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*Sounding of
the Shofar*



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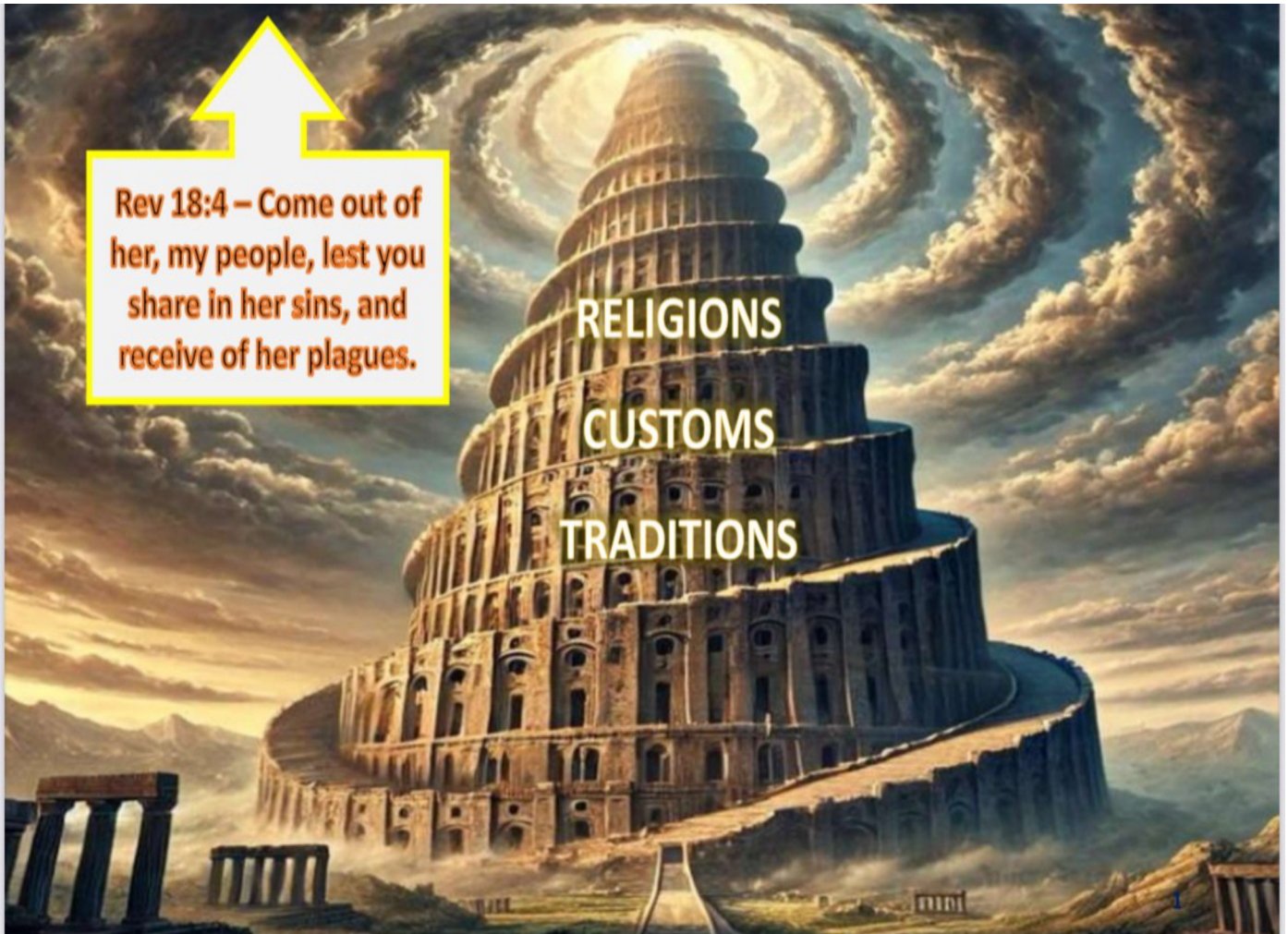
Observing the Appointed Festivals of Yahuah




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We are dedicated to submitting to and following the calendar

