



How to Survive the Last Days

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Fear! A word that strikes at the core of our human emotions. For many who live in South Africa the word fear has taken on many different forms and become one that is often played out in the lives of many of its inhabitants. We live in a society riddled with crime and pent up anger for wrongs that were committed many decades ago. Yet the anger and hatred remain alive today as we continue to strive to be a “rainbow nation.”

Truth is that fear is not only alive in South Africa, but in the entire world. How each one of us **reacts to our fear will determine our actions and our mindsets**. We will either overcome these fears or try in vain to control them.

Believers in Messiah Yeshua have been told that they have not received a spirit of fear but of a sound mind, so that we may fight the good fight of faith. More and more I see how believers are fearing the time they find themselves in. They are struggling to stay the course and have hope. One of the ways Satan tries to destroy the people of YHWH, is by painting a picture of hopelessness. He tries to deceive the children of YHWH into believing that YHWH is slow to fulfill **His promises and that He has forgotten about them**. He tries to amplify the things we see, read and take in on a daily basis and His goal is to cause you to become unbalanced with half-truth and doubt. If you have found yourself becoming, negative and downhearted, ask yourself is this your normal personality or has the enemy been stealing your hope?

Brethren, we are at war! War that will not stop until our Messiah returns. We need to understand the scriptures and hope in the promises of Yeshua! He said that He will never leave you nor forsake you! The question is have you forsaken Him? Has your hope been effected to the point of you letting go or have you put down your weapons and taken a back seat in this fight?

The reason why so many people have lost hope and become down hearted, is the lack of intimacy and reverence for Yeshua. We have allowed the enemy to blind side us with issues that are not even in his control. He has been playing the puffed up dragon and we have been buying into his lies and schemes. Satan loves to make himself look bigger than what he actually is and we need to learn to see past the smoke so that we can overcome.

When we as believers begin to fear YHWH with all our heart, mind and soul, we will in essence reverence Him and extol His great name. It is this fear that we are to abide in. We are to fear YHWH in a manner that will cause us to bring Him glory and honor. **The bible uses the word fear in reference to YHWH over 300 times**, this fact alone should cause us to sit up and take notice. Romans 3:18 says that the core reason for the decline in man’s moral state is because they do not fear YHWH.

Man has become corrupt because he no longer has a moral compass. Brethren I urge you to ponder on this point and to meditate on this, pray and ask YHWH to speak to you about what He desires of His children and why. **Why is it so important to fear our KING in these final hours?**

Proverbs 9:11 helps shed some light for us: *The fear of YHWH is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy one is understanding.*

We must read the scriptures and apply the truths. It never said we are to gain knowledge and that knowledge will lead us to a holy lifestyle or to a life where we are serving YHWH in the way He wants. **We are to first fear Him** with all our heart and have a desire for His will in our lives. When He remains our focus, we will have knowledge and wisdom and we will be able to apply these two realities to our lives.

Many are in pursuit of knowledge and have a hard time living in the fear of YHWH. They have a hard time not mixing the world in their lives. They are still double minded on many foundational truths of the scriptures and they are not walking in a life of prayer and warfare.

I cannot stress enough, that we are at war. We are in a spiritual war for the souls of men. Satan is hard at work in these days to deceive the children of YHWH into thinking that all they need is Torah and a small home group study.

Let me say it like it is and many will not like this statement, Torah study alone is not fulfilling the commands of Yeshua or the Torah for that matter. After the death of Yeshua, He was clear that we are to organize under one central structure and that we are to study the word and then go out and **make taught ones of all nations.** Yeshua gave the commission to make disciples of all nations in Matt 28. He gave to His disciples the new mandate and the offices of the fivefold ministry.

Eph 4:9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? Eph 4:10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of Elohim, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Messiah:

Eph 4:14 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; Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Messiah:

Eph 4:16 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.

Let us come to see and understand that it was Yeshua who went down into the bottom pit and when he went up He, Yeshua gave the offices of the fivefold ministry. Brethren why? Why are we not seeing these offices in action?

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Unfortunately, over the years of Church history there has been both abuse of these offices and plain ignorance of their functions as well as a lack of teaching them correctly to the congregations. Again, because man has not feared YHWH but instead feared man and their own pastoral positions. They feared that the prophet would disrupt the flow of the organization of the man-made church structures.

Yeshua the King of this kingdom whom we are to boldly proclaim, has given us a mandate and the means by which to accomplish the task. Paul in Ephesians tells us that these offices are to stand until all the saints have been perfected (spiritually matured). There are many believer's that are still sucking on the milk of babes. They can quote scripture and tell you of the events to take place in the last days but they are empty when they pray and when they speak of Yeshua. They have no true reverence and fear of YHWH.

