

Transcript – The Watchman and the Feast of Trumpets

Alrighty, Chag sameach. Shabbat shalom. Wow! Here we are, Yom Teruah 2018. And, you know, it's hard to believe that a whole year has gone by since last Yom Teruah and the amazing September 23rd sign in the heaven of the Revelation 12 sign in the heaven, but here we are. And, wow, it's been a fun-filled year, an amazing year with going through baptism of fire, preparing for Yahshua's return at the last trump and the wedding supper with the Bridegroom.

And now, the Yom Teruah, or Feast of trumpets, it's always an exciting day because the countdown starts. These 10 days now, between now and Yom Kippur, they're called the days of awe. Because they're really, it's really a time for the people of Yahweh to be thinking about repentance, serious repentance, and taking those last spots and wrinkles out of our life as we prepare for Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), and then Sukkot. We're going to have a great Sukkot this year. A lot of people coming to Jerusalem and just can't wait to get up to Yahweh's city and all the stuff we have planned there.

So, the name of the message today is called *The Watchmen and the Feast of Trumpets*. Because, again, Trumpets (or Yom Teruah), it's a day of watchings ... it's a day of watchings. And that's what it's about. Because it's not just about ... Yahshua returns at the last trump. But remember, there's seven trumpets that come from the book of Revelation, and we're going to read about some of these things today, about blowing of trumpets and what they're about. But really, it's a day of watching. Leviticus 23 and verse 23.

Leviticus 23:23-25 *And YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first of the month, a Holy Day Sabbath shall be to you, **a memorial acclamation of the resounding of trumpets**, a holy gathering ... So, that's what this day is about, it's about the resounding of the trumpets ... You shall do no laborious work and you shall bring a fire offering to YAHWEH.*

The baptism of fire. That's what we're doing. Our purification is what we're bringing to Yahweh. So, when we look, basically, in Scripture, **there's four reasons for blowing trumpets**. This is the day of blowing the trumpets. And like I've said before, literally Yom Teruah, the Day of Clamoring, the Day of Noise. Because for the people of Yahweh that are waiting for Yahshua, it's a joyful noise, it's an excitement noise, it's going to be the most unbelievable noise in the world. But for the enemies of Yahshua and the ones that are against Him, it's going to be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

But **trumpets are basically blown to warn people**. The trumpets, as we're going to see ... And today, most of what we're going to talk about, *The Watchmen and the Feast of Trumpets*, because the watchman gives the warning, and that's the main thing we'll talk about. Also, **to signify the New Moon**. We're going to see that in a couple of scriptures. When the New Moon comes, blowing the trumpet. **Coronating a king**. When the king is coronated, you blow the trumpet. And **giving praise**. We blow the trumpet when we're giving praise to Yahweh. So, let's go to Jeremiah 31:6 and 7 ... Jeremiah 31:6 and 7 says:

Jeremiah 31:6-7 *For there shall be a day when the watchmen on the hills of Ephraim shall call out, Arise and let us go up to Zion, to YAHWEH our Elohim. For so says YAHWEH, Sing with gladness for Yaakov, ... Jacob ... and shout among the head of the nations. Cry out, give praise and say, O YAHWEH, save Your people, the remnant of Israel.*

So, we see here that when the Kingdom comes, there'll be a day when the watchmen is on the hills of Ephraim, crying out, *arise and let us go up to Zion, to Yahweh our Elohim*. So, **one of the things of the watchmen is about the Holy Days. It's about the call to the Holy Days**, right? Because what does a watchman do? A watchman [tapping watch], right? A watchman tells time. That's why he's called a watchman. That's why I wear a watch all the time, because you have to tell time. A watchman tells time.

And by telling time, that means the watchman keeps the calendar. And to be honest ... And I've said this many times. I have my book *The Biblical Calendar*. I've never been refuted by the book. I've never been challenged by it. I mean, that book was so inspired by Yahweh and the Holy Spirit. And in order to keep the Holy Days of Yahweh, the Biblical Calendar, like I always say, it's a celestial calendar, but it's also an agricultural calendar. Like here in the Land of Israel, now we're heading into the fall Feasts. And what happens now? Now we're starting to see the pomegranates, and the dates, and the

olives, and the figs. But when the Jews were keeping the Feast a month ago, it was still the middle of the summer. It wasn't the agricultural time.

So again, as we're seeing here, it's the watchmen on the hills of Ephraim that's calling out. And Judah can keep the Feast whenever they want. They can keep the Feast in December. They can keep the Feast in June. I mean, that's their prerogative, ... Yahweh has given them dominion right now over the Land. They are the caretakers at present. Ephraim has not come back to the Land yet, unfortunately, but his time is coming soon. I'm going to talk about that at Sukkot ... but it's not the biblical calendar. It's not the calendar of Yahweh.

So, when people, and I've had people tell me all the time, "Why? Why is there so much confusion with the calendar?" Because people are not looking toward Israel. And that's one of my jobs as a watchman here in Israel for Yahweh. And I've said that for many years, I am a watchman for Yahweh. Being here in Israel, part of my job is the calendar. Part of my job is to pronounce the calendar and to give the Holy Days. And if Yahweh wanted somebody else here to do that, somebody else would have been here. But I've been here the last 20 years, even more than that, doing ministry. And Yahweh is the One that opened up the door.

This will be our 18th Feast keeping in the Land. And in the beginning, when we started keeping the Feast here, I wondered, "Hmm. What is Yahweh doing?" We only had a handful of people. But then as the years went by, I realized that Yahweh had me here as a watchman for Ephraim. That the Ephraimites, that we are a shadow of what is to come. And Yahweh has opened up for us the biblical calendar. Psalm 81 and verse 3 says:

Psalm 81:3 *Blow the ram's horn in the new moon, ... Right? That's one of the things we do ... in the new moon, on the covered moon, on our feast day.*

So, when is this? Even the Jews say this scripture can only be talking about the Feast of Trumpets. Because it's the only time that the New Moon, you're blowing the ram's horn on the New Moon that's on a Feast Day. Okay? Because the New Moon is not a Feast Day. It's not one of the Chagim. So, if it's on the New Moon and on the covered moon, very clearly it has to be conjunction. There's no doubt about it. So, this is why in the New Moon, every New Moon you blow the ram's horn, but particularly on this New Moon. The New Moon of the seventh month is the only time that the New Moon, on the covered moon, is on the Feast Day. And that's what we are today. This is the first day of the seventh month.

So, again, some that go by crescent sighting to start the month, here a clear-cut scripture the New Moon is the covered moon. It's not up to 72 hours later. It could be half a day, up to three days when you see the crescent from the time of the New Moon at the time of conjunction. But this is my question: When it comes to today, Yom Teruah (the Feast of Trumpets), you don't know if you're sighting a crescent for an hour or two after sunset, if it's the new month. So, every month when crescent sighters are going out there, that's what they do. They wait till after sunset. They wait one, two hours, maybe a little longer to see if a crescent comes up. If it doesn't, then they wait till the next day.