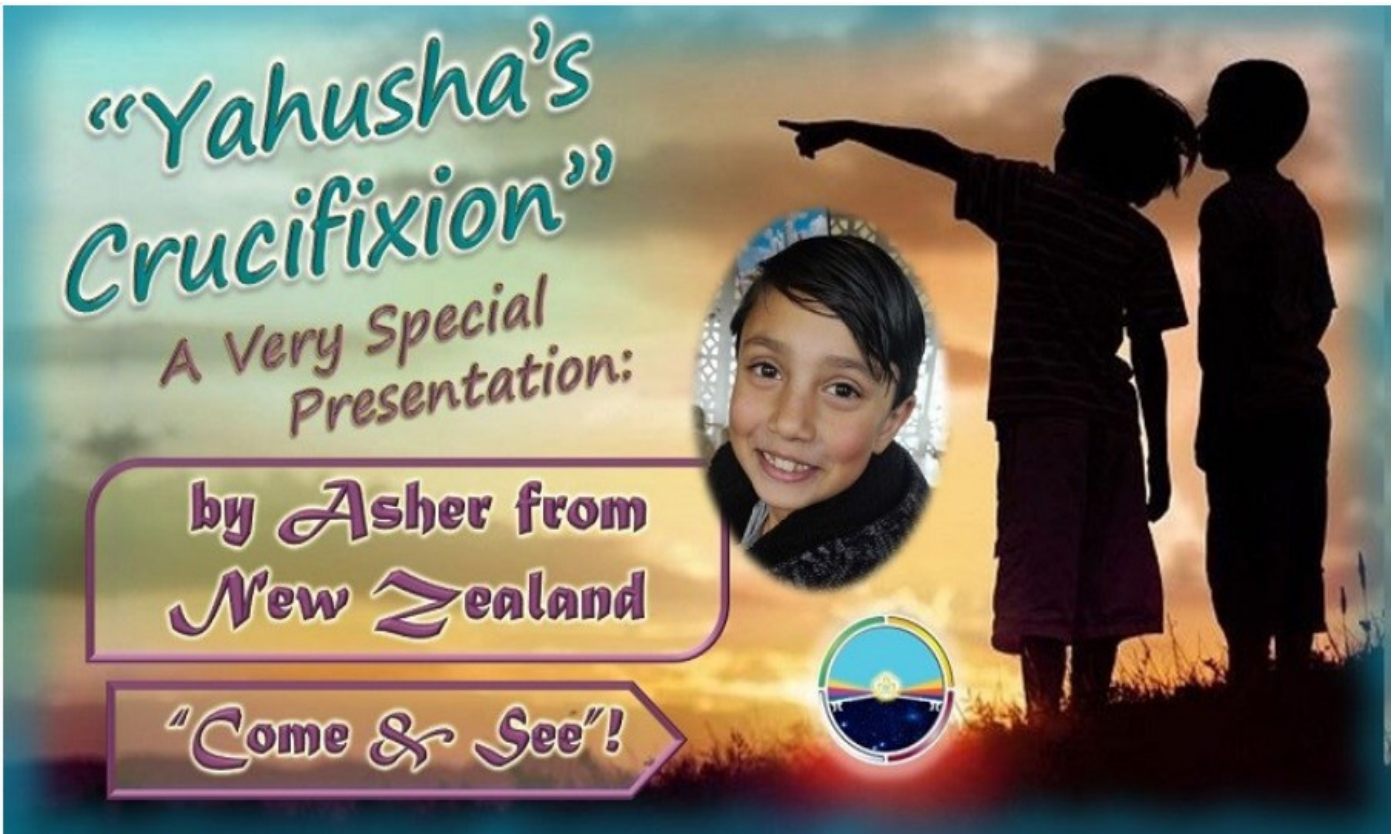

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT OUR CREATOR'S COVENANT CALENDAR & HIS APPOINTED TIMES?

If you do then Covenant Calendar Classroom is a place for you. If you don't know what that means and would like to learn more about following our creator's covenant calendar then we welcome you and we trust and pray you will be blessed as you learn about our Creators ways. My suggestion to you is join us on our live Covenant Calendar Classroom study on the zoom platform. Each week on Sabbath. Its free and registering is easy, just go to our subscribe page, provide the basic details and you will receive the weekly updates with all the details to join in. Shalom. We look forward to meeting you.



Rev 18:4 – Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and receive of her plagues.

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The 13 Pillars of the Human Walk

#	Trait	The Internal Phrase	The Spiritual Alignment
1	Integrity	“I am the same person when no one is watching.”	Walking in Truth and Torah.
2	Desire	“I want/long for that.”	A natural pull; must be governed by Spirit.
3	Greed	“I want more than I need.”	The root of many evils: seeking worldly gain.
4	Jealousy	“I'm afraid of losing what is mine.”	Fear-based protection of one's own.
5	Envy	“I want what you have.”	Discontentment with Yah's provision.
6	Ego	“I am the center of the story.”	The “I“ that must decrease so He can increase.
7	Selfishness	“I come before you.”	Serving the flesh over the neighbor.
8	Selflessness	“You come before me.”	Living the “Second Commandment.*
9	Sacrifice	“I give this up so you can have that.”	Following the example of Yahusha.
10	Idolatry	“I am nothing without this.”	Placing anything above The Most High.
11	Empathy	“I feel what you feel.”	Bearing one another's burdens.
12	Pride	“I am above the rest.”	The “haughty spirit“ that comes before a fall.
13	Humility	“It is not about me.”	The requirement to walk with your Wah.

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THE ARROWS OF DELIVERANCE

2 Kings 13:14 Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

15 And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows. And he took unto him bow and arrows.

16 And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand upon the bow. And he put his hand upon it: and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands.

17 And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of Yahuah's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them.

18 And he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed.

19 And the man of Alhiym was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice.

Ps 144:5 Bow thy heavens, O Yahuah, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.

INTRO: It was a grim time for the nation of Israel. King Ahab who had little regard for the faith of his fathers, had married Jezebel, daughter of the King of the Sidonians, and like her people, a dedicated worshipper of the false Alhiym Baal. It didn't take long for Ahab to join his wife Jezebel in her pagan worship.

Ahab's marriage to Jezebel caused great trouble for the children of Alhiym. Jezebel hated the Alhiym of Israel and did everything she could to lead his people astray. She personally supported and protected hundreds of priests of Baal and was directly instrumental in the slaughter of many prophets and servants of Yahuah. At such a time like this, Alhiym needed a powerful voice in the Land so he raised up the great prophet Elijah as his personal spokesmen to the people. Elijah was a mighty man of Alhiym.

Through Elijah, Alhiym confronted the wickedness and idolatry of Ahab, Jezebel, and the people, even withholding rain in the land for three and half years. Elijah performed many miracles during his lifetime. King Ahab died during the time of Elijah, but Jezebel remained.