Brethren we are to awaken to the voice of Yeshua in this time and listen to what the spirit of YHVH is saying. Every army that ever walked the face of this earth was structured and disciplined. **They knew what their duty was and they performed their task. We the army of Yeshua are scattered and to be frank, we are the most un-unified people at present.** The reason why we are not able to do any damage to the kingdom of darkness is because we are unable to unify and come to a consensus on things that are in essence foundational teachings. **We have allowed teachers to tickle our ears and we have elevated the teachers of our movement above the voice of YHWH our King.** We have made Torah celebrities of them and thought that by going to teaching after teaching we are fulfilling the Torah of YHWH.

Brethren this could not be further from the truth! Because we have no central structure where the Apostles and Prophets, Pastors and teachers as well as the evangelist come together to seek the face of Yeshua, we are a people tossed about by every new wave of doctrine and teaching.

In Acts we read about the issues that faced the first Apostles and the congregations. We know that they were of one mind and one spirit. This speaks of unity and conformity not of a man's ways but of the Holy Spirit leading them to become one.

There is a time and it is already here, when Yeshua will raise up His fivefold ministry again. This is imperative in order for His children to become one army and so that they may all come to the knowledge of Him. For too long the Apostle and the Prophet have been silenced but that time is over. The question is will you allow the spirit to show you how important this structure is to Yeshua and why He gave it to us to follow?

If Yeshua gave this to us and desired for us to build on it, why are so many still sitting in a church or a Torah study where there is only one of the fivefold active, namely a teacher or a pastor? **We are not being challenged to change our hearts. We are only listening to what is new or knowledgeable at the time, but we are not hearing what YHWH is revealing to His Prophets first, so in essence we are out of unity with Him.**

Amo 3:7 Surely YHWH will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

This structure is what Yeshua has commanded us to follow and it's the only one that leads to us being able to establish His kingdom. My prayer is that you will consider your life and your values and come to see that we are to advance this kingdom of light now more than ever. **Not our own agenda.**

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When we live in the fear of YHWH, we will in essence be able to overcome the darkness. It's when we empty ourselves of own desires that we are able to be filled with His will and His desires.

The Prophet Isaiah helps us to understand that we are not to fear the things we see or hear. We should not fear the days ahead either for they are in the hands of YHWH. Instead we are to fear ABBA and live in reverence of Him so that we can overcome the enemy.

Isa 8:12 "Do not say, 'A conspiracy,' concerning all that this people call a conspiracy, nor be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled. 13 "יהוה of hosts, Him you shall set apart. Let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread.

This is of great importance to us. Our love and fear of YHWH is what will help us be a light to the world in this dark time. It's once we are in unity and filled with the holy fear of YHWH that we will be a formidable force against Satan. We need to learn that fear of God is the beginning of wisdom and when we understand we will mature and be a people who not only speaks of His glory but actually has His glory upon us.

Often times I hear believers talking about overcoming the enemy and you hear those praying prayers to bind the enemy. What if we changed our tactic and became a unified people as was the desire of Yeshua when he said to Father in John:

John 17:21 so that they all might be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, so that they too might be one in Us, so that the world might believe that You have sent Me. 22 "And the esteem which You gave Me I have given them, so that they might be one as We are one, 23 "I in them, and You in Me, so that they might be perfected into one, so that the world knows that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Yeshua's desire has not changed! He desired unity then and He still desires it from us today. He prayed that His disciples might be one and that they all may mature in the faith to become **perfect**. He also knew that unity among them would contain His glory and that they would be unable to do anything without His presence.

When we understand the way, we are to wage war we will stop praying prayers to bind the enemy and begin to pray for the presence of YHWH in our gatherings and upon our lives. It's the presence of YHWH that disarms the forces of darkness. When we learn to live in the fear of YHWH, we will live a lifestyle that glorifies Him and not our flesh.

This is the key to our walk and how we learn to overcome. He is the King of Glory and the battle belongs to Him. It's our duty as soldiers to exercise our faith and to wage war on our knees and through a holy lifestyle. This brethren, is so much more than just keeping Torah as we think. Doing Shabbat and keeping the festivals is not fearing YHWH. **When we fear Him we do all that He commanded!**

This is something that many messianic followers struggle to do. The words of Yeshua are Torah brothers and sisters and what He said we are to do with the same diligence that we keep the

Sabbath and the festivals. If we fear our Elohim with all our heart and all our minds then we will be in tune with what He is saying. **We will understand that His desire is for you to bear fruit and for the seed that is sown in your life to bring forth a harvest.**

You will take the words of Yeshua to heart and understand that He desires UNITY and commitment from us. We will understand the importance of structure as it was in the days of the Apostles and we will want to establish ourselves in the same manner so that we begin to advance His kingdom. We have learned that we are returning to the original faith, yet we still struggle to understand that this faith was and still is structured in the fivefold ministry model. Once and only once we learn to FEAR YHWH as we should and we begin to see the importance of these offices to our future mission will we begin to truly mature in the way we should. Many listening to this teaching, have issues with churches and pastors because of previous hurts.