That's fine for most months, right? It doesn't make a difference. But this is a Holy Day. So, how do you prepare for the Holy Day? When sunset comes, are you working after sunset, or aren't you working after sunset? Yahweh would never have it where you're waiting several hours to know whether the Holy Day started or not, when the Holy Day goes from sunset to sunset. So, just another reason why it couldn't go by crescent. Many other reasons. Like I said, ask for our book *The Biblical Calendar*. Although we're very low on those books now, we only have a few left, but go online. You can download it online, and you could read it for yourself. Ezekiel 36:38 ... Ezekiel 36:38 says:

Ezekiel 36:38 *Like a holy flock, like the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts, so the waste cities shall be filled with flocks of men. And they will know that I am YAHWEH.*

Like a holy flock, like the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts. And like I said, one of the most important jobs as a watchman of Yahweh here in Jerusalem, here in Israel, here in Yahweh's holy city, is the Feast Days, particularly Sukkot. Because Sukkot pictures the return of Yahshua, which this day also pictures, Yom Teruah, that He returns at the last trump.

But like it says here, the fact that as Ephraimites, and that we have people that come from 25 to 30 different countries every single year, we're coming there as: Number one, it's a sign to the people of Yahweh that Ephraim will come home when the time is right, when Yahweh opens the door. But it's a part of fulfillment of prophecy, like I just read here, because that's where the tribes come up. We're not coming as Jews. We're not coming as Christians. We're coming as Ephraimites. We're coming as Ephraimites and believers in Yahshua. And just like the scripture says, we are fulfilling that scripture, Ezekiel 36 and verse 38. Psalm 122 ... Psalm 122 is:

Psalm 122:15- *A Song of Ascents; of David ... He says ... I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of YAHWEH. Our feet will stand within your gates, O Yerushalayim. Yerushalayim is built like a city that is joined to itself, together. There the tribes go up, the tribes of Yah; to the testimony of Israel; to give thanks to the name of YAHWEH ... Wow! ... For the thrones of judgment were established there, the thrones of the house of David.*

So, here we see this is the fulfillment. In the Millennium we will have all 12 tribes here. Yahshua Himself will be the Master of ceremonies and will be hosting the Feast of Tabernacles. But we've been doing it every year now for 18 years as a sign that this is coming in the end time and the importance of the tribes keeping the Holy Days in Jerusalem today.

And face it, I'm the first one to say ... I'm going to get into it a little later in the message ... Israel, and particularly Jerusalem is a very defiled place. It's extremely defiled, even homosexual parades. I mean, the stuff that's going there. And that's not the point of it. The point of it is, though, we do come up at Feast time in our diaspora, that Yahweh is blessing us to be there. It's not a command in your diaspora. It is an honor and a blessing to be able to be there.

And the door will be closing. We're not going to be probably keeping the Feast there too many more years. The war is coming. There's a scripture that says, when this happens, *those in Judea flee to the mountains*. And then the beast power will actually have control of Jerusalem for 42 months, and the people of Yahweh will not be coming there.

So, in the meantime, until that happens, ... And we don't know. That might happen in a year, in two years, three years. Who knows? But it's not that long down the line ... So, that's why it is important today for the people of Yahweh to come to Jerusalem at Feast time if you could, to represent Yahweh. And it's, like I always say, the greatest honor in my life that Yahweh has chosen me to be the leader over here for doing that.

So, that's an important job of the watchman. That's one of the important jobs of the watchman is telling times and the calendar. Yahweh does not give that job to somebody living in Niagara Falls, or somebody living in Canada, or somebody living in Antarctica or somewhere else. That's the job he's given to the watchmen in Jerusalem. And if people only understood judicial order, we would have a lot less trouble with the calendar and with some of these things. But, unfortunately, they don't. Daniel 12 and verse 4 ... Daniel 12 and verse 4.

Daniel 12:4 *But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, to the end time. Many shall travel back and forth, and knowledge will be increased.*

And wow! And I say this, maybe the only reason that Yahweh allowed the creation of airplanes was so that people in this last generation ... Because airplanes are not 500 years old. It's only for around 100 years that airplanes have been used, and just in the last 50 years that really people are really traveling everywhere. When you look, millions of people traveling every day ... But maybe the only reason that Yahweh allowed that technology was for us to be able to come up to Jerusalem at Feast time in this last generation because it gives us hope. It does give us hope.

And even within the defilement of the land here, you still have 40,000 archaeological sites, and Yahweh has preserved all of these wonderful things. And like I said, it will change your life. You will never read the Bible the same way again once you come to Israel.

But knowledge will also be increased. And we know the book of Daniel was closed till when? Till the end time. It's not closed anymore. We're doing Revelation Bible studies now. And Yahweh willing, after this we may do a few short Bible studies on some things, but then I want to go to the book of Daniel because it's an opened book. And the same with

Revelation; that Revelation was also a closed book until now. Because now Revelation is being unveiled because it's happening. Revelation is actually happening. So, the book is being unveiled. Yahweh is revealing this knowledge to His remnant bride. If we go to Revelation 3 and verse 7 and 8 ... Revelation 3:7 and 8.

Revelation 3:7 *And to the messenger of the congregation of Philadelphia, ...*

Comment: We're going over now the Philadelphia Experiment. Our committee has just finished all of our investigation into this. We're doing the last phases of putting this together. Yahweh willing, before Sukkot I hope to send the report to the elders worldwide, get feedback. And then after Sukkot, I want to start sharing with the brethren some of the things that we've come up with it. But Philadelphia is the congregation you want to be in. That's where you want to be, and that's what we're going to try to do.

Revelation 3:7 *... These things says the Holy One, the True One, "The One having the key of David, the One opening, and no one shuts; and shuts, and no one opens:"*

Comment: Right? And praise Yahweh that He used me to reveal the tabernacle of David—what it means, the meaning of it—in the City of David. It's been closed there, covered for 3,000 years, and now it's unveiled. And He unveiled it, I believe, to His congregation as a sign to us of what's happening in the end time. Still, you go around the internet, you go around, nobody really understands it or knows it. There's very little said about it. But to the people of Yahweh, it's there, and it's uncovered. I've seen it many times.

Revelation 3:8 *I know your works. Behold, I've given an open door being opened before you, and no one is able to shut it, for you have a little strength and have kept My Word, and have not denied My name.*

So, Yahweh is giving an open door to His remnant, and it's just amazing. We should be thanking Him every day of our lives for this and just understanding ... Don't take it for granted. Because there's many people that are Laodiceans, that are outside the congregation, that are not getting these blessings and don't understand and getting so deceived. I mean, people now, I don't even want to tell you look at the internet. Because I'm telling you don't look at the internet because of all the false teachings and the demonic spirit that's overtaking all of these false prophets and false teachers that are on the internet, and it's only going to wax worse and worse until the end.