In due season Yahuah raised up a man named Elisha to succeed Elijah. He had a double portion of the anointing of Elijah. During his prophetic ministry Jezebel was put to death as was prophesied years earlier. So Ahab and Jezebel were gone, but the damage was done. The nation of Israel was steeped in Baal worship and under constant threat of invasion from surrounding nations. Shortly before Elisha died, the king of Israel sought him out for help and counsel in the face of the latest threat.....which brings us to our text..

Examining the Text

The text tonight illustrates the relationship between faith and deliverance. Israel was sorely pressed by the Syrians, and Joash, the king of Israel, came to Elisha to find out what to do. Elisha instructed him to shoot and arrow in the direction of the enemy. This was symbolic of the next promise that Yahuah would give Israel victory.

Next Elisha told the King to take the remaining arrows and strike the ground with them. Joash struck the ground three times, then stopped. The context of the passage suggests that the king lacked enthusiasm for the exercise, which is why he did not perform it more vigorously. It may be that in his heart he doubted Yahuah or the prophet Elisha. Perhaps he was confused and this was not the kind of "help" he wanted from Elisha. He may hoped for specific instructions on how to fight the enemy, or tips on strategy. Instead, he was told to shoot one arrow, then strike the ground with the others.

At any rate Elisha was angry with the King over his lackadaisical response. Because Joash struck the ground only three times, Israel would defeat their enemy only three times. Had the King struck the ground more enthusiastically, Alhiym would have given them complete and total victory.

Elisha was dissappointed with the Kings enthusiasm. He hoped that perhaps with victory being hand to Joash that perhaps he would get excited about the fact that Alhiym was about to deliver them from the hand of their enemy forever. But because he expected little

deliverance, he got little deliverance.

I believe that Alhiym has given each of us a quiver of arrows of deliverance. In order for them to work, we must set them to the bow and shoot them with faith and enthusiasm confident that Yahuah will bring about our deliverance from everything that holds us back.....

ARROW #1 - THE ARROW OF WORSHIP

The first arrow of deliverance in our quiver is the arrow of worship. Enthusiastic, passionate worship honors Yahuah and activates the Spirit to go to work on our behalf. The bible tells us in John that the Father is seek worshippers to worshippers...

How often have you seen people in church who never get into the spirit of worship and praise? How often have you been guilty of the same thing. The preacher does his best to stir us up to excitement about Yahusha and the things of Alhiym, while we just stand around with our hands in our pockets. He tries to inspire us to shout in victory, march a lap, sing, testify, express our faith, but so many remained tight lipped in defiance!

If we want to see Yahuah work mightily in our midst, we have to get excited about our faith again. Stopped getting embarrassed about your praise. Your praise is special to Alhiym.

When you need a major victory...Give Yahuah Major Worship!!! King Joash had just enough faith for only a few victories. Had he been more enthusiastic enough to tap them arrows on the ground five or six times, he would have experienced total victory. Because he went part way, he achieved only partial success. **ALHIYM STOPS WHEN YOU STOP.**

The Whistling Arrow

The Arrow of Worship reminds me of the old ancient whistling arrows. See arrows are more effective when that have a certain arrowhead attached. The ancients used to make an arrowhead called the whistling arrow.

A piece of solid material [in many cases, horn] was fixed in a lathe and turned to the desired shape, after which the body of it was hollowed out from one end to form a sound chamber. Next the holes were drilled and shaped to allow the air to enter the sound chamber, and these and the shape of them partly governed the whistling sound.

When a whistling-arrow is shot this is, briefly, what

happens. The air current is directed across the face of the whistling-hole by the speed with which it is moving through the air. These holes are so placed that the angled surface of the head directs the air across the hole so that the airstream hits the edge at the far side. This splits the airstream into two directions, and it is this splitting of the airstream which vibrates the air in the sounding-chamber and creates the whistle.

These arrows were shot first from the invading army usually with a message attached to it. If you heard a whistling arrow you knew that that was the sound of war. The arrow of Worship is the same thing... **IT CANNOT BE A SILENT ARROW...WE NEED TO SEND A CERTAIN SOUND TO THE ENEMY...WE NEED TO MAKE A NOISE AND SEND A MESSAGE.**

Do you want victory and deliverance in your life? Then learn to shoot your arrows of worship consistently and enthusiastically.

ARROW #2 - THE ARROW OF PRAYER

In our quiver of arrows there is another great arrow of deliverance that is available to us. Some of you don't ever use this arrow but it is powerful. This is the arrow of prayer! Our supply of prayer arrows can never be exhausted.

1 Thess 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

Phil 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto Alhiym.

7 And the peace of Alhiym, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Messiah Yahusha.

PRAYER IS AN INDESPENSABLE WEAPON OF OUR WARFARE!!

Remember of Old King Hezekiah sick and told he was going to die...He turned away from people and turned his face to wall. He reached into his quiver of arrows and shot out a prayer to Alhiym. And Alhiym sent deliverance to Hezekiah and he was healed and lived on!

Sometimes when you need a miracle, you have to turn away from people and turn to Yahuah. When your back is against the wall and you can't get well, When that specialist looks at your X RAYS and says.... 'There's nothing I can do for you!....Just pull out that quiver of arrows and shoot out a prayer to Alhiym!

ARROW #3 - THE ARROW OF PERSEVERANCE

One of the toughest battles we will ever fight in our believing life is the battle against discouragement. Satan loves to fill our minds with thoughts that tell us how hopeless our struggle is. He say...You might as well give up....No body appreciates you... You can't do not good...You're always falling short... Everybody has given up on you... There's no hope. When you get that way don't forget your arrows!! Because included in our quiver of deliverance arrows is the Great ARROW OF PERSERVERANCE!!

