

Transcript – Separating the Wheat from the Chaff

Alrighty, Chag Semeach once again. Wow, the Eighth Day, new beginnings, right? And I pray that this day can be a new beginning for all of us. This really has been one of the best feasts I've ever had. I have kept the feast about 40 years, and it really was a wonderful feast. Thank you for every single person here. It was a blessing. We really had a great group, and it was a great feast.

And like I was telling somebody when I'm putting messages together, Yahweh has been putting them in and as I'm doing my study, it's like, "Oh, that's a scripture that can go here." And then as, it was only maybe a few days before Sukkot, as I'm taking all my messages, I start to look there was kind of like a pattern there that was in the messages. And it wasn't on purpose, it just happened that way. Praise Yahweh for that.

But this is kind of a crescendo of the messages called, *Separating the Wheat from the Chaff*. And I do believe ... I do believe that Yahweh has inspired that He is starting to do this. It's not our job to separate the wheat from the chaff, and actually it tells us to wait, not to do it. But in the end, Yahweh is going to do that.

So, I want to go into that because we are in a period of testing. That's what the wilderness is, the wilderness is a period of testing, and that's why Yahweh has to take us out of society to the wilderness because we can't get that same testing in the world. So, like I said, I believe Yahweh is starting to separate the wheat from the chaff.

Jacob 1 verse 2 to 4 ... Jacob 1 and verse 2 to 4, it says:

Jacob 1:2-4 *My brothers count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the proving of your faith works patience. But let patience have its perfective work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.*

So, during this time of testing, we are going to go through purification, and many brethren have been going through this for a couple of years now, and it's just part of the end time. Unfortunately or fortunately, it's actually a good thing; although we may have gone through some very, very hard things. I think, I've said this before, there's a saying, *whatever doesn't kill me makes me stronger*. I really believe that's true because it does.

As we go through these trials, and many times we think, I can get through this, but once we get to the other side, that message I gave on the other side, it goes to strength. So, you go through your trial and pass the trial, and now you go to strength, and once you're on that side, it's a lot different.

In Luke 13. And I believe the only reason we're still sitting in these chairs right now, when you look at the world and the chaos in the world, the evilness in the world, the only reason that we're still here, that the Kingdom of Yahweh hasn't come, is for His mercy on His people. To give us a tiny bit more time **to change**, because once He comes, there's no more time. There'll be time no more.

So, if we're not doing it, what's going to happen? All the pleading and the crying, and giving me one more chance won't help that, because it'll be too late. When He returns, that's the end of it. **Your chance is now.** Either you're taking advantage of it, or you're going to lose it.

So, Luke 13 says:

Luke 13:1-2 *And some were present at that time reporting to Him about the Galileans, whose blood Pilate mixed with their sacrifices. And answering, Yahshua said to them, Do you think that these Galileans were sinners beyond all the Galileans, because they were killed this way?*

Luke 13:3-5 *No, I say to you, But if you do not repent, you will all likewise be destroyed. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell, and killed them, do you think that these were sinners beyond all men who lived in Jerusalem? No, but I say to you, if you do not repent, you will all likewise be destroyed ... And He spoke this parable to them.*

Comment: So, now's He's telling them a parable about this; about repentance, about change, about you don't have all the time in the world. And He gives this parable.

Luke 13:6-7 *A man had planted a fig tree in his vineyard. And he came looking for fruit on it and did not find any. And he said to the workers, Behold, three years I come looking **for fruit** on this fig tree, and found none. Cut it down, and why should the ground be wasted?*

Comment: And what is He talking about? He's talking about our fruit, not bearing fruit. There's so many people He's calling ... specific numbers. And if we're just taking a chair and we're not bearing any fruit, Yahweh says He is going to get rid of us and bring somebody who will.

Luke 13:8-9 *And a worker said to him, master, leave it also this year until I shall dig around it and throw manure; Maybe it will produce fruit, and if not, next year you may cut it down.*

And that's what I'm saying. We are here because Yahweh's blessing of giving us a little bit more time. But that time is going to run out as we know it. And one thing I realized, I realized this during COVID, and really even probably before that, that to the Laodicean, He could give a million more years, it won't make a difference because the Laodicean is only going ... when something happens, there's an 8 earthquake, and then they panic for a day, or for a week.

And I think you even saw this in Thailand, when that earthquake happened, everybody was scared for a day or week and then they go back to their lives, and that's the end of it. So, to the Laodicean, he's never going to wake up. He's always going to do the same thing. Yeah, he'll get inspired by a sermon for about 10 minutes. But then once the sermon's over, once he goes back, it's right back to the world and the things of the world.

But here, it's Yahweh's saying, there's a specific time. He didn't say - give it until the tree dies. He said, give it one more year and that's the end of it ... that's the end of it. Either fruit is going to be born or else. And I'm not going to go there in this sermon, but in **Matthew 22**, we see the same thing that the invitations go out for the Wedding Supper.

And many people said, "I've got to go to my field. I've got to do this." They made all kinds of excuses and what did the King say? He said, "Go on the highways and the byways and call anybody that wants to come." But to those people that I invited that didn't want to come, that's the end of them. And those wedding invitations have gone out.

Believe me when I say it, the wedding invitations are out. And praise Yahweh, our names are on those invitations. But if we don't take the call, that invitation is going to become useless. So, we want to make sure,

right? And like I said, the end hasn't happened because of Yahweh's mercy to give His first fruits time to produce but it isn't going to be forever.

And that's why He gave us, like I said, if you look a third of the Bible is prophecy, 80 to 90% of those prophecies are for the end time and we're seeing them. You don't have to convince sometimes - Babylon, it's an easy subject. You don't have to convince someone. Take a Wall Street Journal and just reach from the Wall Street Journal. It's so easy to prove who Babylon is because only America is fulfilling all the scriptures.

Babylon is the greatest military might. Babylon is the greatest economic might. Babylon is the pleasure seekers. Babylon is the hammer of the earth. Babylon is the one going and controlling other countries. I can go through a hundred different things. And there's no other country on earth doing that but America. Now do most people blind themselves to that? Yes, because they don't want to see it. The same way most people blind themselves to what's going on now. And they're not going to see the wheat being separated from the chaff.

But when Yahshua says there's going to be wailing and weeping of teeth He's not kidding. There will be when He returns. Like I said, Yom Teruah, the ones who are faithful, the ones bearing fruit, they're going to be cheering and screaming and blowing trumpets and happy. And the Laodicean who thought he was doing that and isn't will be screaming and crying as he's being dragged to the lake of fire.

