to be taken. When all three trumpets were blown, the people were to assemble at the door of the tabernacle. The congregation would also be gathered with the blowing of the trumpet, and it was not to be an alarm. One trumpet was blown to assemble the leaders of a thousand to come together in front of Moses. When the alarm was blown everyone knew it was time for the camp to move out starting with the eastern division. Thereafter, an alarm signaled for the southern division, then the western division, and finally for the northern division to move out on the journey. (Numbers 10).

Obedience to the Commander-in-Chief

When the Lord told Moses to make war against the Midianites in Numbers 31, verses one and two, He did not specifically give Moses the military strategy concerning the deployment of men to send into battle. Moses knew, from prior instructions, the strategy that would be most effective. Moses told the people to prepare for war against the Midianites, the purpose for the war, and the number of men from each tribe that would go into battle. Moses also sent Phinehas, a priest and the son of Eleazar, with “the holy instruments and the trumpets” (Numbers 31:3-8).

Moses sent one thousand men from each tribe; hence twelve thousand men went to the war against the Midianites. Israel was victorious and divided the spoils.

The strategy to send the priest with “the holy instruments and the trumpet” first, then one thousand men from each tribe was a key maneuver. Do you recall what Jesus said in Matthew 26:53? Take a minute to locate and read this Scripture. Jesus was speaking of the heaven side of the gates or portals. The strategy used by Moses was representation of the manner and method of war God taught Israel after they left Egypt (the earth side of the gates or portals). You can also read more about this in chapter on Government Strategy. Further, the encampment model is a representation of the daily way of life appropriate for living in a foreign land; the tabernacle, the habitation of God, in the center of the encampment. God must be the center of our life, and we must rest in the knowledge that His plan must have preeminence. Read Hebrews chapter 11 and meditate on verses 13-16. Read John 17:15-17.

When these Scriptures are read together, we can see

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Chapter Four: The Battles in the Wilderness

When Israel first came out of the bondage of Egypt, God led them on a longer route that would bypass the land of the Philistines, and that would position them with the Red sea at their back (Exodus 13:18-14:1). There were two reasons, both strategic, for the direction He took. First, God knew their hearts and knew if there was war with the Philistines; the people would want to return to Egypt. Second, God hardened Pharaoh's heart and positioned the Israelites such that Pharaoh would see, what he thought was an advantage, and attack God's people. God would protect His people while He finalized the downfall of Pharaoh (Exodus 14:1-31).

The first battle is significant because it gives a picture of taking a 'position of standing' against an enemy force, and how the battle was won through maintaining that standing position. Let me explain. The Amalekites, descendants of Esau's son Eliphaz, whose son was named Amalek (Genesis 36:12); were well aware of Israel's recent release from bondage. Yet they sought to attack Israel from the rear and kill them while they were in a weakened state (Deuteronomy 25:17-18). Moses stepped up in the capacity of general and ordered Joshua to choose men and go out to fight with Amalek while he (Moses would stand on a hill with the rod of God) (Exodus 17:9).

Joshua obeyed Moses. Moses took Aaron and Hur and stood with his arm stretched out with the rod of God in his hand. As long as Moses held the rod up, Israel prevailed. When his arm weakened, Amalek prevailed. What happened? When Aaron and Hur stood with Moses, gave him a rock to sit on, and held up his hand, Israel, with Joshua leading them, were able to defeat Amalek (vs. 10-15). Read Ecclesiastes 4:12.

The last war in which Moses would serve as general took place just before Israel was to enter the Promised Land. That war was fought with the descendents of Midian, the Midianites (Numbers 31:1-2). Midian, which means strife, was Abraham's son by Keturah (Genesis 25:1-2). God commanded Moses to avenge Israel and Moses commanded the people to get prepared for war. There was to be one thousand from each of the tribes of Israel armed for war. Moses sent the priest, Phinehas with the "holy instruments

and the trumpet to blow in his hand” (Numbers 31:3-6). It is important that you read, study, and meditate on these Scriptures in Numbers 31. It is a long chapter but it will help you understand the importance of obeying God, fully, in all matters. Every male and every female that had given birth to a child was killed. Only female virgins were allowed to live. Everyone that fought in the battle had to be cleansed, body and clothes, according to the law. The spoils were appropriately divided.

The value of these battles to New Testament Believers is to open the eyes of our understanding to spiritual warfare God’s way. Remember, *The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men* (Psalm 115:16). We stand on the earth side of the war, in the whole armor of God, in full battle array, as directed by the Lord. The heaven side of the war belongs to the Lord and will be fought according to His strategy for ‘this time’, or better stated, ‘for the time and the situation at hand’. (What is needed today versus what was used six months ago? Perhaps the enemy has a change in strategy.) We are guided, directed, and protected by the Lord that “His kingdom come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10). We must follow Him!

The word stand in the Greek (G2476) is *histēmi*, pronounced *hē'-stā-mē*, which means, to cause or make to stand, to place, put, set and to stand. Let’s examine each of these definitions for clarity and their relationship to Paul’s use of the Roman Soldier as an example. Remember Roman was occupying most of the territories that Paul visited on what we call his “Missionary Journeys”. He had seen these soldiers, everywhere, and now he was viewing them guarding him while in jail. (Note: When you receive a revelation from God, one of the challenges you face is communicating the revelation to the people that need it.) Paul already knew that many of the people had zeal, yet some were not mature. He knew he was getting ready to leave this earthly realm and was charged with getting the information out to the people. He had to fulfill his charge and leave the rest to Holy Spirit. The Roman Soldier, before his eyes, that he had seen many, many times before, and that the people could see, was the best visual object by which he could

use to “enlarge their understanding”. Yet we have still missed it! The Roman Soldier Paul saw, guarding him was not fighting in a war, at the time he was guarding the prison or patrolling the city. No! He was or they were deployed to enforce the authority of Rome. The soldiers were following orders to maintain the presence and the authority of Rome wherever they ‘stood’.

- to cause or make to stand, to place, put, set
 - to bid to stand by, [set up]
 - in the presence of others, in the midst, before judges, before members of the Sanhedrin; to place
 - to make firm, fix establish
 - to cause a person or a thing to keep his or its place
 - to stand, be kept intact (of family, a kingdom), to escape in safety
 - to establish a thing, cause it to stand
 - to uphold or sustain the authority or force of anything
- to stand
 - to stand by or near
 - to stop, stand still, to stand immovable, stand firm
 - of the foundation of a building
 - to stand
 - continue safe and sound, stand unharmed, to stand ready or prepared
 - to be of a steadfast mind
 - of quality, one who does not hesitate, does not waiver

It is important that we know the definition of words in order to properly apply their meaning to what we are told to do, to accomplish, or to be able to simply do our part. What we find in this word *histēmi*, to stand, can become part of our growth into that mature soldier. What we can make use of

in the first definition, ‘to cause or make to stand, to place, put, set’, is practicing the art of standing in day to day situations, in school, in the community, in the family, and in integrity challenging situations. You will go from a ‘bid to stand’ to ‘standing firm’. The implication here is that of a growth processes. (At least that is my view of what I am reading and what I have experienced).

When we come to the next definition, observe a key visual point.

Paul said in Ephesians 6:13-14a,

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore,

Under ‘to stand’, we have, ‘to stand by or near’ and ‘to stand’. When we read the definitions in the context of what Paul is saying, there is evidence of maturity in that ‘standing still’, ‘standing immoveable’, and ‘standing firm’ come at a price; which brings to mind I Corinthians 15:58,

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord

There is further indication of fearlessness in the face of adversity, with full confidence in the One in Whom we have believed, the One Who has ‘all power in heaven and in earth’ (Matthew 28:18). Also think about what was said about Abraham in Romans 4:20-22,

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

It is therefore our responsibility to know and fully understand the role of the Believer in spiritual warfare. Recognizing that the necessary maturing has taken place in each individual; renewing the mind by the word of God, pulling down strongholds in the soul, and submitting to the authority of Jesus Christ, to name a few. Please secure your place of growth and your confidence in the Lord as you stand. Also keep in mind examples of standing and receiving directions from God by Moses, Elisha, David, Jesus, and Paul.