So, let's get into a little more of the job of the watchman. Okay, let's go to Ezekiel 33 ... Ezekiel 33, starting in verse 1. Because Yom Teruah, or Feast of Trumpets, has a lot to do with watching ... a lot to do with watching. And Yahweh has set watchmen in the world, leaders, elders over this watching. Chapter 33 of Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 33:1-5 *And the Word of YAHWEH was to me, saying, Son of man, speak to the sons of your people and say to them: When I bring the sword on it, on a land, and take one man from the people of the land, their borders, and set him for a watchman to them, and when he sees the sword coming on the land, and he blows the ram's horn ... Right? This is what we do today. We blow the ram's horn ... and warns the people, and the hearer hearing the sound of the ram's horn, and does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him; his blood will be on his own head. He heard the sound of the ram's horn and took no warning; his blood shall be on himself. But he who took warning, he shall deliver his soul.*

Ezekiel 33:6-8 *But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the ram's horn, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes a soul from them, he is taken in his iniquity. But I will require his blood from the watchman's hand. And you, son of man, I gave you as a watchman to the house of Israel. And you shall hear the Word from My mouth and warn them from Me. When I say to the wicked, O wicked one, surely, you shall die! And you do not speak to warn the wicked one from his way, that wicked one will die in his iniquity, but I will require his blood from your hand.*

Ezekiel 33:9-11 *But you, if you warn the wicked from his way, to turn from it, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul. And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, This you have spoken, saying, Surely our transgressions and our sins are on us, and we are rotting in them, and even then shall we live? Say to*

them, As I live, declares Adonai YAHWEH, I do not have delight in the death of the wicked, except in the wicked turning from his way, and so to live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! For why will you die, O house of Israel?

And I'm going to talk about this more at Sukkot, on Ephraim and the return of Ephraim back to the Land. But I think what a lot of people have been missing in the times we're living in here ... Even the book of Ezekiel, Ezekiel is a contemporary of who? He's a contemporary of Jeremiah. And in the time when the temple is being destroyed, 573 BC when Babylon is overtaking Judah, the northern tribes of Israel went into captivity almost 150 years before that. Okay? So, why on earth would Ezekiel be writing to the house of Israel? Because he's writing to the house of Israel in their diaspora, and these are end time scriptures.

And he's telling the Israelites in the end time ... And where are these Israelites living? They're living in America. They're living in UK. They're living in Australia. They're living in Europe, all around Europe, and a lot of these colonized areas around the world, first world nations. And these people are not right before Yahweh. The house of Ephraim, the house of Israel is very rebellious. They're very prideful. They're not listening.

And as we see, what's happened in the end time now? Where are most of the brethren that Yahweh is working with? They're in third world countries. If you look in countries like America and Babylon, people are not coming to faith; they're falling away. And I've never seen this. Like I said, I'm 35 years in the faith. When I came to faith back in the early 1980s, I mean, you had hundreds of thousands of strong believers in United States; now small, small pockets of a few remnant. There's very few believers that are there in the US. It's basically been taken over by Evangelicals and Messianic movement and all stuff that is just not from Yahweh, all these things.

But where is Yahweh working? He's working in the third world, in Africa, in Asia, in Central and South America. These are where, I mean, just thriving congregations, growing by the thousands. It's unbelievable how much, even just in the last couple of years, like I said, in our congregation, tens of thousands of people that have come into the congregation just from the shmita. And it's amazing to see all this stuff happen, and it's exciting to see it happen.

But also, the message that's here for repentance is to a lot of these people that are living in America and Europe and these other places. So, let's continue here in Ezekiel 3 and verse 4. Because it's a message that some will hear. Some may come out of it, but not very many, not very many of these people, because they're part of the Laodicean movement. Ezekiel 3 and starting in verse 4.

Ezekiel 3:4-6 *And He said to me, Son of man, Go! Come to the house of Israel and speak with My Words to them. For you are not sent to a people of deep lip and difficult of language, but to the house of Israel; not to many people of deep lip and a difficult language, those words you cannot hear. If I had sent you to them, they would have listened to you.*

Comment: Right? And He has. I can't believe when I go to places, and I have in Africa and Asia and these other places, I've literally gone before people that were Sunday keeping Christians, hundreds in the audience, that one message or one seminar and these people are coming to faith and being baptized. But like I said, in Western society it doesn't happen that way. Western society, the people are just very, very stiff-necked.

Ezekiel 3:7 *But the house of Israel is not willing to listen to you, ... verse 7 ... for they are not willing to listen to Me, for all the house of Israel are strong of forehead and hard of heart.*

Comment: They're filled with self-righteousness. They're filled with pride. And wow, they just, they do not want to change. They do not want to repent.

Ezekiel 3:8-11 *Behold, I have made your face strong over against their faces, and your forehead strong over against their foreheads. I have made your forehead as an adamant harder than flint. Do not fear them, and do not be frightened by their faces, though they are a house of rebellion. And He said to me, Son of man, all My Words which I speak to you, receive into your heart, and hear with your ears. And go! Come to the exiles, to the sons of your people, and speak to them, and say to them, So says Adonai YAHWEH, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.*

Ezekiel 3:12-13 *And the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me a sound of great tumult, saying, Blessed be the glory of YAHWEH from His place! And there was the sound of wings of the living creatures touching each one to the other, and the sound of the wheels along with them, and the sounds of great tumult.*

Comment: Right? There was much tumult. There was much clamoring. What is this? This is Yom Teruah, the Day of Clamoring. So, this is what's happening. As the watchman is being sent to these people, there's a lot of noise, right? But it's not good noise. It's not noise of praise. It's not noise of excitement. It's noise of anger. It's noise of rejection.

Ezekiel 3:14, 16-18 *So, the Spirit lifted me up and took me, and I went bitterly in the heat of my spirit, but the hand of YAHWEH was strong upon me ... Go down to verse 16 ... And it happened at the end of seven days, even it happened that the Word of YAHWEH came to me, saying, Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. And hear the Word of My mouth, and warn them from Me. In My saying to the wicked, surely you shall die; and you do not warn him, and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, he, the wicked, shall die in his iniquity. But I will require his blood at your hand.*

Ezekiel 3:19-21 *And you, because you have warned the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his way, he, the wicked, shall die in his iniquity. But you have delivered your own soul. And when the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die. Since you have not warned him, he will die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered. But I will require his blood at your hand. But you, because you warned him, the righteous, so that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, surely he shall live because he is warned. And you have delivered your soul.*

So, this is where it's at. I don't expect Western society, and Babylon, and UK, and Australia, and these other places, to hear a message like this and everybody's changing. Yahweh willing, I pray even if one person changes, because every life is precious to Yahweh. But I have to give the message because, like it says here, if the watchman doesn't give the message, the blood is on his own head.