So, we got to take ... like I said, we're alive today and who knows if today can be any of our last day? I've seen it. One time when we had a Sukkot and we had a group come, actually from Great Britain and wonderful brethren. And the one man I think it was less than one week after Sukkot he passed away ... old man. You have no idea. Every day is a gift. And we don't know when our last day is going to be. But knowing the times we're living in, it's time that we have to wake up and we have to serve Yahweh. Matthew 20 ... Matthew chapter 20 starting in verse 1. He says:

Matthew 20:1-3 *For the kingdom of Heaven is like a man, a house Master, who went out when it was early to hire workers into his vineyard. And he bargained with the laborers for a denarius per day. And he sent them to his vineyard. And going out about the third hour, he saw others standing idle in the market.*

Matthew 20:4-6 *And he said to them, You also go into the vineyard, and I will give you whatever is just. And they went. Again, going out about the sixth and ninth hour, he did the same. And going out about the eleventh hour, he found others standing idle, and said to them, Why do you stand here idle all day?*

Matthew 20:7-9 *They said to him, Because no one has hired us. He said to them, You also go into the vineyard, and you will receive whatever is just. But evening having come, the master of the vineyard said to his manager, Call the workers and pay them the wage, beginning from the last to the first. And the ones having come the eleventh hour each received a denarius.*

Matthew 20:10-12 *And having come, the first supposed that they would receive more. And they also each received a denarius. And having received it, they murmured against the house Master, saying, These last have performed one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.*

Matthew 20:13-16 *But answering, he said to one of them, Friend, I did you no wrong. Did you not agree to a denarius with me? Take yours and go. But I desire to give to this last as also to you. Or is it not lawful for me to*

*do what I desire with my things? Or is your eye evil because I am good? So the last will be first, and the first will be last; for many are called, but **few are chosen**.*

And recently, praise Yahweh, I was telling the elders and I mentioned to the brethren, there is an open window now that is amazing. Something like, maybe around 2016, it was like this when we were starting in Africa where it was like this. But even more than that where Philippines, 500 pastors that are interested in joining. Five hundred ... 500 that means 500 congregations there. And I see it all over the place.

Even just during Sukkot, I got an email from a very large tour group in Burundi of all places, and they said we want to join you. And where most of the time these people are writing and saying, "We want to know more information." These are people saying, "No, we know you are the end-time work. We don't see another congregation like this. We want to be part of it."

And it's really interesting because as it's very exciting as we have tens of thousands of people that want to join us, I am wondering is this scripture coming true? Is it the fact that there are people sitting in our chairs that are getting ready to be replaced? And that is one of the reasons why Yahweh is bringing so many new people. So, if there was ever a time to take this serious, you better take it serious now because we are really hitting at the end of things. And like I said, only Yahweh knows the times and the hours.

But as we see the things happening, and I mentioned this just a couple of days ago, Europe has announced, starting, I think it is tomorrow, not a year or two years, starting tomorrow - no more stamping passports in all of Europe, only digital IDs. They said be ready for four hour delays in airports because you are going to have to give your thumb print, all this stuff. So, the time is here, and wow, once they get this started, everything is in place. It won't be that long for it all to come.

And to be honest, to the world, it isn't going to look much different because they're already doing it. But to the people Yahweh that are not part of that system, we are going to have a rough couple of years and then we have eternity. So, like I said if you are part of that system you have nothing to worry about. You'll get all the food you want, you won't lose your job, you will be able to travel, you will be able to do everything if you are part of that system.

And you will have a great three and a half years. 42 months you will have the best 42 months in your life and maybe not even though, because when Yahweh's plagues start coming it is going to get pretty evil for just about everybody in the world. But you might have a little bit of a good time but you are giving up on eternity. And it is so sad.

And like I said, to me, it is not eternity that motivates me more than anything. Of course, I want to live for eternity. I don't want to let Yahweh down. He put faith in me and that means something to me when somebody puts faith in me. And I do not want to let Him down. I want to do it **for Him**. I want to be the best servant I can be for Him.

Matthew 13 and verse 16. But we are seeing this is the time we are living in, and things are moving very fast. I really ... like I said, I thank Yahweh for COVID because COVID was a dividing line. It was a dividing line. It was a marker. We saw already it was exposed. We lived for two and a half years into that system which is now going

to be complete. And it helped us to prepare and see what we need to do to make it into His kingdom. Matthew 13 and verse 16. He says:

Matthew 13:16 *But your eyes are blessed because they see; and your ears because they hear.*

Comment: Praise Yahweh for that. We're not like the blind people out there in the world. We have ears to hear and eyes to see. And I thank Him every day of my life for that.

Matthew 13:17 *For truly I tell you that many prophets and righteous ones **desired to see what you see and did not see, and to hear what you hear and did not hear.***

Comment: Wow. Can you imagine that? The prophets: prophet Isaiah, prophet Jeremiah, the prophets that prophesied about the times we are living in now. They didn't understand what they were even prophesying about. Daniel ... and here we are, we understand it. We're living it. We're seeing it. He says:

Matthew 13:18-21 *But hear the parable of the seed, everyone hearing the Word of the kingdom, and not understanding, then the evil one comes and catches away that which was sown in his heart. This is that sown by the roadside. And that sown on the stony places is this, the one hearing the Word, and immediately receiving it with joy, But he has no root in him but is temporal. And when trouble or persecution comes, he is quickly offended because of the word.*

Matthew 13:22-23 *And that sown into the thorn bushes ... This is the majority of people out there ... is this the one hearing the Word, and the cares of this world, and the deceit of riches, choke the Word, and it becomes unfruitful. But that sown on the good ground is this the one hearing the Word, and understanding it, who indeed bears and yields fruit, one truly a hundredfold, and one sixty, and one thirty.*

So, it's pretty simple. If you are bearing fruit, you know where you are standing. If you're not bearing fruit, you know where you're standing. It's one or the other. This is what Yahweh says. **We must work as hard as we can** because we literally are going to reap what we sow. **We will reap what we sow.**

So, Luke 12 and verse 40 ... Luke 12 and verse 40, says:

Luke 12:40 *And you, then, be ready; for in that moment that you don't expect it, the Son of Man comes.*

Comment: That's one of the scariest scriptures to me because I feel like I'm always expecting Him. But He says in the moment you don't expect it, look out – that's when He comes.

Luke 12:41-44 *And Peter said to Him, Master, do You speak this parable to us, or also to all? And the Master said, Who then is the faithful and wise steward whom the Master will set over His house servants, to give the portion of food in season? Blessed is that slave when His Master comes and will find him doing it. Truly I say to you, He will set him over all His possessions.*

Luke 12:45 *But if that slave should say in his heart, My Master delays to come, ...*

Comment: And we've been looking for Yahshua here in this end time, for wow, probably 50, 60, 70 years. During World War II, many people, true believers, thought that that was the end time. They thought Hitler was the anti-Messiah. So, we've been looking for a long time. And He says:

Luke 12:45 *But if that slave should say in his heart, My Master delays to come, and should begin to beat the men servants and the female servants, and to eat and to drink and be drunk, the Master of that slave will come in the day in which he does not expect it, and in an hour which he does not know. And He will divide to him and will put his portion with the unfaithful.*

Luke 12:47-48 *But that slave knowing the will of His Master, and not preparing, ... That's the worst. That the one that knows it and doesn't prepare ... nor doing according to His will, will be beaten with many stripes. But he who does not know and does the thing that is worthy of stripes will be beaten with fewer stripes. For anyone who is given much to him, much is required from him. And to whom they have committed much to him, much more they will require by his hand.*

So, there's nobody on this earth given more than us. I talk to people every day of my life and whether like I said it was during COVID or now and all the things going on in the world and people really, they're distraught. Just about anywhere you go the world people don't know what's going on. Everyone knows something's wrong. Everybody knows the world can't continue this way but they don't know what it is.

