

Keeping time during interesting times



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I was in New York most of the week and flew back to Texas yesterday. I'm happy to say that I finished the Israel Dilemma book on the flight. That has been quite an endeavor.

I'm glad it's done so I can shift my focus to some other pressing projects going forward. Thanks to the brethren in Panama, who provided me with a base text of Scriptures, I will be compiling Scriptures into a book called "The Message." I will be sending it to prisons, among other places, and the purpose will be to make it easier for people to understand the message contained in the Scriptures.

Simply handing a person a Bible can be a bit daunting for someone with no knowledge of the Covenant or history. I'm going to provide some Scriptures in context that show the underlying message through various portions of Scriptures. After laying that foundation, they can then go back and read the rest of the Scriptures with a much better understanding of the context.

It will be like an Introduction to the Bible and the Plan of Elohim – 101. Please keep that project in your prayers.

When thinking about this Shabbat newsletter, I started writing a message titled “Wars, Rumors of Wars ... and maybe a Casino Resort.”

I was planning to make some comments on Emperor Trump's recent expansion plans for the golden age of the American Empire. Specifically, his statements about America owning Gaza and developing it into the Riviera on the Mediterranean.

I find this all very interesting because when I grew up they told me that I lived in a democracy. I later learned that the United States was founded as a Federal Republic, and now I am watching it morph into an empire, just like what happened to Rome in the past. This has been quite an education. I feel like I'm reliving history.

Of course, developing Gaza has been his son-in-law's (Jared Kushner) brainchild for quite some time, and I have warned people about President Trump being under the spell of Chabad for years. Kushner, whose business headquarters are located at 666 East Avenue in Manhattan (you can't make this stuff up), is heavily into Chabad. Mr. Kushner is reportedly very close with Benjamin Netanyahu and holds great sway over President Trump.

Months ago, Kushner was quoted as saying they needed to move the Palestinians out of Gaza, clean it up and finish the job. Those are his words. He also proposed bulldozing something in the Negev desert to put all the Palestinians in.

President Trump used very similar language when he made his announcement last week, except his description of where they were going to move the Palestinians sounded a lot better.

It's quite amazing that within three weeks of his second shot to make America Great Again he would suggest such a thing, especially when the land allegedly belongs to the Jewish people. Why would America want or need to stick their noses into such a quagmire, unless there were other plans on the table. There always are.

He spoke about displacing nearly two million people as if it was nothing. Just call u-haul and arrange a pickup. I find it interesting that he didn't suggest that they move into the West Bank with the other approximately 3 million Palestinians who live there now.

That would only make sense if they were going to have their own state as voted on by the United Nations in 1947. After all, that vote was where the modern State of Israel claimed its legitimacy. Based upon the results of that vote, they claimed an independent state when the British mandate ended in 1948, and the plan included a Palestinian State as well.

I'm guessing they won't move the Palestinians to the West Bank, because there are plans to relocate them as well.

Of course, there have been plans to steal the mineral wealth under Gaza for quite some time. It's much easier if the Palestinians are gone - somewhere fantastic and beautiful, of course.

The only problem is that these people don't want to leave their homes, even homes that have been turned into rubble. So President Trump's suggestion falls within the definition of ethnic cleansing.

The fact that he could suggest ethnically cleansing the Palestinians of Gaza because it was a "hell hole" and "nothing but death and destruction" while the man responsible for those conditions was sitting to his right smirking was a bit surreal, but it spoke volumes.

It's one thing for a Set Apart Assembly of people to be carrying the presence of אֱלֹהִים with them and cleansing the Land of all abominations as we saw with ancient Yisrael. They had a Set Apart Elohim with them Who would only reside in a Set Apart Land. And they were operating under His specific commands, guided by an individual named Yahushua. That was prophetic for a future cleansing that we read about through the Prophets.

It's an entirely different matter for a people who have been defiling the Land for over 70 years, all while claiming to be the chosen people, who simply want to displace other people so they can build resorts, golf courses and probably casinos.

The President of the United States proposing to level an entire population for a real estate development project that will surely make his family billions was really quite astonishing to many people. Of course, who better to divide up אֱלֹהִים's Land than a real estate developer turned President.

That's a business that I definitely would not want to be in because אֱלֹהִים promises to judge those who divide His land.¹ He has done it before, and He will do it again.

¹ Joel 3:2

I know that a lot of Americans are excited and energized by many of the things Trump is doing in America, but he showed his cards last week, and so did a lot of Christian Zionists and Hebrew roots folks who were giddy about Trump's statements regarding Gaza.

