

## Transcript – Bible Study\_2 Tim 1

*World News Update included*

Alrighty, Shabbat shalom and Shabbat shalom to everybody with us tonight. Pull up a chair and let's study the Word of Yahweh.

### **World News Update:**

Alrighty, so I have some world news here and boy it seems to be happening faster and faster, and then Yahweh willing, we will get into the second book of Timothy here. So, a lot of this world news is actually from Israel. A lot has been going on there in the last week.

First article says: **Defense Ministry Hands IDF Their First Combat Ready Iron Beam Laser Interception System**

So they have the iron dome that's there and now they have the iron beam. I won't get too much into that but it's there.

It says: **2025 ... the year 2025 ... Saw a Sharp Drop in Immigration to Israel Even as Arrivals from Western Nation Surge**

So, basically since 1948 and Israel becoming a nation, this was the first year that they had negative immigration. So, more people leaving than coming in there and even though they were getting more people coming from the West but other areas where people making aliyah did not happen. So I won't read anything there just that headline.

This one says: **Amid Threats – A Fresh Doubt with Iran Experts Warn Missile Defenses May Not be Ready**

And this is coming from *The Times of Israel*. So it's an Israeli paper that's saying this. And once again, I know it's a pagan calendar and a Roman calendar but it is a new year. We are here now in 2026 and how the year just started yesterday and here we are already the war drums are beating.

And like I said, wow, usually in Israel ... because I do have military people that I know. I know politicians I know different people and I try to get a wide arrangement of talking to the experts and just the regular people on the ground. Because almost every Israeli was in the military; or is in the military; or has children in the military. And like I mentioned before everyone said the same thing, the war is not over. They still have a way to go.

And here's this article talking about their missile defenses not being ready. And it takes a long, long time to make those missile defenses. I believe they can only make around 12 a year because ... and they're very, very expensive, in the millions and millions of dollars. And you use a lot when you have a war and it goes into that here.

And about Iran that they were caught by surprise the last time. And now they're getting ready and they're rebuilding their air defenses. And actually, they said Iran because their missiles are not as intricate as the missiles that Israel needs for shooting down Iran's missiles, but they can produce about 3,000 a year. So that's a lot of missiles that could be used when you think about it. And I think in the whole war they only shot about 500. So they still have a lot there. And I think I will stop on that article there.

It says: **Trump Top Aides Express Concerns Over Israel's West Bank Policies and Meeting with BN**

So again, Trump is still saying the same thing as far as it goes with the West Bank that Israel is not going to annex it. Israel is starting to there. They're actually, like I read the last time, making new settlements. So we'll see how that goes.

And then of course this week Prime Minister Netanyahu and President Trump meeting was, they said the best of the US President's second term, the sixth meeting they've had in less than a year. And whenever I see those two guys together wearing the same suits and the same ties and smiling together, I just get nervous. Because like I said, to me it's kind of like the lighter fluid and the match. So, and we know their plans they're making are more for war and not of peace.

This one says: **After Trump's Warning of Strike, Iran's Threatens Harsh Response to any Attack**

So, interesting enough that President Trump when he was meeting with Prime Minister Netanyahu, he said it there that they will hit Iran again. Like very nonchalantly, like it's nothing like he could just turn this stuff on like a switch, which you can't.

And today, he was tweeting out about because Iran is having internal problems because of their economy and rising up on the street and these kinds of things. And because of that President Trump said they might just strike them because of that. So he's also now starting war with Venezuela and the President that ran on taking America out of war, in one year has done the total opposite.

This one says: **IDF Strikes Hezbollah - A Raid on Force Training Side Weapons Depots and Southern Lebanon**

This is just from today hot off the presses. And that's what I had said from the intelligence that I've been getting from the people I know. Sounds like they are going to within probably the next two weeks be starting the war again with Hezbollah, at least striking them quite a bit more. And see what Hezbollah does but and then after that going to Iran sometime later this winter, but it could be earlier. It could be earlier as things going out.