We do know. We have the answers. There's nobody that's been given more than we have. And right here clearly says, *to much is given, much is expected; the more is given, the more is required.* So yes, we thank Yahweh that He's given us eyes to see and ears to hear but also you have to go and bear fruit. You have to go and bear fruit. Just like I said, you're going to reap what you sow.

John 12 ... John 12:24 and 25. He says:

John 12:24-25 *Truly, truly I say to you that a grain of wheat, except it should fall and die on the ground, it remains by itself. But if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his soul will destroy it, and whoever hates his soul in this world will keep it to life eternal.*

So Yahshua is using the example of a seed because if you have one seed and you put in the ground, it makes many seeds from there. And He's using that to us to say, **we need to sacrifice our life for the many other lives that will come to faith.** And think about it, I don't think there's really ... we do have some youth in the room but I don't think we really have people here that are brand new; people that are just brand new to the faith. And think to yourself in your life, how many people have you helped come to faith? Because that's basically the ultimate fruit.

And it's not necessarily where you talk to somebody directly, you could help indirectly sometimes because even when a mission trip goes out, there's a hundred different things going on in that mission trip. There's people that are printing up the material, there's people that are setting up the rooms, there's people ... so everybody bears in it.

But really think to yourself, how many people have you directly or indirectly helped to come to faith? Because that's what it's all about. There's a world out there of 8 billion people that are going to die and every life is precious to Yahweh as much as ours. He doesn't want them to die but they have free will. So, are we going to these people and are we trying to share the truth? Again, many don't want to hear it and that's fine. That's their free will to do. But are we at least trying? Are we going out there and are we trying? Or are we basically doing nothing?

And that's what He's showing. Unless that wheat dies, unless it dies, it will not produce many others and that's with us. So are we dying to the flesh? Are we sacrificing our life for the life of many new people coming?

And this short window ... I don't know how long it will be. I don't know if it'll be a few months, a few years. Yahweh knows. But all I know is a window is open now for our Congregation that I mean, we can't keep up with it. That people want to be part of this work. They want to join. And it's not for me. I can organize it but it's for you. It's for the elders, it's for you to be going out two by two and sharing the Word with these people. So, now is the time we have to see - are we sacrificing for that?

So let's go to Matthew 13 now and start getting into separating the wheat from the chaff, or the wheat from the tares. Matthew 13:24 through 30. Matthew chapter 13, verse 24 through 30. He says:

Matthew 13:24-26 *He put before them another parable, saying The kingdom of Heaven is compared to a man sowing good seed in his fields. But while the men were sleeping, an enemy came and sowed tares in the midst of the wheat, and went away. And when the blade sprouted and produced fruit, then the tare also appeared.*

Matthew 13:27-29 *And coming near, the slaves of the house Master said to him, Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Then from where does it have the tares? And he said to them, A man, an enemy did this ... the devil as we're going to see ... And the slaves said to him, do you desire, then, that going out we should gather them? But he said, No, lest gathering the tares you should uproot the wheat with them.*

Comment: And that's why through the basic time of the congregation, I said to people, "Don't just think of somebody sitting next to you that they're a brother or sister. You'll know them by their fruits" because it's not for me to tell somebody whether they're a wheat or a tare. And Yahweh says, just let it go. You'll know them by their fruits. But definitely judge by the fruits. But now we're at the point where those fruits are made manifest.

Matthew 13:29-30 *He said, No, lest gathering the tares you should uproot the wheat with them. Allow both to grow together until the harvest. And in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, First gather the tares, and bind them into bundles to burn them, ... we know this is the cherubs that are going to do this. They're going to reap ... but gather the wheat into my granary.*

So this is where we're at now. We're at that time where **Yahweh is starting to separate the wheat from the chaff**. Let's drop down the verse 36 and He's going to explain it. We don't have to try to figure it out. We don't have to guess it. He's going to explain it, exactly what I just read.

Matthew 13:36-38 *Then sending away the crowds, Yahshua came into the house. And His disciples came to Him saying, Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field. And answering, He said to them, The One sowing the good seed is the Son of Man ... Him. Yahshua ... the field is the world; and the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; ... the brethren, the first fruits ... but **the tares are the sons of the evil one**.*

Matthew 13:39a *And the enemy who sowed them is the Devil, ...*

Comment: That means there's people sometimes sitting among us that are literally planted by Satan. And we've seen it. We've seen people come in our congregations - cause some kinds of distraught, living sinful lives, not want to change. Sometimes even try to sue some of the brethren. We've seen it. We've all seen this happen because who put them there?

Matthew 13:39 *And the enemy who sowed them is the Devil and the harvest is the end of the age, ... here we are. Which side are you on? ... and the cherubs are the reapers.*

Matthew 13:40-41 *Then as the tares are gathered and are consumed in the fire, so it will be in the completion of this age. The Son of Man will send forth His cherubs, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who practice lawlessness.*

Comment: So as Elder Juancho was saying, it's kind of interesting that the Christianity is all into the fake rapture. And when these people are getting taken up, they're going to think they're being raptured and actually being taken to the lake of fire. And how will you know they're in the lake of fire? You'll hear the weeping and gnashing of the teeth.

Matthew 13:42-43 *And they will throw them into the furnace of fire; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **Then the righteous will shine like the sun** and the kingdom of their Father. The one having ears to hear, let him hear.*

And here we are. This was written in 2000 years ago and now we're in that end of the age. Here we are and this scripture is being fulfilled in our ears as I'm speaking. Yahweh is separating the wheat from the chaff. His prophecy hid the exact day of His wrath to test and see if the kingdom is the highest priority in our life.

And like I said, the only thing that has held it up, is His love and mercy for us to give us a little more time. Because if He actually did this maybe a year ago, or two years ago, four years ago, maybe some of us in this room wouldn't be there.

But now we're here and are you reaping? We're going to reap what we sow; or are you reaping wheat and not having an empty. Because the interesting thing is, when it first grows up - the wheat, and grain is the biggest thing grown in Israel, it always has been. You'll see acres and acres and acres or hectares, whatever you use of grain all over. That's the biggest. That's the staple of life - is grain.

So when they grow up, it looks like grass. It just looks like simple grass. And as it gets higher and it starts to grow, it still looks exactly the same, but one is a wheat and one is a tare. You can't tell the difference. That's why He's saying if you tore it up then, you might rip up some of the grain with the wheat.

But as it comes to maturity, and this is the way we know it, which is really interesting, what happens is the grain, the wheat or the barley, whatever grain it is, it's like a liquid inside there. So, **if you pick it too early, there'll be nothing there.** But **you have to wait for the liquid to harden, to petrify and then it's a grain.**

And what happens is, the one with the grain, because of the weight will bow over; kind of interesting, like reverence. The chaff will stand straight up because there's nothing there and it will just be blown in the wind. So that's the point of it. That Yahweh gives us that as an analogy, but that's our life.