Even when you are faithful to worship, and faithful to pray, change will not always come right away. That is when you must launch your arrow of perseverance and simply hang tough! Alhiym will deliver you in His time...and He will not be late..

Gal 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

IN OTHER WORDS, HANG IN THERE, BECAUSE YOUR DELIVERANCE IS ON IT'S WAY!!

In the Old testament Moses was a "type" of Messiah while Pharaoh was a "type" of the devil. Moses did not simply suggest or request to Pharaoh to let Israel go....He Demanded it! Eventually Pharaoh did so, but not before a long struggle with Moses in a head to head battle of wills and a contest between the Alhiym of Israel and the so-called Alhiym's of Egypt. Israel's deliverance was certain to come, but they had to persevere until the day of their deliverance arrived. In the meantime their situation got worse before it got better.

Many times that is the way it is with us. We may not always understand why Alhiym does not deliver us right away, but we to release our arrow of perseverance, hold fast to our faith, and trust that Alhiym is working the situation out. He has his own reasons for delaying our deliverance. If nothing else, tribulation toughens and matures us because it teaches us to trust and shows us that we really can endure more than we thought we could.

ARROW #4 - THE ARROW OF ALHIYM'S WORD

The Word of Alhiym supplies us with countless arrows of deliverance for our quiver. Whatever we need, Alhiym provides for it in His Word.

If you need healing...Shoot the arrow of Matthew

8:17

Matt 8:17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

Or shoot out James 5:15 -

James 5:15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and Yahuah shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Whenever you feel the enemy fighting and attacking your family launch the arrow of Isaiah 54:17

Isa 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn.

When the pressures of life seem overwhelming and you fear that you are just about to go under...shoot out the arrow of Psalm 34:19

Ps 34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but Yahuah delivereth him out of them all.

Or shoot out the arrow of Isaiah 43:2

Isa 43:2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

When your finances are tight and you wonder where the rent, mortgage, grocery, or car payment money is going to come from....Pull out of your deliverance arrows... the arrow of Phillipians 4:19

Phil 4:19 But my Alhiym shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Messiah Yahusha.

When people try to hold your past against you and tell you that you are worthless, fire off the arrow of 2 Corinthians 5:17

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Messiah, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Anytime Yahusha faced difficult situations, He reached down in His bag of arrows and pulled out the Word of Alhiym. That was how he overcame Satan. Alhiym's Word works and it will stand forever!!

THE ARROW OF ALHIYM'S WORD WILL BRING DELIVERANCE!!

ARROW #5 - THE ARROW OF THE BLOOD

I told you earlier about the effectiveness of certain arrowheads. And with the arrows of worship, prayer, perseverance and the Word of Alhiym we have a powerful arsenal against the devil. But Satan will not give up without a fight. He will constantly try to undermine our faith in Alhiym and our confidence in the spiritual weapons at our disposal. There is one arrow however that the devil can do absolutely nothing about...The reason is because this arrow has a special tip...IT IS NONE OTHER THAN THE ARROW OF THE BLOOD.

Satan's defeat is dramatically described in the twelfth chapter of Revelation

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our Alhiym, and the power of his Messiah: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our Alhiym day and night

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

An arrow head or dart tip soaked in poison can be the most deadly kind of arrow. The Blood of Yahusha and the word of our testimony is like poison to the accuser, he cannot ignore, deny or counteract the ARROW OF THE BLOOD! He has to either flee end up dead.

If there is one arrow the devil hates the most it is the blood-tipped arrow of the blood of Yahusha! Yahuah

has turned the tables on the Devil, Yahusha' blood broke Satan's power over us, destroyed the power of death, and set us free. Through the Blood of Yahusha we can now exercise authority over the powers of darkness.

No matter what bondage you may be in...the BLOOD OF YAHUSHA CAN SET YOU FREE. I don't care if it is addiction to lust, sex, food, drugs, cigarettes, or alcohol, THE BLOOD OF YAHUSHA CAN DELIVER YOU!!

THE ARROW OF THE BLOOD IS POWERFUL!!

Close: Satan hates the bag of deliverance arrows that we carry because he knows that they can defeat and destroy him. That is why he is always trying to convince us not to use them. He floods our minds with doubts and questions about the truth. When you try to pray, he will fill your mind with distractions making it hard to pray.. so you quit praying. He tries to stir up strife and division in our church so that our spirit and atmosphere for worship are destroyed!

The next time trouble comes your way, pull the arrows of deliverance out of your quiver, set them to your bow, and release them in faith! No matter how strong you think you are, you are not strong enough to defeat the devil without Alhiym's arrows of Deliverance. You can pick up your weapons at the this ALTAR RIGHT NOW!! COME AN GET YOUR DELIVERANCE!!

Your Arrows of Deliverance

JOEL JO'ĒL



1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the **יְהוָה** cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.

3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.

4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.

6 Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness.

7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:

8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.

9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.

10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and

the stars shall withdraw their shining:

11 And the **יְהוָה** shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the **יְהוָה** is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

12 Therefore also now, saith the **יְהוָה**, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the **יְהוָה** your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

14 Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the **יְהוָה** your God?

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:

16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

17 Let the priests, the ministers of the **יְהוָה**, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O **יְהוָה**, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

18 Then will the **יְהוָה** be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

19 Yea, the **יְהוָה** will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will not

more make you a reproach among the heathen:

20 But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.

21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the **יהוה** will do great things.

22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the **יהוה** your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the **יהוה** your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

27 And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the **יהוה** your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the **יהוה** come.

32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the **יהוה** shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the **יהוה** hath said, and in the remnant whom the **יהוה** shall call.