These wounds have caused you to shun any form of structure that you have come across. Sadly, if you continue in this you will find yourself an island in a lonely sea. YHWH has only one army and we need to choose to adhere to His way of doing things and not our own. The Apostles and early believers feared YHWH and strove to advance His kingdom. The task has not changed and for believers today it is imperative that we have the right God given leaders over us to teach the truth and to make sure that we all come to the full knowledge of Messiah.

This is not my own words brethren. Yeshua has always desired to remove the wicked shepherds and place over His people the shepherds that will lead them till His return. You have to choose if you will be part of this Army or remain an individual that is only keeping Torah but not doing what Yeshua said we are to do before His return.

Jer 23:1 **“Woe to the shepherds destroying and scattering the sheep of My pasture!”** a declares 2. יהוה Therefore thus said יהוה Elohim of Yisra’ël against the shepherds who feed My people, **“You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and have not tended them. See, I am punishing you for the evil of your deeds,”** declares 3. יהוה **“Therefore I shall gather the remnant of My flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and shall bring them back to their fold. And they shall bear and increase. 4 **“And I shall raise up shepherds over them, and they shall feed them. b And they shall fear no more, nor be discouraged, nor shall they be lacking,”** declares 5. יהוה **“See, the days are coming,”** declares יהוה, **“when I shall raise for Dawid a Branch c of righteousness, and a Sovereign shall reign and act wisely, and shall do right-ruling and righteousness in the earth. 6 **“In His days Yehudah shall be saved, and Yisra’ël dwell safely. And this is His Name whereby He shall be called: ‘יהוה our Righteousness.’**”****

The true question is, do you have ears that are hearing? Hearing the REAL TRUTH given by the voice of YHWH not men.

*Luk 8:4 And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable: Luk 8:5 A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. Luk 8:6 And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. Luk 8:7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. Luk 8:8 **And***

other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Our desire should no longer only be to gain knowledge, but instead it should be to please our Husband Yeshua. We are to mature and walk in the Fear of YHWH. We are to learn to take His Gospel to the nations. Many of you will never preach, or teach but each one of you is part of the body. For some you are dislodged and have no connection to anything or anyone else in the body. Yeshua is calling you back. His desire is that you form part of His body and that you fulfill your function in it.

We need one another and we need the body to understand their role. Tithing is of great importance to this final mandate upon this earth. The Melchizedekian priesthood was one without a temple in the book of Genesis and to that Abraham gave a tenth. We now have a great High priest who has given the role of fulfilling this end time mandate first to His 12 disciples and then to the rest of those who would mature and believe. There is no longer a temple, there is no longer the order of Levi because we have returned to the original way as it was in Genesis. We now tithe under the Melchizedekian order and this is why the structure of Yeshua over His body is of great importance if we are to manage what He has given us to do.

The Fear of YHWH will lead you to a life of dedication and commitment. Both in your study of the word as well as in your fellowship with others. It will help you to understand the importance of structure and tithing as well as the great commission which is the mandate of all believers in these final days.

We as the body need to learn how to wage war as it is waged in heaven. We need to stop relying on our heads and the books we have read and start to praise our God and worship Him. When we entertain Him and live in holy reverence, we will have His presence and it's that Glory that will dispel the forces of darkness not us. **He inhabits the praises of His people.**

Don't wait for Yeshua to come and shake you from your sleep. Harken now to His voice and ask Him to reveal His message to you. **To whom more is given, more is required.** YHWH did not call us out and give us knowledge of Hebrew Roots so we could sit around and pat each other on the back at how well we understand the scriptures.

What will become of us if we continue to lay our minas up in the handkerchief, as the book and tape salesman encourage us to do? **Do we think we are above the great commission? Above the words of Yeshua?** Is faith without works somehow alive just because we rest on the Sabbath and festival days and meet with like-minded friends?

Jan 2:18 But someone might say, "You have belief, and I have works." Show me your belief without your works, and I shall show you my belief by my works. 19 You believe that Elohim is one. You do well. The demons also believe – and shudder! 20 But do you wish to know, O foolish man, that the belief without the works is dead?

Let us become active, let us become mature and ask Yeshua to how us how important the structure that He established is in this final hour before His return. Once we understand all that has been said in this teaching and apply it we will be able to be the people spoken about in the book of Isaiah:

Isa 60: 1 “Arise, shine, for your light has come! And the esteem of יהוה has risen upon you. 2
“For look, darkness covers the earth, and thick darkness the peoples. But יהוה arises over you,
and His esteem is seen upon you.

We still have people who say they are saved but they are lying, cheating and struggling with all kinds of sin. These inward battles are sometimes bad choices and at other times a lack of true reverence in the life of a believer where they willfully choose to walk in the flesh instead of in the spirit. Be a man or woman who walks in the fear of God and decides to shun the thoughts and plans of the enemy, this is how we will overcome the last days. This is how we will become the true army of YHWH.