This is an interesting article on: **The Global Persecution of Christians has Greatly Intensified in 2025**

Says, *While Christians in the western world peacefully celebrate Christmas, ... not true Christians or true believers ... but most of them have absolutely no idea what is happening to their brothers and sisters on the other side of the globe. As I detailed a couple of months ago most of the population of world lives in a country where Christians are being violently persecuted.*

*Believers are being rounded up for deprogramming. In China churches are being burned to the ground. And Hindu extremists in India. Christians are literally being cut in pieces by Islamic radicals in some parts of Africa. Practicing your faith can be a death sentence in certain areas in the Middle East and North Korea. Concentration camps are teeming with people that are suspected of worshiping the Christian Messiah.*

*Perhaps if we were facing similar levels of persecution in the West. Believers in the western world would start becoming a lot more serious about their faith.*

I hope that even just your average everyday Christian out there is seeing what's happening around the world. It says:

*More than a billion people live in China and the persecution of Christians and that nations have gone to an entirely different level in 2025. Many pastors are being killed there. Early this month over a thousand law enforcement personnel were involved in a massive operation that ultimately resulted in the arrest of hundreds of Christians.*

And it talks about the communist party going in there about two weeks ago and everything they did.

*Restrictions on the Christian faith in China just keep getting tighter and tighter. Anyone who attempts to defy the rules is at risk of being rounded up and forcibly deprogrammed ... talking about confiscating property.*

*In India it is Hindu extremists that are doing the persecuting. They have literally burned down hundreds of churches in recent years. In other instances, mobs of Hindu extremist storm churches and attack those that are worshiping.*

*Early this year, I wrote about a mob of 200 extremists that stormed a church and beat the believers they found with iron rods. More recently, an extremist mob in northern India viciously assaulted a small group of believers and forced them to burn a large pile of Bibles and Christian literature.*

And then as we've been hearing some of the news with Nigeria thousands upon thousands of believers have been slaughtered just in 2025 alone. So something to be praying about as that's the fifth seal – is martyrism. And we are seeing, like I said 25 was really a big year, an uptick in it. We will see what happens this year.

And this last article says: **Russia Claimed Successful Launch of Poseidon Nuclear Submarine Drone Set to Create Tsunamis**

So that's a pretty dangerous weapon that would be there.

But that is all I am going to get into here the news because we need to get into our study now. But we need to be watching and praying. And a lot of things are going on with the news. And as we're heading into this new Roman calendar year, we really need to be watching and praying and to be getting serious with our calling and to be, like I said, just getting our relationship with Yahweh make sure nothing is changing that.

### **Bible Study ~**

So, the last time we finished 1st Timothy. So now we are in the book of 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy. And just to give a little bit of an overview: 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy was written in 63/64 AD and 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy is written in 66. So this is probably only about a year before Paul is actually murdered, beheaded by the Roman government.

So this is one of the last books that he's writing and he's writing to Timothy and sharing with Timothy more ministerial things; things that he should be doing and as a young elder and whatnot. And really giving Timothy a lot of mentoring. It's probably one of the greatest relationships of mentoring in the Bible - is with the Apostle Paul and Timothy.

So, as we get into verse 1 here, he says:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:1** *Paul an apostle of Yahshua Messiah by the will of Elohim according to the promise of life which is in Messiah Yahshua,*

So, almost all the Paul's letters he starts pretty much the same way. If we go to Romans 1:1 we see:

**Romans 1:1** *Paul, a slave of Yahshua Messiah, a called apostle, set apart to the good news of Elohim,*

So, they all pretty much start the same way. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 1:1, maybe just go one more. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 1:1 says:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 1:1** *Paul, an apostle of Yahshua Messiah, through the will of Elohim, and Timothy the brother, to the Congregation of YAHWEH being in Corinth, with all the saints being in all Achaia,*

I often wonder the Apostle Paul when he's resurrected will probably be shocked that these letters that he's writing. A lot of them he wrote actually from prison. In that day we had no computers. We had none of that kind of stuff and he's just writing these letters by hand and sending them out to the different congregations.

And he'll be completely shocked when he's resurrected to find out that all his letters are actually part of Scripture. And that the believers for the last 2000 years have not only read his letters and been encouraged by them. But have dissected them like we're doing now, doing Bible studies on his very letters. And I wonder if he would have written anything different; or tried to write it different if he would have known that, put things in or left things out. Although, we know it's all inspired by Yahweh and the Ruach.

So, it's everything that's there is what Yahweh wanted to be there, but it is interesting that when you think about that. The same with us; all of us have written letters and wrote things. And if a thousand years from now we found out those letters were used and this. You just look at it from a whole different light. So, and again, it's not of men, like he says, but of Yahshua Messiah. It's the Ruach that is the one inspiring this.

And Paul starts these letters showing his authority. We do know that he was not one of the 12 original apostles and he had a different ministry than they had. He had a different background what they had. And in the beginning of his ministry, and maybe more than that, he was questioned.