Chapter Five: Government Strategy

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel. Isaiah 9:6-8

Government, *misrah* in Hebrew, is rule, dominion, government; *kyriotes* in Greek is dominion, power, and lordship. God's desire to dwell among His people is His eternal plan. God is awesome and to be feared (Psalm 89:7), and has such love for His people (John 3:16). In order to dwell among His people, God needed a people, a called out group of people. Hence, God called Abram out from his people (Genesis 12) and eventually gave him the name, Abraham, which means, "father of a multitude" or "chief of multitude" (Genesis 17:5). Then from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel, God was raising up and growing a people into a nation.

God allowed Israel to remain in bondage for 400 years to grow in numbers and become a nation (Genesis 46:3-4), which is also consistent with His charge to Adam and Eve (Genesis 1:28). The Egyptians saw the threat and placed the Israelites in severe servitude (Exodus 1:8-14). But, when the full amount of time was accomplished, and Israel cried out to God, and the deliverer (Moses) had sufficiently matured to be able to walk into his purpose, God sent him to deliver His people out of bondage (Exodus 3-5). (No one fully matures in all areas before God begins using us for His perfect, eternal plan. We continue to be a work in progress, like Moses.)

Once His people were delivered from bondage, God gave Moses very detailed, precise instructions concerning how the people should live, interact with each other, as well as interact

with His habitation. God is holy and all people are sinful, therefore, ceremonial washing and sanctification was required to approach His habitation (Exodus 40:31-34; Leviticus 8:6).

It is an appropriate point to look back and examine some facts about Jacob (Israel) and his sons. He had twelve sons by four different wives.

Leah had six sons: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun.

Rachael had two sons: Joseph and Benjamin.

Bilhah and Zilpah (Leah's and Rachael's handmaids) had four sons: Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

The number twelve "denotes governmental perfection. It is the number or factor of all numbers connected with government: whether by Tribes or Apostles or in measurement of time, or in things which have to do with government in the heavens and the earth (CB, p.14)".

Abraham had one son, Isaac, the son of promise. Yes, he had other children, one before Isaac and several after Isaac, but only one son of promise, with the wife of his youth, Sarah (Genesis 15:4; Genesis 21:1-3). Isaac had two sons, Esau and Jacob. Jacob, the younger son, stole the blessing, albeit, he was the called and chosen son (Genesis 32:13-15). That being said, Jacob's method of securing the birthright cost him dearly, all of his life.

When Jacob ran away from Esau's wrath, he spent the night at Bethel and had a dream in which God confirmed to him the covenant that He had made with Abraham and Isaac. God further gave Jacob the assurance that he was the carrier of the seed and the covenant (Genesis 28:10-17). Jacob continued from Bethel to the home of his mother's brother, Laban. After years of working for his uncle; Jacob left Laban, accompanied by his wives and eleven sons. The night before he was to meet his brother Esau, Jacob wrestled with God and his name was changed to Israel (Genesis 32:22-32). (Note: one denotes unity and commencement; two denotes difference, hence agreement between two is conclusive; and twelve is governmental perfection. This is another example of God's strategic actions and messages.)

Let's take a moment to review a note about Jacob's dream at Bethel. In Genesis 18, Jacob dreamed about an opening in heaven with a ladder between the earth and heaven, and angels were ascending and descending through the opening. The Book of Enoch gives such openings the name, "portals". A portal is a door, gate, or entrance. In fact, Enoch identified twelve openings as being twelve portals to the heavens (p.102). It is not a coincidence that the number of sons born to Jacob is twelve, the number of portals to the heavens is twelve, governmental perfection number is twelve, and the order of encampment around the tabernacle specified by God is twelve. There are twelve tribes of Israel, even with the replacement of the name of Joseph and the tribe of Levi in the ranks. We are still looking at strategy here. ("I'm just encouraging you to use your God given gift of the ability to think", so think about it!)

There is another statement to consider with regard to the number twelve. Jesus said in Matthew 26:53,

Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

Many people preach and teach that Jesus implied He could ask for one legion of angels for each of the eleven remaining disciples and Himself. In the context in which Jesus was speaking, that is a reasonable assumption. It could also be that the portals in the heavens allow access to the earth and one legion of angels on each of the twelve portals would hinder the operation of evil from gaining the uncontested level of access they needed to the earth. Therefore the evil intentions of those plotting His death would have been destroyed. But Jesus was obedient to the Father and was determined to go to the cross. So, the mighty angels were ordered to "stand down" that Jesus would fulfill the work for which the Father sent Him into time and His season in the earth.

According to Strong, “a legion, a body of soldiers whose number differed at different times, and in the time of Augustus seems to have consisted of 6826 men (i.e. 6100 foot soldiers, and 726 horsemen)”. We can agree that number is a large army of angels that could offer substantial resistance to the enemy and would, mostly likely, have been undefeatable.

The number twelve and the order in which the tribes camped around the Levites and the order of the Levites encamped around the tabernacle are worthy of further examination in the next chapter. The Levites were divided into three groups with Moses, Aaron, and his sons making up the fourth group.

Chapter Six: The Encampment, Compass, and Time

The word encampment is used to describe how Israel was positioned when the group was at rest. It is also used when describing where a military camp is set up (Dictionary.com).

Compass

The compass, as used in this book is, “the enclosing or limits of any area; perimeter” (Dictionary). We need to think in terms of jurisdictions, boundaries, perimeters, and territories. God specified the areas around the tabernacle and who would occupy them. (Prayerfully read Ezekiel 1:15-21 and know that the ability to describe a thing is commensurate with the level of revelation, knowledge, and understanding of a thing. Ezekiel did not address spokes of the wheel, which were prominent in his day. He said, *and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel* (v. 16). The face of a compass is round, like a wheel, and within the compass, every geometric object can be shown. Further, this would be a visual of Psalms 24:1 and Habakkuk 2:14. My purpose is to highlight strategies, warfare, and radical praying; and placing a “prayer covering” over this earth.)

Time

Then time, 24 hours of the day, requires two rotations around the clock. Yet if we superimpose time, in degrees on the compass, 24 hours can be achieved in a single rotation. Think about it!

God set the Levites immediately close to the tabernacle and assigned the tribes specific areas on the perimeter. There is no explanation given for the placements except the Levites were assigned specific locations.

The encampment area assignment began with Judah in the East, toward the rising sun. Judah means “praise” and Jesus was born into the tribe of Judah; the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

When the time came to move the camp, Judah was first to move out after the sound of the trumpet. Praise goes forth first.

I am amazed at how I view the moving of the camp today contrasted with how I visualized what I was reading years ago. I was visualizing a “single file” march while journeying and the broad encampment when they stopped and set up camp. No! They maintained their logical position as related to the tabernacle components even while journeying. It was a broad and expansive deployment of people. (Another commentary note: The keepers of the animals, the animals, and non-Israelites were outside the camp and most likely traveled behind the congregation of Israelites.) No doubt it was fearsome looking to observers in the area, albeit the acts of God for Israel were known throughout the land (Joshua 2:5-11). Balaam expressed what Balak had seen, *Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: come now, curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out* (Numbers 22:11).