And Yahweh has inspired me, and He has fervently compelled on my heart to give this message of repentance out of love. Because Yahweh is an Elohim of love. And like it says, all He wants is repentance. That's all He's looking for. He's not looking for punishment. He's not looking for revenge. He's Elohim of reconciliation, not condemnation. But **in order to have reconciliation, there has to be repentance.** It's that simple. So, **this is the warning the watchman gives.** And who's he giving it to? Like I said, he's giving it to the Laodiceans.

Revelation 3 and verse 15 ... Revelation 3 and verse 15. This is to the congregation of Laodicea, which most people in Western society are part of today. He says:

Revelation 3:15-18 *I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I would that you were cold, nor hot So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, I am rich, and I am made rich, and I have need of nothing, and do you not know that you are miserable and a wanderer and poor and blind and naked. I advise you to buy from Me gold having been fired by fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, and your shame and nakedness may not be revealed. And anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.*

These people are blind. They think they are spiritual giants. They think that they have all of this knowledge. They think that Yahweh is giving them this. And yet He says they are poor and blind and miserable and naked. Most of these people are unhappy. They're filled with bitterness, the root of bitterness. And they're naked. They have no covering. And like it says, they think they're rich and increased with goods, in need of nothing. So, they don't need congregations. They don't need elders. They don't need people. And yet they're miserable, and they know it. They know they're miserable because they've left Yahweh's Congregation.

And like I said, we're not the only branch of Yahweh's Congregation. There's other branches out there that are part of the true tree of Yahshua's Congregation that have the proper ordination. But these people can't join any of them. There's a reason why every single one is wrong. And like I say, if every single person in the world is wrong except you, and you're sitting in a living room by yourself, then something's wrong! You are so self-righteous because you can't even see it! That there's 8 billion people in the world, but "everybody is wrong but me. I'm the only one here."

So, this is who Yahweh is speaking to. He is speaking to the Laodiceans because they're self-righteous and they don't see their decrepit state. There's no judicial order. They're outside the camp of Yah. And I always go to that scripture ... I'm not going to go there now ... in **1st John** where it says, *they left us because they were not part of us. If they were part of us, they would still be with us.* And that is so profound. And that should be a proverb because it really is profound. How do you get around that? If they were part of Yahweh's Congregation, they would be in the congregation.

But they leave the congregation because they can't be under judicial order. They can't. Some of them use tithe as a weapon. They might be making a lot of money, and then they want to use their tithe ... They may even organize meetings. They may give money to people ... Because they don't want to be under the judicial order. They don't want to be part of the work of Yahweh. They want to be part of their own work. They want to be part of their own recognition. And this is who the message is to ... this is who the message is to.

And it's sad because maybe, maybe there's a few of them that you could pull out of the fire. But unfortunately, most of these people are not going to repent. They're not going to repent. And as the Congregation of Yahweh is moving forward in unity and love and spirit, the Laodicean is only getting worse. The Laodicean is just withering away. And if you read my book, *The Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail Against Her*, you see this.

You see that for 2,000 years, even true Congregations of Yahweh, like the Worldwide Church of God, who was the biggest true branch of the Congregation of Yahweh for most of the 1900s are not even part of the true congregation anymore. So, you see how if a congregation does not hold onto the torch of Yahweh and hold onto the truth of Yahweh, they're going to fall away and then they won't even be part of the truth. Even the Amish and the Mennonites, the Mennonites were part of that. And although they are a sanctified people and there's many things that we could learn from them, they're not part of the true branch of Yahshua's Congregation anymore. They're not. Because they gave away part of the vital truths that Yahshua had with that.

Joel 2 and verse 1 ... book of Joel. But like I said, it really is a message of hope and a message of love. Because Yahweh's not looking to punish. He's not looking to destroy. He's looking to reconcile. That's what Yahweh wants to do. Ministry of reconciliation, not condemnation. Joel 2 and verse 1.

Joel 2:1-3 *Blow a ram's horn in Zion, ... Blow a ram's horn in Zion, right? This is what it is. It's the Day of Trumpets ... 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. 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 strong people. There has never been the like, nor shall there ever be again to the years of generation to generation; a fire devours before it, and a flame turns behind it. The land is the Garden of Eden before them and behind them is a desolate wilderness; ...*

Comment: Here we are. We're coming to this day very shortly. The Day of Yahweh is coming, where everything behind is a burned wilderness and everything before is the Garden of Eden. And what does Yahweh say in verse 10?

Joel 2:10-11 *The earth shall quake before them, the heavens will shake. The sun and the moon will grow dark, and the stars shall gather in their light. And YAHWEH will 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?*

Comment: So, it's a awful time where most people in the world are going to die because of their rebellious nature. And what is Yahweh's Word? What is He saying?

Joel 2:12-14 *Yet even now turn to me with all your heart, ... Right as this is ready to happen, He's saying, turn to me with all your heart ... and with fasting, with weeping, with wailing, declares YAHWEH. 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 2:15-18 *Blow a shofar in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly. Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, gather the elders, gather the children, those who suck the breasts. Let the bridegroom go out of his room, and the bride out of her bridal chamber ... Here we are. Yahshua the Bridegroom. We are collectively the bride, and this is what's happening at this time ... 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 people, Where is their Elohim? Then YAHWEH will be jealous for His land and have pity on His people.*

Comment: And this is the reason why Ephraim has not come back to the Land yet. There has not been this great cry of repentance. And what people want is they want reconciliation without repentance. So, they want to come back to the Land without repenting. And you have to turn away from the sins. You have to, with deep repentance in your heart you have to be able to do this. And only then will Yahweh be *jealous for His land and have pity on His people*.

Joel 2:19 *Yea, YAHWEH will answer and say to His people, Behold, I will send you grain, and wine, and oil, ...*

Comment: Right? This is the Feast of Sukkot that's coming. The grain, the wine, and the oil. The grain is where the bread comes from, which is the staple of life. The oil is the Holy Spirit and also for healing. And then the wine is for the happiness, the completeness of it.

Joel 2:19, 23 *... and you shall be satisfied with it. And I will no more make you a disgrace among the nations ... Drop down to verse 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, and He will cause the rain to come down for you, the early rain and the latter rain in the first month.*

So, here we are. The latter rain has already started. It's already being poured out. And we're seeing the miracles that we've been seeing, blind their eyes being opened, deaf being able to hear. Like I said, even people that were dead coming back to life, the dead being raised. And just recently the testimony we got this week of Yahshua even appearing to His people, physically appearing. So, we're seeing these miracles. I mean, these miracles are happening and the latter rain is being poured out. And if we want to be part of it, ... This is Yom Teruah, the Feast of Clamoring ... this is where, as these 10 days of awe, we really need for these next 10 days to be thinking about this, and be thinking about repentance, and to be thinking about getting closer to Yahweh.