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Artist's Message

Sound The Shofar

by LaShon

This is my most recent oil painting 12/2025.

Painted for a dear brother with an impactful message within it.

The man standing on the wall represents the watchman,
one who has been given eyes to see and the responsibility to warn.

He lifts the shofar in urgency.

The sound released is a call to awaken,
to rise, and to recognize the hour.

In the original painting, throughout the camp,
fires burn in scattered places signifying
unrest, danger, and the pressing nature of the moment.

They are not distant or symbolic of something far off,
but present, visible, and already ignited.

They speak to a world where the need for
discernment is no longer optional.

The watchman does not control how the warning is received.

His duty is to sound the shofar faithfully.

Whether the camp stirs or remains still is a matter of choice.
It reflects the weight carried by those called to stand on the wall, to
speak when silence would be easier,
and to warn even when the message may not be welcomed.

It is both a personal dedication and a universal reminder
that the time to awaken is now.

The shofar is sounding.

The fires are already burning.

The call has gone out.

Matthew Henry's Commentary

Ephesians 6:10-18

The Spiritual Warfare of the Believer

Here is a general exhortation to constancy in our course of being believers, and to encourage us in our warfare. Is not our life a warfare? It is so; for we struggle with the common calamities of human life. Is not our belief much more a warfare? It is so; for we struggle with the opposition of the powers of darkness, and with many enemies who would keep us from Yahuah and heaven. We have enemies to fight against, a captain to fight for, a banner to fight under, and certain rules of war by which we are to govern ourselves. "Finally, my brethren (v. 10), it yet remains that you apply yourselves to your work and duty as believing soldiers." Now it is requisite that a soldier be both stout-hearted and well armed. If believers be soldiers of Yahusha ha Mashiach, then:

I. They must see that they be stout-hearted.

This is prescribed

here: Be

strong in

Yahuah, etc.

Those who

have so

many

battles to

fight, and

who, in

their

way to

heaven, must

dispute every pass,

with dint of sword, have need of a great deal

of courage. Be strong therefore, strong for

service, strong for suffering, strong for

fighting. Let a soldier be ever so well armed

without, if he have not within a good heart,

his armour will stand him in little stead.

Note,

spiritual

strength and

courage are

very necessary

for our

spiritual

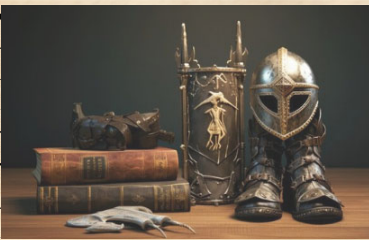
warfare. Be

strong in Yahuah, either in his cause and for

his sake or rather in his strength. We have

no sufficient strength of our own. Our

natural courage is as perfect cowardice, and



our natural strength as perfect weakness; but all our sufficiency is of Yahuah. In his strength we must go forth and go on. By the actings of faith, we must fetch in grace and help from heaven to enable us to do that which of ourselves we cannot do, in our work and warfare as believers. We should stir up ourselves to resist temptations in a reliance upon Yahuah's all-sufficiency and the omnipotence of his might.

II. They must be well armed: "Put on the whole armour of Yahuah (v. 11), make use of all the proper defensitives and weapons for repelling the temptations and stratagems of Satan-get and exercise all the graces of the believer, the whole armour, that no part be naked and exposed to the enemy." Observe, Those who would approve themselves to have true grace must aim at all grace, the whole armour. It is called the armour of Yahuah, because he both prepares and bestows it. We have no armour of our own that will be armour of proof in a trying time. Nothing will stand us in stead but the armour of Yahuah. This armour is prepared for us, but we must put it on; that is, we must pray for grace, we must use the grace given us, and draw it out into act and exercise as there is occasion.

The reason assigned why the believer

should be completely armed is that he may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil - that he may be able to hold out, and to overcome, notwithstanding all the devil's assaults, both of force and fraud, all the deceits he puts upon us, all the snares he lays for us, and all his machinations against us. This the apostle enlarges upon here, and shows,

1. What our danger is, and what need we have to put on this whole armour, considering what sort of enemies we have to deal with—the devil and all the powers of darkness: For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, etc., v. 12. The combat for which we are to be prepared is not against ordinary human enemies, not barely against men compounded of flesh and blood, nor against our own corrupt natures singly considered, but against the several ranks of devils, who have a government which they exercise in this world.

(1.) We have to do with a subtle enemy, an enemy who uses wiles and strata gems, as v. 11. He has a thousand ways of beguiling unstable souls: hence he is called a serpent for subtlety, an old serpent, experienced in the art and trade of tempting.

(2.) He is a powerful enemy: Principalities, and powers, and rulers. They are numerous, they are vigorous; and they rule in those heathen nations which are yet in darkness. The dark parts of the world are the seat of Satan's empire. Yea, they are usurping princes over all men who are yet in a state of sin and ignorance. Satan's is a kingdom of darkness; whereas Yahu

(3.) They are spiritual enemies: Spiritual wickedness in high places, or wicked spirits, as some translate it. The devil is a spirit, a wicked spirit; and our danger is the greater from our enemies because they are unseen, and assault us ere we are aware of them. The devils are wicked spirits, and they chiefly annoy the saints with, and provoke them to, spiritual wickednesses, pride, envy, malice, etc. These enemies are said to be in high places, or in heavenly places, so the word is, taking heaven (as one says) for the whole

expansum, or spreading out of the air between the earth and the stars, the air being the place from which the devils assault us. Or the meaning may be, "We wrestle about heavenly places or heavenly things;" so some of the ancients interpret it. Our enemies strive to prevent our ascent to heaven, to deprive us of heavenly blessings and to obstruct our communion with heaven. They assault us in the things that belong to our souls, and labour to deface the heavenly image in our hearts; and therefore we have need to be upon our guard against them. We have need of faith in our daily warfare, because we have spiritual enemies to grapple with, as well as of faith in our work as believers, because we have spiritual strength to fetch in. Thus you see your danger.