Can you see the strategy for both the encampment and journeying formation maintaining the same positions in relation to the 24 hours in the day? Some Scriptures that emerge as we view the encampment and journeying formations:

I Thessalonians 5:11-13

*Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. **And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.***

Ecclesiastics 4:11-13

*Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and **a threefold cord is not quickly broken.** Better is a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king, who will no more be admonished.*

Hebrews 13:16-18

*But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. **Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.** Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.*

Israel was in the wilderness where the advantage of walls and gates being in place, did not exist, like many of the cities, during that time. So God gave them strategy for a city, a city that could be mobilized at a moment's notice, at the sound of the trumpet. They had the direction, guidance, protection, and light from God, day and night.

And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people (Exodus 13:21-22).

Israel also had protection from inadvertently getting too close to God's habitation among His people. Moses, Aaron, his sons, and the Levites were placed between God and His people.

When the tabernacle is to go forward, the Levites shall take it down, and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up. And the excluded [any not of the tribe of Levi] who approach the tabernacle shall be put to death (Numbers 1:51).

But those to encamp before the tabernacle toward the east, before the Tent of Meeting, toward the sunrise, were to be Moses and Aaron and his sons, keeping the full charge of the rites of the sanctuary in whatever was required for the Israelites; and the excluded [one not a descendant of Aaron and called of God] who came near [the sanctuary] was to be put to death (Numbers 3:38 AMP).

The order of encampment further gave God's people access with the blowing of the trumpet.

Everyone was made aware of the specific meaning of each blast (Numbers 10:2-4).

The time in the wilderness, with the order and structure of each instruction, was part of the preparation of God's people. They had left the "world" with its form of governments and needed to be taught God's order of government. It should have been easy, but we know from

reading the Bible, it was not easy for most of the people. Forty years in the wilderness did not change the order of things for God. His plan continues to be executed, in spite of the disobedience and rebellion of the people. Not one of the rebellious was allowed to enter the promise land (Numbers 14:28-35). We should understand by now, that we can either do things God's way or He will use someone else, His will must be done in earth as it is in heaven. We are instructed to pray *Thy kingdom come, **Thy will be done** in earth, as it is in heaven* (Matthew 6:10; Luke 11:2).

When we fast forward to Israel preparing to cross the Jordan, Joshua sent spies into Jericho to gain information about the city, its walls, and its gates, placement of its watchmen, its supplies, and its people. That is clearly what Joshua; the newly appointed leader determined needed to happen, from a strategic planning perspective. It was, in fact, God's plan to save a people, Rahab and her family (Joshua 2:12-19). We do however gain additional insight into spiritual warfare with terms like city, wall, gate, land, and "spy secretly" (Joshua 2). God's plan was always to use the "wall falling down" strategy, in Joshua chapter 6, to destroy Jericho.

Let us fast forward again, this time to Nehemiah. Of all the books in the Bible, this is one of worship, seeking God for direction, strategic warfare, governmental leadership, team building, and if you continued to read Nehemiah; you will find even more strategies useful to accomplish the call God has placed on your life. Look at Nehemiah's inquiry, action, and favor with God and man.

After four hundred and ninety years of disobeying God concerning Jubilee, spending seventy years in captivity, and being released from captivity, Israel returned to Jerusalem. God had used Cyrus to release the people. Cyrus, a heathen king, was raised up and used by God to make favorable decisions for His people (Ezra 1). Three years later the remnant returned to

Jerusalem, but they had not been able to rebuild its walls and its gates. (Please remember that the books of Ezra and Nehemiah were at one time a single book. A good chronological Bible will be most useful to gain an overall perspective of what is taking place during the time; pre and post captivity periods.) The most relevant part of Nehemiah, for this book, is the strategic “standing” warfare that is presented in very clear examples.

We know that worship was restored and the work was begun to rebuild the temple, although it would not have the splendor of Solomon’s Temple (Ezra 3). There was opposition that came in the form of “let us help”, yet after refusing the help, the enemy used other methods to interfere with the work (Ezra 4:1-5). That is certainly an age old strategy that we have weapons to war against.

The remnant that returned to Jerusalem from captivity and others that had remained in the land during captivity were under constant attack while trying to do the work of rebuilding. The walls were still in disrepair and the gates were not functional. The people were released from captivity with Zerubbabel in 536 B.C. It was 445 B.C. when Nehemiah inquired of Hanani concerning the people, the work, and Jerusalem (Nehemiah 1:1-3). Hanani’s report was quite depressing for Nehemiah, but he did not stop there; he prayed, fasted, and sought God for directions (vs. 4-11).

God gave Nehemiah favor with Artaxerxes, the king, who released Nehemiah to return to Jerusalem with authorization letters and an escort (2:7-9). The first thing Nehemiah did when he arrived in Jerusalem was to assess the situation, the condition of Jerusalem, walls and gates, for himself. Then he revealed to the leaders and the people the purpose for which God had sent him.

A remnant is just a remnant until God uses them to change their local jurisdiction, county, state, nation, and the world. He always gives the remnant a leader and strategies.

Nehemiah is an excellent example of God's way of doing things. We know the opposition was great, continuously; so let's glean strategic warfare from Nehemiah's leadership.

Work together – “Let us build up the walls of Jerusalem” (2:17)

– “know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;” (I Thessalonians 5:12)

Take responsibility for repairing the wall and gate in the territory for which you are responsible (Nehemiah 3).

Take care to guard that for which you are responsible (Nehemiah 4).

Work, watch, and pray without ceasing (Nehemiah 4:16-18; I Thessalonians 5:17).

Clearly, these strategies enabled Nehemiah and the people (remnant) to complete the work, rededicate themselves to God, and dedicate the wall of Jerusalem. There is considerably more that you can glean from the book of Nehemiah, but for now, we will move on to further search the Scriptures.

Chapter Seven: Search the Scriptures

There is a level of confusion in the Body of Christ, the Church, and the god of this world is adding to that confusion on a daily bases. Let me explain. There was a specific word I received from the Lord concerning a Presidential election. I heard God clearly, in 2008, and then again in October, 2012, yet I heard a prominent leader in the Church, on television, say something different. I said, “Lord, what is going on? Did I hear You?” The Lord said, “Yes you heard Me.” Then I said, “How can we hear so differently?” The Lord said, “There are many voices in the earth.” My response was, “Lord, I only want to hear from You!”

Now I realize some will say “you may not be hearing from the Lord.” Well, that position can be taken and I respect your right to take that position. So, let me explain further. The Bible says in Ezekiel 33:33, *And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.* What the Lord told me on election night in 2008 was, “President Obama will have a second term”. Yes, I told others and I received confirmation from those that had received the same word from the Lord. Whatever the Lord says will come to pass, always!

It is very important to hear what the Lord is saying before forming an opinion; this is especially true for those in leadership positions. Leaders, like teachers are held to a higher standard of accountability to the Lord because of the souls that may be negatively influenced or caused to error. So we all need to take care in these days.

This chapter, Search the Scriptures, is appropriately named because that is what we will do together. I have already gone through the process but I will walk through it again with you. In fact, we should search the Scriptures daily (Acts 17:11). I recommend that you pray and ask

Holy Spirit to open your eyes and enlarge your understanding of the Scriptures you are about to read, and direct you to other Scriptures He want to place before you.

Jesus in the Tribal Standard (Isaiah 59:19)

There are Scriptures that can help us better understand the scope of this book. Matthew 6:10; Luke 11:2; Numbers 2; Ezekiel 1; Ezekiel 10; Revelation 4; Matthew; Mark; Luke; John. Jesus is revealed in Matthew, as King (Lion); in Mark, as the Son of Man, Humanity (Man); in Luke, as a Servant (Ox); and in John, as the Son of God (Eagle). It is the emblem for each book that is significant. You will find that these emblems are revealed as symbols in Ezekiel chapter 1, chapter 10, and Revelation 4. Israel understood because the knowledge of the tribal array in the wilderness had been passed down through the generations and recorded in the Torah.