Jeremiah 6 and verse 14. Because Yom Kippur is the highlight of it. Yom Kippur is the day we're supposed to be at one with Yahweh. Because between now and Yom Kippur, these 10 days are the 10 days of awe. These are the 10 days that we're literally thinking about repentance and turning to Him, and not what's wrong with the next guy but changing in ourself. So, Jeremiah 6 ... Jeremiah the 6th chapter, starting in verse 14 ... Jeremiah 6 and verse 14.

Jeremiah 6:14-15 *They have also healed the break of My people slightly, saying, Peace, peace, when there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they made an abomination? They were not at all ashamed, nor did they know to blush. So they shall fall among those who fall. At the time I visit them, they shall be cast down, says YAHWEH.*

Jeremiah 6:16-19 *So says YAHWEH, Stand by the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; and you shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk in it. And I raised watchmen over you, saying, **Listen to the sound of the ram's horn.** But they said, We will not listen. So hear, O nations, and know, O congregation, that which is coming on them. Hear, O earth, behold! I will bring evil on this people, the fruit of their thoughts. For they have not listened to My Words, and My Torah; and they have rejected it.*

So, that's the message today. *I put before you life and death; choose life. Each person can choose life, but we have free will. We have to make that conscious choice of turning from our ways, being within Yahweh's judicial order and following it.* And that's what it's all about. So, the people have, each person has the ability and the responsibility. Are you going to follow it? Or are you going to turn away from it? And that's what the day is all about. Most Laodiceans won't witness, but the watchman is only to witness, not to take away their free will. Psalm 127 and verse 1 ... Psalm 127 and verse 1.

Psalm 127:1 *A Song of Ascents, for Solomon. If YAHWEH does not build the house, they who build it labor in vain; if YAHWEH does not keep the city, the one keeping it stays awake in vain.*

And unfortunately, like I said, this is what happens sometimes. Even in the Messianic movement, which is very messy, people want to go out with no training. They don't have the proper doctrine. They want to start their own private ministries. They're selling DVDs and tapes and all these other things. And to some of these men that may have certain physical gifts, they may be talented to a degree. So, maybe they're selling millions of dollars' worth of DVDs that they're doing. But the bottom line is, if Yahweh is not in it, *if Yahweh doesn't build the house, the weary builders build in vain.* And it's not about financial success that makes the blessing of Yahweh. That's Babylonian thinking that comes from there.

So now, the next thing that the watchman does is **the watchman prepares the bride**. The watchman is there to prepare the bride for the wedding supper. Let's go to Song of Solomon ... Song of Solomon, chapter 3 and verse 1 says:

Song of Solomon 3:1 *By night on my bed I sought Him whom my soul loves (Aleph/Tav). I sought Him, but I did not find Him.*

Comment: This is now the bride. It's a great book. One of these days we'll have to do Bible study on the book of Song of Solomon. Because it's all about Yahshua and His bride It's all about Yahshua and the bride and getting ready for the wedding supper. And here it is, by night on the bed, the bride is seeking Aleph-Tav, who is Yahshua, the Aleph and the Tav, *whom my soul loves. I sought him, but I did not find him.*

Song of Solomon 3:2 *I will rise now and go about in the city, in the streets and in the broad places. I will seek Him whom my soul loves. I sought Him, but I did not find Him.*

Comment: So, you have to remember now, too, the bride needs to be under protection. She needs to be under judicial order. The bride shouldn't go out on her own. I'm not going to go to Numbers 30, but we know that; that in **Numbers 30** it says a woman is under the judicial order of her father as long as she's in the house. And then she's under the judicial order of her husband when she gets out. In the New Testament, in the Brit Chadashah, for widows or people that don't have a covering like that, then the elders are the covering over the people. And then, verse 3 says:

Song of Solomon 3:3 *The one watching going about in the city found me. And I said, Have you seen Him whom my soul loves?*

So here it is, the watchman sees the bride, and he's protecting the bride. **That's part of the job of the watchman. The watchman is there to protect the bride** ... Song of Solomon 5 and verse 2 ... **and also correct the bride**. That's part of a message like here. This message is here to inspire, but also to correct for where we need to change in our life to be able to get closer to Yahshua. Chapter 5 and verse 2 of Song of Solomon says:

Song of Solomon 5:2-5 *I sleep, but my heart is awake. It is the sound of my Beloved that knocks, saying, Open to Me, My sister, My love, My dove, My undefiled. For My head is filled with dew, My locks with the drops of the night. I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them? My Beloved sent His hand from the opening, and my inner being sighed for Him. I rose up to open to my Beloved, and my hands dripped with myrrh; yea, my fingers flowing with myrrh on the handles of the bolt.*

Comment: So, we know that myrrh was what was used with Yahshua when He was being crucified. It's a symbolism there of the bride is fully 100% embracing Him as the Savior, embracing His crucifixion, forgiveness of sins. And then it says:

Song of Solomon 5:6-8 *I've opened to my Beloved, but my beloved had left; He passed on. My soul went out when He spoke; I sought Him, but I could not find Him. I called Him, but He did not answer ... And then who comes? ... The watchmen who went about the city found me and struck me; they wounded me; who's keeping the walls lifted my veil from me. I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if you find my Beloved, what do you tell Him? That I am sick with love.*

So, here it is that the bride who is maybe getting into a little trouble here, and what is the watchman doing? The watchman is coming and bringing corrective love to the bride. And that's a big part of the watchman. That's a big part of my ministry is giving corrective love to the brethren and making sure the brethren are safe, and that they're protected, and that they're cared for. So, as a people, we have to respect that. Hebrews 13 and verse 7 ... Hebrews 13 and verse 7 says:

Hebrews 13:7 *Remember your leaders who spoke the Word of Elohim to you, considering the completeness of their works, imitate their faith: Yahshua Messiah, the same yesterday, today and forever.*

Comment: Right? Yahshua doesn't change. And what is ... I'm not going to go there. We go there many times. **Ephesians 4 and verse 11.** Yahshua set elders, and apostles, and pastors, and teachers, right? He set them in the body for the betterment of the body, so that people would not be getting pulled by every false wind of doctrine, and that He can keep the body unified. So, as a people, we need to appreciate this. We need to respect our elders and our leaders, and appreciate this.

And just on a side note, when we look at the Amish and the Mennonite communities that we're trying to look to them for sanctification, one of the things that have kept them together like this for 400 years is that the people trust their leaders. They trust their leaders, and they respect their leaders and the judicial order that's put there. Drop down to verse 17 of Hebrews 13.