Even when Ananias was the one to go there and baptize him, it was like "This guy? The guy that's persecuting your believers?" And of course, he went and did it in faith. But Paul was questioned to a large degree by a lot of the believers. So some of his letters he's writing is showing his authority in the good news and the judicial order that was given to him.

Verse 2 he says:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:2** *to my dear beloved son Timothy: Grace, mercy, peace from YAHWEH the Father and Yahshua Messiah our Master.*

Like I said, almost every letter he writes he starts that way giving grace, mercy, peace from Yahweh the Father and Yahshua Messiah our Master. If we go to 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:1 and 2 we see the same thing:

**1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:1-2** *Paul an apostle of Yahshua Messiah according to a commandment of Elohim our Savior, and the Master Yahshua Messiah, our Hope, to Timothy, a true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, peace from YAHWEH our Father and our Master Yahshua Messiah.*

So I also wonder did Paul have copies of the letters he wrote? Because this letter is written in 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy in 63-64. This one is written in 66, a couple years later. Did he have a just a good memory? Or did he actually make copies? We don't know of the letter that he sent.

So verse 3 he says:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:3** *I thank YAHWEH, whom I serve from my boyhood ...* The Aramaic literally says from my fathers, so from his childhood; or from the what he's learning from his fathers. He says ... he *thanks YAHWEH, whom I serve from my boyhood with a pure conscience, that I continually remember thee in my prayers, by night and by day:*

So, we see that the Apostle Paul like he's saying, he's learning from his fathers. He's learning from boyhood and the Apostle Paul was brought up in a rabbinical family. So, he's brought up rabbinical. Acts 26 and verse 4 and I think people forget about that a lot. Acts 26 and verse 4, he says:

**Acts 26:4** *Truly, then, all the Jews know my way of life from youth, which from the beginning had been in my nation in Jerusalem,*

So from his youth, he was coming from a rabbinical family. He's learning at the feet of Gamaliel. Acts 22 and verse 3, he says:

**Acts 22:3** *I am a man who am a Jew; and I was born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but was brought up in this city, at the feet of Gamaliel, ... one of the most famous rabbis ... and instructed perfectly in the Torah of our fathers; and I was zealous for Elohim, as you all are also.*

So, I've been blessed in my life that I've met several ... probably at least five or six rabbis that have come to faith. Several of them told me that they met Yahshua, that Yahshua was teaching them in the night. One of them told me that Yahshua actually told him to go to our website. But I've met at least five or six of these men.

And in just about every case, not that they're against the believers or whatever, but in every case they would ask me, do I know others of like them? Because when you're a rabbi, when you grow up that way. ... and this is why Paul's teachings, just the way he teaches sometimes that seems to be confusing because he teaches in a rabbinical way.

It's a type of teaching in the first century where he kind of tells the one side, then he tells the other side. It's kind of like you're trying to get people to make decisions on their own by showing them - weighing the difference between them. *Kol b kolmer*, it's the type of teaching that they call it. But here it is, this is what he was he was a rabbinical person who learned from his father's.

He was brought up that way. And the ironic part about it, the apostles were just 12 every ordinary fishermen, every day fishermen. They were not religious. And to be honest, when you look at the most of the religious people that day, you see why Yahshua did not take the religious people. They were evil. They were evil people,

most of them. But the Apostle Paul was one of those people and he was actually persecuting the congregation and even giving his consent to having them beaten; or even killed.

So, he it does have a very different story. But, and like I said, many times people don't think about it, particularly the Christians, because the ironic part of it ... and this is another thing when the Apostle Paul is resurrected that he's going to be shocked how Christianity thinks that he's the one saying that the Torah is done away with, that we don't have to keep the Torah anymore; which was the total opposite.

As we just read there in that scripture, like he said, he kept the Torah from his youth. And just think about it for a minute, the book of Romans, we were just there in Romans 1 a minute ago. The book of Romans was written in 58 A.D. so that's about 30 years after Yahshua's ministry, just about 28 years since His death. 30 years since he started his ministry, 30 years! You're not talking about one year or two years. You're talking about 30 years later when the book of Romans is written.

So supposedly, that's the main book with the Galatians, but particularly Romans, that they say proves that the Torah is nailed to the cross like they say, and done away with. And yet, in that letter, it's not a book, it's a letter that Paul is writing to the Roman brethren. He quotes verbatim word for word the Torah more than 40 times.