I previously warned that he would be making some bold moves on behalf of Israel, but that was really bold, and really fast. Now all he has to do is give the green light for the construction of another temple and we're off to the races.

President Trump's newly appointed Secretary of Defense, Pete Hegseth, is up to the task, and literally salivating to see a temple built in Jerusalem. He actually has a giant Jerusalem Cross tattooed on his chest.

The Jerusalem Cross is also known as the Crusader's Cross. It was adopted by Crusaders around the 12th Century who fought Muslims for control over Jerusalem and the Covenant Land.

I'm sure that people in those days thought they were witnessing the Book of Revelation. Many probably thought they were doing the will of God. And here we are, eight centuries later, with all eyes on Jerusalem. It looks like they are intentionally provoking the Muslim world to foment a conflict - another crusade.

Well, it seems like Trump definitely picked the right man for the job. Hegseth is an extreme Christian Zionist and wears the sign of a crusader, literally. He stands ready to fight for the Holy Land and for the modern State of Israel.

According to Jared Kushner, wars are the best times to effect these grand plans, and he has grand plans for expanding the Saudi vision of NEOM through Israel. My upcoming travel plans actually bring me right to NEOM next week. These are interesting times for sure.

So, lots going on, and as stated, I finally finished the Israel Dilemma book and I should have e-books available on the website tomorrow. I then will proceed to order some paperback copies for distribution when I return.

It's a very timely book because this is such an important issue for those who claim to follow אֱלֹהֵינוּ. The book examines the issue of Israel and the Land from a Scriptural and historical perspective. I show the error of Christian Zionism, and my goal is for people to make an informed decision regarding the modern State of Israel.

Clearly, אֱלֹהֵינוּ, has allowed this all to happen and these events will fit into His plan one way or another. We see things from a very limited perspective, and we must be careful how we respond.

For instance, the world would see the removal of the Palestinians from Gaza as a form of ethnic cleansing. That is a man-made definition which is considered to be a terrible thing. As a result, people will be protesting this throughout the world if they try to implement Operation Riviera on the Med.

But what if Iran or some other country drops a couple nuclear bombs on Israel and wipes out half the population after the Palestinian people have been removed somewhere to a safe place? And what if the Palestinian people only survived because they were relegated to a place like Goshen?

Was it ethnic cleansing or divine protection? We don't know exactly what אֱלֹהֵינוּ has planned for the immediate future, so while we may disagree, it is sometimes better to pray and remain silent.

Remember the life of Joseph? He was thrown into prison, under circumstances that seemed terribly unfair, but that was the place he

needed to be in order to come before Pharaoh and be elevated to Viceroy of Egypt.

What at first seemed to be a horribly unjust situation turned out to be the salvation of Yisrael and the Nations. Because of Joseph, his family survived the famine as well as the Nations that came to Egypt for food.

What if some civil rights organization intervened, filed a habeas corpus petition, and gained the immediate release of Joseph before he had an opportunity to interpret the dreams of the cup bearer and the baker - the ones who presented the bread and the wine before the king? What then?

Surely, אֱלֹהִים would perform His will no matter what. The question is whether His people get in the way or get out of the way while He works.

I don't want to be the one who gets in the way of the Almighty Elohim because I do what I think is right rather than what אֱלֹהִים wants me to do.

Did you catch that distinction?

Speaking of prison, I know that there are many prisoners who read this newsletter each week. There are individuals who have come to know, Almighty אֱלֹהִים as a result of being confined in those literal hell holes

I don't want to see any of my brothers or sisters in prison, but like Joseph, maybe it was and remains a necessary step in their journey.

Do I automatically pray for their release or do I pray that Elohim's will be done here on earth as it is in heaven?

We know that 𐤀𐤃𐤁𐤌 can open prison doors and set them free, if that's what He wants. Until then, they are exactly where they need to be, fishing for the Sons of Elohim in the deep dark waters. If you know anything about fresh water fishing, that's where the big fish are!

It is important to remember that the greatest miracles in Joseph's life occurred while he was incarcerated. When he was released and elevated, he functioned more as an administrative assistant to Pharaoh. He operated in the supernatural while he was in prison where 𐤀𐤃𐤁𐤌 gave him great favor.

My brothers and sisters, who are incarcerated are priests in the order of Melchizedek, just like we are on the outside. Their prayers and praises reach the Heavenly Throne, just like ours, and maybe even more so. They live life with an intensity that many of us lack, due to all the comforts and conveniences of modern society.