2. What our duty is: to take and put on the whole armour of Yahuah, and then to stand our ground, and withstand our enemies.

(1.) We must withstand, v.13. We must not yield to the devil's allurements and assaults, but oppose them. Satan is said to stand up against us, 1Chron 21:1. If he stand up against us, we must stand against him; set up, and keep up, an interest in opposition to the devil. Satan is the wicked one, and his kingdom is the kingdom of sin: to stand against Satan is to strive against sin. That you may be able to withstand in the evil day, In the day of temptation, or of any sore affliction. Here is a general exhortation to constancy in our course of being believers, and to encourage us in our warfare. Is not our life a warfare? It is so; for we struggle with the common calamities of human life. Is not our belief much more a warfare? It is so; for we struggle with the opposition of the powers of darkness, and with many enemies who would keep us from Yahuah and heaven. We have enemies to fight against, a captain to fight for, a banner to fight under, and certain rules of war by which we are to govern ourselves. "Finally, my brethren(v. 10), it yet remains that you apply yourselves to your work and duty as believing soldiers." Now it is requisite that

a soldier be both stouthearted and well armed. If believers be soldiers of Yahusha ha Mashiach, then:

I. They must see that they be stout-hearted. This is prescribed here: Be strong in Yahuah, etc. Those who have so many battles to fight, and who, in their way to heaven, must dispute every pass, with dint of sword, have need of a great deal of courage. Be strong therefore, strong for service, strong for suffering, strong for fighting. Let a soldier be ever so well armed without, if he have not within a good heart, his armour will stand him in little stead. Note, spiritual strength and courage are very necessary for our spiritual warfare. Be strong in Yahuah, either in his cause and for his sake or rather in his strength. We have no sufficient strength of our own. Our natural courage is as perfect cowardice, and our natural strength as perfect weakness; but all our sufficiency is of Yahuah. In his strength we must go forth and go on. By the actings of faith, we must fetch in grace and help from heaven to enable us to do that which of ourselves we cannot do, in our work and warfare as believers. We should stir up ourselves to resist temptations in a reliance upon Yahuah's all-sufficiency and the omnipotence of his might.

II. They must be well armed: "Put on the whole armour of Yahuah (v. 11), make use of all the proper defensives and weapons for repelling the temptations and stratagems of Satan-get and exercise all the graces of the believer, the whole armour, that no part be naked and exposed to the enemy." Observe, Those who would approve themselves to have true grace must aim at all grace, the whole armour. It is called the armour of Yahuah, because he both prepares and bestows it. We have no armour of our own that will be armour of proof in a trying time. Nothing will stand us in stead but the armour of Yahuah. This armour is prepared for us, but we must put it on; that is, we must pray for grace, we must use the grace given us, and draw it out into act and exercise as there is occasion.

The reason assigned why the believer

should be completely armed is that he may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil that he may be able to hold out, and to overcome, notwithstanding all the devil's assaults, both of force and fraud, all the deceits he puts upon us, all the snares he lays for us, and all his machinations against us. This the apostle enlarges upon here, and shows,

(2.) We must stand our ground: And, having done all, to stand. We must resolve, by Yahuah's grace, not to yield to Satan. Resist him, and he will flee. If we distrust our cause, or our leader, or our armour, we give him advantage. Our present business is to withstand the assaults of the devil, and to stand it out; and then, having done all that is incumbent on the good soldiers of Yahusha ha Mashiach, our warfare will be accomplished, and we shall be finally victorious.

(3.) We must stand armed; and this is here most enlarged upon. Here is a believer in complete armour: and the armour is divine: Armour of Yahuah, armour of light, Rom 13:12.

Armour of righteousness, 2 Cor 6:7.

The apostle specifies the particulars of this armour, both offensive and defensive. The military girdle or belt, the breast-plate, the greaves (or soldier's shoes), the shield, the helmet, and the sword. It is observable that, among them all, there is none for the back; if we turn our back upon the enemy, we lie exposed.

[1.] Truth or sincerity is our girdle, v. 14. It was prophesied of Yahusha (Isa. 11:5) that righteousness should be the girdle of his loins and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

That which Yahusha was girded with all believers must be girded with. Yahuah desires truth, that is, sincerity, in the inward parts. This is the strength of our loins; and it girds on all other pieces of our armour, and therefore is first mentioned. I know no belief system without sincerity. Some understand it of the doctrine of the

truths of the gospel: they should cleave to us as the girdle does to the loins, Jer 13:11. This will restrain from libertinism and licentiousness, as a girdle restrains and keeps in the body. This is the believers soldier belt: ungirded with this, he is unblest.

[2.] Righteousness must be our breast-plate. The breast-plate secures the vitals, shelters the heart.

The righteousness of Yahusha imputed to us is our breast -plate against the arrows of divine wrath. The righteousness of Yahusha implanted in us is our breast-plate to fortify the heart against the attacks which Satan makes against us. The apostle explains this in 1 Thess 5:8, Putting on the breast-plate of faith and love. Faith and love include all the graces of the believer; for by faith we are united to Yahusha and by love to our brethren. These will infer a diligent observance of our duty to Yahuah, and a righteous deportment towards men, in all the offices of justice, truth, and charity.