Can you imagine in one letter? He's writing one letter 30 years later, after the fact of Yahshua's ministry and death and resurrection, and he's quoting the Torah that supposedly He did away with, more than 40 times. So it's so utterly ridiculous.

And something I'm working on, a new message on the culture of the Bible. Because without the culture ... and I think this is one of the main reasons Yahweh sent me to Israel for all these years was to restore. That's part of the Restoration Ministry; is restoring the culture because Western society that is taken over, whether it's Christianity, or whether it's even in the true faith, the true congregation in the 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> century.

It did come from Western society and particularly Babylon, Europe and Babylon first. And once leaving Israel and being in the wilderness. Yes, did they keep the basic doctrines for 2000 years? Absolutely, but they lost the culture that was there. And here the Apostle Paul is mentioning this that he's being brought up with that culture and you need it. You need to have that biblical culture.

You need to have that because it's interesting that was one of the reasons why Yahweh actually picked Abraham, father Abraham, to be the father of the faith because He knew that Abraham would teach his children and Isaac would teach his children. In Genesis 18:18 and 19. Genesis 18, the same way that the Apostle Paul's fore-fathers taught him. Genesis 18:18 and 19 says:

**Genesis 18:18-19** *And Abraham shall surely become a great and powerful nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I have known him, so that whatever he may command his sons and his house after him, even they may keep the way of YAHWEH, to do righteousness and justice; to the intent that YAHWEH may bring on Abraham that which He has spoken of him.*

So wow! It's important that we have to teach our children. And we have to if possible from birth, or as young as they are when we come to faith, we have to be teaching them the Tanakh. Because once you take that away

what are you left with? There is no culture to Christianity and the things that they're learning. It's all paganism. So, we see that this was important and we see that this happened.

Verse 4, he says:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:4** *longing to see you, ... talking to Timothy ... being reminded of your tears, that I may be filled with joy,*

So they had, like I said, Paul was his mentor. He was a young elder. They traveled together and he's not sure how long it has been since he's seen him. But he's saying literally with tears that they may be filled with joy when they see each other. He says:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:5** *especially when I am reminded of your true faith, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice, and I am now sure that it is also in you.*

So apparently, he's a third generation believer already, that his grandmother was in the faith, his mother was in the faith. And the Apostle Paul seems to know both of them. If we go to Acts 16:1. Acts 16 and verse 1, he says:

**Acts 16:1** *And he arrived in Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple named Timothy was there, the son of a certain believing Jewish woman, but his father was a Greek.*

So, we don't know the situation why the mother, she was a believer, why maybe she wasn't back then I guess, why she would marry a Greek that was a non-believer, it seems to be, but this was Timothy's background that's there.

Also, if we look at 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:14 and 15 ... 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:14 and 15 says:

**1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:14-15** *And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived has come to be in transgression; Yet she shall live by means of her children, if they continue in the faith, and in love, and in holiness, and in chastity.*

So here we see like I said, women are not leaders in the congregation. They're not elders. They're not teachers, at least in the congregation, but they are teachers of their children. So, we see that Timothy's mother and grandmother seem to have done a good job in teaching him and keeping him in the faith. Because we don't really know his age but it seems to be, he's only in maybe his mid-20s and he's already ordained. He's already doing ministry. And he's already a good solid follower and elder.

Verse 6 says:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:6** *For this reason I remind you to stir up the gift of Elohim which is in you through the laying on of my hands.*

So there's several scriptures, we went over them before. 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 4:14 he says:

**1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 4:14** *Do not neglect the gift in you, which was given to you through prophecy, with laying on of the hands of the Elderhood.*

So, definitely Timothy had hands laid on him, he was ordained. It's one of the basic doctrines. I'm shocked sometimes, when through the years Christian people and Christian pastors have fought me about baptism and laying on a hands, calling me a heretic because I was teaching baptism. Can you imagine?

And yet, when we go to Hebrew 6. Hebrew 6:1 and 2, he says:

**Hebrews 6:1-2** *Therefore let us leave the elementary ... or the starting point ... of the Messiah, and let us proceed on to the completion. Why do you lay again another foundation ... these are the basic doctrines ... for repentance from dead works, faith in Elohim, the doctrine of baptism, for the laying on of hands, for the resurrection from the dead, and eternal judgment.*

So, these are the basic doctrines of the congregation – baptism, laying on of hands being one of them. Because that's the beginning of your walk and that's the way you receive the Ruach H'Chodesh, the Holy Spirit, is through the laying on of hands. So, they are the basic doctrines and the Apostle Paul was the one who laid hands on Timothy.