Hebrews 13:17 *Listen to your spiritual leaders, and submit to them, for they watch for your souls, giving an account, that they may do this with joy, and not with grieving; for this would be unprofitable to you.*

So, very, very clearly, *listen to your spiritual leaders, and submit to them, for they watch with your souls.* **The watchman watches for the souls of Yahshua's people, Yahshua's bride.** Let's get into a little bit now of the wedding, the wedding supper, and the wedding of the bride. If we go to Revelation 21, verse 1 and 2 ... Revelation 21, verse 1 and 2. He says:

Revelation 21:1-2 *I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and the sea no longer is. And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from YAHWEH, having been prepared as a bride, having been adorned for her Husband.*

So, can you imagine this? Everybody today loves Jerusalem. Jerusalem is the major capital of all three major religions. It doesn't matter whether it's Judaism, Christianity, or Islam. Jerusalem is the major capital of all three. It is the highlight of anybody's life to be able to come to Israel and visit Jerusalem. And like I said, now, even the fact that Yahweh showed where the real Temple Mount is. The Tabernacle of David where the Ark of the Covenant was is exposed. And yet, earthly Jerusalem today is nothing like heavenly Jerusalem.

So, the heavenly Jerusalem that's being talked about here, it's literally the dowry. Jerusalem in heaven is the dowry from Yahweh the Father to Yahshua and His bride, and He's bringing it down. What an amazing thing! And the watchman is told, **part of the job in the watchman**, and maybe that's one of the reasons why Yahweh has me here in Israel and in Jerusalem, **is to keep reminding Yahweh of that; to keep reminding Him so that He performs to make Jerusalem a praise in all the earth.**

So, I don't know if you ever thought about that. So, what a blessing it is when Yahweh blesses you to be one of the ones to come to Jerusalem at Feast time and represent Him. To think that this is His wedding present—the city of Jerusalem,

the New Jerusalem—to Yahshua and the bride when the wedding supper happens. Go to Isaiah 62 ... Isaiah 62, starting in verse 1.

Isaiah 62:1-2 *For Zion's sake, I will not be silent; and for Jerusalem's sake, I will not rest; until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and Y'shua as a burning torch. And nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. And you shall be called by a new name which the mouth of YAHWEH will name.*

Comment: What a great day that's going to be, where Yahweh will literally give each of us a new name.

Isaiah 62:3-4 *You also shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of YAHWEH, and a royal head dress in the hand of your Elohim. No longer shall you be called Azubah ... forsaken ... nor shall your land any more be called Desolate. But you shall be called, Hephzibah ... My delight is in her ... and your land, Married. For YAHWEH delights in you, and your land is married.*

Comment: Right? That's why I said, it's the dowry.

Isaiah 62:5-7 *For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you. And as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, ... Yahshua and His bride ... so your Elohim shall rejoice over you. **I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem. All the day and all the night they shall not always be silent; you who remember YAHWEH, keep not silent. And give no rest to Him until He sets up and makes Jerusalem a praise in all the earth.***

Comment: I used to say ... We used to have our old tour guide from years ago, when I would tell Him something, and He'd say, "Keep reminding me." But He'd say, "Nag me. Keep nagging me about this." Keep reminding me; keep nagging me about it. And that's what Yahweh is saying here to the watchmen. He's saying, I want you to nag Me ... I want you to nag Me. And I've been doing this for 20 years. For 20 years I've been nagging Yahweh and praying for Jerusalem to be set up and be a praise in all the earth.

And not only saying it, we've literally have been there, working there, living in Jerusalem for five and a half years, doing the Feasts in Jerusalem, setting it up. When people come and they see all the banners of the tribes, we have faithfully have been keeping this. And I've been doing it as Yahweh's watchman here in the land of Israel for 20 years now. So, this is important. This is something that is literally a biblical command.

Isaiah 62:8-9 *YAHWEH has sworn by His right hand, ... Who's the right hand of Yahweh? Yahshua ... and by the might of His arm: Surely I will no longer give your grain as food for your enemies; and the sons of a stranger shall not drink your new wine for which you have labored. But those who have gathered it shall eat it, and praise YAHWEH. And they who have collected it shall drink it in My holy courts.*

Isaiah 62:10-12 *Pass! Pass through the gates; prepare the way of the people! Raise up! Raise up the highway; clear it from the stones; lift up a banner over the people. Behold, YAHWEH has made it heard to the ends of the earth; tell the daughter of Zion, Behold! Y'shua comes! Behold! His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. And they shall be called, The Holy People, **the Redeemed of YAHWEH.** And to you it shall be called, Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.*

Wow! What an encouraging set of scripture here, right? And here we are. We are fulfilling this. This is the feast of watchings. This is the Feast of Trumpets. And you blow the trumpets as a warning. You blow the trumpet to watch, and this is all part of it. This is part of it. Go to Isaiah 52 ... Isaiah 52. What a great time to live, to literally be fulfilling these scriptures—literally. How amazing. Isaiah 52.

Isaiah 52:1 *Awake! Awake! Put on your strength, Zion; put on your beautiful robes, O Jerusalem, ... the wedding garments ... the holy city. For never again shall uncircumcised and unclean ones come to you.*

Comment: And as I see in Jerusalem today homosexual parades, all this evilness going there, I think of this scripture. I think of it, and I pray to Yahweh, and I look forward to that day when no unclean person will come there.

Isaiah 52:2 *Shake yourself from the dust; rise up! Sit, Jerusalem; free yourself from your neckbands, O captive daughter of Zion.*

Comment: And Yahweh's saying this poetically because Jerusalem is captive because of the sin that's there. And He's saying it, that there's going to be a time where He's going to take all that sin there, and then Jerusalem will be the city that Yahweh made it to be.

Isaiah 52:3-5 *For so says YAHWEH: You were sold for nothing, and will you not be redeemed for silver. For so says Adonai YAHWEH: My people went down to Egypt at the first, to reside there, and without cause Assyria oppressed him. So then what is to Me here, declares YAHWEH? For My people are taken for nothing; those ruling howl, declares YAHWEH. And My name is continuously despised, every day.*

Comment: Right? They don't even use His name. They say "Ha Shem." They call him "The Name," without even using His name at all. They won't even pronounce it, and His name is despised.

Isaiah 52:6-10 *So My people shall know My name thus in that day; for I am He speaking. Behold Me! How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him proclaiming good news, making peace heard, bearing tidings of good, making heard salvation (Y'shua), saying to Zion, Your Elohim reigns ... This is the watchman's job ... The voice of your watchmen, they lift the voice together, they sing aloud. For they shall see eye to eye when YAHWEH brings back Zion. Break out, sing together, waste places of Jerusalem; for YAHWEH comforts His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. Jerusalem [should be YAHWEH] has bared His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see (Aleph/Tav) Y'shua from our Elohim.*

Wow! Unbelievable! And here we are fulfilling this. I had the blessing a couple years ago of being sent to the beast power, to the United Nations in New York, as a representative of Yahweh, as a watchman on this earth, and to share in the United Nations the Word of Yahweh and the name of Yahweh. And what an honor in my life. What an honor it's been for 20 years to be a watchman here in Jerusalem and Israel for Yahweh for what He's doing, but amazing. Amazing that Yahweh sets, not just me, He has watchmen all over the world. He has elders that are doing this, and they're set by Yahweh for our benefit. That's what Yahweh is doing.