What is our life? Because now, we are so close. Like I said, this isn't the beginning of the end time. He gave us all these scriptures to know. When you see the fig tree - that happened 77 years ago. We already saw the fig tree. We know it's all going to happen in one generation. So, we're not in the beginning of this. We're in the very end of this.

And now Yahweh is ready to pick out the wheat and the chaff. So are you a grain now? Do you have something that's sown in there? Do you have fruit; or are you empty? Are you empty? Do you have nothing? No fruit to Yahweh. You're not born. That's why I'm saying, how much fruit are you bearing in your life?

A big part of that, a major part, is bringing people to faith. But another part is serving the people that are already in faith. Are you going out? Are you helping the poor? Are you visiting the people in prison? Are you serving the brethren? What are you doing? Are you bearing fruit? Or are you just an empty thing being blown in the wind and every day it's something else?

So, this is where now, like I said, it's always been a great parable. And I don't know of any other parable that actually is like this, where He literally said the devil is planting people in our Congregation. So now we're at that point where this is being fulfilled in our ears.

Isaiah 10 ... Isaiah 10, verse 16. He says:

Isaiah 10:16-17 *Therefore the Master, YAHWEH of Hosts will send leanness among his fat ones. And under His glory will kindle a burning like the burning of fire. And the Light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame; and it will burn and devour his thorns and briars in one day.*

It's going to burn the thorns and the briars, right? What did we say with the whole parable of the grain in the field? The thorns is where most people are at, and the thorns are the cares of life that are choking people from bearing fruit. And over here he says, if all you have is thorns and briars, you have nothing left. You're basically going to be burned up. So Yahweh will burn up the thorns.

Isaiah 5 and verse 24. He says:

Isaiah 5:24 *So, as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and the flame burns up the chaff; their root shall be like rottenness, and their blossoms shall go up like dust, because they have rejected the Torah of YAHWEH of Hosts; and despised the Word of the Holy One of Israel.*

Isaiah 5:25-26 *On account of this the anger of YAHWEH is kindled on His people, and He has stretched out His hand against them, ... Judgement starts at the household of Yahweh ... and the mountains quaked, and their dead bodies were as filth in the midst of the streets. In all this His anger does not turn away, but His hand is stretched out still. And He will lift up a banner to distant nations, and will hiss to them from the ends of the earth; and, behold, it shall come with swift speed!*

So again, this is end time of Yahweh's judgment that is coming. Luke 3 ... Luke 3 verse 15. And this is with John the Baptist. He says:

Luke 3:15 *But the people were expecting, and all reasoning in their hearts about John, lest perhaps he is the Messiah,*

At that time they didn't know. They see him coming, they see his zealousness; they see something. They're wondering, is He the Messiah? Which shows you they were waiting for the Messiah. The Jewish people said there's in the Bible, and with the rabbis there's no philosophy of a Messiah coming, which is absolutely false. As we see here, they're waiting for it. In verse 16 ...

Luke 3:16-17 *John answered all, saying, I indeed baptize you with water; but He stronger than I comes, of whom I am not fit to loosen the thong of His sandals. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire, He who holds a winnowing fan in His hand and has cleansed His threshing floor, He will gather the wheat into His granaries, but the chaff He will burn in the fire that cannot be put out.*

It's the same way I was saying, that the grain hardens and it's actually something you could use. You grind it, you eat, but the chaff is nothing. The tare, there's nothing inside there. So, it's the same thing here. When you're looking at the threshing floor and they're using the basket to thresh; all of the tare is just falling. The chaff is just falling out and it's being burned. The wheat is being held in that basket and it's going to be used because it's profitable. So, he's using the same exact analogy over here.

Revelation 3 in verse 14. But this is the scariest part about it. It says:

Revelation 3:14-15 *To the messenger of the congregation of Laodicea, write: These things says the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Head of the creation of Elohim (Yahshua): I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I would that you were cold, or hot.*

Revelation 3:16-17 *So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, ... This is what the Laodicean is saying ... I am rich, and I am made rich, and I am in need of nothing, and do not know that you are miserable and a wanderer and poor and blind and naked.*

And we know, we see the Laodicean's out there. They don't want to be part of anything. They don't want to be part of a Congregation. But even within Yahweh's Congregation are a lot of Laodiceans. And that's why it's human nature as we hear of the 144,000, and we hear of the bride, that we always want to put ourselves on the good side and that's a good thing. We should strive to that.

But to be honest, I think the best thing for a believer to do today, and this is what I'm going to do, is look at myself and say, I better look at myself as a Laodicean, so I can change. Because the biggest thing with the Laodicean is, he doesn't know he's a Laodicean. That's the biggest problem.

And that's why, the biggest problem with believers sometimes is pride, right? Because if you steal something, you know you did something wrong. You had a lustful thought, you know you did something wrong. You got angry, you know you did something wrong. But pride is something where it's a hidden sin. We don't know it. We think we're doing something out of righteousness and we're only doing it out of selfishness.

So, it's better to look at this and say, "Wow, I better look in here hard and fast and see where I have Laodicean tendencies." Because chances are the bride, even the bride, the 144,000 goes into the wilderness not ready. So, all of us have Laodicean tendencies to one degree or another. Maybe I'm 60%, maybe you're 20%. But we've got to look at this and not think, "Oh, I'm the Philadelphian. I'm this."

We've got to see, because the Philadelphia is the only congregation that you **become part of**. Nobody's a Philadelphian to begin with. You become part of that. You leave the other ones and become a Philadelphian by overcoming. So the best way to do this is, to look at this and say to myself, "Okay, let me figure out where I am portraying Laodicean tendencies." And that's the best way to see where we can change from there.

Let's go back to Matthew 7 and verse 21. We've gone over this before, but I mean, it's, again, it's a scary scripture.

Matthew 7:21-22 *It will not be that just everyone who says to Me, Master, Master, will enter into the kingdom of Heaven, but the ones who do the will of My Father in Heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Master, Master, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name do many works of power?*

Comment: So, these are people that are actually **even doing miracles** to some degree, right? And even as an elder, Yahweh gives us authority as an elder. So as an elder, I may lay hands on somebody that gets healed; or I might cast out a demon, but that doesn't make me righteous. That doesn't give me righteousness, that's just the power of Yahweh that's in me. So even as an elder, we can't think that we're there yet, just because He's doing mighty works with us because we could be just as much Laodicean as the next person. And He says:

Matthew 7:22-23 *Many will say to Me in that day, Master, Master, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name do many works of power? And then I will declare to them, from everlasting, I never knew you; "depart from Me, those working lawlessness!"*

And that's why I said, *hyahad* - raising the bar. We're not here to do the minimum. Yahweh has called us. Our human potential is to be elohim; to be part of His Elohim family. And whatever He has after this, and like I said, there's billions of galaxies and planets, and wow, we can only imagine what Yahweh has for us. But we better take that serious, that human potential and He's given us **toward Him and His work** that He's doing now, and overcoming in our lives, if we want to be there. Because like I said, the time is running short.