Verse 7, he says:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:7** *For YAHWEH did not give a spirit of cowardice to us, but of power and of love and of good discipline.*

Good discipline - **instruction**, right? So I love this scripture. It's one of my favorite scriptures actually. Yahweh did not give a spirit of cowardness but of **power**. It's a spirit of power, love and good discipline. Because basically, if you want it in your life, really have change and if you really want to serve Yahweh and you really want to bear fruit, you have to have discipline in your life.

And we're living in the most chaotic times the world has ever seen where there really isn't discipline out there. So we got to make sure we have that, that we have good discipline. That's one of the reasons we have the Hayahad Bible School to teach people how to get discipline in their life and how to do these things.

Luke 24:49 ... Luke 24:49 says:

**Luke 24:49** *And, behold, I send forth the promise of My Father on you. But you sit in the city of Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high.*

So like he says, **the Spirit is a spirit of power**. It's not something that is weak. Luke 24:49 but it's a spirit of power that's there. Acts 1:8 ... Book of Acts chapter 1 verse 8, he says:

**Acts 1:8** *But when the spirit of Holiness comes upon you, you will receive the power, and you will be witnesses of Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

So, I think sometimes why brethren don't experience the power in their life is, they don't believe it. They're not looking for it. They're just getting baptized and going on as if nothing has changed. So, **you need to believe in that power that's in you and you need to manifest it** ... you need to manifest it. You need to know what your spiritual gifts are. You need to be *using them* and to be *exercising them* if you want them to grow.

Acts 6 and verse 8 ... Acts 6 and verse 8, but it's not just a ritual. Literally, you were being impregnated at your baptism with the Holy Spirit. Acts 6 and verse 8 says:

**Acts 6:8** *And Stephen, full of faith and power, was doing wonders and great signs among the people.*

So, **you have to believe it for it to happen**. It's the same with healing, I've seen people where I'll pray for them for healing and two minutes later they're talking about something else. And it's like; do you just know that you've been healed? Do you believe it? If you don't believe it, you're not going to be healed but you have to believe it. You have to accept the healing. You have to embrace the healing.

Acts 10 and verse 38, he says:

**Acts 10:38** *Yahshua the One from Nazareth, how YAHWEH anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good, and healing all those having been oppressed by the devil, because Elohim was with Him.*

And each of us has that same Spirit. There's only one Spirit, the same spirit that is in the Father, the same spirit that is in the Son, is the same spirit that's in us. And it is a spirit of power and love and good discipline. So you have to train your mind for this daily. It's got to be done by repetition.

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9:24 through 27, he says:

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9:24-25a** *Do you not know that those running in a stadium indeed all run, but one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain. And every man who battles in the contest frees his mind from everything else.*

**Comment:** That's the problem. Satan wants to put clutter in your life. He wants to clutter you with all this stuff to take your time. So then day will go into week and week will go into month and month will go into year. And time will just pass and you'll get nothing accomplished. And that's why you have to have discipline in your life because only one receives a prize like he says.

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9:25-27** *And every man who battles in the contest frees his mind from everything else ... this has got to be your first vocation ... And yet they run to win a crown that is perishable, but we to win one that is everlasting. So I run accordingly, as not uncertainly; ... it's got to be sure ... so I fight, as not beating air; but I conquer and subdue my body, so that, by no chance, when I have preached to others, will I myself be rejected.*

That's the reason why you exercise. That's the reason why you practice because **you want to conquer and subdue the flesh**. You want to make sure the spirit is the overriding thing. So you have to train your mind as a runner trains his body.

So let's go on the verse 8 now, he says:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:8** *Then do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Master, nor of me, His prisoner. But suffer hardship ... suffer literally, to endure ... endure hardship with the good news, according to the power of Elohim,*

So again, the power of His spirit. So we have to endure hardship with the good news because that's how we grow. Mark 8 and verse 38. Turn to Mark ...