Matthew 25 ... Matthew 25. Because you know something? The time is getting close. The time is getting close, and day's going into day, year's going into year, and the Feast is running its circle, like it says in the book of Isaiah. The Feast is running its circle, and there's an appointed time for everything. And very, very soon, it's going to be the appointed time, where it'll be on a Yom Teruah (on a Feast of Trumpets) that we will hear this trumpet blast coming in the sky from Yahweh's cherubs and Yahshua will be reigning and coming down on the Mount of Olives. It's not that far away.

And you want to know something? The last few years ... People even actually taped it and put it on the internet ... in Jerusalem, on Yom Teruah, in the sky people were hearing what sounded like trumpets. They didn't know ... It was amazing ... They didn't know where it was coming from, but you could hear trumpets being blown coming from the sky, showing that this time is near. So, chapter 25 of Matthew says:

Matthew 25:1-7 *Then the kingdom of Heaven shall be compared to ten virgins who taking their lamps, went out to a meeting of the bridegroom and the bride ... Just what we're talking about ... And five of them were wise, and five foolish. Those being foolish, taking their lamps, did not take oil with them. But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But the bridegroom delaying all nodded and slept. And at midnight, a cry occurred, Behold, the bridegroom cometh! Go out to meet him. Then all those virgins were aroused and prepared their lamps.*

Matthew 25:8-13 *And the foolish said to the wise, Give us some of your oil, for our lamps have gone out ... They had no Holy Spirit left ... But the wise answered, saying, No, lest there not be enough for us and you. But rather, go to those who sell and buy for yourselves. But they going away to buy, the bridegroom came. And those ready went in with him to the wedding feast, and the door was shut. And afterwards, the rest of the virgins came also, saying, Master, Master, open the*

door to us. But answering, he said, Truly I say to you, I do not know you ... I do not know you ... Therefore, be alert, for you do not know the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man comes.

And this is the scary part to the Laodicean, like I was saying, the one that thinks they're so spiritually strong, the one that thinks that they can survive outside of Yahshua's congregation, when this happens, that's when reality comes. That's when the cover is pulled off, like it says in the book of Matthew, and that's when they realize they're outside. They have no oil. They have no Holy Spirit. That it's all been a game. It's all been their self-righteousness. They've all been building themselves up in their own self-righteousness.

And the true people of Yahweh that have been working day in and day out, working under judicial order, surrendering their will to the will of Yahweh and His ordained elders, they're the ones that are going to be here. And the other ones, they're going to be left outside. And wow! There can't be more scarier words to ever hear than seeing Yahshua face to face and Him saying, *I never knew you.*

Like I said, we just had a sister ... I sent the testimony this week ... just in the last couple of weeks that was in the hospital with cancer, and Yahshua appeared to her. She physically saw Him three days in a row. And He said to her, He gave her comfort and said for her not to worry and to have faith. And yet these people, Yahshua isn't saying that; He's saying, *I don't know you ... I don't know you.*

And you want to know what's interesting? One of the most important things of the restoration ministry is the name of Yahweh and the name of Yahshua. And that's why I say, people that don't have it, that Church of God lost their candlestick a long time ago because they rejected the name of Yahweh and the name of Yahshua. But one thing that I've seen is many people, not everybody but many people, that leave the congregation and they leave the covering of the elders that Yahshua ordained, in a very short time they either stop using the name Yahweh or the name Yahshua or both.

They get into whatever other name. They'll say, "Oh, well, I still believe in Yod-heh-vav-heh." They just say Yahuwah, or Yahweh Shua-uah, or all these other weird names that they say, or they just say Yeshua with an 'e,' which is not the name of our Savior. And it's sad to see that literally the Holy Spirit is being taken from them—and they don't even see it—when they change the very name of Yahweh. But what does He say to His people here? He's telling them, *I never knew you; I don't know who you are.* Because they don't know who He is. And it's a scary time. And that's why we really have to think of repentance today. Mark 4:24 ... Mark 4:24 says:

Mark 4:24 *And He said to them, Watch what you hear with what measure you measure. It will be measured to you and increased to you, those who hear*

Watch what you hear ... watch what you hear. You have to guard your mind from the internet, from false teachings, from the latest DVD. You have to guard your mind from all these things. Because your heart is deceitful, and your human nature is deceitful, and there is deception out there. That's the first thing Yahshua warned about in **Matthew 24**. The first thing He said. Watch for deception. Watch for false teachings. So, you have to watch what you hear. And that's the reason why the watchman is there, to keep you under the covering that Yahshua put for you. And you have to watch, though, what you hear. 1st Thessalonians 5 ... 1st Thessalonians 5, starting in verse 1 says:

1 Thessalonians 5:1 *But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I write to you.*

Comment: See, the true people of Yahweh, the true people that are following Yahweh, we know that time is getting closer day by day, month by month, year by year. And we don't need to know the **exact** time because we're in that time. We're already in that time. We already know it. We already know we need to get ready now, because you're not going to get ready overnight. It's going to take days and months and years for us to be prepared to enter the Kingdom of Yahweh. So, we have no time of wasting time. So, he says:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2 *But concerning the times and seasons, brethren, you have no need that I write to you. For you yourselves know accurately that the day of YAHWEH comes as a thief in the night.*

Comment: And what does he mean by that? That in the temple on the Holy Days, what would happen? There would be a priest that was working in there. He'd have to make sure the menorahs were lit and the other things he had to do. And he would literally have an assistant that would be there with him. He wouldn't wear shoes so that if he fell asleep ... Because he'd have to stay up all night watching. This is the Feast of Yom Teruah, the day of watching, and he would have to watch all night, and if he fell asleep in there ... And that's why he didn't wear shoes, because so that his feet would be cold on the floor so it wouldn't allow him to sleep.

But if he did fall asleep, the high priest would come in in the night and he would burn his garment. And then the next day, on the Holy Day, he would not have his priestly garment to wear and everybody would know that he was not watching. And that's what's called the thief in the night, the thief in the night custom that's coming there.

But with Yahshua, if you also look at the ancient wedding ceremony in Israel, what would happen is when the bridegroom would make the dowry with the father of the bride, and then he would leave. He would leave for around a year. You never knew. It could be 10 months. It could be 14 months. But he would go and he would build a house for the new bride, and he would prepare a life for her. And then there would be somebody in the city that was a watchman that would be watching, because you never knew when the bridegroom was coming.