Jeremiah 12 verse 5 ... which is very interesting scripture for where we're at now. Jeremiah 12 in verse 5 says:

Jeremiah 12:5a *If you have run with footmen, and they wore you out, then how can you compete with the horses? ...*

Comment: So, when we look at this, now we haven't even begun to hit the worst of times. And like he says, if you can't even run with the people that are running, how are you ever going to run with a horse? So, we're going to have a race, right? And whoever wins the race, like the Apostle Paul says you're going to be a first fruit.

And it's like, "Okay, well, I don't know if I'm going to make it, but I'm going to run as fast as I can. I'm going to see." But if you saw there were, 100 horses there and you have to run against the horses. It's like, uh-oh. So if you can't run with the footmen, how will you compete with the horses? And we heard that part. Listen to the next part of this verse because it's very prophetic for us sitting in these chairs. He says ...

Jeremiah 12:5b *... And if you feel secure in the land of peace, then how will you do in the swelling of Jordan?*

We were 19 years in the land of peace in Jerusalem, and if we couldn't do it there, how are we going to do it in the wilderness? Praise Yahweh, He's had some mercy on us because many of you were with us when we first came from 2019, and nobody had a bad attitude. It didn't matter whether we were in tents, where we were moving. I mean, everybody had a good attitude, and we learned a lot.

And it's like now, like Yahweh is really blessed us, even coming here, and upgrading us. So, I'm not going to complain with Yahweh, if He upgrades you, praise Yahweh for that. I hope I get upgraded in the kingdom. I hope if I was going to be like this level, He'll upgrade me to that level, but, I'll take anything He's given me because I know it's His blessing.

But it's a really interesting scripture ... *if you feel secure in the land of peace, then how will you do in the swelling of Jordan?* Because it's a whole different thing from when we kept that feast, whole 19 year time cycle, Yahweh did it as a shadow there in Jerusalem, but now we're in the wilderness. Now we're the wilderness, and this is the only road to the Promised Land, the real Promised Land. Because Israel today, when you look at Jerusalem today, it's going to be the same land, but Jerusalem today is not the Promised Land. That is not it.

You look around, you look at the whole sexuality, you look at the false religion. Of course, it'll be a physical kingdom in that place, but it's going to look very, very different. Even the geography is going to be different, because when the earthquakes come, and the Mount of Olive splits and valleys, it's going to look totally different than what it is today.

So, if you feel secure and go into peace, how will you do in the swelling of the Jordan? And that's compared to *if you have a problem running with the footman, how are you going to compete with the horses?*

And, praise Yahweh that a lot of you try and inspired to come to the feast every year, but there's a lot of brethren that since we left Jerusalem, they only don't come because they don't want to come to the wilderness. They don't want to have a little bit of inconvenience in their lives and that's the Laodicean spirit.

Drop down to verse 10 because it continues:

Jeremiah 12:10 *Many shepherds have destroyed My vineyard; ... We talked about the vineyards before, right? Many shepherds, so this is even the pastors that are getting rebuked here ... they have trampled My portion under foot; they have made My pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.*

Jeremiah 12:11-12 *One has made it desolate; it mourns to Me. The whole land is a desolation, no man lays it to heart. The ravagers have come on all the bare heights through the wilderness, for the sword of YAHWEH devours from one end of the land even to the other end of the land. There is no peace for any flesh ...* and verse 13:

Jeremiah 12:13a *they have sown wheat, but they reaped thorns ...*

You reap what you sow. And in your life, are you sowing wheat; or are you sowing thorns? What are you sowing? You have to plant those good seeds if you're going to bear fruit from it. So, it's not just closing your eyes and guessing and hoping. It's a matter of planting it. It's a matter of studying your Bible every day. It's a matter of praying every day. It's a matter of fasting often. It's a matter of having ministry plans. It just doesn't happen. You have to make a plan to do it.

It's a matter of giving Yahweh, not just this 2.4 hours a day - His tithe. It's about giving Him 20%, 30% as much as we can without doing the other things. Is it easy? No, of course it's not easy. Juggling your family and juggling Yahweh. But you know what? It's doable ... it's doable. And I've seen it in my life. Something as simple

as just making a list every day of things to do, I can do 300% more than if I didn't have a list. Because from the minute I get up, I'm going down the list. I'm not wasting time. So, it's just a matter of planning it. It's just a matter of planning it out. So, it's very interesting.

Jeremiah 12:13a *they have sown wheat, but they have reaped thorns. They are worn out, but they do not profit ...*

A lot of people are worn out. They're going day and night. **Busy is not very in fruit**, right? Some of the most busiest people in the world are bearing nothing. So, if you're busy all day; you can be running around shopping, going to the doctors, doing this, doing that, you can be busy from morning to night. It doesn't mean you're bearing fruit. So busy is not bearing fruit.

Bearing fruit is having discipline in your life. It's about having a plan of action. It's about being productive, right? And that's why at the school, as many of you know it, nobody leaves there without a plan of action. Now, whether you do it once you leave, that's in your hands. But **you will** leave with a plan of action. You will understand how to do it. You will know what your gifts are.

So many people, they come to the school. They're like, "Oh, I don't know what my gifts are." Its like, "That's great. Don't worry. You'll know it before you leave." And I've never had one person that left there without knowing their gifts. But now make a plan of it. Make a plan of it.

Jeremiah 12:13b *They are worn out, but they do not profit. And they shall be ashamed of your harvests, because of the glow of the anger of YAHWEH.*

So in harvest time, right? It's harvest time. And we're going to reap what we sow, and like it says here, they're sown wheat but they've reaped thorns. So what is it? Sometimes you start right, you sow wheat, but you've got to take care of that garden. You've got to fertilize. You've got to pull the weeds. You've got to put the time in. And I've seen this.

We had a neighbor, we're living way out in the country. One of our neighbors is a shepherd, which is neat. We see the sheep and goats every day. And we have another neighbor there. An older man that started this garden a few years back. It was just an empty piece of land. We're like, oh, he starting his garden. And this guy must have put in, oh, I'm telling you, it's got to be at least 30, 40, \$50,000.

Bringing in a water tanks, bringing in, plowing this and never. And what he does is, he plants the stuff and he doesn't take care of it and it dies. He must have planted hundreds of fruit trees. And every year, we're looking and saying, wow, he starts out and then he doesn't do anything and it all dies. Sometimes some of it even grew ... tomatoes and this. He never picked it. And it just died.

So that's the point of it is, did we start this garden? And now we're not finishing it. Did we plant wheat, but now we're reaping thorns? If we did, it's only because of us. Because one thing is, if you ever did gardening, if you ever planted, you know it takes a lot of work. There's a lot of work to it. And not just in the beginning, maintaining it. So, what is your life like? How much are you producing? And are you producing wheat or thorns?