**Mark 8:38** *For whoever may be ashamed of Me and My Words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father, along with the holy angels.*

So, we want to make sure that we are not being ashamed of Yahweh. We are witnessing and we are sharing the good news and we are letting people know that we are believers.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:8** *Then do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Master, nor of me, His prisoner. But suffer hardship with the good news, according to the power of Elohim,*

So we want to make sure we're doing that at all times. Psalm 119 verse 46 ... Psalm 119 verse 46, it says:

**Psalm 119:46** *And I will speak of Your Testimonies before kings, and will not be ashamed.*

So we have to ... we have to **be full with confidence** and that's what faith is, when we share what we believe. And we're living at a time where, not just for atheists or non-believers but even for Christians, that they're going to try to attack us. And they're going to try to say what we believe is wrong and this and that. That's why we want to make sure that we are **boldly ... boldly** giving our testimony in faith.

Romans 1 and verse 16, it says:

**Romans 1:16** *For I am not ashamed of the good news of Messiah, for it is the power of Elohim to salvation to everyone believing, both to Jew first, and to the Aramean;*

So he's not ashamed of the good news of Messiah. It's the power of Elohim. We have to make sure we are being the same way.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:8** *Then do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Master, nor of me, His prisoner ... Paul is in prison for a good part of his ministry and what a blessing to write many of the letters from prison he says ... But suffer hardship with the good news, according to the power of Elohim,*

Verse 9:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:9** *the One having saved us and having called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace given to us in Messiah Yahshua before the world began,*

So, it has nothing to do with **not doing** good deeds or good works, but He didn't call us because of that. All we had were sins. Every human being is a sinner and falls short of the glory of Yahweh. So there's no believer out there that can tell you, "Hey, you know the reason why I'm called was because I'm just so good. Yahweh had to call me because I'm just so good. There was someone He was going to call, it had to be me." Of course not. He called us **in spite of ourself**, He called us. But He didn't call us to stay that way. He called us to change.

So he says, *the One having saved us and having called us with a holy calling*, a set-apart calling. Not to be the same once we're called, not to just be like anybody else in the world, but to be different - *but according to His own purpose and grace given to us in Messiah Yahshua before the world began*,

Ephesians 1 in verse 4 and verse 11. Ephesians 1, he says:

**Ephesians 1:4** even as He elected us in Him before the foundation of the world, for us to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,

So, it wasn't just a mistake, our calling. Yahweh knew us before we were born and He elected us before the foundation of world. Can imagine that? Verse 11:

**Ephesians 1:11** by whom we have **been chosen** as He marked us from the beginning so He wanted to carry out everything according to the good judgment of His will,

**So, it is not a mistake that you were called to this way of life and you were called to this faith.** It's not a mistake. And you have to **make sure that you are in faith fulfilling the great calling that Yahweh called you to.** Verse 10:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:10** but now revealed through the appearance of our Savior, Yahshua Messiah, indeed making death of no effect, bringing life and immortality to light through the good news,

So but now revealed through the appearance of our **Savior**, and that word is literally "our life giver," **mahiana** is the Aramaic - **our life giver, our Savior** who indeed making death of no effect bringing life and immortality to light through the good news.

Colossians 1:26 and 27, so it says:

**Colossians 1:26-27** even the mystery having been hidden from the ages and from the generations, but now is revealed to His saints; to whom Elohim willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the nations, which is Messiah in you, the hope of glory;

Do you realize that? That it's not just the Ruach that's in you - it's the Spirit of the Father, is the Spirit of the Son and literally, **Yahshua is living in us through that Spirit.** That's what changes us. That's what manifests us but we still have free will. And you have to choose to allow Him to work in you. You have to allow Him to. And you have to do that by conquering the flesh, by overcoming sin and bad habits and by surrendering and allowing Him to work in you.

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:24 through 26 and verse 54 because like he says, *indeed making death of no effect bringing life and immortality to life through the good news.* So we have eternal life in us which will turn into immortality at His return, if we are faithful. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:24 through 26, he says:

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:24-26** Then is the end, when He delivers the kingdom to YAHWEH, even the Father, when He makes to cease all rule and all authority and power. For it is right for Him to reign until He puts all enemies under His feet; **the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.**

So there'll be no more death. There'll only be eternal life. Verse 54:

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:54-55** But when this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this mortal shall put on immortality, then will take place the Word that has been written, "Death was swallowed up in victory." O death, where is your sting? Hades, where is your victory?"

So the victory is in life. The last enemy to be destroyed is death and at Yahshua's returning does that and we will have eternal life forever.