I can tell you that 𐤀𐤃𐤁𐤌 is raising up an army of priests in the prisons of this country. Won't you join me in praying for all our brothers and sisters who are incarcerated? And please keep praying for them.

This is part of our service to our brothers and sisters in jail.² Pray that 𐤀𐤃𐤁𐤌 would use them like Joseph. That He would give them great favor and help them to work miracles in the space that He has placed them.

I am thankful for a brother in Panama, who has started to give them a voice, and I would recommend that you check out some of their stories and testimonies at a YouTube channel called [Behind Bars](#).

No matter where 𐤀𐤃𐤁𐤌 places us, we must be careful to be wise and stay focused on our mission as servants of the Most High. It's easy to

² See Matthew 25:31-46

get sucked into the politics and the drama that assaults us every day. These things can evoke emotional responses from us, drain our energy, consume our precious time and distract us from our Kingdom purpose.

We cannot change many of these things, and our best bet is to pray "Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven." My suggestion in these interesting times is to continue to focus on our service as priests. We must wash our garments and remain clean. We must destroy all of the idols and the false gods in our lives and provide undefiled service to the King of all Kings - the Most High El.

I see people making an idol out of the Jewish State that is placing them in a position diametrically opposed to the teachings of Yahushua.

I often quote Matthew 7:21-23 and I suspect that there will also be a lot of people standing before Yahushua saying "Lord, Lord, did we not Stand with Israel and support the Jewish people?"

I'll let you imagine Yahushua's response to that, but I suspect He will reject many of those people along with all the many described as lawless.

If you are not following the Torah, then you are described as lawless. There is no commandment in the Torah that instructs us to promote the lawless people calling themselves Jewish and support the lawless Nation calling itself Israel.

It's not in the Scriptures. It's simply a symptom of Replacement Theology, Dispensationalism and Jesuit derived Futurism.

While Trump was talking about leveling Gaza and building resorts on those sandy beaches, I recommend that people consider Yahushua's warning that followed His rejection of the lawless.

“²⁴ Everyone then who hears these words of Mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” Matthew 7:24-27

No one is talking about Yahushua and His words regarding the Gaza situation. Christian Zionists have heard His words, but they aren't doing them. That puts them in the category of the foolish, and they are going to experience a great fall.

Consider the true Torah teaching of Yahushua concerning how we should be living so that we can truly be blessed.

He went up the mountain and spoke the following words:

“³ Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see Elohim. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called Sons of Elohim. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.” Matthew 5:3-11

Did you notice something missing?

How about the Christian Zionist mantra “Blessed are those who bless Israel.” Why didn’t Yahushua include that?

Or what about this one: “Blessed are those who bless the Jewish People?”

Nope. He didn’t say that either.

In fact, His words concerning the conduct that leads to a blessed life were quite the opposite of what many Christian Zionists are currently unconditionally supporting. I think Christian Zionists had better get back to the basics and focus on Yahushua instead of a Nation and group of people who specifically reject Him. Just saying.

How about focusing on being poor in spirit - meek and humble. How about mourning with all those who are suffering.

How about being peacemakers instead of warmongers.

How about focusing on righteousness, purity, and a clean heart.

As I’ve said before, the problem is that most Christians really don’t believe the Messiah. It’s sad, but true. They say that they believe in Him, but they don’t follow His instructions. That was the essence of His warning in Matthew 7:21-23.

Again, we want to serve אֱלֹהֵינוּ as priests and that involves diligence.

Remember John’s father Zechariah?

I have written about him before. He provided incense offering and Gabriel appeared to him with a message concerning a future son, a promised son.

The son of this priest would prepare the way for King Messiah. He would be the greatest prophet in the history of Yisrael, although I don't ever hear any Jewish people talk about him.

Imagine if Zechariah didn't feel like serving that day. Imagine if he hit the snooze button and went back to bed.

No, instead he showed up to serve, and the text of Luke states the following: *"⁵ There was in the days of Herod, the king of Yudea, a certain priest named Zachariah, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶ And they were both righteous before Elohim, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of אַיָּאָל blameless."* Luke 1:5-6

That little sentence found in verse 6 is highly significant because as a priest serving in the Temple, Zechariah had to be on the correct calendar.

אַיָּאָל prescribes certain offerings and services around His annual schedule of Appointed Times, and all the Priests would be present for the Feasts. You could not be a priest described as *"righteous before Elohim, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of אַיָּאָל blameless"* if the Temple you were serving in was not on the correct calendar.

We know the calendar that was in operation at the time, and Yahushua never said it was wrong. In fact, He and His earthly parents went to Jerusalem and kept the Feasts at the Appointed Times and Yahushua was born in Bethlehem on the Appointed Time of Yom Teruah.