Can you see the unity, oneness, being described in Ezekiel 1:15-21? Just meditate on these Scriptures for a time and you will find that these living creatures moved as one. Yes, there is more to the symbolism. We know that in Ezekiel chapter 10 the glory departed from the temple. Our focus has been on the meaning of the colors and the symbolisms. I ask that you simplify your thinking. God said,

Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth (Genesis 1:26).

God is One, the living creatures are one. We must be one, a united body of Believers, matured (perfected), moving as one, walking in the Spirit (Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:16, 25, manifesting the kingdom of God (Romans 8:19; I John 3:2).

Terms applicable to God's Way

Array is a show of forces as one.

Obedience is God's way for us.

Victory: God's way of delivering us.

Standing: God's way for us to war.

Abraham's example: Genesis 15:15-16 (1882 BC)

Deuteronomy 28:50 (1423 BC)

Daniel 8:16-23 (548 BC)

The thing you are praying for, using Scripture to stand on, may or may not be in God's timing or season for you. You must seek Him for the timing, "the fullness of time"..

David's example: Sought the Lord for strategy. (Chapter Ten)

Absalom to David: That which is most dear can be a snare, an impediment, and even an entanglement. (II Samuel 13, 14, and 15).

Jehoshaphat's example: Called for the people to fast, pray, and he sought the Lord. (Chapter Ten)

The spiritual value of obedience: (Exodus 23:20-23).

God is speaking through His Son today: (Hebrews 2:1-4).

He is Lord Sabaoth; Lord of the host: (Romans 9:28-29).

Spiritual atmosphere: When you take matters into your own hands, you exclude God, basically pushing Him out of the way. Wait for His instructions.

Old Testament:

Moses: Use what is in your hand (Exodus 4:2; Exodus 14:15-16).

David: When you hear the sound of a going ... (II Samuel 5:24).

Pursue, you will surely overtake (I Samuel 30:8).

Special Note:

Denominationalism even Non-denominationalism is not "unity of the faith" (Ephesians 4:13). God has permitted "the doctrine of men" in these areas. However, we must come to a place where the "doctrine of men" does not usurp the word of God. When you know the word of God and have a true relationship with Him, you will know the mind of God. If you are saved, you have the 'mind of Christ' (I Corinthians 2:16). We must let the "word of Christ dwell in us richly in all wisdom ..." (Colossians 3:16). Seek the Lord continually and know truth.

Chapter Eight: Scriptures to Read and Meditate (Boot Camp)

Read each verse, and then read the entire chapter.

Watchmen, we will not have casualties because of faulty training and presumptions. God is holy and that will never change. We have access to God because of the finished work of Christ. It is time to go on to maturity, enduring hardships like good soldiers, and completing the work according to the Bible. We will not be “tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine” (Ephesians 4:14). We are no longer in bondage to sin, to the world, and to our flesh. So what do we do if there is still a struggle in any of these areas?

Let me suggest that Jesus is our “city of refuge”.

And ye shall take no satisfaction for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest (Numbers 35:32).

He is our High Priest and He lives (II Corinthians 13:4). Read Numbers chapter 35.

Some seem to want to plan their sin and get away with it. No! God forbid. We want to live and move and have our being in Christ (Acts 17:28). As such, Romans 8:1-3 is our mainstay;

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Jesus said, in John 14:30, *Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.* When we remain in Him, the prince of this world can have nothing in us. Further, we will not be deceived by the philosophy that “you can do whatever you want to do, when you want to do it, and believe you are ok; just repent and all is well. Yes, I John 1:9 says, *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* This Scripture does not give us a “sin credit card” that we can swipe

before God and the balance owed becomes zero. What Jesus did for us on the cross is greater than that. Rather, this Scripture points back to our “City of Refuge”, Jesus.

Jude 20-21

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Hebrews 13:8-9

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

I Samuel 16:7

*But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: **for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.***

Romans 3:30-31

Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

Romans 6:14-16

For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Romans 9:13-15

As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. 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.

I Corinthians 6:14-16

And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of

Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? Know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? For two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

John 8:35-37

And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

Why is it recommended that you read and meditate on these Scriptures? It is important that we are all on one accord. What we believe about sin, our freedom in Christ, and our commitment to *pray without ceasing* (I Thessalonians 5:17) is foundational to unity being successful. Further, the inability to think like a soldier will hinder you and those with you. Locate and read Scriptures concerning soldiers, warfare, and submission to authority.

Chapter Nine: The Call to Standing Readiness

I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. Isaiah 62:6-7

The heavenly Jerusalem has twelve gates.

And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates (Revelation 21:10-13).

The twelve tribes of Israel were designated, by God, specific locations in the camp, the specific standard for the division, and the specific order and position each division was to be in when moving out from the camp, and while journeying. Further, Israel, like the gates of the heavenly Jerusalem had three tribes on the east; three tribes on the south; three tribes on the west; and three tribes on the north (Numbers 2:1-32). The standards of: Judah, East - Lion; Reuben, South - Man; Ephraim, West - Ox; and Dan, North - Eagle; are the symbols associated with Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

It is undeniable that God gave Moses the pattern for the tabernacle, His habitation, from which Moses was not to deviate. I submit that the way to the tabernacle was also patterned and that pattern was carried forward to the earthly Jerusalem. Within the tabernacle, the placement of the furniture is in the shape of the cross, and further, there can be seen the form of a man. Jesus in His Church; He is building His tabernacle in the earth and it will be "One Man" (Acts 17:28; I Corinthians 15:45). Ecclesiastes chapter 4 verse 12 gives rationale for three standing together. *And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*

Bringing the Strategies Together

Set watchmen on the East, South, West, and North.

Work together – “Let us build up the walls” (2:17)

– “know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;” (I Thessalonians 5:12)

Take responsibility for repairing the wall and gate in the territory for which you are responsible (Nehemiah 3).

Take care to guard that for which you are responsible (Nehemiah 4).

Work, watch, and pray without ceasing (Nehemiah 4:16-18; I Thessalonians 5:17).

Complete the work.

Set watchmen upon the wall (Isaiah 62:6).

A threefold cord is not quickly broken (Ecclesiastes 4:12).

A captain for each division (3; 12)

A porter and two watchmen on each hour (3; 72) ***

Order and Structure of Deployment

East 3:00 AM to 9:00 AM (Praise, laboring, and outreach)

Captain 3:00 am to 5:00

3:00 to 4:00

4:00 to 5:00

Captain 5:00 to 7:00

5:00 to 6:00

6:00 to 7:00

Captain 7:00 to 9:00

7:00 to 8:00

8:00 to 9:00

South 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Pure, focused, single minded, careful, overcoming, seated among heads, executing justice)

Captain 9:00 to 11:00

9:00 to 10:00
10:00 to 11:00

Captain 11:00 to 1:00

11:00 to 12:00
12:00 to 1:00

Captain 1:00 to 3:00

1:00 to 2:00
2:00 to 3:00

Place of the Tabernacle (Priestly teaching/equipping) Prayer focus (James 5:10) Praying in the Spirit (Jude 20)

West 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM (Double fruitfulness, comfort, power, and influence)

Captain 3:00 to 5:00

3:00 to 4:00
4:00 to 5:00

Captain 5:00 to 7:00

5:00 to 6:00
6:00 to 7:00

Captain 7:00 to 9:00

7:00 to 8:00
8:00 to 9:00

North 9:00 PM to 3:00 AM (Wrestling, warfare, and prevailing)

Captain 9:00 to 11:00

9:00 to 10:00
10:00 to 11:00

Captain 11:00 to 1:00

11:00 to 12:00 am

12:00 to 1:00

Captain 1:00 to 3:00

1:00 to 2:00

2:00 to 3:00

*** Three watchmen on each hour is a minimum number. Jesus said *could ye not watch with me one hour?* (Matthew 26:40; Mark 14:37). The strategic model is to have prayer offered one hour, every hour of the day and night for the length of the campaign. That is very important. We know that in doing so, the warfare in the spirit realm is being accomplished by God's angels against the evil followers of Satan and demons in the earth. We do not stand down until told to do so by the authority in place.