Verse 11 of chapter 1 of 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:11** *for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and a teacher of nations.*

So that's Paul's job there. 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:7 he says the same thing. 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:7 says:

**1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:7** *to which I was appointed a herald and apostle (I speak the truth in Messiah, I do not lie), a teacher of the nations, in faith and truth.*

So like I said it's kind of ironic that the apostles went to the lost tribes primarily in diaspora but also many Gentiles that came to faith in those days. But here it is the apostle Paul, a rabbi, that first he did go to the synagogues and he tried to talk to them.

They didn't want to listen to them. And then primarily the rest of his ministry was to Gentiles. It was some to tribes that was in Great Britain and some places in Europe but at least half of his ministry were to Gentile people. And he's proud of that because he's bringing this to them as an authority and they're believing.

Verse 12, he says:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:12** *For which cause I also suffer these things. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that He is able to **guard my deposit** until that Day.*

So here it is, we have a deposit of the Holy Spirit living in us and we believe in faith that and we guard that deposit until the day Yahshua returns and that we will have the fullness of the Spirit and we will be turned into a glorified body. We'll get a new body of glorified body.

Ephesians 3:1 through 8 ... Ephesians 3:1 through 8, he says:

**Ephesians 3:1-4** *For this cause, I, Paul, am the prisoner of Messiah Yahshua on behalf of you, the nations. Have you indeed heard of the stewardship of the grace of Elohim given to me for you? He made known to me the mystery by a revelation, as I wrote to you before, so when you read it, you are able to realize my understanding in the mystery of Messiah,*

**Ephesians 3:5-8** *which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations, as now it was revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Ruach, for the nations to be joint-heirs, and a joint-body and joint-sharers of His promise in Messiah through the good news, of which I was made a minister according to the gift of the grace of Elohim given to me, according to the working of **His power** ... again the power of the Ruach ... This grace was given to me, I being less than the least of all the saints, to preach the good news of the unsearchable riches of Messiah among the nations,*

Wow, so Paul embraced his calling. He knew his weaknesses. He tried to overcome them but he embraced his calling and he allowed the power of the Ruach to work in his life. And look at the great ministry that he had. One example he set for all of us.

Verse 13, he says:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:13** *Let this example ... and the word literally is like a pattern ... Let this example ... or let this pattern ... of sound words which you heard from me abide in you, in faith and love in Messiah Yahshua.*

So basically, he's setting a pattern for us to follow. And I always say this when I'm telling people making goals - you don't have to reinvent the wheel. Take a pattern that somebody else that's successful and try to make a 10 percent better. So here's a pattern that the Apostle Paul had and we could use that pattern, or his example, and we could be trying to do the same.

Philippians 4 and verse 9 ... Philippians 4 and verse 9, he says:

**Philippians 4:9** *And what things you learned and received and heard and saw in me, **practice these things**, and the Elohim of peace will be with you.*

Like I said, **the way that you get these things is through practice** ... through practice. You have to make sure that you're studying every day, you're praying every day, you're meditating on Yahweh's Word, giving Him time, walking with Him and following in that truth.

1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 1:6 says:

**1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 1:6** *And you became imitators of us and of our Master, welcoming the Word in much affliction with joy of the Ruach H'Chodesh.*

So we became imitators. That's what we have to do. We have to look at the pattern of the apostles, the Apostle Paul, the other apostles and we want to follow them.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:13** *Let this example of sound words which you heard from me abide in you, in faith and love in Messiah Yahshua.*

Verse 14:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:14** *Guard the good Deposit given through the Ruach H'Chodesh indwelling in us.*

So we have to make sure we are guarding that. We have to make sure because without that spirit, and you can quench the spirit, without that spirit we're done. So that's why we have to guard it. And that's why we want to make sure that we're coming out of the world because the easiest way to quench the spirit and destroy it is through worldliness.

Like I've told people before you go into that bar, you're going alone Yahweh's spirit isn't going in there with you. So we want to make sure we're not going to worldly places that we're not watching worldly things on the internet. We want to make sure we're guarding the deposit of the Ruach with us.

Romans 8 verse 11 it says:

**Romans 8:11** *But if the Spirit of the One having raised Yahshua from the dead dwells **in you**, the One having raised the Messiah from the dead will also make your mortal bodies live through the **indwelling of His Spirit in you.***

That is the thing that gives us eternal life because the spirit never dies. And that's why when a person dies, the spirit that Yahweh puts in him, the spirit of life goes back to Yahweh because spirit doesn't die, His spirit and the person goes into the ground. So people don't understand this. They think like that you have a body and then you have almost like a ghost, like a spirit that's there.