[3.] Resolution must be as the greaves to our legs: And their feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, v. 15. Shoes, or greaves of brass, or the like, were formerly part of the military armour (1Sam 17:6): the use of them was to defend the feet against the gall-traps, and sharp sticks, which were wont to be laid privily in the way, to obstruct the marching of the enemy, those who fell upon them being unfit to march.

The preparation of the gospel of peace signifies a prepared and resolved frame of heart, to adhere to the gospel and abide by it, which will enable us to walk with a steady pace in the way of covenant, notwithstanding the difficulties and dangers that may be in it.

It is styled the gospel of peace because it brings all sorts of peace, peace with Yahuah, with ourselves, and with one another.

It may also be meant of that which prepares for the entertainment of the gospel, namely, repentance. With this our feet must be

shod: for by living a life of repentance we are armed against temptations to sin, and the designs of our great enemy.

Dr. Whitby thinks this may be the sense of the words: "That you may be ready for the combat, be shod with the gospel of peace, endeavour after that peaceable and quiet mind which the gospel calls for. Be not easily provoked, nor prone to quarrel: but show all gentleness and all long-suffering to all men, and this will certainly preserve you from many great temptations and persecutions, as did those shoes of brass the soldiers from those galltraps," etc.

THEREFORE PUT ON THE **FULL ARMOR OF GOD**, SO THAT WHEN THE DAY OF EVIL COMES, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO STAND YOUR GROUND, AND AFTER YOU HAVE DONE EVERYTHING, TO STAND. STAND FIRM THEN, WITH THE **BELT OF TRUTH** BUCKLED AROUND YOUR WAIST, WITH THE **BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** IN PLACE, AND WITH YOUR **FEET FITTED WITH THE READINESS** THAT COMES FROM THE GOSPEL OF PEACE. IN ADDITION TO ALL THIS, TAKE UP THE **SHIELD OF FAITH**, WITH WHICH YOU CAN EXTINGUISH ALL THE FLAMING ARROWS OF THE EVIL ONE. TAKE THE **HELMET OF SALVATION** AND THE **SWORD OF THE SPIRIT**, WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD. EPHESIANS 6:13-17

[4.] Faith must be our shield: Above all, or chiefly, taking the shield of faith, v. 16. This is more necessary than any of them. Faith is all in all to us in an hour of temptation.

The breast-plate secures the vitals; but with the shield we turn every way. This is the victory over the world, even our faith. We are to be fully persuaded of the truth of all Yahuah's promises and threatenings, such a faith being of great use against temptations.

Consider faith as it is the evidence of things not seen and the substance of things hoped for, and it will appear to be of admirable use for this purpose. Faith, as receiving Yahusha and the benefits of redemption, so deriving grace from him, is like a shield, a sort of universal defense.

Our enemy the devil is here called the wicked one. He is wicked himself, and he endeavours to make us wicked. His temptations are called darts, because of their swift and undiscerned flight, and the

deep wounds that they give to the soul; fiery darts, by way of allusion to the poisonous darts which were wont to inflame the parts which were wounded with them, and therefore were so called, as the serpents with poisonous stings are called fiery serpents. Violent temptations, by which the soul is set on fire of hell, are the darts which Satan shoots at us.

Faith is the shield with which we must quench these fiery darts, wherein we should receive them, and so render them ineffectual, that they may not hit us, or at least that they may not hurt us.

Observe, Faith, acted upon the word of Yahuah and applying that, acted upon the grace of Yahusha and improving that, quenches the darts of temptation.

[5.] Salvation must be our helmet (v. 17); that is, hope, which has salvation for its object; so 1Thess 5:8. The helmet secures the head.

A good hope of salvation, well founded and well built, will both purify the soul and keep it from being defiled by Satan, and it will comfort the soul and keep it from being troubled and tormented by Satan. He would tempt us to despair; but good hope keeps us trusting in Yahuah, and rejoicing in him.

[6.] The word of Yahuah is the sword of the Spirit. The sword is a very necessary and useful part of a soldier's furniture. The word of Yahuah is very necessary, and of great use to the believer, in order to his maintaining the spiritual warfare and succeeding in it. It is called the sword of the Spirit, because it is of the Spirit's inditing and he renders it efficacious and powerful, and sharper than a two-edged sword. Like Goliath's sword, none like that; with this we assault the assailants.

Scripture-arguments are the most powerful arguments to repel temptation with. Yahusha himself resisted Satan's temptations with, It is written, Matt 4:4,6-

7,10.

This, being hid in the heart, will preserve from sin (Ps 119:11), and will mortify and kill those lusts and corruptions that are latent there.

[7.] Prayer must buckle on all the other parts of our armour, v. 18. We must join prayer with all these graces, for our defence against these spiritual enemies, imploring help and assistance of Yahuah, as the case requires: and we must pray always. Not as though we were to do nothing else but pray, for there are other duties of life and of our respective stations in the world that are to be done in their place and season; but we should keep up constant times of prayer, and be constant to them.

We must pray upon all occasions, and as often as our own and others' necessities call us to it. We must always keep up a disposition to prayer, and should intermix ejaculatory prayers with other duties, and with common business.

Though set and solemn prayer may sometimes be unseasonable (as when other duties are to be done), yet pious ejaculations can never be so.

We must pray with all prayer and supplication, with all kinds of prayer: public, private, and secret, social and solitary, solemn and sudden; with all the parts of prayer: confession of sin, petition for mercy, and thanksgivings for favours received.