Jeremiah 30 ... Jeremiah 30 we talked about this in the Bible study. I'll just go a little bit because we are entering the time of Jacob's trouble. And again, it's not just with our brother Judah, but it's also with Ephraim. So it's with everybody. Verse 5, says:

Jeremiah 30:5 *For so says YAHWEH, We have heard a sound of trembling, of dread, and not of peace.*

Comments: Right now, praise Yahweh that those hostages are being released and praise Yahweh for those families. I've been praying every day for them since they've been taken. But by far, by far, this is not any kind of peace deal. Oslo, even though I knew Oslo wouldn't work, it was at least a peace deal. You had the leaders shaking hands. And I mean, there was a lot of things during Oslo that happened.

This is basically a cessation of violence temporarily; whether it lasts a day or a week or a month, it will not last long because of the same thing. Hamas didn't change. They didn't change from there. But that's what it says, *We have heard a sound of trembling, of dread, and not of peace:*

Jeremiah 30:6-8 *Ask now and see whether a male is giving birth? Why do I see every man with his hands on his loins, like a woman giving birth, and all faces are turned to paleness? Alas! For that day is great, for none is like it. And it is a time of Jacob's trouble, but he will be saved out of it. For it shall be in that day, says YAHWEH of Hosts, I will break his yoke from your neck, and I will burst your bonds. And strangers will not enslave you again.*

If we drop down to verse 24, why does this happen?

Jeremiah 30:24 *The glow of the anger of YAHWEH will not turn back until He has executed, and until He has established the purposes of His heart. In latter days you will understand it.*

Here we are. We understand it because we're in the latter days. This is the time we're living in now. We are in those last days. We're going into this time where we've already started the time of Jacob's trouble that will come on the tribes.

Joel 2, book of Joel. I said the book of Zechariah is a really, real amazing book; 14 chapters all about the end time and really specific things happening, book of Joel, the same thing. Book of Joel is really an amazing, end-time book. And a lot of dealing with the remnant being restored and Yahweh separating the wheat from the chaff. Joel chapter 2, He says:

Joel 2:1-2 *Blow a ram's horn in Zion, and shout an alarm in My holy mountain. Let all those living in the land tremble. For the day of YAHWEH approaches; it is near ... The day of them separating the wheat from the chaff ... It is a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, as the dawn spread out on the mountains, a great and a strong people. There has never been the like, nor shall there ever be again to the years of generation to generation;*

Joel 2:3 *a fire devours before it, and a flame burns behind it. The land is the Garden of Eden before them and behind them is a desolate wilderness; yea, also there is no escape to them.*

So, this is what we're living in now as Yahweh's kingdom is coming, and He is going to burn up all this earth, before us is the Garden of Eden. Before us is going to be just like the Garden of Eden. And you look behind,

everything of Satan's kingdom is a burnt wilderness. And that's the choice we have to make, which one are we living to each day in our life? It's like I said, what you sow is what you reap. The seeds you're planting now is going to be what you're going to reap from there.

Drop down to verse 11:

Joel 2:11-12 *And YAHWEH shall give His voice before His army, for His camp is very great. For he who does His Word is strong. For the day of YAHWEH is very great and fearful, and who can endure it? ... So, there's no doubt of time right here. It's the day of Yahweh ... Yet even now turn to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with wailing, declares YAHWEH.*

Like I said, the only reason it hasn't happened yet is because He loves us and He's given us that little bit more time. Just like the fig tree, right? He's given us that little more time. Turn to Him now, He says.

Verse 13:

Joel 2:13-14 *Yea, tear your heart, and not your robes; and turn to YAHWEH your Elohim. For He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and He pities concerning the evil. Who knows if He will turn and have pity and leave a blessing behind Him, a food offering and a drink offering for YAHWEH your Elohim?*

Joel 2:15-16 *Blow a shofar in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly. Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, gather the elders, gather the children, gather those who suck the breasts ... We have everybody here, right? From infants to older ... Let the bridegroom go out of his room, and the bride out of her bridal chamber*

Comment: Like we said in the first message. This is where we're at. And for that to happen, she's got to be ready ... she's got to be ready.

Joel 2:17-18 *Let the priests, ministers of YAHWEH, weep between the porch and the altar; and let them say, Have pity on Your people, O YAHWEH, and do not give Your inheritance to shame, for a proverb among those of the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, Where is their Elohim? Then YAHWEH will be jealous for His land and have pity on His people.*

So, we know they're going to try to divide the land. We know these things are coming and their all benchmarks for us to show us how close that Kingdom is. But this is where we need to be right now. We need to be in this time of repentance of getting anything out of our life that's not pleasing to Yahweh and turn to Him. And that His mercy and His kindness and His graciousness will be for us to forgive us like we see here.

Verse 23:

Joel 2:23 *Then be glad, sons of Zion, and rejoice in YAHWEH your Elohim. For He has given to you the early rain according to righteousness, ... we saw the early congregation. We saw it ... and He will cause the rain to come down for you, the early rain and the latter rain in the first month.*

Comment: And here we are, that latter rain and praise Yahweh. This tiny little congregation that has virtually no money, no paid employees, no nothing, and Yahweh is blessing us to bring this good news all over the earth, and people want to be part of it.

Joel 2:24 *And the floors shall be full with grain, and the wine vats shall overflow with wine and oil.*

That's Sukkot; the grain, the wine, and the oil. That's showing His blessing. The grain; bread the sustainer of life. The oil is His spirit, and wine is joy. That's what it shows. And they're all part of the Sukkot blessings that come.

Chapter 3, Joel 3. The time, we're right here. And this is part of Trump's peace plan, supposedly is making a Palestinian state. Look what He says:

Joel 3:1-2 *For, behold, in those days and in that time, ... end time ... when I bring again the exiles of Judah and Jerusalem, ... they're already there ... I will gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat ... the Kidron Valley ... And I will enter into judgment with them there, for My people and My inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; and they divided My land.*

So that's why Yahweh is upset, right? Drop down the verse 9. And what does He say?

Joel 3:9a *Proclaim this among the nations: Sanctify a war; ...*

Comment: So, before peace comes, there's going to be a war. We're heading toward there. If you're watching in the news with Russia and NATO and Russia and Europe, I mean, they are really, really on the cusp of possible war anytime. Only Yahweh knows the times and seasons, but when you watch what's going on, they are very close to this. So, it's not peace now, it's war.

Joel 3:9b-11 *... awaken the mighty men; let all the men of war draw near; let them come up. Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears. Let the weak say, I am strong. Gather yourselves and come, all you nations; and gather yourselves together all around. O YAHWEH, bring down Your mighty ones.*

Joel 3:12-13 *Let the nations be awakened and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat ... like I said, the Kidron Valley between the Mount of Olives and the City of David ... For there I will sit to judge all the nations all around. Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe ... It's time for Yahweh to separate the wheat from the chaff ... Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down, for the press is full, the vats overflow, for their wickedness is great.*

Joel 3:14-16 *Multitudes, multitudes in valley of decision! For the day of YAHWEH is near in the valley of decision. The sun and the moon will be darkened, ... We already see this, part of some of the signs Yahweh gives. We've seen the eclipses of the moon and the sun ... and the stars shall gather in their light. And YAHWEH roars from Zion, and He gives His voice from Jerusalem. And the heavens and the earth quake ... we're seeing some big earthquakes that have been coming recently, even in the Philippines ... But YAHWEH is a refuge for His people and a fortress to the sons of Israel.*

And here we are, we've been keeping the feast at the fortress of Sela where Yahweh is a fortress to His people. Praise Yahweh for that. So, to those who are willing to change, Yahweh's pouring His spirit out in these end times we're living in, and He's restoring what was lost.