They then took Him to the Temple on the eighth day for His circumcision. Imagine if His parents decided to reject Jerusalem, go

out into the wilderness and start following the solar calendar that some now refer to as the Zadok calendar.

That would have been a disaster.

What if Yahushua decided not to go to Jerusalem for the Passover, and instead decided to go to Qumran with the folks at the Dead Sea because those people thought they knew best? How would He have died for our sins?

Do you catch my drift?

It's not up to us to do what we think, but rather to do what He says.

We are living in a time when everyone does what seems right to them. While they teach, talk and debate things like the calendar, their opinions don't really matter because אֱלֹהִים' Kingdom is operating on a schedule that was established from the beginning.

You can either join in or do your own thing and miss the miracles because you are not where you are supposed to be at the Appointed Time.

Imagine if you were on a different calendar and decided to observe Shavuot like the Karaites, after the resurrection of Yahushua. You would have missed the outpouring of the Spirit. You would have been late because you decided to follow a tradition.

Again, we know how the calendar operated during that time, and it wasn't a solar calendar. People were gathered together from many different Nations on a specific day because they followed the same calendar, and their gathering on that day was endorsed by the disciples of Yahushua, אֱלֹהִים and His set apart Spirit.

You don't have to convince me any further. I want to be on that calendar.

I say all of this because of the times we are in and the importance of being on time, at the right time.

Going to Sinai makes me think about Passover and the Exodus. If the Yisraelites decided to observe the Passover like the Pharisees now do, all of the firstborn in Egypt would have been dead.

If they decided to count the Omer like the Karaites, they would have showed up late for Shavuot at Sinai and missed the wedding ceremony, like the five foolish virgins that Yahushua warned about.³

This is not a game. It's actually deadly serious with eternal consequences. That's why I get tired of people and their opinions about all of their ridiculous calendars that have no basis in the Scriptures or the history of Yisrael.

Decades ago, I was in Jerusalem on Shavuot and אַיִן placed two witnesses in my path concerning the calendar. I was being led astray by Karaite doctrine and אַיִן provided a divine encounter to set me on the straight path.

That's what He does when you remain meek and humble. He guides and directs you. The important thing is that as clay in the Hand of the Potter, you need to let the Potter perform His will. You need to stay on the Potter's wheel while the Potter is working. You then need to go through the fire to become a finished product.⁴

³ See Matthew 25:1-11

⁴ Isaiah 64:8, Jeremiah 18:6 and Lamentations 4:2

I said all this about the calendar, because if everything goes according to plan next week, it doesn't look like I'll have much time to write while I'm away.

I wanted to make sure to send out information concerning a thirteenth month, because we are about to head into Month 13. With all of the solar calendars floating around, the issue of a thirteenth month has become an issue of debate.

It is important to understand that there will be a thirteenth month on occasion when using the sun and the moon to reckon time, and the Yisraelites historically intercalated a thirteenth month using the sun and the moon.

Here is a brief introduction by Ancient Calendar expert Sasha Stern:

“The structure of the calendar and how it is reckoned is not explained in the Hebrew Bible, but the ancient Israelite calendar is most likely to have been lunar, as were all calendars of the Ancient Near East (with the only exception of Egypt) (Stern 2001, 2012a). This probably means that months began at the new moon, with a normal length of 29 or 30 days; the year consisted of 12 such lunar months, with the occasional intercalation of a 13th month to maintain the year in line with the seasons and ensure, for example, that Passover occurred in the month of aviv, spring.”⁵

Did you notice how he connected the month of aviv with spring? That's because spring is what is being referred to by the Hebrew word “aviv” or “abib” - not barley.

⁵ *Ancient and Medieval Jewish Calendars* by Sasha Stern

That is why the new year is pegged to the equinox and not a crop of grain. The sun is a light in the heavens that determines time, along with the moon.⁶

Aside from historians, there are actually examples of a thirteenth month that we can glean from the Scriptures when we consider the dates provided in the text.

For instance, in Ezekiel we are told that the Prophet received a vision from אֱלֹהִים on the 5th day of the 4th month, in the 5th year of King Jehoiachin's captivity.

"¹ Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the River Chebar, that the heavens were opened and I saw visions of Elohim. ² On the fifth day of the month, which was in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's captivity." In Ezekiel 1:1-2 we read:

So, Ezekiel was gauging time in days and months and the entire text of Ezekiel uses that date, pegged to the Babylonian captivity, as a starting point.