We must pray in the Spirit; our spirits must be employed in the duty and we must do it by the grace of Yahuah's good Spirit.

We must watch thereunto, endeavouring to keep our hearts in a praying frame, and taking all occasions, and improving all opportunities, for the duty: we

must watch to all the motions of our own hearts towards the duty.

When Yahuah says, Seek my face, our hearts must comply, Ps 27:8. This we must do with all perseverance. We must abide by the duty of prayer, whatever change there may be in our outward circumstances; and we must continue in it as long as we live in the world.

We must persevere in a particular prayer; not cutting it short, when our hearts are disposed to enlarge, and there is time for it, and our occasions call for it.

We must likewise persevere in particular requests, notwithstanding some present discouragements and repulses.

And we must pray with supplication, not for ourselves only, but for all saints; for we are members one of another.

Observe, None are so much saints, and in so good a condition in this world, but they need our prayers, and they ought to have them.

The apostle passes hence to the conclusion of the epistle.

Eph 6:19,20 The conclusion ... Here,

He [Paul] desires their prayers for him, v. 19. Having mentioned supplication for all saints, he puts himself into the number.

We must pray for all saints, and particularly for Yahuah's faithful ministers. Brethren, pray for us, that the word of Yahuah may run and be glorified.

Observe what it is he would have them pray for in his behalf:

"That utterance may be given unto me; that I may be enlarged from my present restraints, and so have liberty to propagate the faith of Yahusha; that I may have ability to express myself in a suitable and becoming manner; and that I may open my mouth boldly, that is, that I may deliver the whole counsel of Yahuah, without any base fear, shame, or partiality."

To make known the mystery of the gospel; some understand it of that part of the gospel which concerns the calling of the Gentiles, which had hitherto, as a mystery, been concealed. But the whole gospel was a mystery, till made known by divine revelation; and it is the work of Yahusha's ministers to publish it.

Observe, Paul had a great command of language; they called him Mercury, because he was the chief speaker (Acts 14:12), and yet he would have his friends ask of Yahuah the gift of utterance for him.

He was a man of great courage, and often signalized himself for it; yet he would have them pray that Yahuah would give him boldness.

He knew as well what to say as any man; yet he desires them to pray for him, that he may speak as he ought to speak.

The argument with which he enforces his request is that for the sake of the gospel he was an ambassador in bonds, v. 20. He was persecuted and imprisoned for preaching the gospel; though,



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1. Control= Witchcraft by Biblical Definition

1 Samuel 15:23 (KJV)

"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry."

Key connection:

- **Rebellion** = refusing God's authority
- **Stubbornness** = enforcing your will instead
- God equates both with **witchcraft**

➡ Control is the act of overriding God's authority and replacing it with your own will.

That is the *core function* of witchcraft.

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest... idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife..."

Important note:

The Greek word for **witchcraft** here is **φαρμακεία (pharmakeia)**, meaning:

- manipulation
- enchantment
- mind control
- spiritual coercion

2. Manipulation & Domination Are Explicitly Called Sorcery

Galatians 5:19–21

➡ Witchcraft is not just spells.

➡ It is **any method used to influence people against their free will.**

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3. Jezebel: The Archetype of Control

Revelation 2:20

"Thou sufferest that woman Jezebel... to teach and to seduce my servants..."

Jezebel's weapon was not power—it was influence.

- Teaching + seduction
- Emotional control
- Spiritual manipulation
- Authority without submission to God

Control masquerading as leadership is witchcraft in God's eyes.

4. Using Fear, Guilt, or Spiritual Threats = Divination

Ezekiel 13:18–19

"...ye hunt the souls of my people... and will ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley... to slay the souls that should not die?"

What they did:

- Manipulated people emotionally
- Controlled behavior through fear
- Claimed spiritual authority to enforce obedience

God calls this **false prophecy and sorcery.**

5. Control Through Religion Is Condemned

Matthew 23:4

"For they bind heavy burdens... and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them..."

➡ When leaders:

- Control through rules
- Demand submission without love
- Use God's name to dominate

That is **religious witchcraft.**

6. Control Opposes the Spirit of God

2 Corinthians 3:17

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

- ➔ God brings freedom.
- ➔ Witchcraft brings control.

Anything that removes liberty while claiming righteousness is operating from the **wrong spirit**.

7. Controls the Opposite of Love

📖 **1 Corinthians 13:5**

“Love... seeketh not her own.”

Control always seeks **self-interest**.

- ➔ Love honors **choice**.
- ➔ Witchcraft overrides choice.

8. Peter Rebukes Spiritual Control Directly

📖 **Acts 8:9-23**

Simon the sorcerer tried to **buy spiritual authority**.

Peter responds:

“Thy heart is not right... thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.”

➔ Desire to **control spiritual outcomes** = sorcery.

9. Control Produces Bondage, Not Fruit

📖 **Romans 8:15**

“For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear...”

- ➔ Fear-based obedience
- ➔ Forced compliance
- ➔ Emotional intimidation

These are **marks of witchcraft**, not the Holy Spirit.

🔑 Biblical Summary (No Ambiguity)

Witchcraft = Control

Not cauldrons. Not crystals. Not costumes.

Scripture defines witchcraft as:

- Replacing God’s authority with self-will
- Manipulating emotions or behavior
- Enforcing obedience through fear, guilt, or spiritual threat
- Seducing people spiritually
- Removing liberty while claiming righteousness

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with all your being, and with all
your might.

“And these words which I am
commanding you today shall
be in your heart,”

Deuteronomy 6: 4-6

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