But when the bridegroom would come, and it could be in the night, then, all of a sudden, the watchman would start saying, "The bridegroom cometh! The bridegroom cometh!" And that bride needed to be ready. So, she didn't wait till the last minute to prepare herself. She was preparing herself that whole year to physically be ready as a proper bride, the same as the bridegroom was preparing to care for the bride. And when the bridegroom came and the watchman yelled, "The bridegroom cometh," she had to make sure she was ready. So, that's the ancient ceremony, and that's what we need to understand.

1 Thessalonians 5:3-8 *For when they say, Peace and safety! Then suddenly destruction comes upon them, like the travail to the woman with child, and not at all shall they escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that that Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of day; we are not of night, nor of darkness. So then, we should not sleep, as the rest do, but **we should watch and be sober** ... **We have to be watchmen. All of us are watchmen to a degree** ... For those sleeping sleep by night, and those having been drunk are drunk by night. But let us who are children of the day be alert, putting on "the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet put on the hope of salvation;"*

This is what Yahweh says to us. **All of us need to be watching. These are the days of watching now.** These are the days of watching, and we need to be watching. Matthew 24 and verse 42 ... Matthew 24 and verse 42. He says:

Matthew 24:42-44 *Be alert, then, for you do not know in what hour your Master comes. But know this, if the house Master had known in what watch the thief comes, he would have watched not to have allowed his house to be dug through. Because of this, you also be ready, for in **that hour you think not**, the Son of Man comes.*

Comment: Many people, "Oh, Yahshua can't come for 40 years," "Yahshua can't do this for 40 years."

Matthew 24:44-47 *Because of this, you also be ready, **for in that hour you think not, the Son of Man comes**. Who then is the faithful and wise servant who his Master has set over His household, to give to them the food in season? Blessed is that servant who his Master will find so doing when He comes. Truly I say to you, He will set him over all He owns.*

Wow! Romans 13 and verse 10 ... Romans 13 and verse 10. A couple more scriptures, and we will be done.

Romans 13:10 *Love does not work evil to his neighbor. Then love is the fulfillment of the Torah.*

Comment: I just gave a message we had last week, *Love Your Neighbor as Yourself*, really important message because we need that.

Romans 13:11-12 *Also, knowing this that now is the time and the hour for you to awake from your sleep, for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far gone, and the day has drawn near; then let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.*

This is the time. We have to get serious from this point on, not just the 10 day of awe. Let's take this 10 days of awe and really, really focus on repentance. But let's move from here. We're moving into the days of watching now, and let's make sure that we're being alert and we're changing. The baptism of fire is going to intensify, but that's a good thing. It's going to take out every impurity and every spot and wrinkle. Luke 12 and verse 35. Two more scriptures. Luke 12 and verse 35 ... Luke 12 and verse 35.

Luke 12:35-36 *Let your loins be girded about, and your 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: You don't want to be like the foolish virgin whose oil ran out, the Laodicean. When the time came, he was left there with nothing, right? You want your loins to be girded and your lamps burning. Verse 37.

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

In the moment you don't expect it. None of us know. Maybe there's something we're missing. Maybe there's something we think that's not. Maybe we think something has to happen first before Yahshua returns. Maybe not. But *in the moment you don't think it, the Son of Man comes.* So, we have to make sure we're ready. We don't know the exact time, but we know we're in the season. And that's why we need to be alert. Last scripture, Mark 13 and verse 28 ... Mark 13 and verse 28.

Mark 13:28-29 *And from the fig tree learn the parable: When its branch becomes tender and puts out leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see these things happening, know it is near, at the door.*

Comment: And we're seeing them! Just one year ago today, we saw the Revelation 12 sign that only happens once every 7,000 years. So, *when you see these things happening, know it is near, at the door.*

Mark 13:30-37 *Truly I say to you, Not at all will this generation pass until all these things occur ... And we're late in that generation ... The heaven and the earth will pass away, but My Words will not pass away, never! But concerning the day and the hour, no one knows, not the cherubs, ... the angels ... those in Heaven, nor even the Son, except the Father. Watch! ... **Watch!** ... Be alert, and pray. For you do not know when is the time. As a man going away, leaving his house, and giving his slaves authority, and to each his work and he commanded the doorkeeper, that he be vigilant, **then you watch**, for you do not know when the Master of the house is coming, at evening, at midnight, at cock crowing, or morning, so that he may not come suddenly and find you sleeping. And what I say to you, I say to all. **Watch!***

Watch! You know, 21 years ago Yahweh sent me as a watchman to the house of Israel and started this ministry, took me here. First time was 1997 was the first time that I came here. But as we see in this scripture, **we're all watchmen.** I may be a watchman of Yahweh and an elder in the house of Israel, but everybody, He tells everybody you have to watch. A watchman simply watches what's happening. **We all need to watch and be alert. And we all have to be ready because the time is coming upon us very, very quickly.** And I see, as our congregation is watching, I see as we're changing and growing and moving, and I see as the Spirit of Yahweh is growing in the people I visit, I see it growing.

And yet in the world it's the opposite. The Laodiceans are getting worse. The world is getting wicked and wicked. And we need to move forward here as these days of watching are coming. We all need to be watchmen and watch-women. We need to be taking our calling seriously.

As Yahweh has been doing a miracle in our congregation and bringing a spirit of echad, we need to embrace this with all our heart and spirit, and to be working with the elders that Yahweh set in unity. There's a great work, though, still to do. We have hundreds of people, pastors, congregations and requests coming for visits, baptisms, wanting to join this great work from Jerusalem. And now all of us must work in harmony and unity to fulfill the great commission.

The watchmen that Yahweh has placed have a hard job, and many Laodiceans will reject this message from Yahweh that has been given to His watchmen. But **the most important job of the watchman is to prepare the bride of Messiah for the wedding ceremony and for their place in eternal Jerusalem.** I am here to blow the trumpet for that warning today [Elder Don blows the horn].

We are getting closer to that time each Yom Teruah that passes. Last year was the great Revelation 12 sign. This year looks like there may be war coming in Israel from its enemies. We don't know. But we don't want to allow our oil, the Holy Spirit, to run out. We don't want to be the unwise virgin. But we want to be growing in the nine fruits of the Spirit each day, each year, as the time for Yom Teruah, at the last trump, when Yahshua will return gets closer and closer and closer each day.

And I sent out a update yesterday, and in that update was a flyer on the fruits of the Spirit. I don't want you to send that back to me. That's not for me. That's for you. It's just a questionnaire for yourself to be able to put in writing and see if you're growing in in the Holy Spirit. That's between you and Yahweh. But I really, I urge everybody copy that flyer, put it out, do it, and look at it, and make a commitment between now and next Yom Teruah to grow like never before. And the next Yom Teruah you can take the flyer again, and you can see how much you've grown.

Because like I said, every day, every month, every year, it gets closer and closer. But now we have entered the time of watchings. So, as we just read here in Mark 13 and verse 37, *what I say to you, I say to all. Watch!* Chag sameach. Shabbat shalom.