When watchmen are added to an hour, it should be done in increments of three, one porter and two watchmen. Do not alter the conditions of the strategic model. A novice must be assigned to a seasoned watchman. Porters are responsible for knowing the watchmen assigned to him/her and that they are on their assigned hour (I Thessalonians 5:12).

What is the Strategic Benefit of the Strategic Model?

The strategic model enables unity in prayer across territorial boundaries while specifically praying within the jurisdiction to which you are assigned. Coming together as one, one Body, and one mind to get the work done. Note that three tribes settled on the east side of the Jordan; Reuben, Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh but they willingly crossed the Jordan to fight in battle with Israel until their inheritance on the west side of the Jordan was accomplished (Numbers 32:16-23). It's not about you; it's about Jesus and the kingdom of God. We must cease complacency, controversy, and contrariness. This is what God told Moses to tell Israel.

And the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye are passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan; Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places: And ye shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it. And ye shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families: and to the more ye shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall give the less inheritance: every man's inheritance shall be in the place where his lot falleth; according to the tribes of your fathers ye shall inherit. But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell. Moreover it shall come to pass, that I shall do unto you, as I thought to do unto them.

This is the example Jesus used in Luke 19:12-14,

He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.

Implementing the Model

The strategy should be embraced by the set man (male or female) who must take ownership because the assigned jurisdiction is the responsibility of the set man (Numbers 27:16). Watchmen are deployed, sent, by the set man and the presbytery (Titus 1:5; Acts 14:23; I Corinthians 12:28). Remember, this is a military campaign and as such you cannot break rank; no one can break rank. If you are reading this book and believe you are part of the remnant (Nehemiah), you must do two things; first, pray and seek God for guidance. Second, take this book to the set man. (God will direct you.)

Apostolic relationships will work well and is God's strategy. He assigned tribes to function together to secure the perimeter. God knew the combined effort of Israel was needed to invade and occupy the land. The lone straggler is always an easy target for the enemy; therefore you must be part of a body of Believers engaged in praying, watching, and standing. Contact

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Dismantling Prayer Idols

We have thoughts, ideas, even visions of what it means to pray and even our posture during prayer; from kneeling, lying prostrate, and the need to be in a special place, a prayer room. The Bible says, *Pray without ceasing* (I Thessalonians 5:17). Prayer cannot become an idol; rather prayer is a “conscious act” of obedience to God, desiring to communicate with God, and is necessary for our relationship with Him. There is a time and a place for each type of prayer; we will engage in watching and praying and as such requires strategies, an army of watchmen that are focused, alert and observant, and determined to achieve the goal of the campaign with the help of God’s heavenly angelic warriors.

Read Judges Chapter 6. Notice what ten men did during the night, in obedience to the Lord’s command, albeit, fear stopped them from accomplishing the work during the day (v. 27). Then read Judges Chapter 7. You will find that only the men who cupped the water in their hand and brought the water to their mouth were selected by the Lord to go with Gideon on the campaign against the Midianites (v.6-7). A sign of being alert at all times. The men that knelt down to drink were sent home. God can do much through a few alert, obedient, and fearless people.

Chapter Ten: Examples from the Scriptures

When the Church, is standing in the delegated spiritual authority of Jesus Christ, to Whom “all power has been given in heaven and in earth” (Matthew 28:18), the full force of the heavens is released against the enemy and will accomplish what God has determined is needed and will be manifested in time. The Church has to “humble itself and pray, and seek God’s face, and turn from our own ways, then He will hear us, forgive our sins, and heal our land” (II Chronicles 7:14).

We, the Church, do not seem to realize that when we want our ways to prevail, and then pray for God’s help, our ways are wicked, and are not God’s ways (Isaiah 55:8). Remember, “Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10). It is the will of God we must seek Him. That is the way to humble self. Mankind is a proud species. We must not make elaborate plans and ask God to bless our plans. It is the will of God that must be done in the earth; His word is settled in heaven (Psalm 119:89). His word is His will and He will hasten His word to perform it (Jeremiah 1:12).

We know that every word that has come from God will accomplish His will (Isaiah 55:11). We also know that He knows the time and the season for everything that has to be accomplished (Isaiah 46:10; Ecclesiastes 3:17). Therefore, it certainly makes sense to rest in Him, seek Him, and find out from Him what we should or should not do at a point in time.

There are four situations involving Old Testament persons that convey the importance that the will of God be done in the earth; working through the people in the earth.

David Defeats the Philistines

When David was anointed king over Israel, the Philistines knew that both Judah and Israel were then under the leadership of David. When they decided to war against David, he

turned to the place most familiar to him, “the hold”, his stronghold that he frequented during his conflict with Saul. The Philistines lined up in full force against David in the valley of Rephaim. David’s relationship with the Lord was such that his first thought was toward knowing what the Lord wanted him to do. So David asked the Lord if he should go out against the Philistines. The Lord responded with 1) what David was to do (“go up”) and 2) what He was going to do (“I will doubtless deliver the Philistine into your hand” II Samuel 5:17-19). David successfully defeated the Philistines and burned their idols (vs. 20-12).

The Philistines came back again and formed the same array in the same valley. Now, this is very important! David could have tried to take the successful strategy, from the recent past that the Lord had given him, and use it against the Philistine. But he did not make that assumption, which would have been a mistake. David again, asked the Lord what he should do. Again the Lord responded with 1) what David should do (“do not go up, but rather circle around behind them at the mulberry trees”), and 2) “when you hear a certain sound in the top of the mulberry trees, then be decisive in your actions (II Samuel 5:22-24a) and 3) what He was going to do (He was going before David to strike down the Philistines vs. 24b). David obeyed the Lord and was successful for the second time (v. 25). The Lord’s will and the Lord’s strategy brought success to David and his men through David’s obedience.

David, as the leader, provides us with examples of the leader seeking the Lord for guidance and direction for the people. He was strengthened and the people were strengthened.

New Testament Scriptures that we should keep in mind are:

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you (Matthew 6:33).

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; (II Corinthians 10:3-4).

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might (Ephesians 6:10).

Moab, Ammon attack Jehoshaphat

While this multitude of enemies was in route to attack Jehoshaphat and his people Judah, Jehoshaphat called for a fast as soon as he received the message. He was afraid and was equally determined to seek the Lord. II Chronicles 20:4-13 gives us the cry from the leader (Jehoshaphat) and the actions of the people,

And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD. And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee? Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend forever? And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying, If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help. And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not; Behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit. O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee. And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

Jehoshaphat and the people humbled themselves and asked for the Lord's help. He reminded the Lord of who they knew Him to be and their faith in Him being so great that they knew there was no power greater than Him. Jehoshaphat reminded the Lord of their history with Him and the building of a sanctuary for Him. Verse 9 is from the prayer that Solomon prayed before the Lord. Verse 10 is a reminder of what took place when Israel first came out of bondage (Deuteronomy 2:8--11). Israel, under the leadership of Moses, obeyed God.

Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel who spoke the word of the Lord to everyone gathered there with comfort to their hearts; Judah, inhabitants of Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat, saying: 1) ‘do not be afraid of the great multitude that is coming against you’, 2) ‘you will not have to fight this battle’, and 3) ‘this battle belongs to God’. The specific instructions to the people were, a) ‘tomorrow you will go down to the end of the brook before the wilderness of Jeruel’, b) ‘you will not need to fight, get prepared, standstill, and watch the Lord fight for you’; and c) ‘do not be afraid, do not be dismayed, go out tomorrow, the Lord is with you’ (II Chronicles 20:14-18).

The leader and all the people humbled themselves and worshipped the Lord. All of the people went forth in obedience, praising the Lord every step of the way. The Lord turned the enemies of His people against themselves. When Judah arrived at the battlefield the enemies were dead. It took three days to gather all the spoils (II Chronicles 20:20-27).

Jehoshaphat, the leader, called for corporate prayer along with fasting and seeking the Lord for guidance and direction. They came together in unity. New Testament Scriptures that we should keep in mind are:

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10).

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you (Matthew 6:33).

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you (Hebrews 13:17).

Pray without ceasing (I Thessalonians 5:17).

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, (Jude 20)

The Syrian Army Surrounds Samaria

The Syrian Army besieged Samaria during a severe famine in the land. Elisha prophesied that “by tomorrow fine flour and barley would be sold at the gate for “a price”. This made no sense to the king’s advisor and he made an unwise statement. Elisha’s response was basically, “it will happen, you will get to see it, but you will not have any part in it” (II Kings 7:1-2).

At the same time there were four lepers (men) at the gate of Samaria. They had been affected by the famine and knew they were not supposed to be near other people. They talked among themselves while assessing their situation. They determined that if they went through the gates, into the city, they would most certainly die. If they went out to the Syrian Army, they might get provisions or they might be killed. They chose to go out to the place where the Syrian Army was camped and if they were killed, they were going to die anyway. As it turns out, God had orchestrated a retreat of the Syrian Army by sending the sound of many chariots. The lepers were able to get food and spoils from the camp. They also decided to tell the people in Samaria about their good tidings (II Kings 7:3-10).

The king’s porters were quite happy to tell the king about the news conveyed to them by the lepers. The king was suspicious and devised a strategy to confirm that the Syrian Army was actually gone. The spies found that the Syrian Army had left everything, including the clothes from their back as they were fleeing. The people then went out to partake of the spoils. The king’s advisor who had made the unwise statement was trampled by the people rushing from the city to get their part of the spoils (II Kings 7:11-20).

What is the significance of this example? Elisha, the prophet, heard the word from God; spoke to the people the will of God, and gave a specific date that His will would be accomplished. The king’s advisor represents a person who hears the word of God and ‘does not

mix it with faith'. Hence, there can be no partaking of the will of God without faith (Hebrews 11:6). The lepers, heard, reasoned that they could die, regardless of their actions, and therefore took action to go into the unfamiliar; which is an act of faith.

The most important part of this example, should be obvious, but may not be obvious to everyone. That is, God spoke to the man of God, Elisha the prophet; who then spoke to the people, and gave them a specific date they could expect relief. God watched over His word and performed His will in the matter. II kings 7:6 states,

For the LORD had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.

God's will was done on earth as it was established in heaven. God's strategy, method, and outcome prevailed. It is consistently found in the Old Testament. Several truths, revealed in the New Testament, is that the enemy of God's people is not flesh and blood; although we are 'in the flesh' we do not war after the flesh; that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, yet they are might through God ...; we must prove our obedience before we check others; the kingdom of God come, and the will of God be done on earth, as it is in heaven (Ephesians 6:12; II Corinthians 10:3-4, 6; Matthew 6:10).

Things we can learn:

The actual battles in the Old Testament can be understood as representations of spiritual conflicts explained in New Testament revelations. We do not wrestle against flesh and blood ... (Ephesians 6:12). We seek the Lord and stand. When we have done all to stand, we continue to stand fully clothed in the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-11, 13-18). God has not forgotten us, He will fight the battles. Our role is to seek Him for guidance, directions, and strategies. Then obey! We must hold on to the word of Jesus concerning Holy Spirit. He is here with us and will

never leave us; He is our comforter, our teacher, and our guide; He knows the mind of God; He will pray the mind of God (John 14:15-18, 16:7-15). He will not force Himself on us; we must seek Him, submit to Him, and obey Him. He is our power and our enabler (Acts 1:8). Then Paul told us we do not know how to pray and Holy Spirit will pray through us (Romans 8:26). It is our responsibility to submit, be still and know that He is God (Psalm 46:10).

Another model to consider

The Syrian army surrounded the place where the prophet Elisha and his servant were staying. His servant looked out and saw the army and was filled with fear. The prophet, on the other hand had spiritual insight into the battle already being won. To calm his servant down, Elisha told him, "There are more with us than with them". Elisha had spiritual awareness of the legions of angels and chariots around them. Elisha prayed and asked God to open his servant's eyes and God did so (II Kings 6:15-17). Read all of II Kings chapter six.

We should never take on the battle but rather ask for instructions and obey the instructions we have been given, by the Lord. We are not the equal of the spiritual foes. It is in the power and authority of Jesus that we stand. The legions of God's angels are under the command of Lord Sabaoth (Isaiah 1:9; Romans 9:29). They stand at the heavenly portals (gates) in battle readiness at all times. They do not stand down. The blinders must be removed and our spiritual eyes opened to the strategic deployment of angels, when we pray (II Kings 6:17).

Our flesh is detrimental to spiritual sight; in that our flesh is a veil that separates us from being able to see spiritually. When we walk in the spirit, we will not be entwined in fleshly behavior (Galatians 5:16). The spiritual walk is a walk of maturity; hence, there must be a desire on your part, to mature. The power to mature comes from Holy Ghost. The Scriptures will work well for you. Get started by praying in the Holy Ghost at least one hour every day (Jude 20;

Matthew 26:40; Mark 14:37; Matthew 6:33). Ask Holy Spirit to help, and then submit to His guidance and directions.

Chapter Eleven: One God and Father of all

God says in Malachi 3:6, *For I am the Lord, I change not*; He further says in Hebrews 13:8, *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever*. (Speaking of Jesus, Colossians 2:9 states, *For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily*). He is God and He knows what is needed in every situation and in every circumstance. Can't we rest in Him, stand, and wait for instructions before proceeding? At a minimum, we can ask Him to instruct us in the way we need to proceed on this day and at this moment in time (Psalm 16:7, 32:8; Proverbs 8:33; Romans 8:26)

We say, "not my will but Your will be done". But, do we actually demonstrate that from the heart? This is rhetorical question that is intended to inspire "naked and bareness" before God, and examination of one's self. It is something I practice and highly recommend it to you. Like me, what you will hear from the Lord will surprise you. But it will help you grow in the Lord and walk worthy of your call.

We must consider ourselves in a military setting. We receive orders; we obey the orders. We do not have permission to call an audible as when a quarterback changes the play at the line of scrimmage. None of us is a quarterback, we are foot soldiers who carry out the will of the Commander-in-Chief; the Highest authority (Matthew 28:18), When the Church began to take matters into her own hands; it was clearly a misunderstanding and a misuse of authority. The various movements, over the centuries, have brought much confusion among the ranks.

It is vitally important to emphasize that reading, studying, meditating on the Word of God, and praying is essential for every Believer. No soldier can depend on another soldier to learn the basics of his or her weaponry, and also be available to fight for him or her on the battlefield. The one depending on help in the battle will not be proficient with his or her

weaponry. Our weaponry is learned through reading, studying, meditating on the Word of God, and praying. What is taught and preached should provide confirmation. It is true that the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers are to equip the saints. This does not release the saints from their part which is to “*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth* (II Timothy 2:15), among other things. Consider the situation in school when you were required to read the material in order to be prepared for when the class next met. You either knew questions to ask or someone asked questions that helped you better understand the subject and the material. You are the equippee, the one being equipped, therefore be prepared to participate. You are expected to learn and grow into your call. You may be called to the ministry of the ascension gifts. If so, you must know your gifts and become proficient in exercising those gifts while being in constant contact with Holy Spirit.