And you see these programs or cartoons where the person dies and then the spirit runs around. It's not like that. We are living souls by the breath of life that's in us and then when you lose that breath of life that is Yahweh, that His spirit of life which goes back to Him and the person just is then back to the dust. He's just dust back to the ground. And that's the way it is. So we have to guard the good deposit given through the Ruach H'Chodesh dwelling in us.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:15** *You know this, that all those in Asia turned away from me, of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.*

So, we're not really sure these two fellows or what they did, but wow, he says *you know this that all those in Asia turned away from me*. So that's shocking because he did a lot of ministry in Asia.

Acts 19 verse 8 through 10 ... Acts 19 verse 8 through 10, he says:

**Acts 19:8-10** *And going into the synagogue, he spoke boldly over three months, having reasoned with them, and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of Elohim. But when some were hardened, and did not obey, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, departing from them, he separated the disciples, and spoke to them daily in the school of a certain Tyrannus. And this happened over two years, so as all those living in Asia heard the Word of YAHWEH, both Jews and Arameans.*

So wow, Paul was teaching there for over two years and now he says that a lot of them turned away. And he names these two fellows here. 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:16, just a couple pages over, he says:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:16** *In my first defense no one was beside me, but all deserted me. May it not be held against them.*

So it seems like there was a falling away that happened there and the believers, at least in Asia there, had turned away from him which is really, really sad to see. And he says:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:16** *May the Master give mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me, and he was not ashamed of my chain,*

So, some of them may have been afraid. Because I'm talking about the persecution here in the beginning of the message that's happening today, the same thing there in the Roman Empire; there was a great persecution on believers and maybe because Paul was imprisoned they were afraid that they were going to get put in prison.

Many of them deserted. He thought they deserted him but maybe they just didn't want to come because of that. So he says this, this house of Onesiphorus may the Master give mercy to him because he refreshed him and was not ashamed. So he seemed to be going there and seeing Paul and ministering to Paul and Paul was happy about that.

2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:19, he says:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:19** *Greet Prisca and Aquila and the house of Onesiphorus.*

So he mentions him one other time there but it this seemed to be a strong brother who was not worried of him being ... literally in those days they did keep people in chains. They would chain them in the room. So he's not just saying he's in a jail cell but literally being in a chain.

Ephesians 6:19 and 20 [20 and 21] and that was a lot of his ministry. Like I said, he did not have an easy ministry, the Apostle Paul. Ephesians 6:19 and 20 says:

**Ephesians 6:20-21** *for which I am an ambassador in a chain, that in it I may speak boldly as it is right for me to speak. But that you also may know the things about me, what I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in our Master, will make known all things to you,*

So it's a very, very different world that that they had back then, not only the sanitary conditions that he's in this cold cell probably not getting proper food or whatever medical attention. But also think about it, like really no way to communicate. They certainly didn't have cell phones and internet and email and all that other kind of stuff.

So, unless somebody like this Onesiphorus would come and share with him what was going on, there was no way for him to even know what was going on out there. So it seemed to be at the end of his life he seemed to be fairly depressed at a lot of these things and how some of the things went and people falling away. And it wasn't ... it was not an easy life but Paul was faithful to the end. Like he says, he fought the good fight and he stayed faithful and did everything he could do on his part to fulfill the ministry that Yahweh had for him.

So let's continue here the last couple of verses, he says:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:17-18** *but having come to Rome, he more diligently sought and found me ... talking about Onesiphorus ... May our Master give to him to find mercy from Elohim in that Day. And in what things he served in Ephesus, you know very well.*

So, here it is Paul is in Rome and he's found by this Onesiphorus and he says *may our Elohim may our master give to him to find mercy from Elohim in that day and in what things he served in Ephesus you know very well.* So it seems he did a lot of things over there.

In 1st Timothy 1:3 he says:

**1st Timothy 1:3** *Even as I called on you to remain in Ephesus, as I was going to Macedonia, that you might charge some not to teach different doctrines,*

So, he told Timothy at that time to stay in Ephesus. He seemed to be there for a while and they had the congregation there they were serving, they were helping and they were doing many things.

So that is the end of chapter one of book of 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy. We will continue. There are four chapters in this book and really ... like I said, really in one way heartfelt letter that he's writing to the person that he's mentoring and

the person who was with him, but also here toward the end of his life probably one of the last letters that he would have written because we know that within the year he was executed in Rome.

So, I pray everybody has a good Shabbat and until next week Shabbat shalom.