Give Him that opportunity, because if there's something, like I was saying before, if there's a cursed thing in your life, Yahweh can't bless you. You're holding it back. Get rid of that cursed thing, and allow Yahweh's blessing to come into your life while He has it here.

Isaiah 30, verse 28 and 29. He says:

Isaiah 30:28-29 *And like an overflowing torrent, His breath shall divide to the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity, and a misleading bridle on the jaws of the peoples. The song shall be to you, as the night when the feast is sanctified, and gladness of heart, as one going with the flute, to come into the mount of YAHWEH, to the Rock of Israel.*

So, he's saying the joy is going to be like when we start the feast. And wow, I can say one thing. What blessings we were with the music and the praise that we had to Yahweh all feast long. What a joy. So let me read that again ... *The song shall be to you, as the night when the feast is sanctified* ... When we start the feast, we're all singing those songs, *and the gladness of heart*. Wow, everybody thinks how happy to be there, ... *as one going with the flute* ... We have flute players out there ... *to come into the mount of YAHWEH, to the Rock of Israel*. So, it's like we are fulfilling that scripture as we were keeping the feast.

Luke 22 in verse 27 ... Luke 22 in verse 27. Like I said, Yahweh is separating the wheat from the chaff. This is a very interesting scripture with that. Luke 22 in verse 27. It says:

Luke 22:27-30 *For who is greater, the one reclining, or the one serving? Is it not the one reclining? But I am in your midst as One serving. But you are those continuing with Me in my trial. And I appoint a kingdom to you, as My Father appointed to Me, ... This is what we have before us, the kingdom of Yahweh ... that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom; ... be at the wedding supper ... and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel ...* Wow, and listen what He says then ...

Luke 22:31-32 *And the Master said, ... Yahshua says ... Simon, Simon, (Simon Peter) behold! **Satan wants to sift all of you like wheat.** And I have prayed over you that your faith may not weaken. Also in time you will turn and strengthen your brothers.*

Wow, if this scripture was ever true, it's now. **Satan wants to sift every one of us like wheat.** He's going down. He's coming to this earth. He knows his time is short. And who is he coming after? Us! Most of the world is following him, right? That's not the worst time the world has ever seen, because they're all following his way.

It's when Yahweh's wrath comes, that's the worst coming world has ever seen. But Satan is not caring for these people in the world that are doing his bidding. He's coming after us. He wants to sift us like wheat. And you know what? If you are wheat, you can't be sifted through. You can only be sifted through if you're a chaff. If there's nothing there, there's no fruit you're going to go through and you're going to get burned.

So, this is a scary scripture. Satan wants to sift us like wheat. What is He saying? He says, **strengthen our brother and strengthen each other**. We don't want to be in that situation. We have to stay strong and we have to help to strengthen others. Satan's sifting for chaff. But he is going to try to destroy the wheat.

Let's go read the book of Esther, because I really believe Esther is a parable and a parallel to what's going on now. One of the most interesting books of the Tanach for many different reasons. But we kind of know the

story of Esther, I'll just read in chapter 1, when it starts out with Vashti. Vashti was the Queen and then it goes to her head a little bit. Like maybe it does to us sometimes being first fruits. And she takes for granted who she's serving, the King.

And she really, really loses out of that kingdom because of her disobedience, which is a lot to us now. Because we're the queen to Yahshua. And by our disobedience we can lose out. So, I'll just read a little bit in chapter 1. Then I want to go to some other scriptures. But I want to lay the ground. So, Esther 1:11, and 12. This is the King, Ahasuerus and he says:

Esther 1:11-12 *to bring Vashti the queen before the king with the royal crown, in order for the people and the princes to look upon her beauty. For she was beautiful to look upon. But Vashti the queen **refused to come** at the king's command by his eunuchs. And the king was very angry, and his fury burned within him.*

Comment: So, are we doing the same thing now? Like I said, Yahshua is calling His bride in the end. He's separating the wheat from the chaff. And are we saying no. The wedding invitations went out, like I said in **Matthew 22**. Are we saying "got other things to do. I've got a field to do this. I've got this to take care of that." Are we saying no? Because look what happens after that.

Esther 1:16-17 *And Memucan answered before the king and rulers, Vashti the queen has not only done wrong to the king, but also to all the rulers, and to all the people who are in all the provinces of Ahasuerus the king. For the matter of the queen shall go out to all women, to make their husbands despised in their eyes, in their saying that King Ahasuerus said to bring in Vashti the queen before him, but she did not come.*

Comment: So, that's why I say, much is given; much is expected. The more is given; the more is required. So now, as Yahshua is showing the world, these are My first fruits. This is My bride. And we're going to come with this last message to the world. If we're refusing Him, we're being just like Vashti. We're doing the same thing and then look what happens.

Esther 1:18 *And this day the princesses of Persia and Media who have heard the queen's word shall say the same to all the king's rulers and there shall be contempt and strife.*

And it's really interesting that this happens just as Babylon fell. And the Medes and the Persians take over. Right where we're at now. And this is how it happens. This is Yahweh separating the wheat from the chaff.

Esther 1:19 *If it please the king, let there be a royal decree from him, and let it be written among the laws of Persia and Media so that it shall not pass away, that **Vashti come no more before King Ahasuerus**. And let the king give her royal estate to another one, who is better than she.*

So, this is what Yahweh said in **Matthew 22**. *Go in the highways in the byways, bring everybody in. But those ones I invited and gave the wedding supper to that didn't want to come, will never be part of My wedding feast.* This is where we're at and this is the decision we need to make in our life.

Now we go to chapter 2 and it's kind of interesting. Chapter 2 in verse 4 He says:

Esther 2:4 *And let the young woman who pleases the king rule instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king, and he did so.*

So we could equate this also with the story of Judah and Ephraim because Yahshua came to His own, His own rejected Him. And He went after Ephraim. He said, *don't go to the nations but go to the House of Israel*. So we see the same thing that's kind of interesting with that part of it. Verse 8-10 says:

Esther 2:8 *And it happened, when the king's command and his order was heard, and when many young women had been gathered to Shushan the palace, into the hand of Hegai, Esther was taken into the king's house, into the hand of Hegai, keeper of the women.*

Esther 2:9-10 *And the young woman was good in his eyes, and she rose in favor before him. And he hastened her purifiers, and her portions, to give them to her. And seven young women were seen to be given to her out of the king's house. And he moved her and her maids to the best place in the house of the women ... So, she's doing the will of Yahweh and she's getting favor ... Esther had not revealed her people or her kindred, for Mordecai had commanded her that she should not tell of it.*

The same way now. People don't understand who Ephraim is, it's blinded to that. And if we go now to verse 12. It says:

Esther 2:12a *And when the turn of each young woman had come to go in to King Ahasuerus, at the end of her being purified twelve months ...*

Comment: So how long was it purifying? One year. Exactly 12 months, not a long time. Have we started that? Are we going into this purifying? I believe we are. I believe we're very close to this.