It is equally important that the preparation of a soldier be applied to the Believer. Just as the strength of the unit of soldiers is dependent upon the individual soldier being prepared, that holds true for the Believer who becomes a watchman. Ephesians 6:16 states that, “the whole body is pulled close together so that every joint can be supplied with what it needs”. The way this happens is every part has a measure and lives up to supplying its measure to the rest of the Body. It is the responsibility of every part to have a way of staying fit for duty. Read the entire assignment in Ephesians 4:11-16:

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together

and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Just to make sure we have the same understanding, the line of scrimmage is an imaginary line, however, the principalities, powers, and rulers of the darkness of this world are unseen, but they are not imaginary. They exist and use people to do their dastardly work. It existed in the Old Testament, but is now revealed in the New Testament. Our Lord has told us to stand, fully clothed in His armor and He will fight the battle. We fight the good fight of faith (I Timothy 6:12).

Chapter Twelve: Encompassing Prayer Focus

The leader must call for prayer, as he or she is led by Holy Spirit. The Old Testament pattern can be seen in the actions of Jehoshaphat (II Chronicles 20:1-30). We must not try to dictate the method and way the Lord will direct what needs to be accomplished. We are to turn from “our wicked ways” and say, “not my will but Your will”; “thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven”. We must come to full comprehension of the power and position of standing in spiritual authority.

Each participating watchman must not utter one word of any language that they know and wait for the prayer focus that is passed down from the set man. Each participating watchman will pray one hour, in the Spirit. Instructions on the duration of each campaign will also be distributed. A campaign is a series of military operations intended to achieve a particular objective, confined to a particular area, or involving a specified type of fighting (for watchmen, it is standing). Remember that a soldier in the United States Marines, Army, or Navy Sailor will not go into war without orders from a superior officer. That is the discipline to which they are trained. We also have superior officers.

If Holy Spirit leads you to do so, coming together with leaders in areas to the East, South, West, and North of your jurisdiction can change a district, a region, even a nation. Between campaigns, the Lord will give “rest round about” (II Chronicles 20:30). *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever* (Hebrews 13:8). He is interceding for His people. We must seek Him; then stand.

The Greek word for stand is *histēmi*, pronounced *hē'-stā-mē*; which means, to make firm, fix establish (to cause a person or a thing to keep his or its place; to stand, be kept intact (of

family, a kingdom), to escape in safety); to establish a thing, cause it to stand (to uphold or sustain the authority or force of anything).

We are to stand as a reminder to the enemy that his works are defeated; therefore, “stay in your place”. We are to keep the territory that was conquered, intact, knowing that we stand in a place of safety, in Him (Acts 17:28). We are to stand, together, to uphold and sustain the authority of Jesus, the Christ, in the earth (Luke 10:19; Matthew 28:18).

The warfare is spiritual;

But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds ;) (II Corinthians 10:2-4).

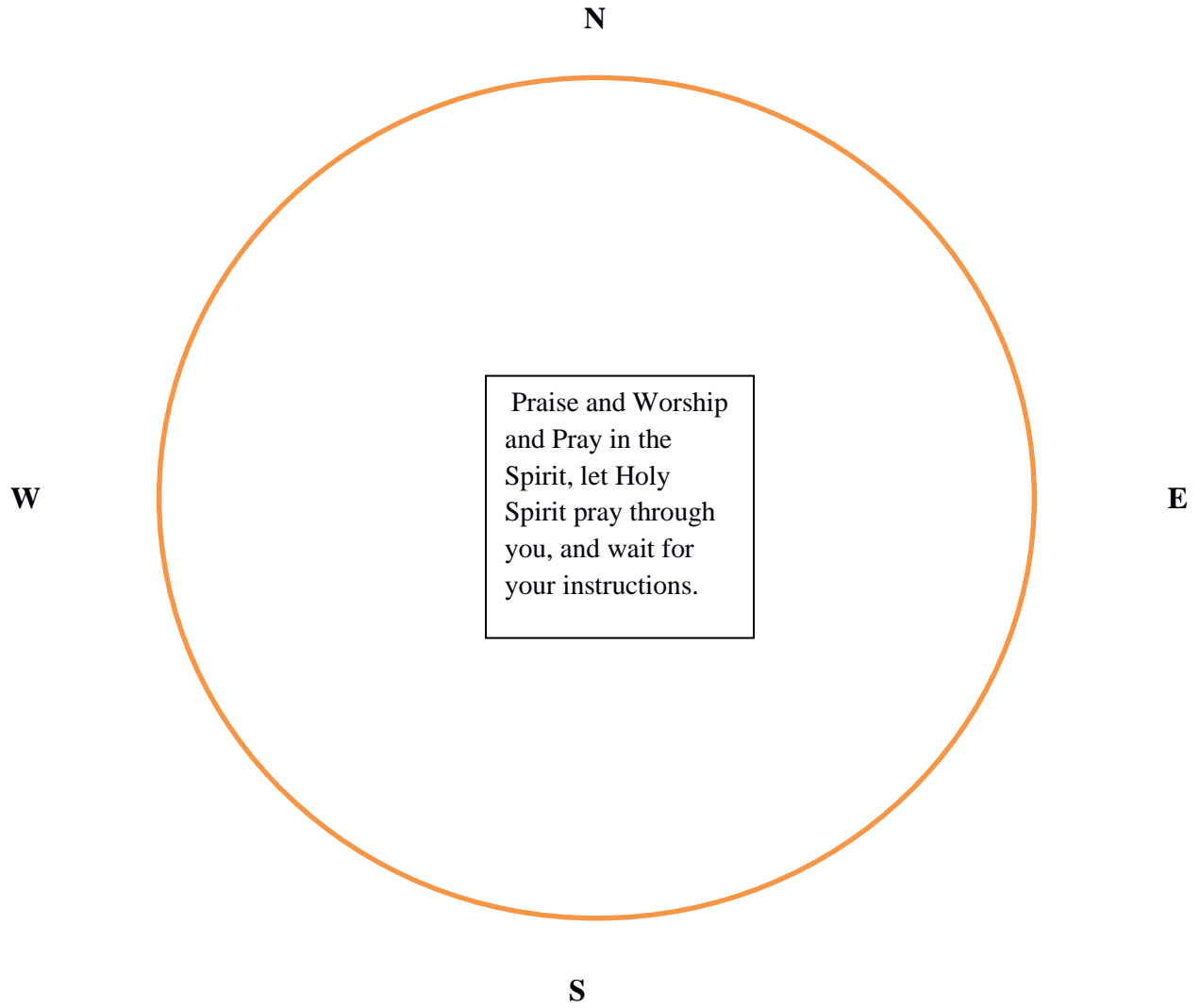
For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6:12).

Jesus said, “It is finished” (John 19:30).

When we examine the conquering acts of Jesus, when He finished the work His Father assigned to Him, we may be able to enlarge the eyes of our understanding to what we are to do, until He returns.

Turn back to chapter nine and read and read “The Call to Standing Readiness”. You may and probably should reread other chapters. Search the Scriptures given, pray, and ask Holy Spirit to open the eyes of your understanding toward any of this material. God bless you.