Ezekiel began to see visions and communicated with אֱלֹהִים, then text says: *"Then I came to the captives at Tel Abib, who dwelt by the River Chebar; and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days."* Ezekiel 3:15

So, we are now at least seven days from the initial date given in Ezekiel and then after the seven days elapsed, the Word of אֱלֹהִים came to him and told him to walk to the plain, and when he got there he had a similar encounter as the one at the River.

⁶ Genesis 1:14

He was given instructions regarding setting up a mock siege of Jerusalem and then he was supposed to lay on his side for a set period of days.

“¹ You also, son of man, take a clay tablet and lay it before you, and portray on it a city, Jerusalem. ² Lay siege against it, build a siege wall against it, and heap up a mound against it; set camps against it also, and place battering rams against it all around. ³ Moreover take for yourself an iron plate, and set it as an iron wall between you and the city. Set your face against it, and it shall be besieged, and you shall lay siege against it. This will be a sign to the House of Yisrael. ⁴ Lie also on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the House of Yisrael upon it. According to the number of the days that you lie on it, you shall bear their iniquity. ⁵ For I have laid on you the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days; so you shall bear the iniquity of the House of Yisrael. ⁶ And when you have completed them, lie again on your right side; then you shall bear the iniquity of the House of Yahudah forty days. I have laid on you a day for each year.” Ezekiel 4:1-6

I’m sure many of you are familiar with this passage because it involves the timing of the punishment upon the House of Yisrael. Yisrael was already in exile and amazingly, this is a lesson for those of us who remain in exile.

Ezekiel was then given prophetic words from אַיָּאֵל. We don’t know how long it took him to set things up, but we know that at the very least, he had to lie on his side for 430 days – 390 days on his left side and 40 days on his right side.

Then in Ezekiel 8 we find that on the 5th day in the 6th month of the 6th year he was in his house sitting.

“And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I sat in my house with the elders of Yahudah sitting before me, that the hand of Adonai אֲדֹנָי fell upon me there.” Ezekiel 8:1

So, we are given a series of events that spanned from Day 5 of Month 4 in the 5th year to Day 5 of Month 6 in the 6th year. Since they both are pegged to the same day of the month, this gives us a very good gauge for the passage of time.

For those who use solar calendars with fixed 12 month years and 30 day months, I hope that you can see the problem already.

If there were always 12 months in a year, then that period of time would have spanned 14 months. And if there were always 30 days in a month, then the events described from Ezekiel 1:1 to Ezekiel 8:1 would have had to occur within 420 days (14x30).

Now do you see the problem?

I hope so, because at the very least there were 437 days described within those passages. I’m sure there must have been additional days, but let’s just go with the absolute minimum.

Obviously, you cannot fit 437 days into a 420 day span.

Can you start to see how a thirteenth month had to be included that year? If you consider the intercalation of a thirteenth month it all makes perfect sense. Otherwise, Ezekiel is a false prophet.

I don’t believe that Ezekiel was a false prophet, but I do believe that there are a lot of false prophets and false teachers out there misleading the sheep of אֲדֹנָי with their false solar calendars.

This is a big deal, and people promoting false solar calendars are essentially calling אֱלֹהֵינוּ and His prophet a liar. They need to repent.

That's just one simple example of the existence of a thirteenth month in the Scriptures. My brother Darrell Carr prepared a short video that gives another example showing a thirteenth month when Yisrael first entered the Land. It's called [Evidence for a Thirteenth Month](#).

I hope this information helps you to understand the calendar better, so you can accurately keep the Appointed Times.

Next week, hopefully I'll be thinking about the Ten words that אֱלֹהֵינוּ etched in stone up on the mountain. I'll also be thinking about the nine words that Yahushua spoke when He went up on a mountain that should be etched on all our hearts.

I will also be thinking about the Exodus, and counting the days to Passover.

My prayer is that we all keep His time, and remain in His time during these interesting times that we are living in.

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PS - I ask that you keep me, my family and my office and ministry in your prayers while I'm away. And again, I would ask that you remember all of our brothers and sisters who are presently incarcerated.

Prayer that אֱלֹהִים watches over them, protects them and empowers them. May they shine as lights in the darkness and may their prayers and praises be a pleasing aroma to אֱלֹהִים as they offer their service to Him from wherever they are located. Amein

Shema Yisrael (Hear O Yisrael) are the words that Yahushua spoke when asked what was the First Command.

*“The first of all the Commandments is: ‘Hear, O Yisrael,
אֱלֹהִים our Elohim, אֱלֹהִים is one.’”
Mark 12:29*

*“He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”
Matthew 11:15*