Esther 2:12b *... for so were fulfilled the days of their cleansing; six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with fragrances and with perfumes of the women.*

So it's broken down into two, six month periods. And then drop down to verse 15.

Esther 2:15 *And when the turn of Esther had come (she being the daughter of Abihail, Mordecai's uncle, whom he had taken to himself for his daughter) to go in to the king, she did not seek a thing except what Hegai the king's eunuch, the keeper of the women, said. And Esther had favor in the sight of all who saw her.*

Comment: Because she was following Yahweh she had favor. Are we building that favor in our life because of our obedience?

Esther 2:16-17 *And Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus into his royal house in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign ... During a Shemita, right? In the seventh year of his reign ... And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she rose in grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins. And he set the royal crown on her head, and made her to rule instead of Vashti.*

So, wow. So, we see this here that **the bride is chosen in the seventh year to come there**. The bride is chosen there. And **the Wedding Supper is right after that**. And **it took 12 months to prepare her**. So, really interesting time frame because this is actually Ahasuerus who is a Persian king's wife. Why would Yahweh put all these different times in there? Very interesting that He did.

We know the next Shemita is in 29/30 [2029/2030]. How that will play in, only Yahweh knows where we'll be by then. But certainly right now, we are in that type of testing. There's no doubt about now. Now is the time to wake up. Now is the time to prepare. And to dedicate our lives to Yahweh if we want to be that first fruit in the 1000 years and forever.

John 15 ... John 15. We'll be ending up here shortly. And like I said, as Yahweh is separating the wheat from the chaff, what fruit are we bearing? This is why that "once saved, always saved" doctrine of Christianity is so evil. Because literally we see in Scripture, no, it's not just, you don't sit at the end of a bar stool after a couple of beers and accept Jesus in your heart, that's not what it's about. **It's about a change of life. It's about repentance and it's about bearing fruit for Yahweh.** So, we see in John 15, verse 1 through 4:

John 15:1-2 *I am the True Vine, ... this is Yahshua speaking of course ... My Father is the Vinedresser ... here we are again in the Vine ... Every branch in Me not bearing fruit, He takes it away; and every one bearing fruit, He prunes, so that it may bear more fruit.*

Comment: Did you get that? No fruit, no Kingdom. Very, very clear, no fruit, no Kingdom. But everyone bearing fruit, He purifies us - the baptism of fire, so we bear more. And that's the way it is with trees, right? That when you have a fruit tree there, you have to prune it in the fall, so that next year comes with more fruit.

John 15:3-4 *You are already pruned because of the Word which I have spoken to you. Remain in Me, and I in you. As the branch is not able to bear fruit of itself, unless it remain in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me.*

One of the things I've always said that I learned in one of the schools, there is safety in the camp. **Don't leave the camp.** That's where Yahweh is working within the camp. You want to stay within the camp.

Drop down to verse 8:

John 15:8 *In this My Father is glorified, that you should bear much fruit; and you will be disciples to Me.*

So, again, I've said this at the school I go over, this is the discipleship class, people say, "What do we call ourselves?" and there's different words: *Of the Way, believer*, this and that. But disciples used over 250 times in the New Testament.

And in order to be a disciple, you must bear fruit. If you're not bearing fruit, He says you cannot be a disciple. And that's what we said, **the wheat has fruit, the tare has nothing.** The tare is empty. It looks like it, but it has nothing there. So, what is our life? Is our life being the wheat? Or is our life being a tare?

Last scripture is Luke 12. Luke chapter 12. Go ahead and verse 31. Let me chapter 12 starting verse 31. He says:

Luke 12:31-34 *But seek the kingdom of YAHWEH and all these things will be added to you. Stop being afraid, little flock, because your Father was pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make for yourselves purses that do not grow old, an unfailing treasure in Heaven, where a thief cannot come near nor moth can corrupt. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

Comment: Where is your treasure? Is your treasure in serving Yahweh? Is He first in your life? Or is it all that worldliness and possessions and that kind of thing?

Luke 12:35-36 *Let your loins be girded about, and the lamps burning, and you be like men awaiting their Master when He returns from the wedding ceremony, so that He coming and knocking, they will at once open to Him.*

Comment: So, the inner bride is going to be taken up to Heaven for the wedding ceremony and then He is coming back, and the rest of the first fruits will all be at that Wedding Supper with Him. What a great day that's going to be. But we know from the parable of the 10 virgins, if you're not faithful, you're going to get locked out.

Luke 12:37-40 *Blessed are those slaves whom the Master will find when He comes to be awake. ... Are we awake? ... Truly I say to you that He will gird Himself and will make them recline, and coming up He will serve them ... Just like we said before ... And if He comes in the second watch, or He comes in the third watch, ... if He's delaying ... and finds so, blessed are those slaves. But know this, that if the housemaster had known the hour the thief is coming, he would have watched and would not have allowed his house to be dug through. And you, then, be ready; for in that moment that you don't expect it, the Son of Man comes.*

So, Yahweh purposely has hidden when He's coming because He wants to test us. He doesn't want us just waking up, because now it's the end time. **He wants us waking up because we love Him. He wants us waking up because He gave His life for us, and we're giving our life for Him. And He wants us waking up because of our eternal loyalty to Him from that.**

So, the kingdom must be the top priority in our life, or we're Laodicean. We may be a tare, and not even know it, right? Yahweh is preparing His people and separating the wheat from the chaff. So, the way to know is pretty self-evident. You could tell right now whether you are a wheat or a chaff, like I said, **the wheat will make changes within their life. The tare will say they will, when they're wrong, and that's the difference.**

And like I said, some of you may be in the faith, two, three, four years, some of you may be ten years, some of you may be fifteen years, some of you may be twenty years, and that's the difference. That the wheat will have fruit in here. **The wheat will hear and actually make those changes and do something different and grow.** But **the chaff will always say, "Well, great sermon, great sermon" but it'll never change.** It'll always be empty. It's always the same thing.

So, and here we are. Here we are in the list of days where Yahweh is separating the wheat from the chaff. How much fruit you are bearing where your heart is in the work of Yahweh, or commercial Babylon will show which one you are. The wheat is welcome in the kingdom as kings and priests. The tares and the chaff are burned forever.

So here we are. Wow. It's going to be an exciting twelve to eighteen months. I'm telling you big things are going to happen in the world and within Yahweh's work. And I hope all of us are excited for those changes and Yahweh's blessing to be poured on these people. It's been a wonderful time being with you these eight days and now is the eighth day, the new beginning. Let's start whatever it was before, before you came. Yesterday, now it's a new day. Like I said, get that plan of action, write it down, and fulfill the wonderful, great purpose that Yahweh has put in your life.

Yahweh bless. Chag Semeach.