Compass East, South, West, and North



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Appendix

Appendix A

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Watchmen called and anointed in God's Kingdom:

We are preparing to countermand the strategies of the enemy that have been launched against the City of Detroit. We will not rest until the strategic methods and tactical objectives have been brought to naught. So we need **YOU!**

As you know, Mayor Dennis Archer has declared October 30th to be called Angel's Night instead of the traditional name. Additionally, the citizens have been asked to volunteer to patrol October 29th, 30th and 31st. But as you are well aware, we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, therefore, we need volunteers to stand watch over this City.

Our focus is October 29, 30 and 31, 1997, 24 hours each day with three (3) Intercessors/Prayer Warriors on each hour. "And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a three-fold cord is not quickly broken." Ecclesiastes 4:12

Attached you will find the Call to Intercession and the Intercessor's Declaration. Please read both carefully and thoroughly familiarize yourself with the scriptures. We are praying for:

1. Divine protection for Detroit.
2. Supernatural intervention against all strategies of the enemy.
3. God to dispatch His warring Angels to clear the heavenlies of the enemies forces over this City.

If the Holy Spirit quickens you to pray further, please follow His leading. Telephone numbers of the Intercessor's on your hour are available if you need to contact them.

In His Service,

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Evangelist

Appendix B

Call to Intercession (Today it is a Call to Stand and Intercessors are also called Watchmen)

Is. 62:6-7 I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You can call on the Lord, give yourself no rest and give Him no rest til He establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.

Mt. 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

It takes courage and perseverance to be the kind of intercessor who will make a difference. But when “the position of intercession” is gained [*That area or territory is no longer under enemy control*], God can use it as He wills.

It is the same as when an army in the natural takes a strategic position from the enemy, the generals can then draw up battle plans from the new territory, expecting an end based on the strategic position the army now holds.

We are called to make a difference. We are called to take a position of battle and have no rest. We do not go into battle empty handed nor do we go alone. But rather we go with the full knowledge of the provisions in God’s Arsenal, His word.

Appendix C

Watchman's Declaration

Isa. 54:17: No weapon that is formed against me shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against me in judgment I shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

2Sam. 22:33: God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect.

2Sam. 22:34: He maketh my feet like hinds' feet: and setteth me upon my high places.

2Sam. 22:35: He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

2Cor. 10:3: For though I walk in the flesh, I do not war after the flesh:

2Cor. 10:4: (For the weapons of my warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds)

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 my obedience is fulfilled.

Eph. 6:13: Wherefore take unto myself the whole armour of God that I may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Eph. 6:14: Stand therefore, having my loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

Eph. 6:15: And my feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Eph. 6:16: Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith I shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

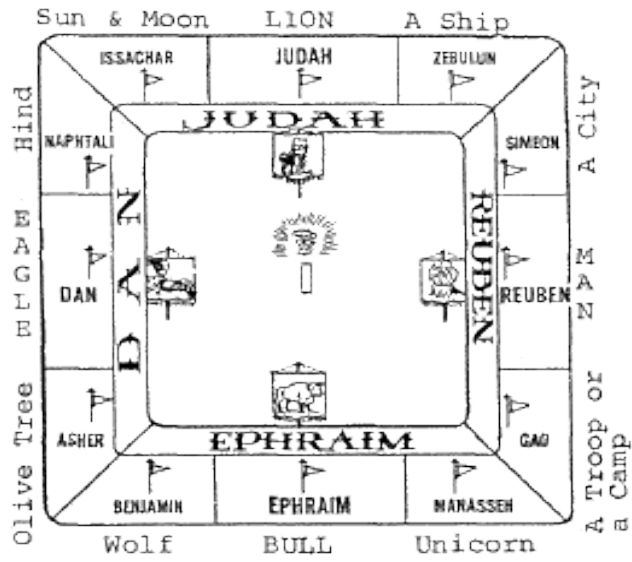
Eph. 6:17: And I take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Eph. 6:18: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Jms. 5:16b: The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Appendix D

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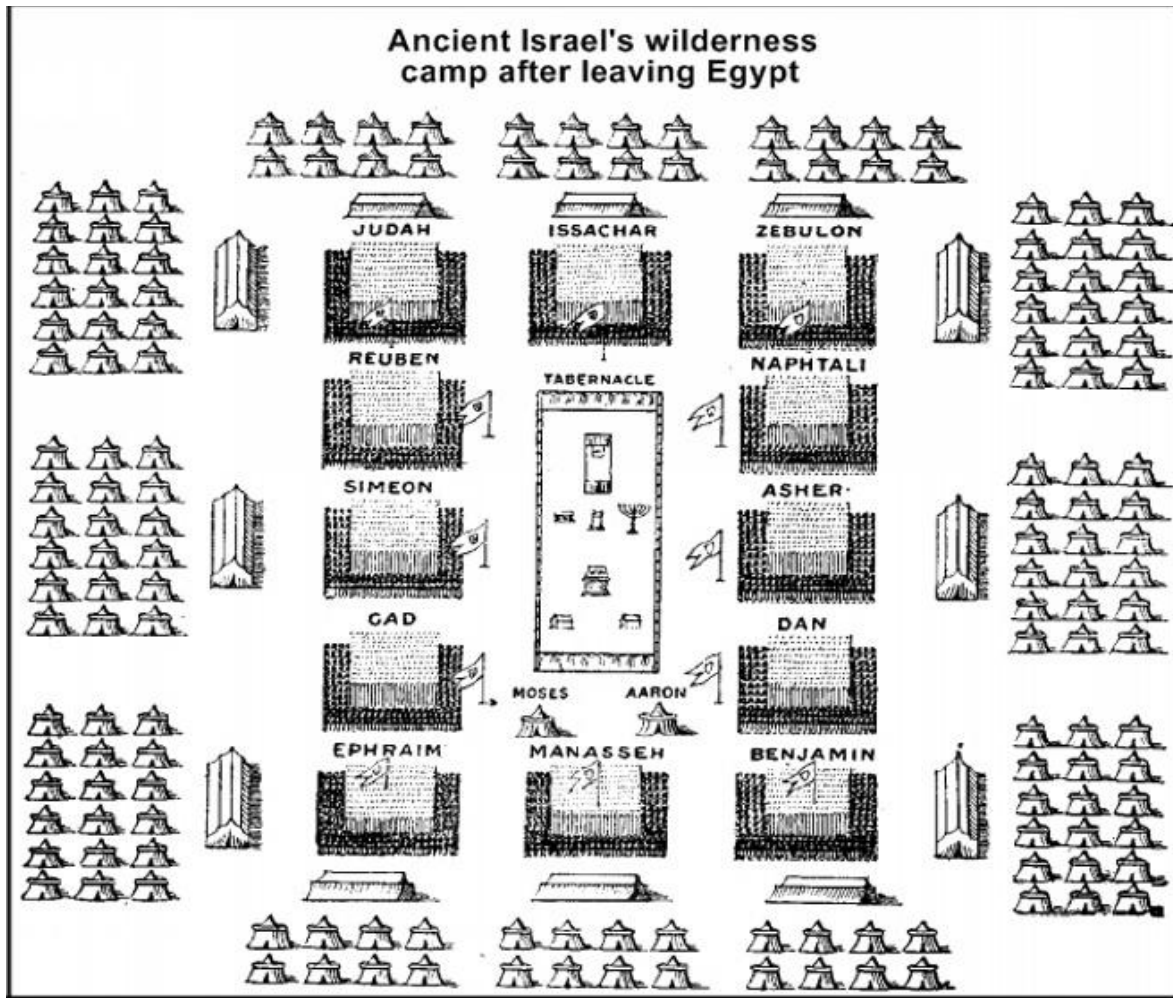


Layout of the Tabernacle Encampment



The Four Symbols

Appendix E



Problem with this diagram:

Moses and Aaron should be located on the East, along with Judah, Issachar, and Zebulon

The value of the visual diagram in relation to the strategy presented outweighs the problem.

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